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Welcome to the Midwinter Conference for our last year at Sheraton Pentagon City. I am looking forward to seeing everyone. We all make small sacrifices to attend so many conventions and conferences, but the reward of seeing family is definitely worth it. It is an honor, and I enjoy serving the League and its members. I am really looking forward to this conference, as I will be presenting a new way to recruit members when I give my report.

Quick recap of my travel schedule:

Out of State:

Sept.	YM R. Lee Ermey Memorial Golf tournament	Woodbridge, VA
	13th Hike to Rember Sponsored by Peter P Monaco Jr. Detachment 40	Glastonbury, CT
Oct.	Marine Corps Marathon 50 th Anniversary	Washington DC/Virginia
Nov.	Commandant's 250 th Marine Corps Birthday Ball	Washington, DC
	61 st Chief Jeff Jones Funeral	Zebulon, NC

In State Events:

Nov.	Boston Semper Fi Birthday Luncheon	Boston, MA
	Marine 1/125's Birthday Ball	Boston, MA
	Massachusetts State House Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony	Boston, MA
Dec.	Polar Plunge- Special Olympics Torch Run	Malden, MA
	Toys for Tots collection mission	
Feb.	81 th Anniversary Iwo Jima Day at the State House	Boston, MA

I have to say, I miss my friend Jeff. Jeff left a void in the League that will be hard to fill. The trip down to North Carolina was tough. But it was amazing to see how many people Jeff's life has touched and brought together as a family, which was heartwarming. It was a one-of-a-kind send-off. We are cultivating a close-knit community rather than just an organization, focusing on deep, familial bonds. By fostering this strong, supportive foundation internally, we become a natural magnet for others who want to join. A healthy, well-organized home attracts others. We are a Tribe.

I have enjoyed connecting with members via social media and Zoom to reach members across the country. I have attended 7 Zoom meetings from August to February. I hosted a Zoom meeting in December and will be hosting another in a few months, but nothing beats meeting in person. I have attended six meetings in person. Commandants, please ensure your installation reports are submitted and that all emails are up to date. Having updated email addresses is crucial for connecting and networking. I am continuing to add to a file for Junior Vice Commandants as a reference guide. A rough draft was sent out during my last Zoom meeting, and this will be a living document to keep adding to and modifying to assist all.

I know it is always a challenge to recruit every year, but we cannot give up. Below are numbers I still would like to see grow from Midwinter to the National Convention in August, which I believe will. On 19 February 2026, I printed a final count of the membership numbers:

Total paid	Unpaid	Total Voting power
46,150	4911	39,304

The numbers I will mention are something we will always face, we are all on borrowed time. We lost 2073 members to their Final Duty Station this year. This number was up from last year, which was 1519 members who have passed away. It is always tough losing friends and family, but they will not be forgotten through their stories. Please honor our members by submitting their notice of Death to the Chaplains to make Taps. Just Bob had an amazing article in the last Semper Fi magazine about "Buddy Check." Detachment Commandants, you, and your staff know your members best. Please reach out to them if you have not seen them in a few months. If you believe they have passed and you are having trouble finding their obituaries, try using FindAGrave.com.

Thank you for your support! I will not stop serving and continue to add value.

Semper Fi



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