Marine Corps League
Department of North Carolina

Fall Membership Meeting Minutes
11 September 2021

Hosted by: Shawn Knisley Detachment 983
Host Commandants: Jerome Bell

Presided by: Commandant Ric Ledford
Department of North Carolina
Marine Corps League

Meeting start time: 0930
Meeting Location: Holiday Inn & Suites Fayetteville W-Fort Bragg Area
Host Contact: Kenny Joyner
E-mail: jrvcomdt.fayettevillencmarines@gmail.com
Phone Number: 224-381-6671
A. **Opening Remarks by Dept. Commandant Ric Ledford**
   1. Meeting called to order at 0930
   2. Post Colors – Cape Fear Navy JRoTC
   4. Open Bible and Invocation – Lisa Ciesielski
   5. This Meeting 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.
   6. POW MIA ceremony – Devell Durham
   7. COA for color guard
      a) First Sergeant MK Tucker
      b) Cadet R. Duncan
      c) Cadet J. Johnson
      d) Cadet J. Sibanda
      e) Cadet A. Antonio
   8. COA for Ashely Deeks, hotel manager.
   9. A moment of silence observed for the 13 service members killed in Afghanistan, a video tribute was shown.

B. **Recognition of other Guests by the Host Detachment**
   1. Host Detachment member / meeting coordinator Reggie Sawyer welcomed the members and presented Fields of Flags to the Department and National Officers in attendance. He read the following:
      Commandant and Marine Corps League guests, it’s my distinct pleasure to present you and others a flag from the Airborne and Special Operations “Field of Honor” 2019.

      Each flag had its own story and displayed a tag identifying both the person who sponsored the flag and the flag honoree. This living display of heroism flies as a patriotic tribute to the strength and unity of Americans, and honors all who are currently serving, those that have served, and the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation’s security and freedom.

      These flags were ones that were not picked up by or returned to their sponsors.

      The 2021 Field of Honor is sponsored by the Airborne and Special Operations Museum Foundation and the Cool Spring Downtown District. The Airborne and Special Forces Museum Foundation ‘Field of Honor’ has happened since 2008 with hundreds of U.S. flags flying.
This year flags will proudly be displayed on the Parade Field of the U.S. Army Airborne & Special Operations Museum from today, September 11th through November 14th, 2021.

The U.S. Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum (ASOM) is a first-class institution that captures, preserves, exhibits, and presents the material culture and heritage of the U.S. Army Airborne and Special Operations Forces from 1940 and into the future. We hope you will visit Airborne and Special Operations Museum 100 Bragg Blvd, as you leave today’s meeting.

C. **Guest Speaker**
   1. Denny Mathias - AV equipment - talk with the microphone for the Facebook live feed. Please provide feedback to help with future events.
   2. Kendra Danzer and Maira Munir, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, VA Health Systems.
      a) Went through a PowerPoint presentation – to be emailed out.
      b) Suicide Prevention Program Brochure
Know the Warning Signs of Suicide:

- Thinking about or looking for ways of hurting or killing yourself or talking about death, dying or suicide
- Self-destructive behavior such as alcohol abuse, using drugs, not taking medications as prescribed
- Calling old friends and acquaintances to say goodbye, particularly military companions
- Seeking access to weapons without use for them
- Perception of self as a burden to family and friends around them
- Increased or lack of sleep
- Loss of social connections: withdrawing from family & friends
- Becoming overly protective of family or standing guard over the house, obsessively locking doors and windows
- Hopelessness/Feeling like there is no way out and no reason to live
- Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, mood swings
- Rage, uncontrolled anger or seeking revenge
- Engaging in risky activities without thinking about the consequences

Contact Your Suicide Prevention Team:

**Fayetteville NC VA Coastal Health Care System**

**SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM**

The Fayetteville Suicide Prevention Team provides expert consultation and training to all VA staff and the community in order to ensure we are continuously committed to the mission that:

**Suicide Prevention is EVERYONE'S BUSINESS**

Additional Resources:

**Fayetteville Vet Center**
2301 Robeson Street Suite 303
Fayetteville, NC 28305
(910) 488-6232

**Jacksonville Vet Center**
1148 Branchwood Dr.
Jacksonville, NC 28546
(910) 357-1100

**Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Hope for The Warriors, Jacksonville, NC**
Phone Number: (910) 500-1850

