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FEBRUARY 2018 MESSAGE

The Department Board of Trustees (BOT) will be meeting in Cocoa Beach on 10 February. The focus of the meeting will be looking ahead and preparing for the future of your Department. If you have a suggestion or idea that you would like considered, please communicate that to me or any one of the members of the BOT.

Scott Blair was recently appointed as the Department Social Media Coordinator. You will be hearing more from him in the weeks ahead and will be a source to assist your Detachment in developing a social media program to help in recruiting new members.

I was recently asked to serve on the Governors Council for the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to preserve and promulgate the history, traditions and culture of the Marine Corps and educate all Americans in its virtues; together with fund raising for the National Marine Corps Museum. One of my responsibilities is to participate in a quarterly phone conference. The first of my phone conferences was this past week. Most of the conversation came from Lt. Gen. Blackman, USMC (ret) the President and CEO of the Foundation. Some of the topics of the discussed included:

- the final phase of the Marine Corps Museum was completed April 2017;
- the MOH theater opened July 2017, currently showing “We the Marines” every hour;
- the “Combat Art Gallery” is now open;
- April 28th is the date for the annual Awards Dinner in Fredericksburg;
- the museum’s educational program is flourishing;
- and, the children’s gallery is now open.

I plan to visit the museum during my time at the Mid-Winter National conference the beginning of March and will bring informational flyers back for distribution during Department conferences/convention.

Information on registration for the spring conference is posted on the website. Please plan to attend and participate in the conference and the Leadership School. The format for the Leadership School has changed with more focus on “leadership”, a shorter day, and other changes as requested by past attendees. The members from Morris Dixon Detachment 54 promise a fun time in Safety Harbor!

Semper Fidelis,
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