



FROM: National Vice Commandant Juan J. Uribe, Southwest Division

TO: National Commandant TJ Morgan

DATE: February 2026

SUBJECT: Southwest Division Report – Midwinter Conference 2026

1. DIVISION STATUS & ADMINISTRATION The Southwest Division (Departments of Arizona, California, Nevada, and the Aloha Detachment operating in the early capacity of a Department) remains in high spirits and good standing.

- **Growth:** Hawaii is currently operating as a preparatory Department with the intent of finalizing their charter soon. Their operational tempo and reporting have been equivalent to that of a fully chartered Department.
- **Discipline:** Since the August 2025 National Convention, there have been **some Chapter 9 filings**. While minor internal disputes occurred, all were successfully mediated to resolution at the local or Division level.

2. 250th MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY (SEMICENTENNIAL) The Division celebrated the 250th Birthday with historic visibility. Mayoral or Gubernatorial proclamations were secured in Arizona, California, and Hawaii officially recognizing November 10, 2025, as Marine Corps Birthday Day.

- **State Capital Events:** Division leadership organized cake-cutting ceremonies at the State Capitals of AZ, CA, NV, and HI, attended by state legislators.
- **Hawaii Historic Milestone:** For the first time in history, four United States Marine Corps flags were ceremonially raised at the Hawaii State Capitol.
- **Nevada Celebrations:** Hosted Birthday Balls in three locations, including a sold-out event in Las Vegas with over 1,200 attendees.

3. DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & STATISTICS

Division-Wide Totals (2025 Calendar Year)

- **Funeral Honors Performed:** 702
- **Community Service Hours:** 30,790+
- **Toys for Tots Distributed:** 156,885 toys to 128,392 children.
- **Toys for Tots Funds Raised:** ~\$156,885.

Department of Arizona (Cmdt. A. Espino)

- **Community Impact:** Logged over 17,000 community service hours.
- **Benevolence:** Distributed \$3,875 directly to Marines in need.
- **Toys for Tots:** Raised over \$84,000 and distributed 66,000+ toys.

Department of California (Cmdt. Ivania Munguia)

- **Honors:** Performed 455 Funeral Honors, the highest volume in the Division.
- **Support:** The Marines Helping Marines (MAM) program distributed \$6,875.46.
- **Events:** Strong presence at Camp Pendleton events (raising \$3,350) and provided scholarships to veterans at Southwestern College.

Department of Nevada (Cmdt. Danny Griggs)

- **Veterans Service:** Assisted 119 veterans/families with claims and benefit filings.
- **Recognition:** The High Desert Detachment Toys for Tots campaign was a finalist for the County Chamber Non-Profit of the Year.
- **Partnerships:** Successful collaboration with Montford Point Marines and NV-3 Sagebrush Marines for Memorial Day and July 4th events.
- Leading the Division in VSO's and assisting Veterans in Benefits.

Hawaii (Operating as a Department in training) (Det Cmdt. Vernon Jarvis)

- **Assistance:** Reported assisting over 700 Marines and family members (including Marine 4 Life and general assistance).
- **Community Outreach:** Partnered with the Knights of Columbus for a Christmas Eve outreach feeding the homeless in Kapolei and a visit to the Hawaii State Veterans Home to deliver cards to residents.
- **Commemoration:** Hosted the 84th WWII Pearl Harbor Attack Commemoration at Ewa Air Station.

4. SCOUTING AMERICA COMMITTEE As Ex-Officio, I report the committee is operating smoothly under the leadership of Bill Kropa, Rich Walsh, and Steve Bosshard. Numerous Eagle Scout Awards have been processed and issued, maintaining strong ties with youth organizations. All forms have now been confirmed to have changed to the proper 'Scouting America' name vs Boy Scouts of America. The Committee is requesting that a small lapel pin indicative of having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout be authorized for wear in their MCL uniforms only when they are attending Court of Honor Ceremonies (Scouting Eagle Scout Ceremony).



This will display to the young Scouts that these MCL members are Eagle Scouts themselves, and it does really connect with the kids. The device is the same medal pictured at the top of the Eagle Scout Certificates.

Will brief in person at Midwinter once I have more details.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juan J. Uribe

National Vice Commandant

Southwest Division

Marine Corps League

2025 Annual Report

	Funeral Honors		Community Service		TAT: # of Children		TAT: # of Toys		TAT: Dollar Amount		Marine Assistance	
Arizona	215	17,122	22,608	66,053	\$	84,285	155					
California	455	7,359	14,632	25,233	\$	9,800	404					
Hawaii	18	1,843	250	100	\$	2,800	700					
Nevada	14	4,466	32,896	37,006	\$	60,000	16					
TOTALS	702	30,790	70,386	128,392	\$	156,885	1,275					

NOTES

Arizona: MAM distributed \$6,875.46. Detachments participated in several events and provided service to surrounding communities with their presence and generosity.