**The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Hope**
www.fayettevilledoctors.com

**Mobile Crisis Support**
1-877-614-7272
24 hours 7 days a week

**Telephone Assessment and Referral**
www.maketheconnection.net
www.miercc.va.gov/coaching
www.challenge.nvgov.org

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**Suicide Prevention Services:**

**Suicide Prevention Coordinators (SPC):**

- Facility subject matter experts related to suicide prevention Assessment, Intervention and Documentation with suicidal Veterans, assign High Risk Flags for enhanced care, facility and community trainings for best practices related to suicide prevention.
- Consultation on VA regulation for suicide prevention assessment, intervention and documentation. Provide guidance on activation, inactivation of High Risk Flags for suicide and requirements of enhanced care.
- Provide annual training and direction for managing suicide risk. VA Standards for suicide prevention assessment, intervention and documentation.
- Education on documentation and risk stratification related to: Comprehensive Suicide Risk Evaluations (CSRE), Suicide Behavior and Overdose Reports (SBOR), Safety Plans, Self-Directed Violence (SDV).
- Postvention to facilitate healing of individuals, families, and providers from the grief and distress of a suicide loss, as well as to mitigate the negative effects of exposure to suicide

**Prevention Services Continued:**

**Suicide Prevention Case Managers (SPCM):**

- Provide Specialty Case Management for Veterans at elevated risk for suicide, respond to the Veterans Crisis Line, provide face to face clinical assessments and follow-up.
- Collaboration/Active Communication with mental health and primary care providers for suicide specific assessment, treatment plan support, safety plan completion and follow-up notes, tracking no show appointments and assistance with rescheduling.
- Monitoring of high-risk veterans such as weekly contact for Veterans discharged from inpatient for first 90 days and monthly contact for veterans flagged as high-risk for suicide to assure continuity of care.
- Evidenced-Based Treatment to high-risk veterans i.e., group, individual (e.g. CATH/CT, DBT-SP) and completion of specialized training and certification in evidenced-based treatment for high-risk behavior (e.g. CATH/DBT/CT-SP/CTP).

**Veterans Crisis Line (VCL) Support:**

- All SPCs and SPCM provide prompt response to all crisis calls. Referrals received from the VCL and referrals to community resources and VA treatment when indicated.

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**Veterans Crisis Line**
1-800-273-8255
Text to 838255
3. Connor Nicol, #WeWillRemember, a 501C3 organization focused on Korean War Veterans. Connor is the middle son of Col. Nicol, former C.O. for 2nd Tank Bn.
   a) He started making the tags to help remember those who fought in the wars so they would not be forgotten. They were not much older than he is now.
   b) He is just over half of the members who fought in the Korean War.
   c) He hopes to continue to provide the dog tags for each of the wars / conflicts.
   d) He spent his own money to make the first 500. He has made just over 6,000 so far.
   e) He is looking for organizations to find homes for the dog tags.
   f) They have about 3,000 ready to go out.
g) https://www.facebook.com/groups/480248799806561#wewillremember
h) Email connor@wewillremember.us
i)

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(The Bible was closed for a donation collection to help #WeWillRemember – 5 minutes (1030 to 1035 - $450 raised)

D. Recognition of National Officers & National Marines of the Year
1. NVC Mid East Division – Rick Thomason
   a) Past NVC Mid East Division please stand
2. National Marine of the Year 2020 - Rick Thomason
   a) Past National Marine of the Year please stand
3. Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett
   a) The Dogs raised $545 for the children’s hospital
   b) Over 800 pounds of dogfood collected
4. National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms - Charles Minton
5. National Youth Physical Fitness Chairman - Devell (Bull) Durham
6. National Historian – Greg Ciesielski
8. Mideast Division Sgt at Arms – Jeffrey Jones
9. Mideast Division Web Sergeant – Kenny Joyner

E. **Recognition of the Department Marine/Woman of the Year**
   1. There was no 2021 Department Marine of the Year selected
   2. Ask all past MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized

F. **Recognition of Past Department Commandants**
   1. Jr. Past Department Commandant Rick Thomason
   2. Ask all the Past Department Commandants to stand and be recognized.

