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To: National Commandant, T. J. Morgan
Subject: 2026 National Convention Report for Central Division

Overview. The Central Division consists of six states; Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Each department has received at least one visit in the last year. A caucus was held during the 2026 Central Division Conference and the Division Leadership was reelected. Turnovers of command occurred this year in Illinois, Wisconsin and Kentucky. I am pleased to report that all departments within the division have strong and energetic leadership that is tackling issues and challenges as they appear.

Initiatives. The division is refocusing its efforts on youth programs to provide the greatest impact possible. Youth Physical Fitness Chairman Ben Mattson has been reassigned as the Chair of the newly appointed committee for Youth Programs. His tasking is to review current youth programs for effectiveness, investigate potential new programs that are in keeping with League values, and find opportunities for collaboration between youth programs. Presentations by Young Marines and Youth Physical Fitness were given during the Division Conference and concentrated on the how to of establishing these programs.

Membership. Division Membership Chair Chris Taylor (IN) continues to assist Department JVC's in the performance of their duties. Interaction with National Membership has allowed for a helpful discussion of recruitment and retention and a challenge to current paradigms. Improved training of Department Paymasters will allow them to provide follow-on training of detachment paymasters within their respective departments. My goal is to have all Department Paymasters utilizing the Electronic Transmittal submission process by the end of the year which greatly reduces errors and provides substantial time and expense savings at the Department level. A quick turnaround and presentation of cards to new members is seen as a good first step in retention of those new members.

Compliance. Effective with the installation of Elected Division Officers, Department of Wisconsin PDC Kurk Anderson will take over the position as Division Compliance Officer. Kurk's experience and sound judgement are in keeping with the high level of professionalism expected of Division staff members. Each department has a compliance officer working with the division compliance officer. Departments are routinely evaluating compliance and receive assistance as needed. Every effort is made to bring detachments into compliance before suspensions or revocations are considered.

Veterans Service. The Veterans Service Officer program within the Division is a robust and growing program. More effort will be given to providing information to the membership on how

to access services and what those services are. Division VSO Tim Sherman will continue in his position through the next term of office.

Historical. Historian Dale Erion, as the Division Historian, continues to write the history of the Division. His efforts are noteworthy and are greatly appreciated.

VAVS. With the assistance of National VSO Phillip Du, a Division VAVS has been appointed. The Division SOP has been updated with the job duties of this position.

Information about the Central Division is available at: <https://mclcentdiv.org/>

The Central Division Conference will be held 9/10 April 2027 in Baraboo, Wisconsin at the Ho-Chunk Casino Wisconsin Dells Hotel.

Department Reports follow this page.

Semper Fidelis,

Dave Englert
Dave C Englert

“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”



1 August 2026

The Department of Illinois 2025-26 year had many successes and a few failures. The bad news is we closed 6 detachments in spite of repeated attempts to revive and improve and are now at 36 active detachments. The good news is we have many outstanding overachieving detachments whose activities, fundraising, and events are everything the Marine Corps League should be and more.

The Department awarded three \$1000 scholastic grants this year. The students are asked to write a 300-350 word essay incorporating the term "Semper Fidelis." Each year, we receive creative and unique entries from these very talented seniors in high school. The program is open to graduating high school seniors who are the family of II MCL or MCLA members, planning to attend a college, university, vocational training and certification, trade school, or union apprenticeship. Our scholarship program has been active again since the 2018-19 fiscal year and we have awarded \$21,000 in monies to 21 students.

We have initiated a generalized request for every detachment to donate \$50 annually for the recreation department of the five veteran homes in Illinois and it has had some success. We were able to donate \$800 to each veteran home with several detachments increasing their local VA home donation to \$1000. I hope for the program to become more popular. The checks were delivered personally to the recreation director and a tour of the facilities occurred.

This year, the Department donated more than \$750 to the MCLA program, "Operation Little Angel." It is one of my goals this year to coordinate more cooperation between the League and the Auxiliary.