California: Helped with breakfasts and dinners, participated in fundraisers, car shows, parades, festivals, donated money and provided financial support including scholarships, Young Marines, toy drives, and hosted a cake cutting ceremony.

Hawaii: Hosted a formal 250th Marine Corps Anniversary ceremony, held a commemoration to honor the Marines who were killed during the WWII attack on Pearl Harbor, visited and delivered Christmas cards to the Hawaii State Veteran's Home, and conducted a Christmas Eve Community Outreach.

Nevada: Held several celebrations throughout the year, Charity Golf Tournament, Department Convention, VSO Trainings, and assisted 119 veterans/family members with claims and benefit filings.



DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Detachment Number: _____ Department: Arizona

Funeral Honors

How many Funeral Honors has your Detachment performed between January 1st and December 31st?

215

Community Service

How many Community Service Hours has your Detachment performed between January 1st and December 31st (examples: Toys 4 Tots, Scouting, Young Marines, Funeral Honors, Parades, etc.)?

17,122

Toys 4 Tots

How many children has your Detachment helped in the past Toys 4 Tots season?

22,608

How many toys have been collected by the Detachment in the past Toys 4 Tots season?

66,053

How dollars were collected in donations for Toys 4 Tots in the past season?

\$84,285

Transitioning Marines and their Family

How many Marines, FMF Corpsman, and FMF Chaplains and their families have been assisted between January 1st and December 31st? (This includes Marine 4 Life events, Rose Program, general assistance, etc.)

155

Other Notes of Interest

Marines Assisting Marines distributed \$6,875.46 to Marines in need that requested assistance.

Department Detachments participated in events throughout the year that were of interest

to Marines, and provided service to surrounding communities with their presence and generosity.

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DEPT. OF CALIFORNIA – 2024 /2025 REPORT—Ivania Munguia. Commandant

49 Detachments
-3 Dissolving Detachments
46 Active Detachments

12 Annual Reports turned in 2026 – Breakdown Below

DET #	HONOR/ COLOR GUARD	COMM. SRVCE	TOYS TO CHILDREN	AMOUNT OF TOYS	MONETARY DONATION	ASSISTANCE TO MARINES	NOTES
023	6	50	200	400	0	10	Helped with dinners and breakfasts
1238	3	363	5,000 (portion)	500	0	6	Semper Fi Fundraiser; Vet Parade; Car show; Pumpkin Festivals; scholarship funds
017	0	1,100	0	800+	0	2	Co-hosted Fleetweek; Hosted BBQ for
021	0	100+	30+	0	0	300	Raised/donated \$\$3,350 at Camp Pendleton events
0940	80	2,800	250	1,218	1,000	30	
1459	3	815	35	220	100	30	Donate money to AFYMCA in 29 Palms, strong connections to other Vet organizations, sponsor 2 YM units
686	3	380	8,700	21,178	5,700	1	
1122	0	4	0	50-100	0	0	We have more than a dozen members participate in toy drives
1207	0	78	42 boxes	42 boxes	0	0	Participate in 4 th of July Parade; family day; Donate two \$500 scholarships to Southwestern College Vets; support Women Marine Assn financially; hosted cake cutting ceremony
1080	10	50	0	0	0	8	
1360	0	24	75	300	0	12	
0965	350	1,595	300+	500+	3,000	5 families	We support YM families at 29 Palms, we give financial support (\$3,000) 500+ toys, & clothing drives
TOTAL	455	7,359	14,632	25,233	9,800	404	



DETACHMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Detachment Number: 363 Department: N/A

Funeral Honors

How many Funeral Honors has your Detachment performed between January 1st and December 31st?

18

Community Service

How many Community Service Hours has your Detachment performed between January 1st and December 31st (examples: Toys 4 Tots, Scouting, Young Marines, Funeral Honors, Parades, etc.)?

1843

Toys 4 Tots

How many children has your Detachment helped in the past Toys 4 Tots season?

250+

How many toys have been collected by the Detachment in the past Toys 4 Tots season?

100

How dollars were collected in donations for Toys 4 Tots in the past season?

\$2800

Transitioning Marines and their Family

How many Marines, FMF Corpsman, and FMF Chaplains and their families have been assisted between January 1st and December 31st? (This includes Marine 4 Life events, Rose Program, general assistance, etc.)

