

Marine Corps League Department of North Carolina



Minutes of The Quarterly Meeting – Spring Quarter 19 March 2016

Hosted by: Greater Greensboro #260

Host Commandant: Alan G. Atwell, Sr.

**Presided by: Commandant Charles Minton
Department of North Carolina
Marine Corps League**

Meeting start time: 0930

Meeting Location: Holiday Inn Airport

Host Contact: Chuck Stotz

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09:30 – 12:00 Business Session

Opening Remarks by Department Commandant Charles Minton

- Meeting called to order at 0930 hrs.
- Posting of Colors by The General Nathaniel Gray Young Marines.
- Posting of Colors called for by Sgt-at-Arms, Ralph Farthing.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Sgt-at-Arms, Ralph Farthing.
- Chaplain Bill Boyd opens the bible and leads the invocation as per Ritual.
- The meeting was dedicated to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, and Associates that have received PCS Orders to stand guard at the entrance to the Supreme Commandants residence.

COA for color guard.

- Color Guard was requested to advance in preparation for acceptance of a Certificate of Appreciation.
- Certificate of Appreciation presented to The General Nathaniel Gray Young Marines by the DoNC Commandant, Charles Minton.
- Sgt. At Arms, Ralph Farthing, requests a breach in protocol to allow the Regimental Commander of the Young Marines Program of the Marine Corps League, Greg Ross to address the membership. An overview of the North Carolina Regiments was given with particular attention to their fight against drugs, teen suicide and bullying. They have received a National award for their efforts. 355 Young Marine in North Carolina.
- From the floor: Detachment 750 has four Young Marines who have aged out and will be going into the Marine Corps.
- Sgt. At Arms acknowledges that George Barrows initiated the Young Marines Program fourteen years ago.

Welcome remarks-

- Thanks and remarks to Host Detachment: Greater Greensboro Detachment #260 and Commandant Allen Atwell who was not able to attend.
- Chuck Stotz and Roger Stockton called forward for opening remarks.
- Carolina Field of Honor and housekeeping arrangements were discussed

Recognition of National Officer's & National Marines of the Year

- National Marine of the Year 2006 & Navy Cross recipient, not present, Joe Blick was acknowledged.
- National Marine of the Year 2001 & 50th Chief Devil Dog, George Barrows, Sr. was acknowledged.

- Mideast Division Assistant Vice Commandant Bruce Rakfeldt was acknowledged.
- National Assistant & Mideast Division Sgt-at-Arms and Uniform Committee for National, Jeffrey Jones was acknowledged.
- National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms - Charles Minton

Recognition of the Department Marine/Woman of the Year

- 2015 Department Marine of the Year Sherry Trevinno of the Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Detachment was recognized.
- There was no 2015 Department Woman of the Year awarded.
- Commandants asks that all past MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized.

Recognition of Past Department Commandants

- Jr. Past Department Commandant Gregory Hunt, not present. Bruce Rakfeldt thanked for his assistance over the past year.
- All of the remaining Past Department Commandants were to stand and be recognized.

Recognition of Guests and Invitation to address the membership

- MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader PDD Terry Hightower, not present, was acknowledged.

Roll Call of the Department Officers by the Adjutant

- Commandant – Charles Minton
- Sr. Vice Commandant - Jeffrey Jones
- Jr. Vice Commandant – Howard Boyd
- Judge Advocate – Scott Shermeyer
- Jr. Past Commandant – Gregory Hunt*
- Chief of Staff – John Staley
- Aide-De-Camp- John Dilday
- Chaplain – Bill Boyd
- Assistant Chaplain- Jeff Andre
- Sgt.-at-Arms - Ralph Farthing
- Paymaster – James Cox
- Young Marines Service Officer – Ralph Farthing
- Asst. Young Marines Service Officer- Vacant
- Toys For Tots Coordinator – Larry Hill*
- VAVS Service Officer – Ken Parker*
- Legislative Officer – Vacant
- Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
- Web Sergeant- Robbie Savage
- Eagle Scout Coordinator – Larry Hill*
- Assistant Eagle Scout Coordinator- Vacant
- Adjutant – Rick Thomason
- Assistant Adjutant– Scott Shermeyer