G. **Recognition of Guests with Invitation to address the membership**
   1. NC MCL Auxiliary President – Barbara Dugan
      a) She introduced her officers for the current year.
         • SrV – Pamela Thomas
         • JA – Karen Seguin
         • JrV – Diane Randall
      b) They look forward to working together with the League to achieve their goals.
   2. MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader – PDD Greg Ciesielski
      a) It was a good Growl last night. Thank you to everyone for stepping up for the children’s fund.

H. **Chapel of Four Chaplains Presentation**
   1. No presentation / no nominations received.
15-minute break to excuse any guests, Honor Guard, Auxiliary or non-members that may need to leave at this time
1040 to 1055

Meeting called to order

I. Roll Call of Department Officers
(By the Adjutant—“When called, each Officer shall rise and salute the Commandant.”)

1. Commandant – Ric Ledford
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – Julianne Froncek (absent)
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – (Jim Tant)
4. Judge Advocate – Kenny Joyner
5. Jr. Past Commandant – Rick Thomason
6. Aide-De-Camp- John Dilday
7. Chaplain – Lisa Ciesielski
8. Assistant Chaplain – Bill Boyd
9. Sgt.-at-Arms – Taine Pyle
10. Assistant Sgt-at-Arms – Melissa Gamble
11. Paymaster – Randal Rempfer
12. Young Marines Service Officer – Bill King
14. VAVS Service Officer – James Hart
15. Legislative Officer – Phil Randall
16. Compliance Officer – Phil Randall
17. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
18. Eagle Scout Coordinator – Charles Minton
19. Marine For Life Liaison – Mark Munger
20. Adjutant – Laura Hamilton
21. Web Sergeant – Kenny Joyner
22. Public Relations – OPEN
23. Historian - Greg Ciesielski
24. Chapel of Four Chaplains – OPEN
J. **District Vice Commandants**  
(By the Adjutant – “When called, each DVC shall rise and salute the Commandant.”)

1. **NC West DVC’s**  
a) West District – Denver Grant  
b) Northwest District – Chuck Wright  
c) Midwest District – Glenn Perkins  
d) Northcentral District – Lewis Pleasants / Grant Thayer (absent)  
e) Central District – John Dilday  
f) Southcentral – Denny Mathias

2. **NC East DVC’s**  
a) North District – Bill Brown  
b) Northeast District – Taine Pyle  
c) South District – Howard Boyd  
d) Southeast District – Alex ‘Gunner’ Nevgloski / Lee Walker (absent)  
e) East District – Greg Ciesielski

K. **Roll Call of Detachments**  
(By the Adjutant – “The senior member of each Detachment shall rise, salute the Commandant, state their Detachment position and the number of members present to ensure a quorum is met.”)

