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To: All members of the Department of Florida Marine Corps League  
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Subject: Quarterly Report

The second quarter of our fiscal year has been very busy for most of us throughout the Department of Florida. We had a very good fall conference in Palm Beach Gardens where our guest speaker held the audience breathless and tearful as he recounted his combat experience on a very personal level. I am sure that those in attendance will all agree that you missed a lot if you were not there, not to mention the opportunity to enter a raffle for a .45 Kimber.

Many of us participated in the numerous Veterans Day and 242<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Celebrations held all over the State. As your Commandant and your representative, I have the pleasure of being invited to more events than I can attend. Each event that I was able to attend was outstanding and it appears to me that everyone knows more about the Marines and the Marine Corps every year. This year I heard more happy birthdays from non-Marines than ever before. During a Veterans Day Parade, a little girl from one of the parade units came up to me and handed me a set of beads, nothing outstanding there as it is somewhat common. What really got my attention was when she said, "Thank you for your service and Happy Birthday Marine". That particular set of beads hangs on my rearview window as a reminder that the next generation is much better than we realize. They do care, and our future will be in good hands.

I am very appreciative of all that most of you do day-in and day-out for our fellow members, other veterans, and our communities. The Marine Corps League is small, but it does make a difference thanks to you the individual members!

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Your elected and appointed officers continue to work for you and strive to make your Marine Corps League better. Our biggest accomplishment this quarter was in raising funds to aid our members in need from the Marathon Devil Dog Detachment 1216 in the Florida Keys. Donations were received from across the nation, but so much came from here in Florida. I tried very hard to track who made donations but missed some. At one Detachment meeting money was being handed to me by the members from all sides at the same time. I could not even see the faces of some of the donors let alone record their names. If you are one of those donors, please do not feel slighted for not receiving a formal thank you as every cent of the donations helped to make a difference for your fellow members in need. An after-action report is posted on the Department web site for all to read. Please visit the web site on a regular basis to learn more about your Marine Corps League.

The next quarter is already looking to be very busy with District meetings, The Southeast Division Conference in Pidgeon Forge, TN, the National Mid-Winter Conference in VA, and our own Spring Conference and Leadership School in Safety Harbor 5 – 8 April. The members of the Morris Dixon Detachment #54 are hard at work for you to have an enjoyable and successful conference. Information for registration and hotel reservations will be posted to the web site in the very near future. Please register early to avoid having to stay at another hotel; Safety Harbor always fills up the room block quickly. I hope to see a great turnout of members there will be the first reading of some proposed By-Law changes.

In closing, I remind you to read the various officer reports and ask any questions you may have. All the elected and appointed staff are here to serve you the membership. Thank you for your continued support and all that you do in your Detachments. Stay the course!

Semper Fidelis,

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