



Marine Corps League
Commandant Dennis A. Brockland

Fall Quarterly Meeting Minutes
18-September-2009

Chariot Restaurant, Hendersonville, NC
Host: Blue Ridge Detachment #848
Host Commandant: Charles Sherlin

Meeting called to order at the time of 1250; Commandant Brockland presiding.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Cmdt Brockland thanked the Chariot restaurant for their hospitality.
He read a motivational letter from his Chief of Staff, Pete Meletis, who could not be here today.

Meeting opened

The Color Guard advanced, posted the Colors and Assistant Sgt-at-Arms Ralph Farthing led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Billy Cochran led the meeting in the opening prayer.

Cmdt. Brockland asked the Host Detachment Commandant, Charles Sherlin, to address the membership. He welcomed and thanked everyone for attending today. He also thanked the Chariot Restaurant for all of their assistance in making this the best Department possible. He hopes that everyone enjoys their stay and gets the chance to enjoy the mountains as well.

Special Awards

At this time, Cmdt. Brockland had several awards that he wanted to hand out.

The first award was presented to Marine Leila A. Funderbunk of the PFC. Charles D. Hare Detachment #914. This was a Certificate of Appreciation given to her for all of the hard work she has done with her Detachment. She also just recently celebrated her 88th birthday.

The second Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Outer Banks Detachment #1264. Cmdt. Brockland had recently visited their Detachment and saw many good things happening in that area, as well as new Marines visiting their Detachment and also the possibility of two new Detachments starting up in that District as well.

The third Certificate of Appreciation went to Marine Durward Clarke of the Table Rock Detachment #1197. He recently passed away however the commitment that he had for the Marine Corps League allowed him to be recognized by his Detachment, as well as the department. His award was received by a member of the Table Rock Detachment.

Finally, he talked about the Veterans Homeless Stand-down that took place in Greensboro, NC the day before. There were over 160 volunteers there that day for the event. In particular, the Disaster Relief Unit was there too. They cooked and served over 1,000 meals (breakfast and lunch) that day for all of the volunteers and the Veterans that showed up for all of the free assistance that was available for them. A round of applause was given to the D.R.U. for all of their efforts there. Cmdt. Brockland was very impressed by this program and looks forward to it again next year.

2. Recognition of National Officers

- Newly Elected National Mideast Division Vice Commandant - Jim Tant
- Newly Elected Assistant Mideast Division Vice Commandant – Rudy Garcia (not present)
- National Marine of the Year 2006, Navy Cross recipient - Joe Blick (excused)
- National Marine of the Year 2001 & 50th Chief Devil Dog-George Barrows, Sr. (excused)
- National Mideast Division Aide-de-Camp - Bill Chapman (excused)
- National VAVS Officer - Jim Luther
- Mideast Division Webmaster - Jim Haslam (excused)

Recognition of the 2009 Department Marine/Woman of the Year

- Hank “Doc” Kaczmarek – Marine of the Year
- Katrina Avery – Woman of the Year (not present)

Recognition of Past Department Commandants

- All Past Department Commandants were recognized at this time.

Recognition of Guest(s) and Invitation to address the membership

- **North Carolina Worthy Pack Leader – PDD Richard Rust**
Richard stated that this was a Detachment he was a part of for a couple of years before moving. PDD Rust stated that he has been appointed as the Kennel Liaison between the Chief Devil Dog and the 2010 National MCL Convention. There will be a NC Pack Growl at the Winter Quarterly meeting. Date and times to be announced at a later date. A new Pound is forming and expected to Charter soon in the Rocky Mount area.

3. Recognition & Representation of Newest/Upcoming Detachments

New NC Detachments

Mountaineer Detachment #1320; Cmdt. Dennis Ray
Hampstead Detachment #1321; Cmdt. Donald Tancredi
Surry County Detachment #1322; Cmdt. Troy Poindexter
Northwest Triad Detachment #1314; Cmdt. Joe Vodenichar

Forming Detachments

Dunn, NC – Working on the Charter paperwork at this time.

