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To: Wendall Webb, National Commandant and CEO

Subject: 2019 Mid-Winter Report

Since my last report Southern Division has made a few improvements in Membership and growth, Implemented a Marine for Life program, and new Funeral honors education of the Honors SOP.

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Department of Arkansas held their Winter Conference in Conway Arkansas January the 19th, hosted by Dale W. Langford Detachment 1323. Their new By-Laws were presented for review by the Membership for their consideration and corrections, and to be voted on in June at the Departments 2019 Convention.

I would like to welcome and congratulate a new Detachment in the Department of Texas, the Lake Ray Hubbard Detachment 1465, was chartered on Saturday January 26th in Rowlett Texas, I was not able to attend because of a conflicting engagement, the Asst. Nat. vice Commandant David Niemann and Nat. Aid De Camp Lonnie Young however had attended.

Membership continues to improve in the Division, by the December 2018 Rosters there has been noticeable improvements in Oklahoma especially with a jump from 276 voting members to 305 a surplus of 29 members after three straight years of loses, good job marines, Arkansas and Texas have shown some improvement also, job well done everyone keep up the good work.

The Division has shown some growth with two new Detachments in Texas and they are 100% with both there IRS filings and Office Installation Reports. Arkansas also has 100% in this area as well. Oklahoma needs some work in this area. Total growth for the Division has been an improvement of 175 paid members and a reduction of unpaid by 236 unpaid members, over all a positive step forward.

Everyone in the Division has worked very hard to meet our goals and expect to continue in the following years to meet many new ones.

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