

Marine Corps League District 11 DVC Report

From: Vice Commandant District 11 – Michael Segura

To: Commandant Department of Florida

Subject: 1st Quarter Report 2017

1. Correspondence:

All correspondence as directed by DOF Adjutant and Commandant has been forwarded to detachment commandants for dissemination.

2. Detachment visits:

August 3, 2017 - Malcolm B. Maclean Detachment 1144 in Deland

August 8, 2017 - Cpl Larry E. Smedley Detachment 064 in Orlando

August 9, 2017 - Tiger Mayberry Detachment 658 in Port Orange

Due to personal illness, I missed the August Flagler County Detachment 876 meeting this quarter but will be there in September. Our previous District 11 DVC and my current District 11 Assistant DVC Joe Kowalsky indicated it was a light meeting due to summer activities.

3. Items of Interest Discussed at Detachment Meetings:

- The Department of Florida Commandant George Lamont publishes a monthly message. I shared important items from the previous July and August Message. I requested that ongoing, this Monthly Message should be treated as Detachment correspondence at each monthly meeting. I'll follow up each month as the new message is published.
- Discussed Detachment Convention/Conference attendance of only about 2.5%. Spoke of the benefits of attending said events. Gave the Detachment a hard copy of the Winter Conference packet
- Spoke about the Department web site and the important information there.
- Spoke about the Department Scholarship Program and how it benefits our members. Urged the detachments to utilize it and to support it.
- Discussed the Department Mentorship program and spoke directly to each Jr. Vice Commandant regarding their role in Recruiting and Retention (R&R). Discussed types of events to consider that may assist R&R (bowling events, postal shooting matches, dessert or covered dish socials, Marine Corps Birthday Ball events, etc.)
- Spoke directly to Sr. Vice Commandant about utilizing Detachment and Department awards to recognize members and increase retention.

4. Events Organized and Attended this Quarter:

- July 1, 2017 - Attended the American Legion State Convention in support of Cpl. Larry Smedley Detachment 064 member and Sergeant at Arms Stephen Shuga being installed as American Legion State Commander.

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- August 11, 2017 - Hosted and attended MCL and Home Depot Team volunteer event for Marine Corps Veteran John Rogers. I initiated project, completed grant application and organized the event. Home Depot donated \$8800 of material and 350 man-hours (35 workers in a 10 hour day) to paint, fix, put new faucets, ceiling fans, lighting and more in house and yard. All hours and monies will be reported on VAVS. I have the 'before' and 'after' pictures, this event greatly impacted this veterans' quality of life.



- August 18, 2017 - Hosted and attended MCL and Home Depot Team follow-up for Marine Corps Veteran John Rogers. Additional 81 man-hours (9 workers in a 9 hour day) donated to finish project. All hours and monies will be reported on VAVS.
- August 21, 2017 - Attended VFW Banquet Hall dedication for Elmer 'Hawk' Hawkins, member of Maclean Detachment 1144. VFW banquet hall renamed in his honor. Presented a Distinguished Service Award on behalf of the Department of Florida.