Also working on Detachments in Buckstown, Goldsboro and Columbia.

4. Roll call

Department Officers

PRESENT- Dennis Brockland (Commandant), John Grindel (Sr. Vice Commandant), Wallace Darling (Jr. Vice Commandant), Russell Becker (Judge Advocate), Ralph Farthing (Assistant Sgt-at-Arms), Billy Cochran (Chaplain), John Harding (Sgt-at-Arms), Bob Learn (Paymaster), Bill Dowdle (Toys for Tots Coordinator), Charles Sherlin (VAVS Service Officer), and Danny Bracken (Professional Development), Don White (Historian), Bruce Rakfeldt (Adjutant).

Absent or excused - John Harding (Sgt-at-Arms), Jack Petrarca (Jr. Past Commandant), Pete Meletis (Chief of Staff), Steve Wilson (Aide-de-Camp), Patricia Winsett (Public Relations), Jim Haslam (Young Marines Service Officer & Dept & Mideast Webmaster), Kevin Rumsey (Eagle Scout Coordinator), Steve Winsett (Legislative Officer), Ed White (Professional Development).

District Vice Commandants

West District-Greg Hunt

Northwest District – Bob Vess

Midwest District-Hank ‘Doc’ Kaczmarek

Northcentral District – “Arbe” Arbelaez

Southcentral – Ed Luisa

Northeast District – Vince Tesoro (Excused)

South District – OPEN

Southeast District – George Barrows (Excused)

Northeast District – Ron Cooper

East District - Doug Wendling

Detachment Attendance

#257 John V. Berg (0), #260 Greater Greensboro (4), #262 Onslow County (0), #733 Tar Heel (0), #750 Charlotte (4), #789 Rockwell [Inactive](0), #848 Blue Ridge (11), #872 Eno River (0), #914 PFC Charles D. Hare (4), #973 Smoky Mountain (3), #983 Shawn Knisley (0), #1001 Sand Hills Area (0), #1005 Central Brunswick County (0), #1011 Cherokee (0), #1021 Stanly County (0), #1024 Roanoke Rapids (0), #1036 Carolina Borders (1), #1067 Cherry Point (0), #1070 Cape Fear (0), #1075 Percy John Fulton (0), #1096 Gen. A. Hal Turnage (1), #1097 Iredell County (2), #1103 Davidson County (1), #1162 Gen. Raymond G. Davis (6), #1163 Catawba Valley (2), #1164 NC Foothills (1), #1165 Cpl Johnny A. Williamson (0), #1175 Cabarrus (0), #1186 Down East (1), #1187 Brushy Mountain (0), #1193 PFC Terry C. Smith (0), #1197 Table Rock (6), #1208 John E. Ferguson (0), #1209 Lcpl. Alan D. Lam (5), #1221 Cpl. Chris S. Ebert (5), #1222 Sgt. Doug Myers (0), #1223 Sanford (0), #1232 PFC Jerry L. McKinney (0), #1236 Carry-On (1), #1242 PFC Bruce Larson (1), #1252 Richmond Leathernecks (0), #1257 Air, Land, NC (0), #1258 Albemarle (0), #1262 Tri-County (4), #1264 Outer Banks (1), #1265 Cpt. Jeb F. Seagle (2), #1266 Mt. Mitchell (0), #1276 Gold Leaf (1), #1279 Columbus County (0), #1292 Orange County Regulators (0), #1298 Walter Frank Osborne Jr. (0), #1314 Northwest Triad (0), Mountaineer #1320 (0), Hampstead #1321 (0), Surry County #1322 (1)

(In total, 68 members present; represented by 23 Detachments)

5. Report of Officers

Adjutant's Report - Copies of the Department Convention minutes from 13-June-2009 were distributed via the Department Website and E-mail. In the interest of time, a motion to approve the minutes as written was passed, voted on and accepted.

Every Detachment has been doing a great job keeping the Adjutant updated on new e-mail addresses for the Detachment Cmdts and Adjutant/Paymasters. This allows information from the Department to get to every Detachment in a timely manner.