700+

Other Notes of Interest

Please see further attached documents.

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Marine Corps League Aloha Detachment 363
250th Marine Corps Anniversary Highlights

On 10 November, the Marine Corps League Aloha Detachment 363 proudly hosted a formal ceremony commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps at the Hawai'i State Capitol Rotunda, located at 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813. This historic gathering honored two and a half centuries of Marine Corps service, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to the defense of the nation.

Held in the heart of Hawai'i's seat of government, the ceremony brought together veterans, active-duty Marines, civic leaders, and members of the community in a setting rich with symbolism. The Hawai'i State Capitol Rotunda served as a powerful backdrop, representing the enduring bond between the Marine Corps and the people it has sworn to protect.

The event was distinguished by the presence of Senator Gabbard, who served as the guest of honor. His participation underscored the importance of recognizing the Marine Corps' legacy at both the state and national levels. His attendance reflected deep respect for Marines past and present, and reinforced the enduring relationship between Hawai'i's leadership and the military community.

A historic moment unfolded during the ceremony when active-duty Marines from Marine Corps Base Hawai'i raised four United States Marine Corps flags at the Capitol. This act marked the first time in Hawai'i's history that four Marine Corps flags were ceremonially raised at the State Capitol, symbolizing honor, tradition, and the enduring presence of the Corps across generations.

Time-honored Marine Corps ceremonial traditions were carefully observed throughout the event. Central among them was the Marine Corps Birthday cake-cutting ceremony, a ritual that dates back over a century. In keeping with tradition, the first piece of cake was passed from the youngest Marine present to the oldest Marine, symbolizing the transfer of knowledge, legacy, and responsibility from one generation to the next. This powerful moment served as a reminder that while uniforms and faces change, the values of the Marine Corps remain constant.

The significance of the ceremony extended beyond those in attendance, as the event was documented by on-site newspaper media, ensuring that this historic occasion would be preserved and shared with the wider public. Their presence highlighted the importance of recording moments that honor service, sacrifice, and national heritage.

Overall, the ceremony was a solemn yet celebratory reflection of 250 years of Marine Corps history, grounded in honor, gratitude, and respect. Through tradition, symbolism, and community participation, the Marine Corps League Aloha Detachment 363 successfully commemorated a

milestone that not only honors the past, but also inspires future generations to uphold the proud legacy of the United States Marine Corps.

Marine Corps League Aloha Detachment 363
84th World War II Pearl Harbor Attack Commemoration Highlights

At 0800 hours on December 7th, a solemn commemoration was held at the Barbers Point Golf Course to honor the Marines who were killed during the World War II attack on Pearl Harbor, specifically those stationed at Ewa Air Station. This year marked the 84th anniversary of that historic and tragic day, and the gathering served as a moment of reflection, gratitude, and remembrance for the sacrifices made in defense of our nation.

The ceremony was hosted by the Marine Corps League Aloha Detachment 363, with valued support from the Navy League and the Knights of Columbus. The event brought together members of the local community, fellow veterans, supporters, and youth representatives, including the Pyramid Rock Young Marines, whose presence reflected the continued legacy of service and commitment passed from one generation to the next.

The ceremony opened with the colors being marched on by the Knights of Columbus color guard, setting a dignified and respectful tone. The invocation and benediction were delivered by Junior Past Commandant Vernon Jarvis, offering words of reverence and reflection that framed the purpose of the gathering. The Remembrance address was given by Senior Vice Commandant Carl Vincenti, who spoke in honor of the fallen Marines, reminding those present of their courage, sacrifice, and enduring place in Marine Corps history.

Closing remarks were delivered by Marine Corps League Aloha Detachment Commandant John DiGiovanni, who expressed gratitude to all participants, supporting organizations, and attendees for their presence and continued commitment to honoring the legacy of those who gave their lives in service to our nation.

Following the formal ceremony, refreshments were shared among members of the Aloha Detachment and invited guests, allowing time for fellowship, conversation, and shared remembrance. The event stood as a meaningful tribute to the fallen Marines of Ewa Air Station and a reaffirmation that their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Marine Corps League Aloha Detachment 363

Hawaii State Veterans Home Visit Highlights

On December 23rd, the Marine Corps League Aloha Detachment 363 carried the spirit of the season to the Hawaii State Veterans Home, located at 91-1200 Kalaeloa Boulevard, Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707. With hearts set on service, members delivered Christmas cards to more than 50 resident veterans, taking time to personally extend warm wishes, gratitude, and companionship during the holiday season. The Christmas cards were generously provided by the Knights of Columbus, whose support helped make this simple but meaningful gesture possible. Their partnership exemplified the strength of community coming together in humble service to honor those who have given so much. This visit was a reminder that acts of kindness—no matter how small—carry deep significance. Through cheerful conversation, shared smiles, and sincere appreciation, the Aloha Detachment reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Hawai'i's veteran community. The day reflected the true spirit of Christmas: gratitude, fellowship, and service to others, offered with humility and aloha.

