



Marines, friends, and esteemed guests,

It is with great pride that we gather once again to share knowledge, strengthen our bonds, and celebrate the dedication that defines us. If this is your first time attending, we extend a heartfelt welcome—your presence enriches our League, and we look forward to the fresh perspectives you bring. If you are returning, thank you for your continued trust and commitment; your engagement is the foundation of our collective success.

Whether this is your first or fifteenth time joining us, know that your participation is valued. This conference is more than an assembly—it is a testament to our shared mission, a forum for growth, and a time to honor the unwavering spirit of service. We promise to make your experience meaningful, impactful, and worth your time.

This year's conference would not be possible without the dedication and tireless efforts of your convention team, led by Chair Trisha Marsh and her exceptional colleagues. Their commitment to excellence and attention to detail ensure that this event is an enriching experience for all.

As you engage in the sessions and networking opportunities, please take a moment to express your gratitude to those working behind the scenes. Their passion and service make this gathering truly special, and your appreciation means the world to them.

As in years past, we have crafted an energetic and enriching schedule designed to provide opportunities for learning, leadership, and camaraderie. This conference is more than an event—it is an investment in the future of our Department and a chance to connect with fellow Marine Corps League members.

Throughout our time together, I encourage you to take full advantage of the sessions, discussions, and networking opportunities. Gain insights, strengthen relationships, and, most importantly, bring something valuable back to your Detachments. Share the knowledge, enthusiasm, and momentum from this conference with your fellow members, inspiring them to participate in future Department events.

Your Department Board of Trustees has been diligently working on your behalf, and I hope you will see the fruits of their labor reflected throughout this gathering. Their efforts are a testament to our collective commitment to growth and excellence.

Let's make the most of this conference—learn, engage, and celebrate our shared mission.

Semper Fi, John Gionet Commandant Marine Corps League Department of Florida