



To: Commandant TJ Morgan

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST DIVISION NATIONAL REPORT

Sir Commandant,

The Southeast Division continues to have an outstanding year. While we face many of the same challenges affecting divisions throughout the League, our focus remains on identifying, mentoring, and developing new leaders who will meet those challenges head-on and help move the Marine Corps League to its fullest potential.

Membership

Overall membership in the Southeast Division increased by 5.91 percent in 2025 compared to the previous year. Five of the Division's seven Departments experienced positive membership growth.

Louisiana led the Division with an impressive 18.88 percent increase, with the majority of new members being under the age of 55. This reflects a positive trend in attracting a younger generation of Marine veterans. Tennessee also continues its steady long-term growth, recording an 11.40 percent membership increase over the past seven years.

The Department of Georgia successfully chartered a new Member-at-Large (MAL) Detachment. We have encouraged every Department to actively pursue the establishment of an MAL Detachment. The Departments of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana are currently working toward chartering new Detachments. Our goal is to charter at least one new Detachment in every Department before the 2027 National Convention.

The newly developed recruiting and retention materials will provide an outstanding tool for increasing membership and reconnecting with inactive members. Departments and Detachments are also being encouraged to recruit productive Associate Members, along with Marine veterans, to strengthen participation and enhance support for League programs.

Compliance

The Southeast Division continues to strengthen its compliance program. Our Division Compliance Officer, Bill Lamar, remains proactive in ensuring that Departments and Detachments understand compliance requirements and identify potential issues before they become problems.

Each Department has appointed a Compliance Officer who works closely with Detachments and Department Paymasters to address and resolve compliance matters. While most compliance issues have been successfully resolved, the few remaining matters are currently under review and are being addressed appropriately.

Paid Life Member Audits

The Southeast Division is organizing a comprehensive audit of all Detachment rosters to identify deceased Paid Life Members who should be removed from membership records. This initiative will be patterned after the successful project completed by the Northeast Division. Beyond maintaining accurate records, this effort has become an important matter of organizational integrity.

Community Commitments

Departments throughout the Southeast Division continue to enthusiastically support their communities through Toys for Tots, Eagle Scout presentations, Funeral Honors, Color Guards, and Honor Guards. Many Detachments have also developed innovative and successful fundraising programs that enable them to expand their support of local veterans, youth organizations, and community initiatives.

Convention / Conferences

ANDVC Jim Stone and/or myself attended each of the seven Department Conventions, as well as the Southeast Division Conference and National Convention.

Chapter 9

There have been no Chapter 9 filings within the Southeast Division, nor are any anticipated at this time.

Sincerely,

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