- Historian - Greg Ciesielski

*Denotes the individual was not present at time of roll call

District Vice Commandants

NC West DVC's

1. West District – David Jackson
2. Northwest District – Chuck Wright
3. Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
4. Northcentral District – Chuck Stotz
5. Central District – Joe Vodenichar
6. Southcentral – Denny Mathias*

NC East DVC's

7. North District – John Staley
8. Northeast District – Bryan Balow*
9. South District – Richard Rust*
10. Southeast District – Owen Smith*
11. East District – Steve Tracy

*Denotes the individual was not present at time of roll call

Roll Call of Detachments (By the Adjutant)

1. John V. Berg Detachment #257 (Kinston)
2. Greater Greensboro Detachment #260 (Greensboro)
3. Onslow County Detachment #262 (Jacksonville)
4. Tar Heel Detachment #733 (Raleigh)
5. Charlotte Detachment #750 (Charlotte)
6. Blue Ridge Detachment #848 (Asheville)
7. Eno River Detachment #872 (Durham)*
8. PFC Charles D. Hare Detachment #914 (Monroe)*
9. Smoky Mountain Detachment #973 (Franklin)*
10. Shawn Knisley Detachment #983 (Fayetteville)
11. Sand Hills Area Detachment #1001 (Aberdeen)
12. Paul Ray Purgason Detachment #1005 (Shallotte)
13. Cherokee County Detachment #1011 (Murphy)*
14. Stanly County Detachment #1021 (Albemarle)*
15. Carolina Boarders Detachment #1036 #1036 (Calabash)*
16. Cherry Point Detachment #1067 (Havelock)
17. Cape Fear Detachment #1070 (Wilmington)*
18. Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075 (Winston-Salem)

19. Gen. A Hal Turnage Detachment #1096 (Salisbury)
20. Iredell County Detachment #1097 (Troutman)*
21. Davidson County Detachment #1103 (Lexington) **Department has the charter**
22. Gen. Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162 (Gastonia)
23. Catawba Valley Detachment #1163 (Hickory)*
24. NC Foothills Detachment #1164 (Shelby)*
25. Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165 (Asheboro)*
26. Cabarrus Detachment #1175 (Concord)*
27. Down East Detachment #1186 (Greenville)*
28. Brushy Mountain Detachment #1187 (North Wilkesboro) *
29. PFC. Terry C. Smith Detachment #1193 (High Point)
30. Tablerock Detachment #1197 (Morganton)
31. John E. Ferguson Detachment #1208 (Lenoir)*
32. LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 (Burlington)
33. Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Spindale)*
34. Sgt. Doug Myers Detachment #1222 (Sylvia)*
35. Sanford Detachment #1223 (Sanford)*
36. PFC. Jerry L. McKinney Detachment #1232 (Wentworth)*
37. Carry-On Detachment #1236 (Clayton)
38. PFC. Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 (Huntersville)
39. Richmond Leathernecks Detachment #1252 (Rockingham)*
40. Air, Land, NC Detachment #1257 (Wake Forest) *
41. Albemarle Detachment #1258 (Edenton)*
42. Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262 (Rocky Mount)
43. Outer Banks Detachment #1264 (Kitty Hawk) *
44. Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Detachment #1265 (Lincolnton)*
45. Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 (Spruce Pines)
46. Gold Leaf Detachment #1276 (Wilson)
47. Orange County Regulators Detachment #1292 (Hillsboro)*
48. Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta)
49. Northwest Triad Detachment #1314 (Stokesdale)
50. Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga)
51. Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender)
52. Surry County Detachment #1322 (Surry)
53. Crossed Rifles Detachment #1346 (Harnett)*
54. Waynesborough Detachment #1350 (Wayne) *
55. High Country Detachment #1389 (Ashe)
56. Swansboro Detachment #1407 (Swansboro)
57. Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413 (Oriental)
58. Asheville Detachment #1417 (Asheville)

*Denotes the Detachment was not represented at time of roll call

The requirements for a quorum was met with an attendance of 53.4% of the Detachments represented.