Finally, Bruce discussed the open Department position that needs to be filled for a Department Assistant Adjutant. Every Detachment has been e-mailed a copy of the job responsibilities for the position and any DoNC MCL member interested in the position can fill out a position interest form and turn it into the Department Adjutant for consideration.

Paymaster's Report – Cash brought forward (checking account) from the last report was \$639.50. We have taken in \$3,077 and paid out \$3699.42, for a current balance, as of 18-Sep-09, of \$17.18. The money market fund consists of \$10,147.77. Interest earned on that amount was \$3.73. The money market balance as of 31-Aug-09 is \$10,151.50. Total cash on hand totals \$10,168.68. Detailed information was projected and gone over by the Paymaster to the membership. A motion from the Floor was asked for by Cmdt Brockland to accept the report as written. It was passed, voted on and accepted.

Annuities (LIFE membership monies) for each Detachment, per the By-Laws, certification sent to each Detachment ,dated 30-June of each year, must be verified by your Paymaster and Commandant, signed and forwarded on to the Department Paymaster. Once received, the paperwork is noted and forwarded on to National. This all **MUST** be done by 31-December of each year.

Chaplain's Report; Billy O. Cochran – There were 15 Notices of Death reported for the period of 6/14/09 –9/17/09:

LCpl. Alan D. Lam Det. #1209: Thomas C. Allen; 9/20/08
PFC. Terry C. Smith Det. #1193: Tony Barker; 3/20/09
Davidson County #1103: Chris Smith; 2/24/09
Davidson County #1103: H. E. Foley; 5/25/09
Central Brunswick County # 1005: Paul R. Ferguson; 6/15/09
Davidson County #1103: James R. Bowen 7/1/09
Cape Fear Detachment #1070: Wilson. L Peck; 6/22/09
PFC. Jerry L. McKinney #1232: Carl D. Ethridge; 7/1/09
Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson #1165: Jimmy H. McGinnis; 4/28/08
Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson #1165: Earl J. Doss; 6/19/09
Greater Greensboro Detachment #260: Mary C. Necko; 6/15/09
Sanford Detachment #1223: Henry D. Connelly; 8/1/09
PFC. Terry C. Smith Det. #1193: Gordon Dillon; 6/15/09
Brushy Mountain Detachment #1187: Allen C. Johnson; 8/16/09
Eno River Detachment #782: Guy C. Jeffrey; 6/14/09

A standing moment of silence was given in the memory of all of these Marines that passed away.

Chaplain Cochran reiterated one of his primary goals as Department Chaplain. He is determined to ensure that there is closure on every Marine Corps League Member that is called to muster by the Supreme Commandant. He wants to make sure that every Detachment submits a Notice of Death form for every Member that passes away in the Department of North Carolina. This should

be done as soon as possible, but preferably no later than 30 days after the passing of the Marine Corps League Member. Once he receives that form, he can have that Member removed from the National rolls and he can send out a condolence card and letter to that deceased Marine's family. Chaplain Cochran has prepared a customized condolence card that not only speaks on behalf of the Chaplain of the DoNC, but on behalf of every Member of the DoNC.

District Vice Commandant Reports

West District – Greg Hunt; he has met with 3 of his 4 District Detachments. He has created a tri-fold recruitment brochure to hand out to prospective members in law enforcement and to Counties that don't have Detachments yet. He has set up MCL advertisements with the non-profit sections of area County newspapers as well. He has a meeting set up for 26-Sep in an area County that does not currently have a MCL Detachment and hopes to start forming one there. He is also working on a 'Recruitment Day' where a table will be set up at some of the shopping areas displaying MCL information, pictures, etc. He suggests that all Detachments create some sort of recruiting brochure as well. It goes a long way with educating a prospective member on what the League is about. He has traveled 526 miles this past quarter.

Northwest District – Bob Vess; has visited two Detachments this past quarter and has kept in contact with his others via e-mail. He's speaking with a Marine in McDowell County and hopes to start a new Detachment out there. Travel mileage was minimal this period so it was not recorded.