1. John V. Berg Detachment #257 (Kinston) (absent)  
2. Greater Greensboro Detachment #260 (Greensboro)  
3. Onslow County Detachment #262 (Jacksonville) (absent)  
4. Tar Heel Detachment #733 (Cary)  
5. Charlotte Detachment #750 (Charlotte)  
6. Blue Ridge Detachment #848 (Asheville)  
7. PFC Charles D. Hare Detachment #914 (Monroe) (absent)  
8. Shawn Knisley Detachment #983 (Fayetteville)  
9. Sand Hills Area Detachment #1001 (Aberdeen)  
10. Paul Ray Purgason Detachment #1005 ( Shallotte)  
11. Cherokee County Detachment #1011 (Murphy) (absent)  
12. Stanly County Detachment #1021 (Albemarle) (absent)  
13. Carolina Borders Detachment #1036 (Calabash) (absent)  
14. Cherry Point Detachment #1067 (Havelock)  
15. Cape Fear Detachment #1070 (Wilmington) (absent)  
16. Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075 (Winston-Salem) (absent)
17. Gen. A Hal Turnage Detachment #1096 (Salisbury) (absent)
18. Iredell County Detachment #1097 (Troutman) (absent)
19. Gen. Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162 (Gastonia)
20. Catawba Valley Detachment #1163 (Hickory)
21. NC Foothills Detachment #1164 (Shelby) (absent)
23. Cabarrus Detachment #1175 (Concord) (absent)
24. Sgt WE Plueddemann Detachment #1186 (Greenville) (absent)
25. Williams/Canter Detachment #1187 (North Wilkesboro)
26. PFC. Terry C. Smith Detachment #1193 (High Point) (absent)
27. Table Rock Detachment #1197 (Morganton) (absent)
28. LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 (Burlington) (absent)
29. Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Spindale) (absent)
30. Sanford Detachment #1223 (Sanford)
31. PFC. Jerry L. McKinney Detachment #1232 (Wentworth)
32. Carry-On Detachment #1236 (Clayton)
33. PFC. Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 (Huntersville)
34. Richmond Leathernecks Detachment #1252 (Rockingham) (absent)
35. Air, Land, NC Detachment #1257 (Wake Forest)
36. Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262 (Rocky Mount)
37. Outer Banks Detachment #1264 (Kitty Hawk) (absent)
38. Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Detachment #1265 (Lincolnnton) (absent)
39. Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 (Spruce Pines) (absent)
40. Gold Leaf Detachment #1276 (Wilson)
41. Orange County Regulators Detachment #1292 (Hillsboro)
42. Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta) (absent)
43. Northwest Triad Detachment #1314 (Stokesdale)
44. Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga)
45. Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender)
46. Surry County Detachment #1322 (Surry) (absent)
47. Crossed Rifles Detachment #1346 (Harnett) (absent)
48. Waynesborough Detachment #1350 (Wayne)
49. High Country Detachment #1389 (Ashe) (absent)
50. Swansboro Detachment #1407 (Swansboro)
51. Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413 (Oriental)
52. Asheville Detachment #1417 (Asheville)
53. RDU Detachment #1482 (Durham)
L. **Adjutant’s Report**
1. The minutes are posted on the website and were emailed out.
2. If you would like to email from me directly, besides through your detachment commandant or adjutant, please get me your Name, Email, Detachment #, and Phone # so I can add you to my email group.
3. Please make sure a copy of your latest ROI is sent to the Adjutant as well as the Paymaster (who gets the original signed copy).
4. An Excel spreadsheet titled “2021 DoNC Quick Reference DDDD” has been sent out to all detachments. Please make sure this is shared with all of your detachment members. It will be updated on occasion with a new dated version to be sent out.
5. Rosters get sent to the DVCs and the Detachment Commandants. If you do not get yours, please go through the DVC. There are usually multiple attachments in addition to the rosters themselves. With the coming of the digital age, this may be changing soon. We saw some of this already this year.
6. It is imperative that the Detachment Commandant and Paymaster have emails. There is some data which is only sent to them.

*Commandant Ledford asks for a motion to waive reading of the minutes.*
*Jeff Jones made the motion to waive the reading and to approve the minutes.*
*Second by Rick Thomason. Approved by members present.*

M. **Recess of the DoNC Membership Meeting morning session**
1. Chaplain to close Bible
2. Sgt-at-Arms to announce that the meeting will reconvene 1 hour from now.

*Recess for lunch - Reconvene in 1 hour*
Lunch recessed at 1109. Reconvened at 1215.

N. **Reconvene the DoNC Membership Meeting afternoon session**
1. Sgt-at-Arms to bring meeting to order
2. Chaplain to open the Bible
O. Paymaster’s Report – Randal Rempfer

1. We had to close the old bank account as it was not in compliance with the Secretary of State name for the Department. The new checking account is interest bearing.

2. Pay Report

Paymaster Report
05/31/2021 – 08/31/2021

- Cash brought forward 05/31/2021
  - Checking .................................................. $ 55,636.59
  - Money Market .............................................. $ 9,192.28
  - Total ....................................................... $ 64,828.87

- Deposits made for the time period (Closed Old Account)
  - Checking .................................................. $ 54,595.73
  - Money Market .............................................. $ 0.23
  - Total ....................................................... $ 54,959.96

- Cash disbursed for the time period (Closed Old Account)
  - Checking .................................................. $ 62,711.35
  - Money Market .............................................. $ 0.00
  - Total ....................................................... $ 62,711.35