The detachments have individually provided veteran support with activities and events in many different disciplines. The activities include: pheasant hunts, fishing trips, boating trips, camping outings, golf outings, golf training & coaching, practice shooting, tactical shooting, 5-K walk/run, half marathon rucks, wreath laying, USMC Birthday celebrations, professional sporting event parties, gaming for VA hospital inpatients and VA home residents, and snowmobiling. They attend National military memorials and parades. Many of these activities are handicapped and wheel chair accessible events with transportation and assistance provided for participation.

Fundraising monies raised are donated to: veteran service dog programs, Braveheart (equine therapy), The Road Home program (PTSD and other health services), Forgotten War-

riors Memorial, first responder causes, ME Conflict Memorial, Purple Hearts, local NFP veteran organizations, VFWs, American Legions, catholic charities, MACG-48, Food pantries, specific needs in veteran hospitals rehab facilities, local food pantries, clothing drives, Young Marines, MCJROTC, Agent Orange Foundation, Montgomery Cancer Association, medical lending closet (free), cell phone, phone-call cards for active duty military, and , Detachments 399, 553, 591, 847, 1233, & 1395 each provide scholastic scholarships for the membership and their family. Detachment # 553 donated over \$173,000 to various veteran causes and events involving over 547 veterans last year. Some detachments use the birthday ball as a fundraiser as well as bringing needy Marines in for free. They participate in veteran cemetery and county honor guards. They support and sponsor Scouting at all levels. They assist the Young Marines and MCJROTC. Detachment#1233 donated over \$14,000 to the Romeoville MCJROTC. They participate with Toys For Tots and Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. They provide dinners for needy families and engage in community activities.

I have initiated a plan to visit each detachment in the state with assist from my department officers. We have divided the state by location and have scheduled planned visits to engage the membership and revive enthusiasm. I developed a sample inspection guideline to coordinate our efforts and to improve individual detachment federal and state NFP compliance, answer questions, assist with any problems, encourage interaction with the department, and train as needed. I have continued my monthly Zoom officer meetings and now include all district and detachment commandants to share information, promote programs and recognize potential problems. I have a great team this year and my officers to lead by example. My summary of detachment annual reports is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Cobbett
IL MCL Commandant

CONSOLIDATED ILLINOIS DETACHMENTS ANNUAL REPORTS

Funeral Honors

How many Funeral Honors has your detachment performed between January 1st and December 31st? 24 funerals+ numerous Honor Guard ceremonies.

Community Service

How many Community Service Hours has your Detachment performed between January 1st and December 31st? 13,606 hours

Toys 4 Tots

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

116,255+ children

How many toys have been collected in the past Toys 4 Tots season? 182,618 toys

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

+\$338,917

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? 38+

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

KAY ROSS, COMMANDANT

This report provides an overview of the Department of Indiana Marine Corps League. There are currently 25 detachments, two auxiliary units, five Young Marine units and six Devil Dog pounds.

Out of the 25 detachments, 24 of them are in good standing. The one detachment that is not in good standing has paperwork issues with the IRS. The detachment officers are working hard to get the issues straightened out.

Of those 25 detachments, 23 of them are what we would consider to be healthy. There are two detachments which are holding on for now, but very soon there may need to be some tough decisions made as to whether the detachment continues or not. If they do continue, there needs to be a major increase in the number of members in order for them to survive.

The department had a few highlights on the Central Division and National stage this past year. The Department of Indiana newsletter editor, Terry Taylor, won the Department category in the National Newsletter competition, and the Leatherneck Award. The Pride and Purpose Detachment newsletter editor, Tiffany Careins, received an Honorable Mention for her newsletter. Past Department Commandant and current Chief of Staff for the Department of Indiana, Kelly Gillihan, was recognized as the Central Division Marine of the Year.

