

Department Commandants Report for Mideast Conference

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1. What is your total unpaid members now compared to last year? **The numbers are very similar, only separated by a few. I will be working with the staff to address this matter.**

Has your total membership increased or decreased since last year? **Membership numbers have remained somewhat consistent. We have lost some but also gained some. With COVID restrictions lifting it does seem we are starting to see a small upkick in new members.**

Do your detachments mail a dues notice to the members? **Not all of them do. Most send email reminders and post on their web pages and social media.**

How are you reducing your total unpaid? **The Department Jr. Vice has been tasked with reaching out to Detachment leadership to try and address this issue.**

2. Have you elected and installed your department's officers. If not what date will you complete this? **All Department officers have been duly elected and installed.**
3. How many of your detachments have not submitted their financial information to National? **To my knowledge all Detachments except one or two have done so. One is currently working to get into compliance.**

4. Are you tracking professional development training in your detachments? **I have not.**

Does your department have a PDP team and have they conducted any training? **Currently we do not.**

5. Have you used a zoom or conference calls to stay in touch with your detachments? **Very few. I have participated in virtual meeting calls with 4 Detachments.**

Have they utilized one of these to contact their members? If so what has been the response. **To my knowledge there are 6 Detachments that have a virtual option for members to attend who are unable to travel, may be ill or homebound. Some have used this method for when they are away from home.**

6. Are your detachments using the MCL National Library site to ensure they use the proper forms for administration and filings? **All Detachments have been encouraged to use the National website and use the documents provided.**

7. Are they starting to work in the MCL National Database member portal to update their detachment records? **I do not have that information at this time.**

Have they viewed the national video 101 for guidance in implementing the updates via the portal site? I do not have that information at this time.

8. Have you worked in the atlas site? I have accessed it a few times.

What are your thoughts? I think it will be quite useful and will take some getting used to for our members.

9. Is your Department Board of Trustees proactive in working relationships with their counterparts in the detachments? IT is my goal to work on this. I have implemented a program with the DVC's to meet with the Detachment Commandants for their Districts to have discussions on League matters. The ones who have followed through report it as a great success.

10. Do you have a system to track every detachment ROI, IRS 990N or EZ, PLM audit, corporate reports, financial audits, and ceremonial rifle inspection and inventory? Our Department Compliance officer maintains these records.

11. What type of training would you like to see at the next conference? I do not have anything in mind at this time.

12. What ideas do you have to retain or recruit new members? We need to remind our Detachments to find any opportunity available in their communities to get out and be involved in community events. Street festivals,

parades, helping at local food pantries. Every community is different. But there are opportunities for MCL members to get out and be seen.