



National Headquarters

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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To: MCL VAVS Representative Richard Olsen
From: MCL National VAVS Deputy Rep. Jack Prosh

Subject: AJR Acknowledgment

Marine,

The reason for this letter is going to serve two purposes. One, I would like to personally **Thank You** for taking this Leadership Role as MCL Representative on your Facility's VAVS Committee and along with that, your dedication to our Veteran patients. Two, I would like to congratulate you on your Positive Annual Joint Review from the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System – Reno Chief of Voluntary Service, Stephanie Torian. You and the MCL Volunteers should all be proud of the positive effect you are having on this facility and its Veterans.

In looking over your review, I notice you mentioned that one of the goals you set is to recruit two (2) additional volunteers to support new assignments. Recruiting is the key to a sustained MCL Volunteer Staff. When you reach your goal, don't stop there. It is a well-known fact that none of us are going to live or stay healthy forever, so we always need to be looking for Marines willing to volunteer. That way if we have to cut back on our hours, take a vacation or even quit, another Marine will be there to carry on this much needed volunteer work you all are presently doing.

I see you have 3 volunteers and there is only one MCL unit in the VAMC area. Here are some ideas to help you recruit new volunteers. Give reports at your Detachment meetings with the information as to what is going on at your facility and letting the members know what your concerns are. Keep the volunteers in the loop going over this AJR with them. Your volunteers are a great source for recruiting also. Ask your Chief if she would make a Detachment meeting to talk about the VAVS Program. The more volunteers that you have, the more you can support the programs and needs for the patients.

And do not forget the **MARINE ROSE PROGRAM**, an excellent source of revenue to provide the donations needed to support those programs.

Marine Olsen in closing, please extend my thanks to all of the MCL Volunteers at the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System - Reno. Ask them to keep up their "GREAT" work. All of your dedication and selfless acts of kindness are certainly appreciated by our Veterans and your Marine Corps League.

Volunteers are seldom paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!

Semper Fi

Jack Prosh

Cc: E. Franz MCL National VAVS Rep.

"Once a Marine Always a Marine"