The detachments throughout the department have continued to engage with their communities through the Toys for Tots program, working with the State Legislature at the Indiana State House, providing funeral honors and care of local veteran cemeteries, assisting with the three Honor Flights within the state, holding fundraisers and food drives within their communities, and supporting the local youths in the community through the five Young Marine units within the state, awarding Eagle Scout awards, and offering the Crumbo Scholarship for college students.

The next few months will be very busy for the department. The National Convention is being held in Indianapolis this year and that committee has been hard at work for the last year getting it all put together. The department is looking forward to hosting the convention and they hope everyone will have a fantastic time in their state.

Semper Fidelis!

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Ross Commandant
Department of Indiana



**DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

To: Dave Englert, National Vice Commandant, Central Division, MCL

From: Jack Murphy, Commandant, Department of Kentucky, MCL

Subject: 2026 National Convention Report

Date: July 24, 2026

Sir,

We have a newly elected group of Officers here in Kentucky that are honored to have been selected by their peers and are motivated and ready to face the challenges of the office.

I know that you have already received a report from PDC Jack Mattingly but since I'd already requested feedback for your report from the Detachments, I felt obligated to share some of what they sent me.

Detachment #804, GySgt WJ Norris, Owensboro, KY

- Every night, members of the Detachment participate in a TAP's Ceremony in support of VFW Post #696 on the waterfront in Owensboro.
- The Detachment continues its support of the Salvation Army's Food Assistance Program
- The Detachment is active in Legislative involvement and is an active member of the Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations of Kentucky (aka JECVO)
- Det #804 has a very active Toys for Tots program, distributing 16, 763 toys, books and stocking stuffers to over 3100 children.
- They hosted a 250th Birthday Ball Celebration, participated in the local Veterans Day Parade and Pearl Harbor Commemoration.

Detachment #858, Dan Daly, Lexington, KY

- Dan Daly has a very active and extremely competitive pistol marksmanship program, with Team's placing 1st and 3rd this year.
- The Detachment also awarded 6 Scholarships this year.

Detachment #1095, Franklin R Sousley, Bowling Green, KY

- The Detachment hosted its first Detachment picnic this year. They intend to make this an annual event.
- Formed a partnership with other local service organizations (AM VETS, AMERICAN LEGION, VFW and VETERANS ALLIANCE) to serve the community
- by providing food, clothing, and hygiene supplies to veterans in 30 nursing homes through the Toys for Tots Nursing Home Program.
- Held their 250th Marine Corps Ball celebration and is actively planning for #251.
- Conducted a highly successful Toys for Tots program, distributing 90,497 toys, 15,777 books and 5,326 stocking stuffers to 32,668 kids.
- Detachment #1095 also formed a MCL Auxiliary Unit this year, currently having 13 members.

Detachment #1150, Pennyrile, Cadiz, KY

- Detachment #1150 participated in 16 funerals so far in 2026.
- They raised \$2000 at their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser.
- With that they awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to children or grandchildren of Marines.
- They continue to work on recruiting and brainstorming fundraising ideas to continue their scholarship program.

Detachment #1345, LtCol Vance Huston, Flatwoods, KY

- Our Detachment has an Honor Guard that participates in Final Salutes, Military Funeral Honors at Northeast Kentucky Veterans Cemetery, Local Cemeteries, and Family Cemeteries when requested by the families.
- Our Detachment participates in providing assistance to Veterans that we know are in need. Sometimes our Detachment works directly with the Veteran, and at other times we work with other local Veteran Organizations to assist. Sometimes it's non-military people (adults and children) that need help and we help with what we can as a part of our Community Service efforts.
- Our Detachment works with the Woody Williams VAMC in Huntington, WV Community Service Group to help Veterans in areas the VAMC is unable to assist. Sometimes these requests are for needs at the VAMC, and sometimes they are outside the VAMC, (example: helping Homeless Veterans).
- Our Detachment assists local High School ROTC Units in requests they may have, or with Scholarship Funding to assist ROTC Members with higher education costs. We were able to donate \$500 each to two local ROTC students.

