

National Senior Vice Commandant



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To: Richard Gore, National Commandant
Cc: Board of Trustees of MCL

I want to thank everyone for their support and willingness to work on the issues we have addressed this year. Two of these items still on the list from Midwinter. Number one and two are still here because it is still being worked and progress is being made but not to the point it can be taken off the list.

Number one issue is the conflict we have between the MCL By-Laws and Federal laws addressing the GEN 0995 Parent/Child organization we have today. The Board of Trustees must address the problem eliminating the noncompliance and operate within the Federal Law of the privilege of being a sanctioned non-profit organization. The Child parts of the body are operating illegally and is putting the organization at risk and could open the entire organization to law suits. Our current By-laws do not allow the BOT the tools to comply with Federal IRS guidelines for a 501-nonprofit organization.

Number two issue dealing with our financial records and reporting has not been an efficient operating entity. Our National 990 filings have not been completed in a timely manner and many cases having penalties for late filing. Corporate and Non-Profit Fiduciary responsibility belongs to Board of Trustees (BOT). The BOT being elected by the body must exercise the oversight and management responsibilities of the organization. Again, here our By-laws and Corporate business practices for financial responsibility conflict.

We are prepared to engage on the new Database when the budget for 2018 is approved. We will engage and start the final design and use one Division as the beta test before moving everyone onto the new database. This will require a change in the League philosophical approach to Responsibility, Accountability and Authority (RAA). The Individual member, Detachment, Department and National will have administration authority for input data. The major change is the flexibility this database will have allowing data from the online forms to go directly into fields after the proper approvals within the admin rights. All roster and reports can be downloaded as .csv files that can be converted to Excel or pdf formats. We will have a learning curve but the result will be beneficial to the League with the online self-help and training classes.

Department Commandants Council report form asked different questions regarding their needs, wants, dislikes and the results will be discussed and shared later.

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