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**National Newsletter Competition Committee Marine
Corps League**

To Warren Griffin National Commandant
Bob Borka Chief Operating Officer
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Subject: National Newsletter Competition 2024 Report

CC: Newsletter Judging Staff

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Date: July 22, 2024

We had 4 judges. I think 5 judges is needed for fairness, by not judging their own detachment, Department or Division newsletter. The judges worked hard during the course of about 3 weeks to read & judge all the newsletters. Combined there were 1,353 pages to read and judge

2024 we had a total of 35 entries.

2023 36 entries

2022 29 entries.

Lower this year but had 21 New entries that did not enter in prior years.

Just through Detachment level the submitted newsletters reached a total of 2,592 members

Stats by Class size			By Division	
I Platoon	Up to 50	6	New England	2
II Company	51-100	11	Northeast	6
III Battalion	101 +	10	Midwest	2
IV Dept / Division		8	Southeast	9
		35	Central	5
			Midwest	2
			Southern	1
			Rocky Mt	5
			Northwest	2
			Southwest	<u>1</u>
				<u>35</u>



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For the judging we did not print nor mail the newsletters out. We asked for one PDF file containing 3 newsletters of their choice. I found many didn't not have the software to combine PDF's, so I purchased Adobe Acrobat and accepted 3 separate issues and I combined them into 1 PDF. We used a shared Google drive to view the newsletters. We processed the judging results through Excel on the shared drive as well. Each newsletter averaging 39 pages per submission. with a combined total of 1,353 pages Making a lot of reading for our judges, as they read all newsletters except for their own Detachment, Department or Division newsletters.

A listing of all winners and participants will be sent to Bob Borka for posting on the National Website by Tuesday morning of the Convention, (after winners have been announced at the convention).

Everyone not receiving a plaque will receive a Certificate of Appreciation.

I, nor any of the judges will be at the National Convention this year but I arranged for Johnny Baker to receive all the plaques (13) and certificates (22) to be presented at the Convention. I have a prior personal commitment for that week.

For the upcoming year we may make a few very minor changes to the criteria. The updated criteria will be completed and the information disseminated and submitted for posting on the National Website by early Sept this year.

Respectively submitted

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Attachment: Index file

Class	Det / Dept	new	Pages	State	Division	members hip	Editor	Detachment name	Newsletter name
I	381		9	NM	RM	39	Allen Osborn	Jerry Murphy	Gung Ho News
I	513	N	37	FL	SE	48	Vinnie Howard	Brevard County	The Tip of the Spear
I	683	N	6	WY	RM	40	Steve Roseno	Friday-Truan	Friday-Truan News
I	850	N	18	NM	RM	34	Ronald Barnard	Reapers	Hellfire News
I	988	N	16	MN	MW	26	John Larson	Chevron	The Formation
I	1148	N	21	OH	CENT	42	Alan Mascak	James Joy McClelland	James Joy McClelland Newsletter
II	216		37	NY	NE	86	Donna Hildebrandt	Bett-Toomey	Bett - Toomey Newsletter
II	350	N	9	WI	CENT	64	Roland Johnson	Central Wisconsin	Central Wisconsin Newsletter
II	579	N	8	LA	SE	89	Ted Wong	Paul E Boyd	Paul E Boyd Bulletin
II	647	N	36	GA	SE	51	Bernie Eveler	Wells	Listen Up
II	826	N	42	WA	NW	69	John F Stofiel	Columbia River	Eagle, Globe & Anchor
II	984	N	24	MO	MW	67	Stephanie Harril	Simpson-Hoggart	Now Hear This
II	1370		40	AL	SE	75	Shelli Paul	Cpl Joseph Whitehead	Whitehead Worthy News
II	1379	N	32	VA	ME	100	James Smith	Jack Maas	Jack Maas Detachment Newsletter
II	1435		53	IN	CENT	85	Terrence Taylor, Sr.	Pride and Purpose	The Few The Proud
II	1449		52	AL	SE	60	Kimber Payne	Sgt Foster L Harrington	The Harrington Post
II	1477	N	7	AL	SE	90	L. Wray Dillard	Cpl Matthew D Conley	Conley Chronicles
III	22	N	4	CA	SW	149	Amede' Hanson	South Coast	Semper Flyer
III	29	N	22	CO	RM	131	Terry Crum	Pikes Peak	The Pikes Peak Newsletter
III	190		78	NJ	NE	123	Karen Neary	John Basilone	John Basilone Newsletter
III	260		28	NC	ME	154	Judy Brenner	Greater Greenboro	The Grinder
III	286	N	34	OH	NE	171	David Bukta	Cpl Brandon Hardy	The Chester County Marine
III	298		18	PA	NE	157	Jim Mineo	Northampton County	Incoming News
III	418		26	MT	NW	105	Tim Bender & Amy Hunt	Eugene Sara	Eugene Sara Newsletter
III	447	N	36	AL	SE	108	Jerry Steele	P.L. Wilson	The Emblem
III	521		54	PA	NE	153	Dave Brady	First Capitol	First Edition

III	588	N	89	FL	SE	276	Bob Fields	Desoto	Bunker News
IV	Alabama		68	AL	SE		Kimber Payne	Dept of Alabama	The Alabama Marine
IV	Colorado	N	37	CO	RM		Terry Crum	Dept of Colorado	The Mile High Marine
IV	Connecticut		47	CT	New Eng		Walt Benson	Dept of Connecticut	Semper Fi
IV	Indiana	N	48	IN	CENT		Terrance Taylor, Sr	Dept of Indiana	The Hoosier Declassifieds
IV	New England		141	-	New Eng		Walt Benson	New England Division	Laky's Telegraph
IV	New York		81	NY	NE		Donna Hildebrandt	Dept of New York	The Ground Pounder
IV	Ohio	N	21	OH	CENT		Megan Smith	Dept of Ohio	Buckeye Marine
IV	Texas	N	74	TX	N		Ericka Hedlin	Dept of Texas	The Texan
Total			1353			2592			
	Entries	35							
	New entries	21							
	ave pages per entry		39						
	ave pges per newsletter		13						