Detachment #1390, PFC James M Yancey, Paducah, KY

- So far in 2026, the Detachment has conducted 18 funerals and 7 Color Guards.
- The Detachment is applying to become the Toys for Tots Coordinator for 4 counties in Kentucky and for 3 counties in Illinois in 2027.
- The Detachment gave awards to 2 Eagle Scouts and 21 awards to the Paducah Tilghman NJROTC Cadets this year.
- The Detachment VSC has referred 221 Veterans and 39 Dependents to the local DAV for support.

Detachment #1447, Victor H Carr, Georgetown, KY

- We held an excellent 250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball.
- The Detachment has supported 4 Marine funerals so far in 2026.
- Marines from the Detachment supported Toyota Motor's Georgetown Plant in their annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day events.
- Participated in a Wreath Laying at the Scott County Courthouse in support of all WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam Veterans. This is a Joint event with American Legion Post #24.
- We were able to attend the Northern Kentucky Young Marines Birthday Ball and Recruit Graduation this year.

- We supported American Legion Post #24 again in their annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage. This event has been conducted for well over 100 years and entails visiting local cemeteries, reading the names of deceased Veterans, special music, firing 3 volleys and playing TAPs.
- 1447 also has an active Marksmanship Program and this year we're able to introduce the first Young Marine into the Marksmanship program.

Northern Kentucky Young Marines

- We are blessed to have an outstanding Young Marines program located in Northern Kentucky.
- During the past 12 months, YM's have presented Colors at 17 different events, such as various Veterans events and at a Cincinnati Reds ballgame.
- They have accumulated over 1,300 hours of community service.
- YM SgtMaj Abby Smith, 2025 YM Division 3 YM of the Year, retired from the Young Marines, was accepted by and reported to the US Naval Academy.

Our new Department Officers, elected on June 13th, have already conducted one offsite planning session and countless telephone calls, texts and emails. We have firmed up the dates and locations for the Department Meetings scheduled for October '26 and March '27 and are close to finalizing that for June '27. We have reviewed all Committees, so we have a clear understanding of their Missions and Deliverables.

The new Paymaster and I are going to request the training that has been offered as soon as we can coordinate schedules.

We all recognize that we have lots to learn but are willing to put in the effort.

Semper Fidelis,

Jack Murphy

Commandant

MCL Department of Kentucky



TO: TJ Morgan, National Commandant
Bob Borka, National Executive Director
Dave Englert, CDNVC

SUBJECT: Department of Michigan Report

DATE: 6 July 2026

It is both an honor and a privilege to continue serving as Department Commandant for the State of Michigan for another year. The first year in this position was a valuable learning experience, and as the second year begins, I have found that the months pass quickly once one becomes fully acquainted with the responsibilities of the office. This role presents challenges, particularly when distance and weather are contributing factors in nearly every undertaking, especially for those of us who live in "God's Country." However, in keeping with the Marine Corps motto to improvise, adapt, and overcome, we continue to accomplish the mission.

Membership continues to be a concern for some Detachments. We are slightly below our 2025 totals in regular, associate, and multiple memberships, and we have also experienced an increase in deceased members. Detachments are being encouraged to "think outside the box" with regard to recruiting; however, the focus remains not simply on increasing numbers, but on recruiting members who will actively participate in their Detachments, which is the primary goal. We continue to remind everyone to make every effort to keep their rosters current, accurate, and properly maintained.

Fundraising for the Department and its Detachments continues to be a challenge. The Department Senior Vice Commandant's raffle is currently underway, with tickets being sold for \$10 each. If more than 3,000 tickets are sold, the first-place prize will be \$25,000; otherwise, the raffle will become a 50/50 drawing, scheduled to take place next May. All Detachments were provided tickets to sell in support of the Department. However, as with many other efforts, traditional raffle ticket sales have become increasingly difficult, and new, creative approaches to fundraising are needed. The current economy also continues to have a significant impact on these efforts.