Adjutant's Report

- The Adjutant asked if there were any additions, deletions or revisions to be made to the minutes of the Winter Quarterly meeting. No motion is required for acceptance.
- More Quarterly Reports have been received this time than in the previous three reporting periods the Adjutant has been in office.
- Continue to make recommendations and suggestions for better reporting.
- The Adjutant thanked all the Detachments for their support in his position with the DoNC.

Correspondence

- DoNC Commandant addressed the membership regarding a letter that was proposed at the Winter Quarterly meeting, regarding the clearing of member Jim Tant's name and reinstatement into the DoNC MCL without prejudice. (The Commandant's letter is included in these minutes) The results of the hearing were read before the general membership.
- Jim Tant was called forward and asked to address the membership. Thanks were extended to DoNC Commandant Minton and to the members who supported him since 2010 when it came about. DoNC Past Commandant Dennis Brocklin was asked to stand and be recognized for his active role in getting him reinstated. Jim wanted to make very clear that he was not pardoned, or forgiven. He was exonerated. There were no valid legal charges found to have been brought against him. (Standing Ovation)



Department of North Carolina
Marine Corps League
Charles Minton
Commandant



To: Richard D. Gore, Sr., National Commandant, Marine Corps League
From: Charles Minton Department of North Carolina Commandant
Subj: Reinstatement of Marine James Tant as a life member in the Marine Corps League

At the January 16, 2016, quarterly meeting of the Department of North Carolina a motion was made, discussed, and passed. We are aware that at the next MidWinter Conference the Board of Trustees will be considering the reinstatement of Marine James Tant as a life member of the League. The Department of North Carolina fully endorses the decision should they reinstate him. It is our belief that all he did was voice criticism of an Executive Director who resisted any scrutiny. On the charge of "conspiring to undermine a national election" he stood back and took no position between two candidates for National Commandant and abstained from voting. It has always been our belief, and confirmed after having consulted with the National General Counsel, that there was no proof whatsoever of wrongdoing in any of the four charges and that the proceedings, procedurally and substantively, railroaded James Tant unfairly. We fully endorse the forthcoming motion of the National General Counsel for the Board of Trustees to reinstate James Tant. This is not a pardon or request for clemency but for reconsideration of a totally unfounded proceeding.

Charles Minton
Department of North Carolina
Commandant

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14 March 2016

From: National Judge Advocate Johnny Baker

TO: Marine James Tant

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Marine Corps League National Adjutant/Paymaster Meg Thobum

RE: National Board of Trustees Appeal Board ICO James Tant

In accordance with Chapter Nine of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures Manual (with Change 21 incorporated), this letter is to officially inform Marine James Tant and the Marine Corps League, Inc. National Adjutant/Paymaster Meg Thoburn that the Board of Trustees conducted an Appeal Hearing on 3 March 2016 on Marine James Tant.

As per the National Commandant's request to reopen this case for review by the National Board of Trustees, the Appeal Hearing was completed during the National Mid-Winter Conference in Falls Church,

Virginia. The Hearing Board was held at 0900 hours on Thursday, 3 March 2016. The Location was the Fairview Park Marriott, 311 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, Va-22042.

The Marine Corps League National Board of Trustees unanimously approved that Marine James Tant be restored to full membership with full paid life membership and any membership (if any) in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs effective immediately.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me. This letter authorizes all rights and privileges of a life member and can join the Detachment of your choice with the proper application. For record keeping purposes, a "Transfer Form" should be used as if transferring from a "Marine at Large" when joining a Detachment.

Respectfully.

Johnny Baker

National Judge Advocate

CC: Richard Gore, National Commandant, Marine Corps League, Inc.

Thomas Hazlett, National Executive Director Marine Corps League, Inc.

National Board of Trustees Marine Corps League, Inc.

Charles Minton, Commandant Department of North Carolina

- Tom "Tugboat" Northrop email was read to the membership. He has been asked to return to Viet Nam to aid in the recovery of the remains of his teammate LCpl. Thomas P. Mahoney. ... Tom stood and addressed the membership. Details of the trip, anticipated "out of pocket" expenses given and stated his intent to remain "in country" until the remains are found.