- Balance as of 08/31/2021
  - Checking .................................................. $ 47,520.97
  - Money Market .............................................. $ 9,192.51
  - Total ....................................................... $ 56,713.48

3. Budget Report
### MCL, Department of North Carolina

#### Budget Overview

**Fiscal Year 2022**

**DoNC Budget - Proposed**

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*Revenue balance Pending*  
*Revenue balance from FY-21*  
*One-Time Allocation for new Equipment Approved at 2021 Spring Membership Mtg*
**DoNC BUDGET - Proposed**

**June 2021/May 2022**  
**Actual 2021**

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4. Rick Thomason made the motion to approve the report pending audit. Second by Greg Ciesielski. Approved by members present.

P. **Chaplain’s Report – Lisa Ciesielski**

1. Report of any deceased MCL member since our last meeting.
2. Please pause for a moment of silence for our fallen Marines.

Q. **D.V.C.’s - Report of Officers** – Commandant Ledford asked for a motion to waive the reading of the DVC reports. Charles Minton made the motion to waive the reports. Second by Bob Lenz. Approved by members present.

1. **NC West DVC’s**
   a) West District – Denver Grant – gave verbal report
   b) Northwest District – Chuck Wright – gave verbal report
   c) Midwest District – Glenn Perkins – gave verbal report
   d) Northcentral District – Grant Thayer (Absent)
   e) Central District – John Dilday – written report submitted
   f) Southcentral – Denny Mathias – written report submitted

2. **NC East DVC’s**
   a) North District – Bill Brown – written report submitted
   b) Northeast District – Taine Pyle
   c) South District – Howard Boyd – written report submitted
   d) Southeast District – Lee Walker (Absent)
   e) East District – Greg Ciesielski
R. **Commandant’s Report – Ric Ledford**

1. In July, he had surgery so not much for activities.
2. Brief overview of the National Convention
   a) 17 DoNC Detachments / 28 members represented at National
   b) It was his first National Convention.
   c) Glad for the Associate of the Year award being created.
3. Communication is important.
4. He will be starting to get out to visit more detachments.

S. **Training Presentations**

1. Detachment Adjutant – Laura Hamilton
   a) Quarterly Reports
      - I see several detachments who have life members, but check the box that they do not submit the PLM Audit. Why not? This is monies lost by not doing the audit.
      - I do pass on the concerns and comments to the appropriate officer.
   b) Pass on the emails sent out. You may not be concerned with them, but one of the members may be.
   c) Quick Reference Guide – please check it when it is sent out. I try to keep all parts updated. If your meeting time/location is changed since your ROI was sent in, please send in a new ROI through the system.
   d) National Library has a lot of good information and forms.
   e) Members – if you want to receive emails directly please let me know and I will put you in a group.
   f) DVCs – I did receive 4 reports. Detachments you must help your DVC so they can do their reports.
2. Compliance Form – Phil Randall
   a) Compliance Form v4 was sent out to DVCs.
   b) He wants to get the complete forms back by October 14th.
   c) He is willing to travel to detachments to help with their issues.
   d) The form needs to be updated annually. If you update anything, submit an updated copy.
   e) The Quick Reference Guide has a Compliance tab with the current status.
   f) Bill Brown made the motion - at the department level, detachments will be required to be complete and mandatory by 60 days prior to the
annual Department Convention. Keith Shearin seconded the motion. This was tabled to the 2022 Spring Membership Meeting.
g) This is all about keeping the records needed, whether digital or paper form.

3. Database Access by Detachment Paymasters & others – Randal Rempfer
   a) EIN / SOSID – website for www.EINtaxID.com and www.SOSNC.gov
   b) Paymaster training slideshow on www.NCMCL.org under forms.
   c) PLM audits and Notice of Death certificate can go together. Submit a copy with the PLM audit even if NoD was already sent up.
   d) If any detachment has changed their bank account numbers, please get it to him. All monies from National is ACH only.
   e) IRS Form 990 e-postcard – step by step instructions in training slideshow.
   f) Transmittal Form – now have a long form which can be used for bulk members (up to 50 members).
   g) New codes for ID card replacements.
   h) This is on our Department website.
   i) Database 101 – for any detachment commandant / adjutant-paymaster.
      • Update address / phone number / email
      • DO NOT change anything else.
   j) Member Portal – you will see what your rights allow. Every member can see their own information. Certain positions have more access.
   k) Profile ID is a sore subject. The new forms have removed this item.