Detachments are currently planning their 251st Marine Corps Birthday celebration events. Some Detachments are coordinating joint events, while others are organizing individual celebrations. These events are consistently outstanding and reflect the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the Detachments involved.

A continued priority is ensuring that all Detachments, Auxiliaries, and Pounds achieve and maintain compliance with Officer Installation Reports, 990 filings, and LARA corporate requirements. Some Detachments remain below the 15-member minimum, and assistance is being provided to support their recruiting efforts. Additional emphasis is being placed on reviewing and updating Detachment rosters to ensure that all information remains current and accurate. Two Detachments have voluntarily surrendered their charters, and efforts are underway to transfer those members to other

local Detachments. It is also important to ensure that everyone remains well informed and understands their respective duties, responsibilities, and expectations.

There are currently 32 Detachments in the State of Michigan. Each Detachment has its own unique approach to conducting community events, participating in parades, providing funeral services, supporting the Young Marines, organizing candy sales, managing Toys for Tots campaigns, and achieving successful outcomes through its various events and initiatives.

Moving forward, it is important that we collectively prioritize the areas most in need of attention, whether membership and recruitment, youth physical fitness, fundraising, or other key initiatives. Attempting to address too many issues at once can complicate progress; therefore, focusing on one goal at a time is essential to achieving meaningful success. Equally important is maintaining strong working relationships with our Auxiliary Units and Pounds, as many hands make light work. Valuable ideas can come from many sources, particularly when individuals are encouraged to think creatively and consider solutions from a fresh perspective.

Finally, communication and a continued “can do” attitude are essential to accomplishing our responsibilities properly and ensuring our collective success. I remain committed to supporting our Detachments, Auxiliary, and Pounds as we work together to strengthen the Marine Corps League, Department of Michigan.

Semper Fi

Respectfully Submitted

Tracey Ann Tippet

Commandant, Department of Michigan
Marine Corps League

Department of Ohio

June 7th, 2026, Department Convention took place and election of Officers. At the beginning of this term the Department had 29 Detachments throughout Department of Ohio, Marine Corps League. Two Detachments, Leatherneck Detachment 373 and Firelands Detachment 1140 at a special Detachment meeting chaired by the Department of Ohio Board of Trustees decided to turn in their Charters. Leathernecks Detachment 373 send the Department Commandant their Charter, but Firelands Detachment 1140 cannot locate their Charter. The Department of Ohio Commandant visited all 29 Detachments and some twice. Worked with the Ohio Department of Veterans Services located in Columbus and set up a United States Marine Corps 250th Cake cutting ceremony at the Military Museum located in Columbus, Ohio. Both the Commanding Officer and Sergeant Major Cleveland of the Recruiting Command of Ohio attended the ceremony and Director John C. Harris Jr, Major General U.S. Army Retired was our guest of honor. The Commandant also attended the Springfield, Lima and Cincinnati, Ohio Marine corps Balls. Sergeant Major Cleveland also was the guest speaker at the 2025 Department Convention in Lima, Ohio. The Department Senior Vice Shannon Nichols and District Commandant Alan Mascsak started the year off with a visit to Lou Diamond Detachment in Toledo, Ohio meeting with the officers of the Detachment to train the new Detachment Paymaster. Our Department Junior Vice Commandant had to step down due to personal reasons. Senior Vice Commandant Nichols along with Judge Advocate Jimmy Kay updated the Department Bylaws and the Administrative procedures which were voted on and approved at the June 2026 Convention in Springfield, Ohio. Senior Vice Commandant Nichols also at his Detachment Birthday Ball presented wife's and husbands of Detachment members with Certificates of Appreciation concerning their significant others work through the Marine Corps League. This in turn was also done at the Department of Ohio Convention in Springfield, Ohio in June of 2026. The Department of Ohio held a zoom meeting every month for the Department of Trustees, District Officers and others to discuss Department business. Part of the Discussion was for the Department Officers to call through the year to their same positions in all Detachments. This in turn to keep open communications with the Detachments and establishing a better repour. One Members of the Department resigned his membership due to a felony conviction and a second members identified in prison for a felony conviction was found to have died while incarcerated. Our VSO program has had some obstacles to overcome this year. Our VSO in Columbus Don Perry passed away and VSO David Owsley in Cincinnati and then moved to Columbus moved to Idaho. It has taken awhile but two new Veterans were hired to fill both locations.