DoNC Commandant calls for a 15-minute break

- Sgt at Arms calls for a Hand Salute. The Chaplain closes the Bible

FIFTEEN MINUTE RECESS DECLARED

DoNC Commandant calls for the meeting to reconvene.

- Sgt at Arms calls for a Hand Salute. The Chaplain opens the Bible
- Sgt. At Arms reminds the membership of Flag Protocol and their responsibility to salute the flag and the Sgt at Arms or his representative upon entering or exiting the meeting.

Paymaster's Report – James Cox

- Motion was made to accept the Paymaster's Report as presented. Motion was accepted. Being no discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed without dissent.
- The Paymaster requests all the Detachments use his current and correct address for communication. Mail is being returned now if it is sent to his old address.

Cox Accounting & Financial Services, Inc.
Attn: James Cox
4904 Professional Ct, Suite 102
Raleigh, NC 27609
919-604-7363

Chaplain's Report – Bill Boyd

- Chaplain wishes for the Department to pray for the family of Cpl. Joseph Hargrove who went missing in 1975 off the coast of Cambodia. Russia has leased the island and intends to build a resort on it, eliminating the possibility of ever recovering his remains. The Department stood as a prayer was offered.
- The Chaplain gave a report of the Marines who have answered their final roll call since his last report:

The Richmond Leathernecks Det. 1252	Archie Rainwater	12/24/2010
The Richmond Leathernecks Det. 1252	Gary Duty	04/10/2012
The Richmond Leathernecks Det. 1252	John Burdette	07/21/2014
The Richmond Leathernecks Det. 1252	James Hampton	09/26/2014
The Richmond Leathernecks Det. 1252	Vernon McDonald	05/26/2015
The High Country Det. 1389	Marvin W. Greer	09/03/2015
The Brushy Mountain Det. 1187	Harold Steven Faw	12/14/2015
The Chris S. Ebert Det. 1221	Milton Andrews	12/28/2015
The Greater Greensboro Det. 260	Milton R. Burnelli	01/16/2016
The Walter F. Osborne Det. 1298	Stanley C. Skrobialowski	01/22/2016
The Stanly County Det. 1021	Howard Singletary	01/25/2016
The Smokey Mountain Det.973	Frank G. Davis	01/26/2016
The LCpl Alan D. Lam Det. 1209	Larry Eberlin	01/27/2016

The Swansboro Det.1407	Peter C. Formaz	01/27/2016
The Paul Ray Purgason Det. 1005	Hugh S. Munday	01/30/2016
The Carolina Borders Det. 1036	John P. Cosgrove	02/02/2016
The Cpl. Johnny A Williamson Det.1165	Charles Nault	03/08/2016

- The Chaplain offered a prayer as per the Rituals and ended his report.

D.V.C.'s - Report of Officers

- West DVC David Jackson – They are all doing very well while working on recruitment and retention.
- N West DVC Chuck Wright – 6 of 7 Detachment are doing outstanding. 5.6% delinquent average. 12 visitations. District has done 34 funerals and Honor Guard at 52 events.
- Mid-West DVC Glenn Perkins – Visited 5 of 6 Detachment. 4 Of 6 Detachments are under 10% delinquent.
- Central DVC Joe Vodenichar - Visited 3 of 4 Detachments. Did installations at Orange County. Aiding detachments in fund raisings. Acknowledged DoNC Officers Charles Minton, Jeffrey Jones and Rick Thomason for installing a handicapped ramp for a disabled veteran in Greensboro.
- N. Central DVC Chuck Stotz – Visited 5 of 7 Detachments. Acknowledged individual Detachment work,
- S Central DVC Denny Mathias – Excused
- N, DVC John Staley – Only has 3 Detachments, but they are extremely active. Detailed accomplishments of his three Detachments.
- East DVC Steve Tracy – Only one Marine is unpaid. Will continue to work to get them to the DoNC meetings.

Announcement Prior to Lunch Break

- DoNC Commandant still has Challenge coins for sell at \$5.00 each
- DoNC SVC has tickets for sale on the raffle for the M1 Garand rifle. Rifle is available for inspection.
- Chuck Stotz announces the 50/50 is around \$150.00 now. Buy more tickets. Detailed food distribution and set up for lunch.

