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To: George LaMont, DOF MCL Commandant
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From: Michael Stewart and Tom Newton, Leadership School Directors
Re: Second and Third Quarter Reports

The Leadership School held at the Palm Garden’s Marriott on 5 October 2017 was a repeat of the Leadership School launched at the Spring Conference at Safety Harbor and included slight changes to the original program. Ethos of the Corps and the Marine Corps League was again presented and the theme “Leading from the Front” was established prior to the segments presented for the various elected officers within the detachment. Each of the modules were increased to last one-half hour. This doubled the time an instructor was able to devote to not only the duties of each elected officer but also how the duties are tied to the principles of effective leadership. The new format allowed time for Q&A after each presentation. The newly revised format of the school was well received by the thirty-eight (38) participants in attendance.

The Spring Conference at Safety Harbor will focus on the various appointed positions within a detachment, much like the design of the previous Leadership Schools, with fifteen (15) minute modules devoted to each of the areas. A complete program booklet will still be distributed to each Leadership School attendee. The booklet will contain information on all the other areas covered at the previous Leadership Schools. The areas are informational and tied to the PDP which can easily be found at www.mcl dof.org. Individuals can refer to the PDP for information and read about the specifics of those other areas. The directors are currently settling on the agenda for the day and in the process of contacting various instructors with expertise in each of the specific areas.

Finally, two courses will be offered again during the Friday of the yearly Department Convention in June. The courses will last two hours each and allow participants an opportunity to delve into the materials in much more depth. The two courses tentatively selected will be: The Use of Public Relations to Recruit and Retain Members in the Detachment and Developing a Realistic Budget for Your Detachment. One course will be offered in the morning and one in the afternoon so that convention attendees will be able to sit for both if that is their desire. There will again be a ten-dollar ($10.00) fee for each course to cover the cost of duplicating material for each student. The current plan is to offer two different courses at each Department Convention. Courses may be presented again at the following convention, if an interest is expressed by the membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

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