



DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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FALL CONFERENCE 2026

Dear Members,

This letter serves as official notification that the Fall Conference scheduled to take place in Lubbock, TX from October 8-10, 2026, has been cancelled. This was a difficult decision, but due to extremely low hotel reservations, and low registration numbers with just over 1 month to go, the Department Board of Trustees (BOT) and I have acted to be as fiscally responsible as possible.

This is not an issue with the hosting district's readiness, nor the Department, Auxiliary, or Pack Leadership. Our contract with the hotel required a specific and conservative block of hotel rooms, and a minimum Food and Beverage spend. Currently, there have been only 18 total rooms booked, 4 of which are the required rooms for Commandant, Auxiliary President, Pack Leader, and VIP. We need around 52 rooms to meet our commitment.

If we cancel after September 8, the 30-day window, we will owe over \$12,000 in rooms and additional penalties for Food and Beverage. By cancelling now, we will only owe \$1,600.

If you have already reserved a room, you must contact the hotel and make your cancellations. You should not have any penalty for this. Additionally, registrations and banquet tickets made on the website will be refunded.

We know it is difficult attending these events due to hotel costs, fuel, airfare, etc. However, we are required by our Bylaws (Section 603) to hold a Convention in June, and a Conference in October. We need membership to attend these events to be successful and to continue the business of the Department, please make every effort to attend, and reserve your rooms early.

The Board plans to meet on October 10 in a central location for our required in-person October (BOT) Meeting. We will provide a Webinar link for members to observe. We plan to provide a webinar for training soon.

Thank you for all the great work you do in your communities and for the League. We are here to support, so please contact us with any issues.

Semper Fidelis!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean P Downey", written over a horizontal line.

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