Recess of the meeting for lunch called by the DoNC Commandant

- Sgt-at-arms calls for a hand salute of the colors and requests the Chaplain close the bible. Assistant Chaplain leads membership in Prayer. Meeting is in recess until 1300 hrs.

11:30 – 13:00: Lunch Break

Afternoon Business Session

DoNC Commandant calls for the meeting to reconvene at 1300 hrs...

- Sgt-at-arms calls for a hand salute of the colors and requests the Chaplain open the bible.

Commandant's Report:

- Did the Gunny Claus program in December. Attended Officer Installations in various Detachments.
- DoNC Commandant requested all WW II Veterans to stand, as well as Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm/Desert Shield. Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan, Cold War Era and Granada.
- Attended Modern Day Marine expo.
- National JVC authorizes us to attend a TAPS (Transitional Assistance Program Services) Class. 10 to 15 minute class that is scripted so you do not have to come up with the dialogue. Gets the young Marines involved.
- Email why young veterans are not getting involved was sent out. Nine different reasons why they did not join. Social media will be the key to attracting young Marines. Target what the young Marines are looking for. Fill their needs to keep the interest. Listen to them for new and fresh ideas. Assign them a mentor.
- National is moving forward with great strides. Good things are coming out of National now.

Report of Staff Officers

- **Sr. Vice Commandant Jeffrey Jones** presented his report of having attended 23 different Detachment meetings since the last Quarterly, performing six (6) Officer Installations. Detailed installation of a handicapped ramp for a disabled veteran in Greensboro by himself, Charles Minton, Rick Thomason and Grace Shields.
- He attended the Mid-Winter Conference where he learned of the reinstatement of Jim Tant. The attitude of the Conference was much improved over previous Conferences and staff involvement was very open. He also learned of a law suit filed by the Blums for wrongful termination. This has no merit and will be dismissed. When the audit is completed, the League will deal with them.

- **Jr. Vice Commandant Howard Boyd** presented his report as having added 4 four life members, added 24 regular members for a total of 2,289 members. 72 members are unpaid for the quarter. 18 have receive their final orders.
- Recruitment and retention was addressed with the TAPS Program. Personalize the presentation to the individual.
- DVCs added this quarter has questioned their responsibilities. Information is being assembled to aid the DVC in performing their jobs.

- Outer Banks Detachment Commandant has experience in recruitment as his USMC job. The booklet has been received and will be forwarded to the Detachments. Tar Heel Detachment has also provided recruitment information. Posters, flyers and letters will be a part of the package.
- The Department of Nebraska presentation at the Mid-Winter Conference was again addressed with details about the “Fire Team” concept.
- **Judge Advocate Scott Shermeyer** presented his report advising that most of his issues he has had to address relate to Marines who have had problems with Marines who have “Stepped on the toes” of another Marines.
- Resignation clause added to the National Bylaws.
- April 12th is the deadline for submission for DoNC Bylaw changes.
- If you go to National, your colors taken to National will have to have your Detachment name on them. Do Not use the USMC flag with your Detachment name upon it. It will be in direct violation of the Department of Defense directives regarding the use of the USMC flag with Eagle, Globe & Anchor.
- **Bylaws Committee Chairman Lisa Ciesielski** advises she has received nothing at this time and has no report to file.
- **Sgt.-at-Arms Ralph Farthing** addressed the general membership expressing his appreciation for what the DoNC MCL has done for him. There was a time in his life when he thought he had no purpose in life. When Dennis Brocklin and Jim Tant offered him the position of Sgt-at-Arms, he had no idea what the job meant. Now he knows it meant he had purpose and gave him direction. He owes his life and his sanity to the MCL. He thanked everyone for their support and looked forward to serving them again if permitted.
- Jeff Pettway has agreed to fill the position as Asst. Sgt-at-Arms.
- Expressed his enthusiasm in the Young Marine Program and his intent to return to being actively involved again. Support the Young Marine Program.
- **Aide-De-Camp John Dilday** thanked the local detachment for their support of this Quarterly Meeting and the extra effort of Chuck Stotz to make this a success.
- Glenn Perkins was called for to give details of the upcoming DoNC Convention in Gastonia, N.C. ... Glenn Advises the meeting will be at the Courtyard By Marriott in Gastonia, N.C. Address is 1856 Remount Road, Gastonia, N.C. 28054. Phone number for reservations is 800-891-3766. Advise them you are with the MCL. WIFI is available. Price is \$89.00/night plus tax. Planning a hot dog roast on Friday night. Bring your chair. Pizza will also be available. Saturday’s lunch will be provided by Honey Baked Ham and the price is \$8.00. The Banquet for Saturday night will be \$30.00/person. Registration is \$10.00 for the meeting.