T. Report of Staff Officers

1. Sr. Vice Commandant – Julianne Froncek (absent)

2. Jr. Vice Commandant – OPEN
   a) Jim Tant has taken this position. He will be sworn in ASAP.

3. Judge Advocate – Kenny Joyner
a) Read Section 800 of DoNC Bylaws. The Bylaws and Administrative Procedures are together. The deadline for changes must be submitted minimum 60 days before the convention.

b) He has been working with each detachment to get their bylaws updated.
   • Right now, 32% of the detachments are 100% complete
   • The sample Detachment Bylaws are very useful and make for a quicker review.
   • There have been no Department grievances so far. The grievance must start at the Detachment level.
   • At-large transfers – find out why there were At-large. If there was a previous Detachment, talk to them.

c) National Bylaws Amendments for 2021 approved
   • 48 proposals submitted
   • 14 rejected / 13 pulled
   • 19 approved
   • 2 referred to committee

4. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
   a) Any submission of By-Laws changes must be received to her minimum 60 days before the convention – deadline for next year is the end of March. She hopes to have the exact date soon.

5. Sgt.-at-Arms – Taine Pyle – no report

6. Aide-De-Camp – John Dilday
   a) Discuss upcoming Membership meetings and host Detachments for them
      • Spring 2022 – William Canter Det #1187, Wilkesboro, Holiday Inn Express, March 18/19, 2022
      • MidEast Convention 2022 – talking to LCpl Alan D Lam Det #1209
      • Convention 2022 – RDU Det #1482, Durham, May 20, 2022?? (it is under negotiation)
      • Fall 2022 – Northwest District, Boone, date TBD
      • Spring 2023 – need host volunteer
      • Convention 2023 – Onslow Det #262, Jacksonville
U. **Report of Project Leaders**
   (3-5 minutes)

1. **Toys For Tots** – Reggie Sawyer, Jr.
   a) Thank you to all detachments who have responded to his email.
   b) Training coming up in person and virtual
   c) October 1st is the kick off for Toys For Tots

2. **Eagle Scout Program** – Charles Minton
   a) He had reports from 31 Detachments with 15 awards presented.
   b) ‘Leave no Eagle behind’ program is to award the Good Citizen Certificate to any Eagle no matter when they received it.
   c) The MCL Auxiliary is authorized to present the Gold Award to Girl Scouts.
   d) He needs the totals to break down female vs. male.

3. **Marine For Life Liaison** – Mark Munger
   a) If he contacts you, please respond if get the information on a person of interest and that you have reached out to the person.
   b) The training and SOP is on the national website.
   c) Hope to have exciting news at the Mid-Winter.

4. **Young Marines Program** – Bill King is the new officer for this position.

5. **VAVS Program** – James Hart is the new officer for this position.
   (absent)

6. **Fund-Raising** – Jeffrey Jones
   a) Taine Pyle has donated a wavey flag.
      - There will be 750 tickets printed
      - 5/$20 or $5 each
      - $3,000 profit.
   b) Challenge Coins
      - 600 made
      - $12 each
      - $7,200 profit if all are sold
      - It will be a new design
      - Coin will have MCL on one side and MODD on the other side.

7. **Compliance Officer** – Phil Randall (already discussed)

8. **Scholarship** – Ric Ledford
   a) The application should be getting uploaded this week to the website.
b) It is a 5-page form.
c) Must be an Active MCL member or family member.
d) It will be a fillable online form.

Commandant Ledford “At this time I ask for a motion from the Floor to accept the Officer and Committee reports as given or submitted.”

Charles Minton made the motion to accept the reports. Second by Rick Thomason. Approved by members present.