Midwest District - Hank "Doc" Kaczmarek; he has visited the Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Detachment, Gen. Raymond G. Davis Detachment, Catawba Valley Detachment, Table Rock Detachment and Mountaineer Detachment with newly appointed DVC Bob Vess to introduce him as their new DVC. He is working on a Detachment in Alexander County. He has just finished up his second DVC training class, earlier this morning, to the NC West DVC's, whereas he held the NC East DVC training class back on 29-August in Kinston, NC. He is developing a health related committee that will involve the assistance of FMF Corpsmen that are in the Detachments to get the word out. This program still needs to be approved by the Department Commandant and is currently being tested out in his own Detachment. He received his 2010 Convention raffle tickets on 26-August and handed out to every one of his Detachments. He is also working on a District Detachment Cmdt's meeting so that they can all get together and discuss what they have been doing and to share ideas amongst themselves. He has traveled 400 miles this past quarter.

North central District – "Arbe" Arbelaez; he visited six Detachments in July, three in August and five in September. He is actively involved with the National MCL committee and has been attending those meetings monthly in Greensboro and also heavily involved with the Toys for tots program. To date, he has traveled 2,014 miles.

South central – Ed Luisa; he visited the Stanly County Detachment #1021 and celebrated their 10th anniversary. He also visited the PFC. Charles D. Hare Detachment #914 and went over the awards program, the Charlotte Detachment #750 where a presentation of the Young Marines program was given and it was found out that they actually have a Charter for this program and get now get actively involved with it. He discussed the D.R.U.'s involvement with the Greensboro Veterans Stand-Down. They assisted over 200 homeless Vets from haircuts, to feeding them, to providing medical assistance and clothing. It was a great program to be involved in. On a side note, Bob Griffin has been sworn in recently as the new President of the D.R.U. Congratulations go out to Bob with his new position.

Northeast District – Vince Tesoro; excused from this meeting. His report was read by Melvin Wolfe, a member of Vince's Detachment. He visited the Gold Leaf Detachment #1276, Tri-County Detachment #1262, Roanoke Rapids Detachment #1024, which is somewhat inactive and being worked with to get back up to 100%. He is working on a new Detachment in Harnett County. Toys for Tots is becoming very busy as well in his District. He encourages every Detachment to get more involved with their communities.

South District – Open position; no report given at this time. The Department Commandant is currently talking with two different Marines to possibly fill this position.

Southeast District – George Barrows; excused from this meeting. His DVC report has been properly filed with the Department Commandant and Adjutant.

Northeast District – Ron Cooper; Down East Detachment #1186 is doing well (his home Detachment). Goldsboro has been hit with some challenges and has slowed its pace down slightly, however he is still working hard on getting a Detachment up and running there.

East District - Doug Wendling; he represents the Outer Banks Detachment #1264 and Albemarle Detachment #1258. Both are doing well and working on Toys for Tots. He is currently working on two new Detachments; one in Tyrrell County and the other in Dare County.

(First break, 15 minutes)

Commandant Brockland – The Cmdt. introduced the new Department Historian, Don White, and asked him to come forward and give his report.

Historian Report – Don White; Don thanked the Department for this opportunity to serve as Historian and reported on two ongoing projects that he has taken over. They are:

1. He is in need of every Detachments actual Charter date. This is the date that is written on the Detachment Charter itself, not the date you had your Chartering ceremony. This will help the Department in knowing the anniversaries and milestones that each Detachment has achieved.
2. He is collecting all the names (and Pictures) of former Department Marine of the Year recipients and the Detachment names and numbers of those Marines when they received their MOY award. This information will be updated and posted on the Department website.

All of the above information can be forwarded to Don White at MCLHistorian1209@Hughes.net. He will also be putting together scrap books of pictures and articles for display at each Quarterly meeting, as well as forwarding all of the pictures he takes onto the Department Webmaster to upload to the Department website.

