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To: Commandant Diana Henry
MCL Dept. of PA

From: Commandant Robert A. Sundling
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Re: Detachment Report 4th Quarter 2023

Sorry to be repetitive, but recruitment continues to be our primary problem. We gained two new members but lost three due to death or re-location. One of those was our Judge Advocate who is leaving the area and has decided he would no longer be attending meetings so he resigned. Ads and efforts to improve our public awareness have not resulted in new members. This attrition rate has sadly forced us to resign from our State Highway Clean-Up commitment.

Our efforts to improve public awareness have included our participation in the Wreaths Across America at our local cemetery along with other veterans' groups in the area.

We also participated in Toys for Tots via Marine Corps League sanctioning which has caused some problems with the local T4T run by our county USMC Reserve unit. However, we managed to place 10 boxes in local businesses and collected and delivered over 14 over-sized contractor's bags to two local church Christmas efforts.

Our Marine Corps Birthday Ball was well-attended due to our invitation to another Detachment (Patriot #1230). Our special guest was Capt. Madelyn Hunt, one of our members currently stationed in Bridgeport, CA – she was also our “youngest” Marine for the cake-cutting ceremony and the “oldest” was a member of the Patriot Detachment. Our Junior Vice, Sam DiValentino was our Marine of the Year and Peggy Sundling was our Associate of the Year.

We purchased a Detachment brick for The Veterans' Path of Honor at Post 210 American Legion, which is also our meeting location.

We fulfilled our Rose Program commitment due to a generous donation from one of our members which was supplemented by two others. This enabled us to present a \$1,000 check to the Doylestown Health Teen Volunteer Scholarship Fund.

We managed to purchase and/or sell two bundles of the Department Fundraising calendars.

We are hoping to have a better 2024 than this last year!!

Respectfully submitted,

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