- The Fall Quarterly Meeting will be September 16th and 17th in Boone, N.C. Hosted by the NW District, Chuck Wright, DVC. ... Chuck advises the dates revolves around two things. The Appalachian football games and the “Leaf Season”. Tourists book rooms in Boone a year in advance for a month at a time to be there when the leaves change. It will be hard to get rooms if 50,000 tourists chow up or there is a home ball game.
- John thanked all the Detachments who have stepped up to hold these meetings and explained how the DoNC may have to pay a little more for the meetings to insure we get everything we like. ... John asked if any Detachment would like the Spring Quarterly. Detachment 848 & 1417 volunteered to host.
- The 2017 DoNC Convention will be held in Raleigh, N.C.
- DoNC Commandant advised that the 2018 DoNC Convention will be decided at the DoNC Convention in June. Asked the Detachments to go back and discuss this and bring their proposals to the Convention.
- DoNC SVC explained the \$10.00 registration fee for the meeting. Cost of meeting room for this meeting was \$1,000.00. The Detachment received \$200.00 for meeting expenses. If we do not have a registration fee, no Detachment is going to take the Quarterly Meeting on knowing they are going to lose \$800.00 right off the top. Paying \$20.00 - \$30.00 extra per room will eliminate the fee, but that comes out of your pocket. Something will be in writing in the future.
- **Chief of Staff John Staley** advises he had nothing to report at this time.

Report of Project Leaders:

- **Young Marine Program Project Leader Ralph Farthing** made his report earlier.
- **VAVS Program Project Leader Ken Parker** was absent. DoNC Commandant gave the details of three reporting Detachments as 1900 hours and \$1,400.00 raised.
- **Eagle Scout Program Project Leader Larry Hill** was absent. DoNC Commandant advises that he had received information from 9 Detachment on their Eagle Scout Program. Of the 56 Detachment in N.C., 35 are participating in the program. If you are issuing certificates and supporting the program, turn in the numbers to the Project Leader or put it on the Quarterly Report.
- **Fund-Raising Project Leader Jeffrey Jones** announced he still has tickets. His thoughts are for a M1A rifle to be raffled because it is of the Viet Nam era’s M14. M1A does not have the selector switch. ... From the floor: Chuck Wright advise that Detachment 1320 is raffling a M1A right now and has tickets for \$10.00 each. ... From the floor: How about a M1A Carbine? From the floor: How about the new Marine Corps 45? ... Scott Shermeyer advises they have a raffle going on right now with tickets at \$5.00 each for either a rifle or a 45, and the rifle is outdoing the handgun by a large margin. He also suggests contacting Springfield Arm for a Promotional price on the weapon you raffle. Price will be much better than any dealer can offer. ... Jeffrey advises he is looking ideas and input from the membership.

Commandant Minton asked for a motion from the Floor to accept the Officer and Committee reports as given or submitted. Motion passed without dissent.

Citations and Awards

- **The National Junior Vice Commandant Citation** is awarded to Detachments 257, 733, 914, 973, 1001, 1021, 1070, 1103, 1163, 1164, 1175, 1257, 1265, 1298, 1346 and 1417.
- **Marine Corps League Certificate of Appreciation** issued to DoNC JA, Scott Shermeyer.