Cmdt. Brockland stated that he did make a report at the National Convention in Rochester, MN. This is the same report that he read to us at the Department Convention. The report was very well received. He discussed and displayed the 'after-action' report filed from the 2009 DoNC Convention and the Quarterly report that every Detachment is asked to fill out for each Department meeting. He brought 35 copied of his compiled reports as hand-outs for anyone interested in them and they were all gone within 10 minutes. There were nine MCL DoNC members in attendance at the National Convention. Our former Mideast Division National Vice Commandant, Juan "Chief" Graciano, was recognized for all of this work with a plaque and certificate for the dedication he gave to our Division. All in all, he thoroughly enjoyed his time out there and was able to talk with many Department Commandants. A lot of great information was traded back and forth.

Please keep visiting the Department website at www.NCMCL.org. The news center website is www.NCMCL.net. There is a lot of information on these sites for every Detachment to read.

At this time, Cmdt. Brockland had some awards to pass out to members that were not at the 2009 Department of North Carolina Convention:

- Certificate of Appreciation to James Tant for being a Department of North Carolina Officer for the 2008-2009 year.
- Distinguished Service Award to Dick Camery for being the Public Relations Officer for the Department of North Carolina.

Senior Vice Commandant John Grindel – He reported on the 2010 National Convention tickets that each DVC passed out to their respective Detachments. He feels that this program will be a good fundraiser and asks that every Detachment do their best to sell them. He also discussed the need to get the delinquent members paid up. Visit these members and let them know their dues are needed for them to continue being an active part of the League.

Junior Vice Commandant Wallace Darling – As of 30-June, we had 2,748 members in the League. 50% are paid up, 35% (952) are LIFE members. There are currently 424 unpaid members (15%) as of this issuance of this quarterly roster. He stresses the importance, as the Sr. Vice did, to get these members back on board and actively involved again.

Judge Advocate Russell Becker – Every active Detachment has submitted a set of By-laws and have all been approved. The only Detachments without By-laws are the recently Chartered ones and he will discuss how to get those created and approved with those Detachments at a later time. Russell also discussed several 'house cleaning' items that were not able to be addressed at the DoNC Convention in June or where the National By-laws have changed and the Department must change their By-laws as well to mirror those National changes. Many of these were simply typos in spelling or incorrect grammar used. He passed out hardcopies to many of the members at the meeting to read along as he went over them. A copy of the adopted changes are attached to the end of these minutes.

There are several additional items that were not discussed/covered at this meeting. These were motioned and approved by the membership to move them to the Winter Quarterly meeting to continue discussions on; time permitting.

6. Report of Project Leaders and/or Committees

Toys for Tots; Bill Dowdle – Bill let everyone know that another year for Toys for Tots is getting ready to start up. If you don't have a Toys for Tots Coordinator in your Detachment, and you want to start a Toys for Tots program, contact him and he will get you the information you need to get one of your members set up as a Coordinator. He challenges every Detachment to find one Family in your County to adopt for the Christmas season and to donate them everything they need to have a great Christmas; from a tree, to presents to a nice home dinner.

VAVS; Charles Sherlin – As of this past quarter, the Department has accumulated 1,881 volunteer hours submitted by 10 reporting Detachments. There are five other Detachments that have yet to report their hours, so this number should be much larger. Charles made everyone aware that every military funeral that each Detachment performs counts as VAVS hours as well. This is counted as hours per member at the funeral. If there are 10 members involved in the funeral for three hours, then 30 VAVS hours can be recorded for that funeral. If you have any further questions on how to submit your VAVS hours, please contact Charles for assistance.

2010 National Convention; Danny Bracken – Danny thanked the Dept. Cmdt and the DVC's for their help in taking over the tickets for the 2010 raffle. The website for the Convention is www.mcl2010.org. Soon, there will be a calendar of events listed on the website for the Convention. This includes Guest Speakers, entertainment, etc. Ad book media kits are available so that each Detachment can submit an ad for the National Convention book. He is expecting this to be a Convention never seen before and one to be remembered for a long time to come.

