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*Always A Marine!*

**FROM: Richard L. Bollwerk, Commandant, Department of Missouri, MCL**

**TO: Detachment Commandants**

**DATE: 8 January 2007**

**RE: Department Information**

**Sir Commandants:**

Happy New Year 2007 ! It's hard to believe that the new year is here already. I guess that old saying is true, "time flies when you are having fun"! We had a lot of fun in 2006 - the Fall Conference in Cape Girardeau, the State Convention in St. Joseph, and the Fall Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. I'm sure 2007 will be an exciting year for the Marine Corps League in Missouri.

The purpose of this short memo is to provide a few reminders as we begin the new year.

- 1) Most of you have just finished participation in the Toys For Tots program. Please remember to complete your reports and submit them to the Foundation as required. Also, ask your TFT Coordinator to put a few numbers together so that you can report them at our Staff meeting in March.
  
2. One of the main initiatives at the Department level this year was to encourage the correct wearing of the Marine Corps League uniform. Each Commandant received a set of the revised uniform regs at the September Staff meeting. While most of the guidelines are being adhered to, there are still a couple of glaring mistakes being made when wearing the casual, red blazer uniform. I have observed a number of MCL members wearing DoD or MCL ribbons on their casual uniform. Chapter 11-05 of the National Bylaws clearly states that **NO RIBBONS OR MEDALS ARE WORN ON THE CASUAL UNIFORM**. Please advise your members of this and ask them to observe this regulation. The other common error I observe is wearing more than 2 lapel pins on the red blazer, or wearing unauthorized pins on the lapel. This regulation is spelled out in paragraph VIII of Chapter 11-05. Again, please ask your members to consult this section. You might want to have your Sgt. at Arms read

these two regulations at your next Detachment meeting.

My goal as Department Commandant is to have Missouri Marine Corps League members set the example for the Midwest Division. Missouri will be hosting the Spring Midwest Division Conference, and this will be an opportunity for us to show how the uniform is supposed to be worn. Thanks for your support on this effort.

- 3) In the coming months, many Detachments will begin the annual process of nominating and electing new officers. I want to encourage all Detachments to carefully follow their bylaws in conducting elections. In addition, please refer to the Department bylaws referring to the installation of new officers. I will be happy to conduct installation ceremonies for you, with the help of my other Department Officers. We simply ask for ample notice in order to work it into our schedules.
- 4) The new Department of Missouri web site is now online and accessible. We still have a few bugs in it and items to update. If you see that we have incorrect information regarding your Detachment, please email me with the correct information. Also, if you have a Detachment web site, send me the web address and it will be included on our site.

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- List of State Officers, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.
- List of current Detachment Commandants, addresses, phone numbers, and email.
- Information on Detachment meetings and locations.
- Download the Department Commandant's newsletters. (#1, #2, #3)
- Download the Department of Missouri Quarterly Newsletter
- Download registration forms for the Fall Midwest Division Conference and the Department Convention
- Download Report of Officer Installation form.
- List of Department of Missouri Auxiliary Officers, addresses, phone numbers, email.
- Download Minutes of September and December Staff Meetings.
- Photos of Department events
- List of Upcoming Events
- Links.

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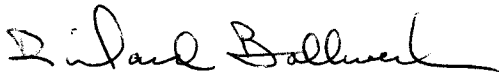
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