

Highlights of SE Division Conference

22-23 March 2019

Charleston SC

3 Members from LA

PDC Dick Brandt, Department Commandant Ronnie Broussard, PDC David Martin

Auxiliary in Louisiana

The Auxiliary presently has 34 life members in LA. The National Division Vice President Carol Mazzara will attend the LA Department convention in the hope to reawaken the Auxiliary in LA.

Meeting

Johnny Baker

Vietnam Era Veterans Pin should be worn by every veteran who served July 1955-July 1975.

Vets 4 Warriors Barbara DiAngelo

Vets 4 Warriors organization has Veterans answering calls from Veterans suffering from PTSD 24/7

Contact information: 855-838-5255 vets4warriors.com

Commandants Council Report

Items Discussed 1) New detachments, 2) M4L Liaison, 3)Funeral Assistance, 4) Best/worst thing about Dept, 5) Chapter 9, Make sure the chain of command is followed.

Officer Reports

Boy Scout Liaison

438 Eagle Scout Awards presented.

Commandant

Sprint Phone device for hearing impaired available.

Use the fillable forms on the National Web site Library section.

Blazers will no longer be available from National order online from JC Penny.

RUST Insurance covers Paymaster and Commandant \$10K w/\$1K deductible.

Financial Review Committee should check bank documents monthly.

If you have a Sponsored event involving over 150 people call RUST.

Social Media fraud is not covered. Carefully monitor your local media for inappropriate posts.

Young Marines need more units.

M4L liaisons high priority.

71% of the youth are not qualified to enlist in Military

Scholarship

On 11 April the new scholarship form will be available. The deadline for filing is 15 July

Form must be signed by student, sponsor, Commandant, Paymaster. Sr. Vice, Judge Advocate may sign if commandant or Paymaster is related to candidate

Candidate is required to have a 3.0 GPA

This year's award was \$800

Student ID # is required,

Foundation needs donations

Marine 4 Life (Scott Westervelt)

- Aimed only at Marines recently leaving active duty
- There are 30K Marine/yr. leaving the Corps
- The USMC only has 4 full-time Regional Coordinators with 50 part-time Marine Reservists involved. There are 65K MCL members Involved
- "We need to be that person you needed when you left active duty"
- Connect with local hiring and VA

MCL M4L Structure

- Area Coordinator
 - Division Liaison
 - Dept Liaison
 - Detachment Liaison

The Detachment Liaison should

- Be enthusiastic and supportive
- Use social media
- Capable of hosting Network Event
- Know locations of VA Facilities

- Follow the chain of command
- Keep Scott up to date on active cases.

The program is designed for Transitioning Marines ONLY.

Timely Communications is critical

The Liaison should contact the Coordinator not wait for him to contact him/her.

The Transitioning Marine will contact the liaison. The liaison should not contact them. When contacted the liaison should let the MC Coordinator know.

National Commandant

SWOT Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats

The MCL has an IRS Deductibility Code of 1

National gave donation money to Wounded Warriors

Will be giving donation money to Dentistry Students

M4L is our number 1 program

Suicide Prevention is number 2

- Education and family support local knowledge
- Know who and how to contact Veteran Service Officers.

MCL members performed 10 K Funeral Honors

T4T - The MCL provides support to Reservists

National's Financials are getting under control. National has just finished the 2017 audit.

RUST is at the appropriate level. Let RUST decide if you need a rider when you host an event no matter what the size.

The Budget is going to completely redone and hopefully there be no future problems.

Future Conferences

Baton Rouge won the bid for 2021

Tutorial on new Transmittals

Members joining in July not need to renew for 14 months. There was discussion about why renewals didn't line up with fiscal year (no resolution)

Awards

Louisiana received the Award for the Highest percentage of increase in membership

Elections

- **National Division Vice Commandant** Archie Sweet was re-elected
- **National Division Assistant Vice Commandant** Butch Raynes was elected

Banquet

Marine of the Year (Carter Award) David Martin (St Mary's Detachment Louisiana) was named Division Marine of the Year.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Brandt