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To: TJ Morgan, National Commandant, Marine Corps League, Inc.
The membership of the Marine Corps League, Inc.

Subject: 2026 Midwinter National Judge Advocate Report

National Commandant Morgan and all Members of the League:

I have been quite busy since the National Convention. The take-aways from my experience as National Judge Advocate at that convention has kept me working on ways to make certain aspects of future conventions more efficient and flow easier. This is being done through updating the Rules of Convention, submitting bylaw proposals and just simplifying certain ways we conduct business. I hope this excites you as much as it does me because these are opportunities to get the necessary work of the League done and give us a little more quality time to spend together outside of the meeting room.

As of this dated report, there are currently 15 NBL/NAP proposals that have been submitted and published on the national website. I encourage every Detachment to download and start reviewing them at each of your monthly meetings so that your Delegates know how they want to vote on them in Indiana. The National Bylaws Committee started meeting last month reviewing these proposals.

Chapter Nine issues - Since the 2025 National Convention, I have received the following:

- One disciplinary charge packet that was successfully mediated in lieu of a hearing board.
- Two grievances against a Department that were eventually dropped.
- Two appeals to the National Judge Advocate.
- One appeal to the National Board of Trustees.

No members have been suspended or expelled at the National level.

As you are aware, one of my goals as National Judge Advocate is to work with every Department to get their bylaws up to date. We are getting close to achieving that goal. I have submitted a bylaw proposal that will ensure every Department stays current with their bylaws every year. It is a simple process and a goal every Department should want.

	Year last Approved	# of Dept's August 2024	% of Dept's	# of Dept's December 2025	% of Dept's
Up to date	2025			19	
	2024	17		8	
	2023	10	57%	9	77%
Need to review/update	2022	5		4	
	2021	2		0	
	2020	5	26%	4	17%
Not in good standing	2013	1		0	
	2010	1		1	Updated to 2025 standards. Pending approval from membership
	1995	1		1	Updated to 2025 standards. Pending approval from membership
	Unknown	1	17%	0	4%
Total Departments		47		46	

I want to thank you for your continued support in me as your National Judge Advocate, as well as the dedication all of you have given to the Marine Corps League. Together, we are strengthening our processes and ensuring our organization remains compliant and efficient. Thank you for all that you do!

Respectfully submitted,



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