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ATTENTION TO ORDERS



I mentioned that this was coming in the last Newsletter and I didn't want to hold up the Newsletter nor did I want to let this go unnoticed. Therefore I am putting out this Special Edition, which we can do for any worthy event.

We are all members of service organizations, The Marine Corps League, other VSO organizations, Police, Fire Department, EMT's Nurses etc.. We serve to help others in need. We don't do it for awards and glory but because we want to help those in need from the community.

Since I have known him, Dave has always been about promoting the Marine Corps League, encouraging all of us to do better and reaching out to help others, and do not bring negativity into the picture. I think this is something that we can all aspire to. It is gratifying to know that he is being honored by his superiors and his peers at work. The ceremony took place today, June 22, 2023 at Starlight Square in Cambridge Massachusetts, I tried to get the written citation but was unable to procure it on-line. Back in the day, in our beloved Corps there used to be a ceremony, which usually began with Attention To Orders, and the reason for the award was read to everyone in attendance. I don't think this is a bad idea for the awards we give today. We give out Marine of the Year, Associate of the Year, Young Marine of the Year, what did they do, that warrants them getting that award.

Police Officers and Firemen do have situations where their lives are on the line, with all of us it comes down to putting the needs of the community above our own. I have said before that we do not go out and seek these awards and recognition, but it does define us as people who do have that goal to help others and those



who put the need of others above our own.

This seems to be more about volunteering than about Dave, but in reality it is about him. When Dave speaks about his New England Division he always refers to it as a family. If you have a problem he is there. This year at Mid Winter I had a problem with the hotel, part theirs, part mine and I stayed at another nearby hotel, he called me in the morning to see if I was ok there. At Mid Winter and National as we go through the speakers presenting their programs and needs, Dave makes repeated trips to the microphone to pledge money and support. I can't speak for others but it makes me proud to be part of that. He constantly looks to promote the Marine Corps League throughout every community and event we attend. I saw many events we attended last year, have a growing Marine Presence at each event on our way to a sea of Red Jackets.

If I were writing the citation for this award I would write, In recognition of his exceptional Public Service both as a Police Patrol Officer and a Marine Corps League member who as a member of this Veterans Service Organization serves the community in many capacities, is awarded The Ruth and Carl Barron Award for Patrol Officer of the Year. Awarded this 22 day of June 2023.

I ask that you join me in saying Congratulations to our own New England Division Vice Commandant Dave Porter. Sir we are Proud, Semper Fidelis Brother.

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