Cmdt. Brockland stated that he has attended several of Danny's National Convention meetings and assures that a lot of good work is going on at them.

(Second, 10 minutes)

Awards - Cmdt Brockland handed out awards and certificates that were given out at the National Convention.

- General Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162 received the first place award for Detachments 50-100 members in recruitment. They received a plaque and a certificate for their achievement.
- Davidson County Detachment #1103 received a Distinguished Service Award signed by the National VAVS Representative and National Commandant.
- Detachments exceeding the prior year's membership received a Certificate of Appreciation and a streamer to hang on their Colors. Those Detachments were the Table Rock Detachment #1197, General Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162, John V. Berg Detachment #257, Hampstead Detachment #1321, Mountaineer Detachment #1320, Northwest Triad Detachment #1314, Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298, Air, Land NC Detachment #1257, PFC. Bruce Larson Detachment #1242, Carry-On Detachment #1236, Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221, PFC. Terry C. Smith Detachment #1193, Down East Detachment #1186, Cabarrus Detachment #1175, Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165, NC Foothills Detachment #1164, Davidson County Detachment #1103, Iredell County Detachment #1097, Gen. A. Hal Turnage Detachment #1096, Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075, Carolina Borders Detachment #1036, Brunswick County Detachment #1005, Cherokee Detachment #1011, Sandhills Area Detachment #1001, Onslow Detachment County Detachment #262 and Greater Greensboro Detachment #262.
- The Greater Greensboro Detachment #262 won third place in the National newsletter completion. The following Detachments were recognized for their newsletter submissions; Tar Heel Detachment #733, Table Rock Detachment #1197, Cape Fear Detachment #1070 and Air, Land NC Detachment #1257.
- Two awards were given to the Department of North Carolina; A Distinguished Service Award and the National Jr. Vice Commandant Citation for exceeding our membership from the prior year.
- James Luther received the National Jr. Vice Commandant Citation for recruiting nine members into the Marine Corps League.
- The Blue Ridge Detachment #848 will also receive an award for accumulated VAVS hours over the past year. This award will be presented after National prints and mails it to the Department.

Cmdt. Brockland is very proud of all of the awards received from National to Detachments and members within North Carolina.

Quarterly reports from Detachments and DVC's are being received in a timely manner. The Cmdt. reads every report and responds back to every Detachment pertaining to any information in them that needs attention or should be recognized.

7. New Business

Upcoming Quarterly meetings:

Winter quarterly meeting – Tentatively hosted by the Gen. A. Hal Turnage Detachment #1096 at the Salisbury V.A. Hospital. This 'may' not happen due to the Hospital doing renovations in the area where we would meet at. If this location is not available, the Greater Greensboro Detachment #260 will host the meeting in Greensboro. Cmdt. Brockland would like to make the Hospital the future, traditional Winter Quarterly meeting location if possible.

Spring quarterly meeting - Hosted by the Carolina Borders Detachment #1036; 10-April-2010

2010 DoNC Convention – Hosted by the Tar Heel Detachment #733; 12 through 13-June-10

8. Good of the League

Andy Adretta, Commandant of the PFC. Bruce Larson Detachment #1242, discussed a program that their Detachment is involved in. About 2 ½ years ago, he came across a group of homeless Veterans in Charlotte. They have made it a point to do some fundraising for them, and WITH them and have so far collected over \$3,000. Three of them now have jobs and one has even joined this Detachment. He asks that every Detachment look for a program that helps homeless Veterans and to get involved with them.

Jr. Vice Cmdt. Jeff Brown, of the LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209, updated the membership on how the ASYMCA Backdoor Boutique program is doing. They will be moving to a new location in Tarawa Terrace Two. Their current building was condemned due to black mold and \$80,000 worth of merchandise had to be discarded due to the black mold. If there are any donations that any Detachments can make for food, clothing, money or [Wal-Mart] gift cards, please notify him through the Detachment. He also stated that he has a PowerPoint presentation about the Backdoor Boutique and will forward that on to any Detachment who may want it for more information on that program.