The Department replaced our Department Colors this year that was unveiled at the Department Convention in 2026. Our Department Senior Vice Commandant Nichols assembled a committee and found a hotel for the 2027 Department Convention and scheduled the same hotel for the Central Division Conference in 2028. Our Department of Ohio Paymaster Roger Smith was elected or appointed as the Compliance Officer and Assistant Vice Commandant for the Central Division of the Marine Corps League among other positions he holds. Two other Detachment members were elected to first time positions in the Department as Junior Vice and the other as Trustee.



Marine Corps League

Department of Wisconsin

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From: Marc Van Zandt, Commandant, Department of Wisconsin

To: Dave Englert, Central Division National Vice Commandant

Subj: DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN YEAR END REPORT

1. **New Districts in State of Wisconsin** – We reduced the Wisconsin Marine Corps League from six Districts to four. This effort is designed to increase command efficiency, strengthen leadership oversight, and improve support to our Detachments. The new structure reduces unnecessary travel time and mileage for District Vice Commandants while enhancing communication and responsiveness. Department is currently working to develop standardized District reporting format that will ensure every Vice Commandant provides consistent updates to the Board of Trustees, including district challenges, goals, communications, upcoming events, and provide assistance on completing collaborative priorities such as Transmittals, Paid Life Memberships (PLMs), Notices of Death (NODs), member transfers, and roster updates.
2. **Updated Department Bylaws** - The Department of Wisconsin completed a comprehensive modernization of its Bylaws, marking the first full revision since 2010. The updated Bylaws are now fully aligned with Marine Corps League National Bylaws, with obsolete provisions removed, redundant language eliminated, and organizational clarity significantly improved. The document was streamlined by nearly 50 percent, resulting in a more efficient, practical, and mission-focused governing document.
3. **Conference and Conventions Dates** –
 - 8/8/26 - Department Summer Conference, Winnebago Detachment 357, Oshkosh WI (Working Conference for Department Officers and District Vice Commandants)
 - 10/10/26 – Department Fall Conference, Racine, Agerholm-Gross Detachment 346, Staybridge Suites, Racine – Mount Pleasant by IHG.
 - 1/30/27 – Department Winter Conference, Waukesha Detachment 355, Delafield WI (Working Conference for Department Officers and District Vice Commandants) All members invited.
 - 4/8/27 – 4/10/27 – Central Division Convention, Ho-Chunk Casino Wisconsin Dells, S3214 County Rd BD Baraboo, WI 53913.
 - 4/30/27 – 5/2/27 - Department Spring Convention, Winnebago Detachment 357, Oshkosh WI

