

# Marine Corps League



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To: Richard D. Gore, Sr.  
National Commandant

### MIDWEST DIVISION REPORT 94<sup>TH</sup> National Convention

The Midwest Division in the past quarter has added two detachments, John M. Joyce Detachment, Minot, and Red River Raiders Detachment, Fargo, North Dakota. With the addition of the two new detachments North Dakota is in the process of forming a Department of North Dakota.

Nebraska reported they have applied for a Charter for Grand Island. Iowa requested a detachment started kit.

The Departments within the MWD. 06-30-2017

PLM	PAID	TOTAL PAID	UNPAID	% Unpaid
Iowa:				
359	189	548	136	24.8%
Kansas:				
209	170	379	58	15.3%
Minnesota:				
397	136	533	134	25.1%
Missouri:				
685	445	1,130	294	26%

North Dakota:					
28	111	141	13		9.2%
Nebraska:					
87	139	226	93		41.5%
South Dakota:					
166	102	268	37		13.8%
Midwest Division: 06-30-2017					
<b>1,931</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>765</b>		<b>23.9%</b>
Midwest Division: 06-30-2016					
<b>1,949</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>3,405</b>	<b>602</b>		<b>17.6%</b>

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***Difference:***

<b>+18</b>	<b>-197</b>	<b>-215</b>	<b>+163</b>		<b>+6.3%</b>
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MWD Notice of Death totals for 2016/2017 are unknown, for future accountability will be reported to National by Transmittal and indicated as (NOD) and kept for future reporting statics.

Number of members within the MWD under 50 currently stands at approximately 15 to 20%. Efforts are currently being made to improve this number. For the Marine Corps League to survive, young members must be recruited with retention a second priority. If younger members are not recruited, the Division will not survive, as the average age currently appears to be in its early to mid-70's.

Successful programs in use today to increase membership include shooting teams, events that include family members, informal get together and breakfast socials including children. The League needs a method to notify all Marines upon separation from active duty to invite them to join the League. We must utilize the new social media, Twitter, Facebook to reach younger potential members.

Contact all Members-at-Large and if not interested in rejoining a detachment at least have them join a Department, that would allow local contact and eventfully interest them to join a local detachment.

The Midwest Division recorded zero disciplinary actions.

Respectfully submitted,

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