

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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To: Board of Trustees and Membership
From: TJ Morgan, National Commandant/CEO
Subject: 2026 Report

Dear Membership,

As I write these words as your National Commandant, I find myself looking back over the past two years with a heart full of gratitude, humility, and pride. Serving as your 66th National Commandant has been far more than holding an office, it has been the greatest privilege of my life.

When I accepted the responsibility of leading this great organization, I promised to serve you with integrity, transparency, and servant leadership. I never viewed this position as being about one person. It has always been about the Marines, FMF Servicemembers, spouses, associates, and families who make the Marine Corps League the finest veterans' organization in America. Everything we accomplished was because we accomplished it together.

There are many milestones that will define these past two years, but none of them belong to me alone.

One of the accomplishments I am most proud of was the hiring of our first National Director of Veteran Services. This was more than filling a position, it was making a promise. A promise that the Marine Corps League would strengthen its commitment to every Marine and veteran who needs an advocate. We achieved this milestone well ahead of our five-year strategic goal, ensuring that our League is better prepared to serve future generations of Marines and veterans.

We also adopted a comprehensive business plan that will guide our League for years to come. I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Bob Borka, Bob Ziltz, and our dedicated Board of Trustees. Their countless hours of hard work, thoughtful planning, and unwavering commitment laid the foundation for a stronger, more sustainable Marine Corps League. Their leadership deserves the appreciation of every member.

Another proud moment was strengthening our partnership with the Marine Corps Association. Through our work together at Modern Day Marine and the professional relationships we cultivated, we successfully completed the purchase of the building in Quantico, Virginia, a goal that had been pursued for more than eleven years. That achievement demonstrated what is possible when organizations work together with a shared vision of supporting Marines and preserving our heritage.

We also returned the Marine Corps League to Capitol Hill. Standing alongside Honorable Secretary Doug Collins, senior leaders of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and members of Congress, we ensured that the voices of Marines and veterans were heard where decisions are made. We advocated for those who have already given so much to this nation, and I am proud that the Marine Corps League continues to be recognized as a respected voice on veterans' issues.

But when I think about these last two years, my mind doesn't immediately go to meetings, ceremonies, or accomplishments.

It goes to the people.

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It goes to the nearly 200,000 miles traveled across this incredible country. It goes to shaking hands with Marines who served in Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan, and countless places in between. It goes to sitting in detachment meetings where laughter filled the room, listening to stories that could never be found in history books, and witnessing acts of kindness that reminded me why our League is so special.

I remember the Gold Star families who continue to inspire us with unimaginable strength. I remember our youngest Marines just beginning their journey in the League. I remember hospital visits, funerals, birthday celebrations, conventions, and community events. Every stop reminded me that the true strength of the Marine Corps League is not found in headquarters or policy manuals, it is found in the hearts of our members.

Those 200,000 miles were never a burden. They were a blessing.

Every airport, every highway, every delayed flight, every hotel room, and every mile behind the windshield brought me to another Marine, another handshake, another friendship, and another reminder of why this organization matters so deeply.

You welcomed me into your detachments as family. You shared your stories, your concerns, your ideas, and your hopes for the future. You reminded me that the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor is not something we simply wear, it is something we live every single day.

As my tour as your National Commandant comes to an end, I ask one thing of every member: Continue to lead through service. Support your newly elected national officers with the same dedication and loyalty that you have shown me. Give them your trust, your encouragement, and your counsel. The Marine Corps League has never been about one Commandant—it has always been about Marines serving Marines.

To every member who shook my hand, saluted our colors, volunteered countless hours, recruited a new member, visited a sick Marine, comforted a grieving family, or quietly served without seeking recognition, you are the reason our League continues to thrive.

Thank you for believing in me. Thank you for trusting me. Thank you for allowing me to represent this extraordinary organization as your 66th National Commandant.

I leave this office with countless memories, lifelong friendships, and a heart forever changed by the privilege of serving each of you.

May God continue to bless each of you, your families, our veterans, the Marine Corps League, and the United States of America.

Semper Fi

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