



Marine Corps League



Midwest Division IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD

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Division Update

Greetings Division Marines and Corpsmen. Modern Day Marine is now in the books along with the 2016 Midwest Division Fall Conference. It has been a while, 50 years to be exact since I have been around Marine Corps equipment and none like the equipment of today. I certainly wish we would have had the equipment then that we have available today. The Capital Marine Detachment presents the 34th Annual United States Marine Corps' Enlisted Awards: The recipient of the Sergeant Major Wilber Bestwick Award was presented to Staff Sergeant Jason Krumrie - Sergeant Major Frederick B. Douglass Award was presented to Gunnery Sergeant Samuel Martinez - Sergeant Harry D. Myers Award was presented to Staff Sergeant Ekhart Kohkemper - Chief Hospital Corpsman George W. "Doc" Piercy Award presented to HM2 Dave P. Dominguez - Security Guard of the Year presented to Staff Sergeant Stacey L. Sherbert - Marine Corps Drill Instructor of the Year Gunnery Sergeant Miguel Cortes, Jr. Sergeant Major Bertha Peters Award presented to Staff Sergeant Courtney R. Smiling-Cheatham - United States Marine Corps Recruiter of the Year presented to Gunnery Sergeant Francisco J. Soto, Marine Corps Reservist of the Year presented to Gunnery Sergeant Garrett A. Czesak - Career Planner of the Year Gunnery Sergeant Justin C. Gregory - Gunnery Sergeant Carlos N. Hathcock, 11 Award presented to Sergeant Joshua K. Sherman and the Combat Instructor of the Year recipient was Staff Sergeant Jonathan D. Manuel.

Marine Corps League Headquarters has moved from Merrifield, VA. The new address for Headquarters is: Marine Corps League, National Headquarters, 3619 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 115, Stafford, VA 22554-7771. (Back in the area of Quantico Marine Corps Base). The move started 09-30-2016 and should be completed shortly. Effective October 1, 2016 all correspondence should be mailed to the new address. The old

Headquarters Bldg. has sold and a profit was made, the final amount of profit will depend on moving expenses and unknown charges related to the move. The location will certainly be an asset and make it easier to get to, when in the area please stop in and visit. Being near Quantico should make it easy to recruit Marine dependents for any vacancies that may occur.

Training was given to attendees at the Midwest Division Fall Conference in Jefferson City, Mo. regarding new membership due dates, all non-life members now have a due date of Aug 31, and each year hereafter the membership will come due Aug 31. If Detachment Paymasters have questions regarding the new method of renewals, your Department Paymaster should be able to answer your questions.

The Midwest Division Fall Conference was represented by members of all Departments and the North Dakota Leathernecks Detachment Commandant. Division numbers indicate Membership in the Midwest Division is increasing and by the end of the Fiscal Year if all Departments continue in this direction the Division will have an increase in membership. Let us strive to achieve this goal. Let's all try and maintain an accurate membership roster allowing an accurate membership accounting.

2016 Midwest Division Marine of the Year: The 2016 Midwest Division Marine of the Year is Wendell Webb. Congratulations Wendell on a well-earned Award.

I would like to again thank David Hunter, Jr. Past MWD NVC, the Samuel F. Gearhart Detachment members and the Central Missouri Unit MCLA for the outstanding Fall Conference. Thank You!

The 2017 Midwest Division Spring Conference will be hosted by Homestead Leathernecks Detachment 1430, Beatrice, NE April 21-23, 2107 at Holiday Inn Express 4005 N. 6th St. Beatrice, NE 68310, Phone 402-228-7000. Tentative Schedule for Friday April 21 listed 0900 Golf (notify the detachment at www.homesteadleathernecks.com if you desire to play) and the Commandant's Council at 1500. A complete schedule is available on the website.

I would like to thank the Midwest Division Staff and Division members for your support and assistance in the Midwest Division.

Semper Fidelis,

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