10-minute break
1354 to 1411

Meeting called to order

V. Awards and Recognition
1. Distribute National Vice Commandant certificates (25 of 53 Detachments awarded)
   a) 914, 1001, 1011, 1021, 1163, 1164, 1186, 1187, 1221, 1223, 1236, 1257, 1262, 1264, 1266, 1292, 1298, 1314, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1346, 1350, 1389, 1417
   b) There were 28 members and 17 Detachments represented at National.
Marine Corps League

Meritorious Commendation
(Unit)

to
Department of North Carolina

In appreciation and gratitude for meritorious service in the interests of the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League for the period 10 August 2020 to 9 August 2021.

Authorized to wear the National Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon

Awarded this 9th day of August 2021

Commandant
3. Department Awards and Recognitions  
   a) Detachment #260 National Newsletter Competition  
   b) David Sannes – Distinguished Service Award  
   c) Detachment #1262 Meritorious Unit Commendation Department Level – time period 31Aug20 – 01Sept21.  

![Meritorious Unit Commendation](image)

   d) Spencer Sikder – Distinguished Service Award  
   e) Kevin Ashton – Distinguished Service Award

W. Unfinished Business  
1. None

X. New Business  
1. Denny Mathias to give a more detailed AV report and discuss what equipment is needed to continue to improve the system.  
   a) This has been a learning experience.  
   b) We will be using our own speakers due to feedback.  
   c) Need a 3rd or 4th person to help during a meeting.
d) At the convention, there was an approved motion for $10,000 from the unallocated funds.

e) Things such as cables, we have to have several sizes to accommodate different venues.

f) We do not plan to spend another $9,000 to get the rest of the equipment. We are trying to get corporate sponsorship. Most companies will only donate to a 501c3, not a c4.

g) We will have to bring our own AV as we cannot always use the hotels, such as today.

h) We want to buy a UPS (uninterrupted power supply) for continuity and safety for all of the equipment.

i) We want to have a box / crate for a setup so we don’t have to break down completely each time. They will be foam and spring wheels for jarring protection.

j) Patrick Melton – has some concerns with the proposal of equipment. This could be pieced together over some time. There are some options to make some of the line items cheaper and still accomplish the job.

2. Kenny Joyner – Department website
   a) All detachments need to go the department website and check for your information.
   b) Email him any changes.
   c) If you have a newsletter you want put on your page, please send it to him.
   d) Anyone interested in being the webmaster, let him know.
   e) He is willing to help anyone needing help with documents or their website.

3. Joe Vodenichar (Northwest Triad Det #1314) – the 50th anniversary ribbon should be for all members.
   a) Per the National Bylaws it is only for those who attend.

Y. Good of the League
   1. Ric Ledford – read letter from National Commandant Baker remembering 9/11. – This was emailed out this morning.
   2. Ric Ledford – MCL Auxiliary – Help our Auxiliary units. If they are holding an event, support them. They are part of our team.
   3. Ric Ledford – Dave Ward from Charlotte Det #750 – coffee
a) Has been shipping the coffee overseas, not just in CONUS.
b) He is asking for help with shipping costs.
c) He has been doing this for 3+ years.
d) He is not a 501c3. He is doing this on his own.
e) Det #848 made a donation for this. They sent their money straight to the Post Office.

4. Laura Hamilton –
   a) Shadow box for uniforms – any ideas where to get it done. (bridal shops was suggested)
   b) MED convention for next year needs to be decided.
   c) Quarterly Reports – 38 detachments submitted so far. VAVs hours = 727, volunteer hours = 2,295, funerals = 50 in this quarter.
   d) Quick Reference Guide – it is a spreadsheet and will not be in another format. Please let me know if there are any corrections to be made for your detachment.

Z. **Announcements**
   1. Austin Pitts – Det #1482 – hosting a golf tournament, 1000hrs, October 16th, 4-man scramble, $55+ toy per person.
   2. Melissa – Det #1276 – hosting a golf tournament, 1300hrs, October 8th, shotgun start, $50 w/lunch.
   3. Kenny Joyner – Det #983 – USMC Birthday Ball, November 6th, this hotel, $40 per person.

AA. **Closing of the Meeting per Ritual**
   1. Remarks by Cmdt. Ledford
   2. Singing of the Marines Hymn
   3. “Good night Chesty, wherever you are!”
   4. Retire the Colors
   5. Sr. Vice Commandant’s last duty –
   7. Meeting adjourned at 1525