



National Vice Commandant Southern Division

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Subject: 2024 Southern Division report

Sir Commandant,

Since taking the position of NVC in April I started to refamiliarize with how all three departments were operating, their current staff members, their programs, their By-Laws, and reorganized the Southern Division staff. During the past months I have been active in reviewing the status of each department with respect to their detachment's membership numbers, ROI status, IRS status, and PLM participation. Except for a couple of issues that I have discussed with the individual commandants the division is in fine shape.

During the month of June each department conducted their annual conventions electing new commandants, and revising their By-Laws. I have met with all the new commandants and have made arrangements to meet with them and the ANVC on a regular schedule over the next year. The purpose of these quarterly meetings will be to ensure good communication within the division and allow the commandants a chance for feedback through me to the BOT.

The division staff was reappointed with a reduction in the total number of staff positions due to the size of the division membership allowing better participation in leadership positions at the department level.

I have been following several activities that each department is working on including:

Arkansas:

The Department of Arkansas JA is investigating a couple of alleged ineligible members that one of the detachments has brought to their attention. If the accusations are proven correct the JA will work with the detachment on the correct action to resolve the issue.

ANVC Mark Oldmixon attended the Department of Arkansas convention in my place as Oklahoma and Arkansas were held on the same weekend this year.

Oklahoma:

The Department of Oklahoma will be the host department for the 2025 Southern Division with the Sooner Detachment #559 in Oklahoma City being the local host detachment.

The Department of Oklahoma commandant is working on revised By-Laws and administrative procedures voted on in June 2024 have been returned by the National JA for some adjustments before final approval.

I was able to attend the Department of Oklahoma in Tulsa and the weekend was well attended by the membership in Oklahoma.

Texas:

The Department of Texas is actively working on the 2025 Marine Corps League National convention in Dallas. More will be presented by the host committee during the 2024 convention in Palm Springs.

The Department of Texas has several detachments that ceased to functions and are currently being evaluated for possible closure.

Due to the recent storms that devastated the Texas coast and interior of the state the Commandant was requesting input from a number of detachments for any members that received damage. The Department of Texas has a fund for disaster relief available to members of the Marine Corps League in Texas.

ANVC Mark Oldmixon attended the Department of Texas in my place this year due to a personal schedule conflict that took me out of the division that weekend.

Semper Fi,

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