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4. **New Detachment(s) – Sugar River** – Chartered our Sugar River Detachment 1501 in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, on May 12, 2026. This new Detachment strengthens our presence west of Madison and is already moving forward with purpose to uphold and fulfill the Marine Corps League Mission Statement. We have also initiated discussions with Rex Chapman, a Department of Minnesota member who recently retired to River Falls, Wisconsin. Having successfully organized and chartered two Marine Corps League Detachments in Minnesota, Rex has volunteered his experience and leadership to help establish a new Detachment in Northwest Wisconsin—an area that has long been underserved.
5. **251st USMC Birthday Celebrations** - Wisconsin Marines are active again by supporting the State's 251st Marine Corps Birthday Ball celebrations. Last year, more than 1,800 Active Duty, Reserve, Veteran, and Marine Corps League members attended Birthday Balls across Wisconsin, while over \$50,000 was raised and donated by Wisconsin Marines. This year, Detachment Foundations are securing event venue contracts to maximize tax advantages and strengthen long-term financial stewardship. Working to meet and exceed last year's outstanding achievements and deliver an even greater statewide celebration worthy of the 251 years of the United States Marine Corps.
6. **Weeklong Marine Heritage Trip** - (September 21–26, 2026) Washington DC & MCB Quantico. Active Duty, Reserve, Veteran, and Marine Corps League members trip to focus on Corps' traditions and strengthening the fraternity of Marines. Our itinerary includes the National Museum of the Marine Corps, Marine Barracks Washington (8th & I), Marine Corps Base Quantico, Arlington National Cemetery, the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima), support of Marine Corps League Mickey Finns Detachment #333, and fellowship through sporting events with Marines of the MCB Quantico Security Battalion.
7. **Vietnam Memorial Wall –Marine Corps League Aero Park** - Bartelme-Schwefel Detachment 349 continues to exemplify the Marine Corps values of commitment, leadership, and service through its stewardship of the Marine Corps League Aero Park in Watertown, Wisconsin. Over the past 18 months, the Detachment successfully led the way in fundraising, planning, procurement, and permanent installation of an 80% replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. On Memorial Day, 25 May 2026, Commandant Gary Stueber and American Legion Post 189 Commander Steve Zillmer led the dedication ceremony for the more than 325-foot memorial, drawing over 1,000 attendees.
8. **Support to Marine Corps Reserve Units** – Continue to focus on our commitment to supporting Marines across the state. Support 2/24 Marines, Fox Company, 6th Engineer Support Battalion Bravo Company, and Wisconsin Recruiting Command by sponsoring Family Day events, awarding scholarships, gifts, awards, plaques, assisting with housing, emergency financial and travel needs, purchasing mission-essential supplies beyond unit budgets, and funding professional development opportunities, including attendance at Modern Day Marine 2025 and Marine Corps training

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courses. Have paid for and provided meals monthly and annually during drill weekends and active-duty training for units listed above.

9. **Reporting by detachments** continues to be frustrating. Our Detachments are doing lots of good things but, getting them to report and acknowledge their efforts and successes continue to be an uphill battle. It is our hope that we can improve these reports by both our Department Officers and Vice Commandants visiting each detachment quarterly. The numbers below are truly understated as we continue to work with Detachments and help them understand how to utilize documentation forms and why it is so important to document activities and record volunteer hours.

10. Honor Guard and Color Guard participation by Detachment.

Detachment Name	Detachment #	Honor Guard Funerals	Color Guard Events	Total Volunteer Hours
Agerholm-Gross	346	146	8	1857
Badger	348	22	9	3605
Bartelme-Schwefel	349	2	4	3481
Central Wisconsin	350	-	2	1421
Eagles Nest	1293			No Report
Four Lakes	351	15	3	6111
Fox River	590	11	2	165
Kenosha-Westosha	352	-	-	357
Kettle Moraine	1203			No Report
Leathernecks of the North	353			No Report
McCullen-Kimpel	552	2	3	599
Mitchell Red Cloud Jr	1363			No Report
North East Wisconsin	1130	3	3	551
North Shore	1289	-	-	2470
Northwoods	1281			No Report
Sheboygan County	1446	23	6	3998
Southwestern Wisconsin	623	78	8	11165
Timberwolves	354	-	-	139
Walworth County	1061	-	7	1208

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Waukesha County	355	-	-	6065
Winnebago	357	40	4	2158
Wisconsin Globe & Anchor	359	3	1	784
Department Total	22	340	62	46,584

Respectfully,

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