

# NORTHWEST DIVISION

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This report is a culmination of activities at Midwinter, from 28 February through 3 March, 2018. First off I can report that this was one of the most attended midwinters on record. A well-attended conference with around 300 attendees.

February 27<sup>th</sup> the budget committee met to finish preparing the midwinter budget. The process of the budget has changed. The budget will be used as a business budget with floor approval only at the National convention. This is one of the first years where the budget has been reconciled with quick books. A copy of the budget was sent to each Department Commandant and asked to be pushed out to you the membership. Please keep this to members only and if you didn't get a copy sent to you in an email, talk with your chain of command, it has been sent out by me.

Tim Toumey was on hand to thank the NWDIV for all of their support with special thanks to John Stoffel how was his beacon of hope. Gunny was always there tracking him and calling him when in range. Great job Gunny!

Warren Griffin our NJA reported he is here to help and working with Johnny Baker on the By-Laws rewrite. This will be ready for approval and posted on the National website. Get your by-Laws amendments in soon so they may be posted as well.

Johnny Baker the National Jr. Vice is working with the USMC to get us into the TAPS program to help in recruiting. Make sure your ROIs are accurate with updated contact emails.

COO Bob Borka talked about the Ceremonial Rifle program. Do your inventories on rifles from the program. They are property of the Army! HQs has 5 full time and 2 part time employees and they are working hard for you! If you are having membership issues contact JD Foster had he will help you! We have a new LED sign up at HQ that is very visible from the HYW. The website has a new link called the MCL library. Please go to get all of the forms, real time blogging and convention and Conference info. Bob and his wife have put a lot of time in this so go check it out at [mclnational.org](http://mclnational.org)

Young marines, Col Davis talked about the new CEO our very own Jeromy Jones is now at the helm. He will be greatly missed at the division level as well as at the Melvin M Smith detachment.

JD Foster from membership reports a new Transmittal is available on the website. He has included the partial year dues in there so no more changing out on Jan 1.

The ship store has requested more inventory to prevent running out and back order issues. New items are coming in as well as the ratchet belt will be coming back.

Dave Ossian National Chief of Staff reported on the Fire team concept. Great way to start a group of MCL Members without having 20 right off the bat. A local Detachment should support them.

National Commandant Wendell Webb talked about the new data base and issues in the beta testing. Those issues are being fixed and beta testing will start in the Midwest division and then rolled out in the next 60 days division by division. Not sure where we will be in the rotation. The IRS 990 must be up to date. I will go over this at your department conventions.

Dr. Betty Mosely Brown the president to the WMA is reporting great partnership with the MCL as they celebrate 100 years of the first Woman Marine!

LTGen Osman reports great numbers for Toys for Tots and the uptick the MCL will have due to the USMCR having a "Ready to Fight" role.

I presented my report as chairman for the National Funeral Honors committee and I will be talking with you about it at your department convention.

General Grey was in attendance again talking about the great state the USMC is in. Also our bond and commitment has never been better between the league and the USMC than it is right now.

LtGen McMillian was onboard to talk with us about funeral honors and is asking us for help. A force order was issued by him on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> that states all I7I staff to reach out the MCL for funeral help. We knew this was coming but now it was official. Please reach out to your I7I staff and let them know you are there to help. More on this at the department conventions.

I will address more at each department convention so this is most of the highlights. See you all in the coming months.

Please do hesitate to email me if you have questions!

Semper Fidelis

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