



## *Semper Fi*

To: Department Commandant, John S. Rymer

From: Jim Ransom, North Central Area Vice

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Sir Commandant:

This past quarter many things happened in my Area that brought laughter and in one occasion tears.

I made visits to my Detachments which included Syracuse, Emerald, Tun Tavern, and LZ999. I passed on the decisions and topics that were discussed at the Staff meeting. Again, many Detachments still feel that they are not getting the full support from the Department level in regards to membership transmittals. I have assured them that things will get better and be patient.

I had the pleasure of being the MC at the LZ999 Birthday Ball with over 145 Marines, family and friends in attendance.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> I held my first Area Vice meeting at the Syracuse Detachment. I was pleased that I had over twenty Marines in attendance. The biggest issue of the meeting was "Why do the smaller Detachments have to incorporate". I explained the reason and a few were not totally satisfied. I feel we need to give a more defined answer. I discussed the issues from the October staff meeting and issues in our area.

I was asked to attend the presentation of a Bronze Star to the wife of a Marine killed in Iraq. The presentation was covered by the local media and over 150 people. The Bronze Star was presented by the Marines Company Commander. It was certainly a very tearful event.

On Veterans Day, I was the guest speaker at the local Elementary school where an assembly program was presented. It was a very gratifying experience.

Before the Holiday I installed the new officers at the Merton Kemp, Fulton Detachment. In conclusion, I feel that everything is going well in my Area and look forward to the remaining year. I have been blessed with a wonderful staff of Deputies and there dedication is second to none. I'm very lucky.

With that, I submit this report as complete and unadutied.

Respectfully submitted,

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