MAY 2018 MESSAGE

The Marine Corps League (MCL) is an organization with a defined structure, mission, goals, policies, procedures, and so on. The Marine Corps League is your organization. You the individual members are the foundation of the MCL. The members are organized into units known as Detachments, Departments, Divisions, and the parent or National organization. To function properly these organizational units must communicate and interact with each other. The member is part of each level of the organization. The Detachment is part of each of the next levels; as are the Departments and the Divisions.

The members elect Detachment Commandants who are expected to represent them at the convention and conferences. In the absence of the Detachment Commandant a representative should be designated. There are 51 Detachments in the Department of Florida, but I cannot recall a time when each of the Detachments were represented at a convention or conference. Typically, there are 35 or fewer Detachments represented. You, the member must hold your elected leaders accountable in representing you. What do they bring back to you in the form of ideas, information, and other news from the Department meetings? If your Detachment Commandant, or designee, is not attending the convention and conferences, why not and who is representing you?

The annual Department Convention is just a few weeks away. Each Detachment within the Department should be in attendance and representing you the member. Election of Department officers occur at each convention. This year there are several By-Law amendments being proposed. Do you and your fellow members have a voice in the elections and business of the Department through your Commandant and/or designated delegate?

In closing, please consider a donation to support your hospitality room. Adult beverages, mixers, soft drinks, or cash to purchase these items is greatly appreciated. Please contact Hospitality Chair Jack Prosuh or Convention Chair Trisha Marsh if further information is needed.

Thank you for all you do for your fellow Marines, all veterans, and your communities,
Semper Fidelis,
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