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To the membership of the Marine Corps League.

It has been such an honor to serve the league as your National Commandant. 2025 was a very busy year to say the least. This being my last Midwinter as Commandant, I report to you a culmination of travel and accomplishments.

First off, our Modern-Day Marine keeps growing and growing. With the support of the Marine Corps and Marine Corps Association, we continue to set the bar higher each year. It was mu honor to have many conversations with General Smith and SgtMaj Ruiz. All positive and productive about our future partnerships. From day one of MDM, and each event during the 3-day expo, I represented the MCL with honor. From the allies and partners luncheon to the grand banquet, I was able to promote the MCL.

In May, it was such an honor to be in Arlington for the Memorial Day ceremonies that included placing a wreath at the tomb of the unknown.

A little setback due to my cancer diagnosis but hit the ground running after that and make our 250th National Convention in DFW. What a convention! As we did at midwinter, the National Board of Trustees present the birthday cake cutting ceremony with pride. One memory was back at Midwinter, the SMMC commented of how we carried out that ceremony look sharp and professional. The same went for our ceremony at DFW. The Esprit d Corps shine though all week long.

Heading back to Arlington for Veterans Day proved to be fruitful. I was able to have breakfast with the Secretary of the VA, the Honorable Doug Collins, and have a conversation with him about the MCL and about the changes taking place at the VA.

November was one not to forget in my travels to DC and attend the 250th Birtday Ball with the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Special guest was the Vice President of the United States, JD Vance. Had a short conversation with him and of course I offered him a application to become a member of the MCL. We also exchanged personal challenge coins and one that will look nice in my collection.

Next it was off to Hawaii. This was a great trip to support our Young Marines attending their ceremony at the Punchbowl Cemetery and attend the Peral Harbor parade. I also went

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over to K-Bay for the ceremony their to remember the 18 military and civilian people that paid the ultimate sacrifice in the first wave of the Japanese attach. One of the highlights of that trip was being able to present our MCL active-duty awards. These are normally given our at MDM but we wanted to make a bigger impact and present these in front of their command. It was well attended and I was amazed that each of them researched the namesake of the awards and relayed that to their command during that time.

My last trip for the year it was off to San Francisco for a birthday ball luncheon hosted by one of our oldest detachments, J.C Breckinridge #10. The guest of honor was Major General Livingston. He was a great guest and sharp as a tack. My hats off to the Detachment for a wonderful and well-organized event.

Lastly, we have so much that has been done during my time as commandant, starting with the addition of the continued progression of our VSO outreach and the hiring of a National VSO director. We have another special item we are working on, and my hope is we can announce that at midwinter. One that will help reshape the MCL and put us in a very nice position in the Quantico area. Stand by for that announcement!

Wishing all of you, safe travels and Semper Fi

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