



Marine Corps League

Department of New York

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Sir NE Division Vice Commandant,

Welcome to all attendees of the NE Division Conference. The department has discovered an issue with our paymaster. He was asked and has resigned with prejudice. The National Executive Board, including Bob Borka, are aware of the situation and I have kept them abreast of the steps we have taken. Moving forward, I and the Department Executive Board have appointed Steve Topilnycky as the Department Paymaster effective immediately.

We also changed our webmaster, and he has revised our website and made it much more functional. At the same time, he was able to regain control of our old web address mclnewyork.org. So now we have control of mclnewyork.net and the previous. The .com address the past webmaster wanted us to pay him \$1000.00 for it and we told him "No Way".

We have 2 Detachments that are in the process or beginning the process of closing. On a happier note, we are in the process of having 2 new Detachments formed. One located in Pougkeepsie of the other in Queens, NY which within the last 4 years had closed a Detachment so that is really great news.

We also have acquired some property from a Detachment that has closed, and we are in the process of looking for an appraiser to give us a fair market price but haven't had much luck. Anyone looking for some property with a building and a barbeque pit in the Adirondacks let me know and we will make you a great deal.

We have many Detachments that perform a lot of funeral honors. I have sent out a form that you provided asking the Detachment Commandants to return it ASAP. So far no replies.

The issue we have with the Eagle Scout program is Marine that has headed this part has been sick and it all began with COVID. So, he asked that I replace him and I am looking for someone to take over the Eagle Scout program. Again, I am waiting for the Detachment's reply via the supplied form.

One of the things that I stated I would like to accomplish during my term is to visit all Detachments at least once. So far, I have visited a dozen with 2 more scheduled within the next couple weeks.

That is my report on the Department of New York

Sincerely,

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Commandant
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