DVC "Doc" Kaczmarek discussed a health advisory memo that he passed out earlier in the day. It pertains to mesothelioma. He wants to start discussing certain health advisory concerns at each Quarterly meeting. He suggests that each Detachment look at recruiting a FMF Corpsman into their Detachments to help them get the advice they need for a continued, long and healthy life.

Adjutant Bruce Rakfeldt discussed a project that he and "Doc" Kaczmarek are working on for the Department Marine of the Year program. It will be an approved 'shell' package that will be downloadable from the DoNC website so that that when a Detachment is ready to fill out a package on a deserving MCL member, they can know that if they use this package; they will be assured it will meet all of the DoNC Administrative Procedures for submitting a package. The expectation is to have it available by the Winter Quarterly meeting. More will be discussed then.

10. Announcements

29-Sep through Oct-01 will be the 'Modern Day Marine Expo' at Quantico. Please visit this if you have the opportunity.

28-Sep; the National Board of Trustees will meet. If you have any issues for discussion, please see Mideast Division National Vice Commandant Jim Tant.

11. Closing of Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 1622.

Singing of the Marines Hymn and retiring of the Colors

50/50 raffle and prize drawings

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce R. Rakfeldt
Adjutant
Department of North Carolina
Marine Corps League

Changes to the Department of North Carolina By-Laws which were Adopted

1. Article One: Section 103: Convention Registration Fee

Currently, the fee is \$5. The suggestion has been made to raise it to \$10 in order to upgrade for better convention locations and to help the host detachment.

Change to: "The registration fee for all members and guests attending the Department convention shall be \$10."

2. Article Four: Section 400: By-Laws

Currently, this section provides for approval of Departmental By-Laws by the National Judge Advocate. . . . A change is proposed to set forth what actually takes place in that the Department Judge Advocate reviews and approves By-Laws and changes prior to submission to the National Judge Advocate. The third sentence would read:

“. . . provided they have been approved by the Department Judge Advocate and subsequently by the National Judge Advocate, and provided further, . . .

3. Article Four: Section 410: Meetings

As a follow-up to the Departmental Conventions and to be consistent with Chapter 4, Section 405 of the National By-Laws, add after the first sentence:

"A report of Installation of Officers will be forwarded to National no later than July 31 annually."

4. Article Five: Section 560(a)(3): Voluntary Surrender

Currently, the word "affective" is used. The spelling of the word should be corrected to "effective."

5. Article Five: Section 560

An error exists in the listing of Title 10 United States code, Section 25772, which should read:

"2572"

6. **Article Six: Section 600: Membership**

In accordance with a recent change to National By-Laws, a definition of “Honorable” service or discharge should be added. Proposed language would be:

“ ‘Honorable Service’ will be defined by the last DD214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received.”

7. **Article 605(a): Membership Application**

The current 605 is outdated due to a recent National By-Law change. This section should have the same verbiage as stated in National By-Laws, Article Six, Section 605(a). [For brevity purposes, I have not reprinted the entire paragraph. Please review the National By-Laws to determine whether you think that the Department needs to reiterate the entire paragraph.]

8. **Article Seven: Section 720: Employee Identification Numbers**

Because of changes electronic IRS filing requirements, it has been recommended that another paragraph be added as 720(a) such that:

“(a) Pursuant to the electronic filing requirement of the IRS, all detachments which must file a tax return shall do so no later than four (4) months and fifteen (15) days following the close of their fiscal year, which is June 30. If filing is not done for three (3) consecutive years, the detachment is subject to losing its non-profit status.”

Consistent with the subject of the heading, an addition of “**and tax filing requirements**” should be added.

9. **Article Eight: Section 820: Dissolution**

To make this section consistent with Section 430 of the National By-Laws, all of the current words following: “Should this Organization be dissolved, all funds, property and assets of the Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League shall. . .” should be omitted. In the place of the current paragraph’s ending should be:

“shall revert to National Headquarters, Marine Corps League.”