Marine Corps League Aloha Detachment 363

Christmas Eve Kapolei Community Outreach Highlights

On December 24th at 9:30 a.m., the Marine Corps League Aloha Detachment 363, with the generous support of the Knights of Columbus, conducted a heartfelt community outreach initiative serving the homeless population in Kapolei. Volunteers from both organizations came together to distribute hotdogs, offering nourishment, fellowship, and encouragement to individuals experiencing hardship during the holiday season.

This Christmas Eve outreach reflected the shared values of service, compassion, and brotherhood upheld by both organizations. Beyond providing food, the initiative fostered meaningful human connection and demonstrated a continued commitment to supporting the most vulnerable members of the community. Through collaborative efforts such as this, the Marine Corps League Aloha Detachment and the Knights of Columbus exemplify service above self and reinforce the spirit of aloha within the Kapolei community.



DEPARTMENT of NEVADA 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

This is a compilation of the 6 Nevada Detachments Annual Reports

Funeral Honors

How many funerals has your Department performed between January 1st and July 31st.

14

Community Service

How many Community Service Hours has your Department performed between January 1st and December 31st.

4,466

Toys 4 Tots

How many children has your Department helped in the past Toys 4 Tots season?

32,896

How many toys have been collected by the Department in the past Toys 4 Tots season?

37,006

How many dollars were collected in donations for Toys 4 Tots in the past season?

\$60,000

High Desert Detachment Toys 4 Tots Campaign was a finalist 2nd year in a row for County Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit.

Transitioning Marines and their Family

How many Marines, FMF Corpsman and FMF Chaplains and their families have been assisted between January 1st and December 31st?

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Other Notes of Interest

New Years Celebration in support of Eagle Scouts

Extra Meetings held at Northern Nevada State Veterans Home

Armed Forces Day

Department of Nevada Convention

Prep and planning 3 members 55 hours

Memorial Day Celebrations

Service and Flag Placement with Montford Point Marines and NV-3 Sagebrush Marines

4th of July Celebrations

Collaboration with Montford Point Marines, NV-3 Sagebrush Marines, DAV Chapter 12, Black Mountain and 23D Mar, 4th MARDIV

Charity Golf Tournament

14 sponsors

51 players

16 volunteers

250th USMC Birthday Celebrations

Special flag raising and cake cutting at Nevada State Capitol

Birthday Balls in 3 locations

Las Vegas sold out in 40 hours with 1,200+ attendees

Veterans Day Celebrations

Veterans Picnic 100 tickets, 6 members 35 hours

New accredited VSO training

3 members 135 hours

Multiple Christmas/Holiday parties

119 veterans/family members assisted with claims and benefit filings

Re: Annual Reports

From Scouting Chair <Scouting@MCLeague.org>

Date Thu 2/5/2026 7:51 PM

To NVC Southwest Joe Uribe <juribe@MCLeague.org>; Steve Bosshard <stevebosshard@aol.com>

Cc rich@walsh-ss.com <rich@walsh-ss.com>

Joe, As we discussed on the phone today We are still getting numbers from Departments for mid-winter. We will send you a total soon. Rich can send you what we have as of today if you like. We will email you the completed copy before the conference for you to present.

We discussed getting the approval to wear Eagle scout medals while attending court of honor ceremonies only. Not to be worn any other time. If you can ask what the board thinks and we can file to get it approved.

Also we discussed for Scouters who earned the Community service square knot from the League to be able to add the small Eagle Globe and Anchor device from the ships store on the square knot.

The National committee has presented to various Department and Divisions at meetings explaining the value and impact of getting involved in the Eagle Scout Good Citizenship program. Making ties with local scout units gives the opportunity to work together on projects and ceremonies such as flag placing details, flag retirement ceremonies and the scouts can earn service hours for assisting. Educating youth in Americanism by participating in events locally. We have been promoting the program on social media to spark interest in the program from both Detachments and Scouts.

Rich and Steve, If I missed anything please add input so Joe can do his report in the next day so Joe can enjoy his Italy trip.

Safe travels!

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This is the Lapel pin Medal requested to wear:

