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To: Members of the Department of Florida
From: George LaMont, Department Commandant
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Please be sure to regularly visit your Department website www.mclfl.org. You will find it is updated with something new almost every day. In the very near future, information will be posted from the Morris Dixon Detachment #54 on how to register for the Spring Conference and Leadership School in Safety Harbor 5 – 8 April 2018. Please make your hotel reservations early to avoid having to stay at an overflow hotel which happens every time we visit Safety Harbor. It is not the fault of the hotel or the host Detachment, but rather due to waiting too long to make your reservation. Safety Harbor is a popular destination in the Spring and their rooms fill quickly.

I recently visited Marathon Florida and members of the Marathon Devil Dogs Detachment 1216 to finalize the vetting and disbursement of donations for hurricane recovery. Our members are rebuilding their lives and will make it, but they continue to need your moral support and prayers. Please keep them and all others throughout the Department that were impacted by the hurricane. We can only hope that it will be a long time before the next event. An after-action report is posted to the Department website.

Many of you are mobilized for Toys for Tots. Remember, it is not a Marine Corps League program but a Marine Corps Reserve program. We the Marine Corps League members are there to help and support our reservists in making for a nice Christmas for as many children as possible. Thank you for all you do in support of this very worthwhile project. Not only are you helping the children, but your efforts help the 4th Marine Division by allowing the staff more time for training and preparation to meet their mission should they be called for deployment.

Most of the Detachments will be or are in the process of election and installation of officers for the coming year. I encourage all Detachment officers to attend a Leadership School. Directors Mike Stewart and Tom Newton promise a revised curriculum in response to the many suggestions provided by your peers. Your success as an elected Detachment officer will be enhanced by your attendance and participation in the Leadership Program. One of the best benefits is meeting your peers and developing a network to share ideas.

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There will be a Department staff meeting during the early part of next year. If there is anything that you want your elected and appointed officers and staff to consider please be sure to send it to me so that I may include on the meeting agenda.

Proposed changes to our By-Laws must be read and published at the Spring Conference for consideration by the membership during the annual convention. If you desire any change in the By-Laws, please prepare a proposed amendment and submit it to Judge Advocate Cary Haerlin in accordance with the current By-Laws.

Thank you for all you do for your fellow members and veterans each and every day. Take a moment to pause and remember those of us who are ill and in need. I wish each of you, your families and friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Semper Fidelis,
George