Unfinished Business

- Web Site overview offer by the Webmaster, Robbie Savage. Visual presentation was viewable by the entire membership. Each page of the website, with individual accents, were viewed and accessed for question and clarification. If you have something you would like to be able to see on the website, email Robbie at rsavage5144@gmail.com with your suggestions. The website address is still ncmcl.org and will remain so. Individual questions from the floor were field as they were raised (Too many to detail in these minutes and will add nothing but content).
- George Barrows recommends to the DoNC Commandant that he issue a Distinguished Citizen Award, Silver to the webmaster, Robbie Savage.

New Business

- The DoNC Commandant asked if we need Detachment Quarterly reports? The Commandant listed those four most prominent pieces of data we collect. DVCs are going to be the primary contact points for the Detachments. ... Chuck Stotz asks if these reports are standardized? He thinks there has got to be a better way of doing this. ... Discussion from the floor for streamlining the document. Reduce the redundancy and remove unneeded wordage. ... Bruce Rakfeldt addressed the membership emphasizing the need of the Quarterly Report to maintain correct and current information on the DoNC contact list. The proper reporting for accuracy in accounting and the need to be utilized as a reminder to submit annual report to National. ... Discussion from the floor touting the positive aspects of submitting your report to get credit for what you do.
- Quarterly Meeting event time lines were discussed. Membership was asked as to what they thought was the best sequence to hold the individual sessions. Multiple voices from the floor agreeing that the current way of doing the sessions is best as it is. Motion made to retain the current schedule made and seconded. Motion passed by a majority show of hands.
- Request from the floor to send out the "Brick Form" for Museum of The Marine.
- Shawn Knisley Detachment is looking at the possibility of having the Marine Corp Ball at Fort Bragg as a combination of Detachments. If interested contact them at 919-426-0715.

- The possibility of a DoNC Marine Corps Birthday Ball is mention by the DoNC Commandant. Commandant asked for a show of hands for those interested. A committee will be formed to look into this. Contact Chief of Staff, John Staley, to help with this.

Good of the League

- George Barrows reminds everyone that we are the Department of North Carolina Marine Corps League, not the State of North Carolina Marine Corps League. Secondly he would like to see the DoNC provide a letter to National requesting the reinstatement of Danny Bracken. Just as we did about Jim Tant ... SVC addressed this stating that National contacted us about Jim Tant, not vice versa. George advises he will contact the Commandant at National.
- Detachment 1075 will be hosting a Marine Mud Run as a fundraiser. Over the last seven years they have contributed over \$85,000 to the Wounded Warrior Battalion East. Details given of other programs supported through the funds generated. May 21st, 2016 will be the date to plan on. Help get the word out. Usmcmudrunnc.com will detail the event.
- Detachment 257 suggests the DVCs pick up Quarterly Reports.
- Gaston County has a High School who is associated with the Viet Nam Era Veteran Commemoration. April 30, 2016 there will be a memorial service. Flyers are available and will be sent out.
- Mt. Mitchell Marine announced the upcoming Ride and quilt fund raiser.

Announcements

- DoNC Commandant Charles Minton declares his intent to run for DoNC Commandant for the upcoming term of office.
- DoNC SVC Jeffrey Jones declares his intent to run for DoNC SVC for the upcoming term of office.
- DoNC JVC Howard Boyd declares his intent to run for DoNC JVC for the upcoming term of office.
- DoNC JA Scott Shermeyer declares his intent to run for DoNC JA for the upcoming term of office.
- NW DVC Chuck Wright declares his intent to run for DoNC JA for the upcoming term of office.
- Department Staff Meeting immediately after close of business session today.
- Chaplains Council meets in the back corner immediately following the close of business session today.

Closing of the Meeting per Ritual

- The Colors are retired by the Sgt at Arms
- The Chaplain offers a prayer as per the Ritual and closes the bible
- DoNC SVC Jeffrey Jones performed the last duties of his post.

- Sgt. at Arm declared the meeting officially closed until June 10, 2016 when it will be officially reopened for the transaction of business.
- Meeting was adjourned with the singing of one verse of the Marines Hymn.

Minutes reviewed by Commandant Charles Minton and respectfully submitted by Adjutant Rick Thomason for discussion, revision and/or acceptance as written.