The three detachments that comprise District 2, Gator Detachment 990, Tri County Detachment 1018 and Sgt Maj Griggs Detachment 1086, have continued to aggressively track down every member, regular and associate, that are currently delinquent. Many have moved with no forwarding information available and have done so without informing their respective detachment staff of their new information. Telephone numbers have been changed and not published to the respective detachment staff is another challenge confronting the detachments of District 2. The rosters of all three detachments are being worked to eliminate all members who are no longer interested or improperly listed as members. All who are contacted are being recruited again to see if their membership can be salvaged.

Overall the District 2 has reduced the number of delinquents by 8%, though the total number of delinquents remains too high. We are always working to reduce the total to zero.

Currently the three detachments of District 2 are heavily involved in planning for this year's Marine Corps 245th Birthday Ball. The Gator Detachment 990 will be celebrating the Marine Corps 245th Birthday on November 16th, 2021. and the Sgt Maj Griggs Detachment 1086 is planning a celebration for the Marine Corps Birthday on November 13, 2015.

Members of all detachments that make up District 2 have continued to volunteer at functions honoring veterans and at facilities that care for the well being of veterans. The Gator Detachment 990 recently participated in an event to aid homeless veterans while the Sgt Maj Griggs Detachment 1086 has contributed many hours at the Lake City Veterans Administration Hospital assisting in the well being of veterans seeking medical care there. The COVID 19 is still affecting how they all get out and volunteer. The VA has closed down all volunteer access at this time but are working to open it up.
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All detachments in District 2 have continued to attend veteran’s functions for the purposes of informing other veterans of our presence and honoring their service by our presence. This is all in addition to the recruiting all detachments are pursuing through many different venue’s. Many of District 2 members are continuing to serve on local veterans boards in their respective locales.

To my knowledge District 2 has only lost one member to COVID 19. Detachment 1086 the Sgt Major Griggs Detachment in Lake City lost a past Commandant and current paymaster/adjutant to COVID. Private services were held on September 4th. It appears that the Sgt Maj Griggs Detachment 1086 is currently experiencing high COVID counts at the current time.

The Gator Detachment 990 was one of two detachments and the only detachment in the Department of Florida from the Southeast Division selected to participate in a US Army TACOM pilot program. The US Army TACOM is the department that will issue ceremonial rifles to qualified veterans organizations. The Gator Detachment 990 is one of the Department of Florida Detachments that have ceremonial rifles. The pilot program was supposed to be a trial run of a new program to keep up with the inventory of the rifles in the hands of veterans organizations. The purpose was to make the inventory reporting easier. The Gator Detachment 990 found the instructions to be confusing and access to the TACOM inventory restrictive. On top of that the original request was never received by the Gator Detachment 990. None of the hyper links in the material provide would work. The Southeast Division Vice Commandant has gotten involved as have the District 2 Vice Commandant in an attempt to correct the problems and give the US Army TACOM request a fair run. I have re contacted the US Army TACOM and our Southeast Division National District Vice Commandant Jerry Holt on September 22 and have yet to hear from them. On September 23, 2021 I received from the US Army TACOM an email that contained the internet hot link they want us to use to report the ceremonial rifle inventory we have. It appears to have gone through with out problems and took approximately 10 minutes to complete. When the form was reviewed for accuracy an was ready to submit, the submit button was clicked, the submit button disappeared but nothing else occurred. There was no meaningful reaction to indicated that the form had been sent.
As of the End of September the Sgt Maj Griggs Detachment 1086 members have elected to cancel their Marine Corps Birthday Celebration this year due to excessive illnesses in Columbia County and surrounding area.

respectfully submitted

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