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JUNE 2018 MESSAGE

June is here. It is one year since you elected me and the other Department Officers to serve you the members. We have been busy managing your Department. Disciplinary charges and the like have consumed a lot of time and effort that could be better served making a better tomorrow for the Department. Still, there has been some progress in moving forward and building on what has been so well accomplished by our predecessors. New ideas are always welcome and vetted to better serve the membership.

The 2018 Convention is just a few days away. The convention team has been busy all year planning and preparing for the 2018 Convention. It promises to be a little bit different than past conventions with a new location, a great program book, very nice raffle items, the MODD remembering the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Belleau Wood and much more. There will be some old friends in attendance, so make the effort to come out to Maitland for the 2018 Convention. Please take a moment to thank all those who serve on the Department staff and those that are working during the convention for you. They are volunteers spending their time to help make your convention the success you deserve.

June is also the beginning of hurricane season. Alberto, a named storm, is moving north from Cancun as I write this. It is not forecast to strengthen beyond a Tropical Storm but even that can cause some localized severe damage. As I am writing this, Governor Scott has declared a state of emergency for the storm as a precautionary time to prepare. One of my goals when elected as your Commandant was to establish a disaster relief fund to help you the members of the Department of Florida Marine Corps League. I said it might take a few years to get such a fund established. Well Hurricane Irma was the driving force to have the fund up and working within a few weeks. Many of you together with Marines from across the Nation contributed to the fund. More than \$30,000.00 was donated to assist in the recovery from the hurricane and subsequent flooding. Even now, many months after the storm, we continue to receive notice of members in need due to damage caused by the hurricane. There remains a little over \$3,000.00 in the fund. That is not nearly enough to help should there be another disaster to impact any of the members. TS Alberto could impact members of the Department of Florida and funds may be needed to assist them in their recovery. Please remember the disaster relief fund when considering fund raising efforts and how you or your Detachments, Pounds, and Units will donate. Donations may be sent to the Paymaster with a note designating such for the disaster relief fund.

Thank you for all you do for your fellow Marines, all veterans, and your communities,

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