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Subject: Northwest Division Semi-annual report

Overview: The Northwest Division consists of the states of Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Alaska and Washington. Alaska has not been in compliance for several years and this year they have been notified via their last known point of contact that the detachments were being disbanded and their charter revoked. I have received information from one life member requesting to be transferred to a Member At Large status. The other departments are continuing to move forward but in a slow and tentative manner.

Compliance All detachments are in regulatory compliance and have not had any contact regarding late or missing reports.

Veterans Service: Washington has 1 state VSO, Idaho is unique in that there is already a state sponsored VSO program with headquarters in Boise and satellite offices throughout the state. However, 12 Marines and their families have received individual emergency assistance from detachments within the division.

VAVS: There are three VAVS officers in Oregon and one in Washington. I am working on getting more people involved in this project.

Although not all detachments completed their reports, the division has attended 308 funerals and provided 28 honor guards. We have held 23 Marine Corps Birthday Balls and participated on 16 parades. Members have donated 12300 hours of service and traveled more than 1900 miles doing so. Toys For Tots received over 8688 toys and \$500 serving 4217 kids. Central Oregon detachment conducted their own toy drive, not affiliated with Toys For Tots, and distributed 2500 toys and 950 stocking stuffers.

5 Detachments from the Oregon Department distributed 3200 fishing poles to kids at 10 different locations through the "Fishing Poles for Kids" program.

Additionally, Marine Bob Topping, published the book, “Shadows of the Ghost Platoon.” Member Lon Getlin received \$500,000 from the Bezo’s Courage and Civility Award for his Getlin’s Corner Foundation. This foundation was created in honor of his brother, Captain Michael Getlin. (Read “The Flaming I” at Getlin’s Corner from the Leatherneck Magazine written by R.R. Keene.) This foundation provides scholarships for children of enlisted Marine and Navy personnel.

Two detachments support Young Marine units and Detachment 418 will be hosting “The Wall That Heals” in Billings on June 28*July 4, 2026.

Montana Department accumulated 3,837 community service hours and had its first annual Yellow Footprints BBQ at the Military Appreciation Game in November for the eventual Division 1 National Champions, the Montana State Bobcats.