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Northeast Division Marine Corps League

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NORTHEAST DIVISION REPORT FY 2023-2024

The Northeast Division serves three of the largest Departments in the Marine Corps League, with one hundred and fifty-five detachments within the states of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. To date, the overall membership strength has decreased by an average of 2.3% from the end of FY 2022-2023. Despite our down, our total strength remains a compelling 93.01%. This is up 0.98% from last year whereas we were at 92.03%, giving the Division a positive growth rate for two consecutive years due to the diligence of the Department Paymasters and staff working together to bring the membership into good standing. At the present time, the Division membership is 10,852 with 9,971 members in good standing.

Over the past year, the Division has had some disappointment regarding the surrendering of charters. New Jersey lost Jersey Shore Leathernecks Detachment, New York lost Hanson Brothers and North Shore Queens and Pennsylvania lost Black Diamond Detachment. All members of the Detachments that were in good standing have been transferred in accordance with procedures. Moreover, we are experiencing deaths at an alarming rate. The Division reports having lost one hundred eighty-three (183) members from the League side and four (4) from the Auxiliary.

Our closing status for Honor Guard Funeral Services performed is 1,429. The Eagle Scout Program in the Division has awarded a total of 185.

Toys for Tots for the year was extremely successful on all fronts. As a Division, 4,316,110 toys were collected and distributed to 2,468,969 children.

PLM Reports have been submitted, with only one Department having 100%, that was the Department of New Jersey. The Department of New York has reported that 92% of their PLMs were completed by the deadline of 31 December 2023. The Department of Pennsylvania reported having just over 50% of the detachments having submitted.

Compliance with 990's is still ongoing. New Jersey indicates that they have eight detachments who are not in compliance whereas they have lost their Tax-Exempt Status. New York indicates that they are missing three detachments. The Department of Pennsylvania is indicating 29 of its

detachments in danger of losing their status. With the IRS shut down, there is an understanding that some of this information may be inaccurate.

The Departments are continuing pace with their ROIs and installations. The Departments of New Jersey is at 100% and Pennsylvania had 84% completed with the Department of New York showing four detachments still outstanding. No information was garnered from the Department of Pennsylvania regarding ROI compliance.

Dept	Dets.	Funerals	Scouts	Membership	Standing	Arrears	Strength	FY 24	% Diff.
NJ	34	61	84	2,824	2,660	164	94.19%		-1%
NY	56	123	15	3,809	3,549	260	93.17%		-2%
PA	65	1,245	86	4,383	3,726	349	92.03%		-4%
Totals	155	1429	185	11,016	9,935	773	93.13%		-2.3%
% Differences									
N/R = Not Reported									

Toys 4 Tots	# Served	PLM	990s	ROI
1,600,784	409,500	34 0	28 -6	34/34
1,474,499	1,672,856	51 5	53 -3	50/56
1,240,827	386,613	46 20	37 -29	59/66
4,316,110	2,468,969	121 39	118 -42	143/155
		76.58%	74%	92.25%
		-3%	6%	

One member in the Division has resigned with prejudice due to malfeasance of duty. Arrangements are being made by the Department regarding reparation.

The Division Conference was held on April 12/13, 2024 New Jersey and the 2025 Conference has been scheduled for 4 April 2025.

Due to the unforeseen nature of the change of Division leadership, it has been decided that the Departments will discuss the possibility of making changes to the “electoral process” and will prepare an SOP for conducting said business regarding same. To that end, there will be no more agreements unless they are put in writing. The new SOP was discussed at the 2024 Conference and we are in the process of presenting it to the members at the 2025 Conference for adoption.

All Departments have held their annual Conventions and are completed as of 23 June 2024.

As the Ex-Officio for Public Relations, I have received the chair's report which will be submitted under separate cover. Dates for "Scuttlebutt" zoom sessions have been posted to the calendar and posted to social media pages for dissemination. The Chairman has done an outstanding job throughout the year.

As the Ex-Officio for Uniforms, I have attended all scheduled zoom meetings. The committee is moving forward with guidelines and protocols for developing an "easy to understand" SOP Manual for the membership regarding Enclosure Three for the Uniforms Manual. This is a daunting task to which the chair has created sub-committees to accomplish the goal. Several meetings have been held and attended and the research will be presented to the membership at the National Convention in Palm Springs, California 2024.

As the Ex-Officio for Training, I was unable to attend the first meeting that was scheduled but received no follow-up on what transpired since.

Semper Fi,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael John Waluk".

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