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National Newsletter Competition Committee
Marine Corps League

To TJ Morgan National Commandant
Bob Borka Chief Operating Officer
Ronnie Broussard, National Vice Commandant Southeast

Subject: National Newsletter Competition 2026 Report

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We had 6 judges. I think 6 judges is adequate for our present needs, however, going forward if we continue to grow and develop new sources we may need to add more or lengthen the time for judging. The judges worked hard during the course of about 4 weeks to read & judge all the newsletters. Combined there were 1867 pages to read and judge with most reading some for the Leatherneck Award. During the year I sent out communications to all departments by way of the NVC's and Department Commandants. We had a lot of enthusiasm from the Detachments entering as there were 16 first time entrants. The key to success is getting them all to return next year and add to that number. To accomplish this I as well as members of the staff plan to make ourselves available to offer guidance in this endeavor. We had good support from our NVC Ronnie Broussard as well as many NVC's throughout the league.

Some standouts from this years contest were Class I First time entrant from New Hampshire. Then from Georgia the Central Georgia Detachment Not a first time but fairly new First place Class II. Georgia also took first place in Clas IV and Dept of Indiana took the Leatherneck second year in a row.

Some setbacks this year were detachments converting their meeting minutes to Newsletters. In some cases including the entire Paymasters report and passwords for the website

2026 we had 32 entries

2025 we only had 18 entries.

2024 35 entries.

2023 36 entries



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Stats by Class size

I Platoon	Up to 50	5
II Company	51-100	9
III Battalion	101 +	10
IV Dept / Division		8
		32

A listing of all winners and participants will be sent to Bob Borka for posting on the National Website by Tuesday morning of the Convention, (after winners have been announced at the convention). This years list has links so that the winners Newsletters can be accessed and viewed

Everyone not receiving a plaque will receive a Certificate of Honorable Mention

And one detachment that recreated their Newsletter but did not yet meet the entrance requirements will receive a letter of Appreciation. PDC James Roy

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Semper Fidelis,

Respectively submitted

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