



## DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

TO: All Hands – Marine Corps League  
FROM: Department of Connecticut, Marine Corps League  
SUBJECT: Report of Progress: 1 August 2023 – 31 July 2024

### **Department Staff**

Commandant: Rich Daigle  
Sr Vice Commandant: Walt Benson  
Jr Vice Commandant: George Gutmann  
Judge Advocate: Doug Fisk  
Jr Past Commandant: Pat McMahan

The officers were installed during our Department Convention on 15 June 2024. The Report of Installation was completed the same evening.

The Commandant and the Senior Vice Commandant participated in the IRR Muster in Boston on Saturday, June 29; the first time for both.

Connecticut was represented at the 2023 National Convention, the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference, the Semper Fi Society Luncheon in Boston, and the 2024 New England Division Conference/Quad-State Convention in Nashua, New Hampshire.

### **Department Awards**

Marine of the Year: Richard Daigle  
Associate of the Year: Steven Porcaro

### **Department Social Media**

Our Web Sergeant Roland "Skip" Hamel maintains our website (**[MCL Department of Connecticut \(mcldeptct.org\)](http://MCLDepartmentofConnecticut(mcldeptct.org))**) and our Facebook page (**[Marine Corps League, Dept of Connecticut | Facebook](#)**).

## **Detachments**

Our County Commandants are actively pursuing our Detachments to ensure IRS Form 990 compliance as well as the Detachments' registrations with the Connecticut Secretary of the State.

The Mahackemo Detachment surrendered its charter last year. We have two others that are in the process of surrendering their charters. One other may have to be revoked if they can't increase their membership.

We have several Detachments that participated in the fall 2023 Toys for Tots drive. And a few continue to conduct Rose Days, especially on or close to national holidays.

Three Detachments, led by the Hardware City Detachment, provide riflemen for Military Honors under the auspices of the Connecticut Army National Guard. All rifles are in compliance with TACOM.

Several Detachments provide color guards for parades and ceremonies, most notably at the Iwo Jima Survivors Memorial in Newington on 19 February.

## **Department Admin Procedure Changes and By Laws Changes**

The Department Board of Trustees proposed changes to our Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. Specifically, our annual convention may be reduced to a one-day event, as we may be consolidating with the other five New England Departments to hold a New England Division/6-State Conference, beginning in 2025. Our proposed changes were approved contingent upon the approval of all six Departments.

Respectfully submitted,



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