

Fellow Marine Corps League Members,

I am taking this opportunity to thank you for your trust in electing me your Department of Missouri Commandant. By working together with you, your elected Detachment and Department Officers, we can continue to make the Department of Missouri one of the best in the Marine Corps League. Our Department consists of twenty Detachments and we will continue to add as the requirement warrants.

Each Department and Detachment Officer should be familiar with the Bylaws and Procedures of National (www.mcleague.org), Department (www.momcl.org) and your own Detachment. A great source to use as a reference is the Professional Development Program. If you haven't attended a presentation yet, please make arrangements to do so. This is especially true for Department and Detachment Officers. We have members willing to present this class and they do a great job.

Every Detachment Commandant should know that attendance at the quarterly Department conferences and the Department Convention is mandatory. If the Commandant is unable to attend, then a representative needs to be appointed. This is just four times per year, meetings in September, December and March in Jefferson City and Convention in June at the awarded bidding Detachment. Next June we will be attending the Convention at the Southwest MO Detachment #993, in Springfield, MO. It should be a good Convention, so plan on attending. The Department uses these meeting as a source for all of our Detachments to learn what other Detachments are doing to recruit and retain members, fundraising activities, charities, activities for members to do besides attending meetings and work, etc.. You are likely to find that the camaraderie is worth the trip by itself and that the exchanges of ideas are worth taking back to your Detachment and sharing with your members.

Each Detachment has its own obligations to meet each year. Specifically: you must register with the Missouri Secretary of State (usually in August); elect and install Detachment Officers and complete the process by submitting a Report of Officer Installation; audit and submit your PLM prior to the end of the year (using the roster for June 30, sent by National in July); and submit your tax return, which in most cases is an online IRS postcard (990N). I would appreciate an update on when each is completed for my records and to access when asked by a higher office.

We have some important dates to mark on our calendars: The Department meetings will be in Jefferson City, MO on the first Saturday of September (7th), December (7th) and March (1st); National Convention will be in Grand Rapids, MI on August 4-11; Midwest Division Fall Convention will be in Des Moines, IA on October 18-20; Department Convention will be in Springfield, MO on June 6-8.

I need to have a current email address on file for each Detachment to pass on important information and to collect reports and other requests from National. Please make sure I get that current email address immediately. In addition, I am requesting that you handle all required action for MCL business in a timely manner, avoiding delays and improving results for all our

members.

To help ensure efficient communication, all of your Department Officers' contact information is posted on the Department of Missouri website. To ensure that your specific Detachment communication is also available and current, instruct your Detachment Web Sergeant to provide your Detachment updates to your Detachment, Department, and National websites, and to notify the Department Web Sergeant. Finally, each detachment should provide the Department Paymaster, Adjutant, Chaplain and I an email, phone number and mailing address of their counterpart in order to contact when an immediate response is required.

Thank you again for your vote of confidence, and I look forward to working with you to make this a successful year for the Department of Missouri.

Semper Fi,

*Floyd Miller
Commandant
Department of Missouri*



Saepius Exertus, Semper Fidelis, Frater Infinitas,

"Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever,"