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Southern Division is probably experiencing the same problems as most divisions, recruiting and retention of members. Especially recruiting younger 40-50 age range Marines.

Competition from other veteran service organizations, raising families and careers. As for Southern Division, we have some work to do and not rest on our laurels.

Assisted over 200 veterans and their families with temporary housing, food, clothing and paying utility bills. Well over 200 funeral details across the three states. Wreaths Across America laying wreaths not only at national cemeteries but also at private cemeteries as well. Toys for Tots were again a huge success in the division. Driving veterans to many medical appointments at local VA hospitals, clinics and private medical facilities.

Approximately twenty detachments are associated with Marine Reserve units in all three states assisting Marines and their families.

The 250th Marine Corps birthday was celebrated across Southern Division. Everything from formal balls, cake cutting ceremonies at the state capitals to even a birthday celebration at a hospital and on down to the detachments. Even a Marine Corps birthday proclamation from Harris County, Texas Commissioners Court.

My goal is to move Southern Division into the 21st century on the administrative side of the League. Training detachments to transition utilizing electronic forms from ROIs, Transmittals, death notices, etc. Maintaining and updating bylaws and APs. Preparing and mentoring members to step up in leadership roles not just at the detachment level but upward to department, division and national positions. Utilizing local resources like the local newspaper, radio, television and social media for Pod Casts and YouTube to show case the League. Developing Southern Division's conference into more task-oriented training and professional development for its members.

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