

Marine Corps League **Department of North Carolina**



Spring Membership Meeting Minutes **16 March 2024**

Hosted by: Alan D Lam Detachment 1209

Host Detachment Commandant: Doug Ross

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

Meeting start time: 0930

Meeting Location: Best Western Plus, Burlington

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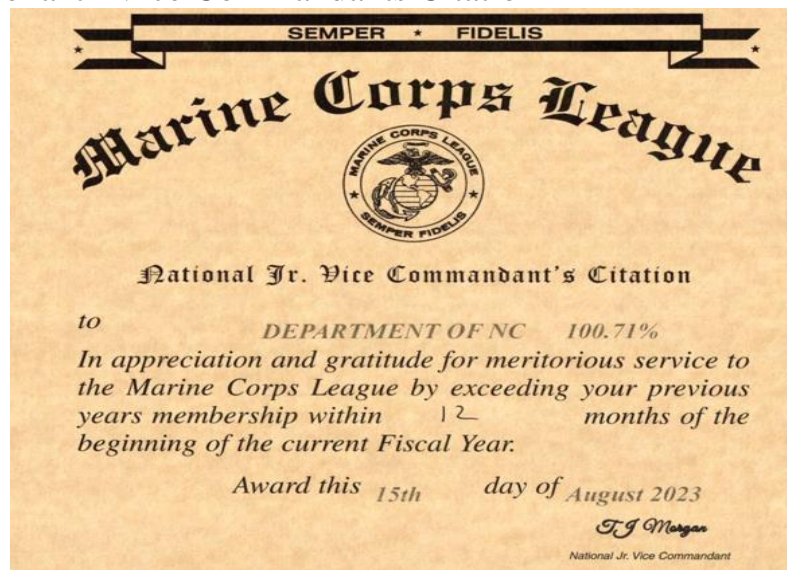
A. Colors – outside at flag pole – 0750 muster

B. Training / Commandants Council – 0815

1. Commandants Council - SrV Hare

C. Opening Remarks by Dept. Commandant Ric Ledford – 0930

1. Meeting called to order
2. Post Colors – Sgt-at-Arms – Steve Tracy (absent) / Bruce Goeden
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt-at-Arms – Steve Tracy (absent) / Bruce Goeden
4. Open Bible and Invocation – Lisa Ciesielski [Uncover]
5. This Meeting is 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. COA presented to scouts.
 - Scout Joseph Wetter
 - Scout Aiden Stevenson
 - Scout Levi Newberry
 - Scout Leader Jeff Benes
7. DoNC streamer presented for Department colors.
 - National Jr Vice Commandants Citation



D. Recognition of other Guests by the Host Detachment

1. Thanks, and remarks by Host Commandant Doug Ross
 - Welcome to Burlington. We have 81 members registered.
 - Thank you for attending.

E. Recognition of National Officers & National Marines of the Year

1. Silver Star Recipient - Master Chief Steve Nash
2. NVC Mid East Division & MODD Deputy Police Dog – Rick Thomason
3. National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms - Charles Minton
4. National MOY Society & National Uniform Committee & Mideast Division Sgt at Arms & MODD Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog – Jeffrey Jones
5. Mideast Division Compliance Officer – Kenny Joyner
6. National MCL Foundation & National Youth Physical Fitness Committee & National Protocol Officer- Devell (Bull) Durham (absent)
7. National Historian – Greg Ciesielski
8. MODD Dog Trainer – Lisa Ciesielski
9. Ask all past National and Division officers to stand.

F. Recognition of the Department MOY/AOY (WOY)

1. Doug Ross - 2023 Department Marine of the Year.
2. Kevin Ashton - 2023 Department Associate of the Year.
3. Ask all past MOY & AOY (WOY) Recipients to stand and be recognized

G. Recognition of Past Department Commandants

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

H. Recognition of Guests with Invitation to address the membership

1. MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader - Keith Shearin
 - a) We had a lot of fun last night.
 - b) 724 bones being paid to the children's fund and operation chow hound.
 - c) If you see a member with a dog patch on their cover, but is no longer an active MODD member, please ask them to remove the patch or get their dues caught up.
2. MCLA – if you have a unit near you, please support them.

15-minute break to excuse any guests, Honor Guard, Auxiliary or non-members that may need to leave at this time - 0945

Meeting called to order 1000

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 – Robert Hare
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – AJ Pitts
4. Judge Advocate – Bill Brown
5. Jr. Past Commandant – Rick Thomason
6. Chief of Staff – John Dilday (absent)
7. Chaplain – Lisa Ciesielski
8. Assistant Chaplain – Marilyn Bower (absent)
9. Sgt.-at-Arms – Steve Tracy (absent)
10. Assistant Sgt-at-Arms – (vacant)
11. Paymaster – Scott Shermeyer
12. Young Marines Service Officer – Bruce Goeden
13. Toys For Tots Coordinator– Kevin Ashton
14. VAVS Service Officer – Al Pasquale
15. Legislative Officer – Tom Bates
16. Compliance Officer – Phil Randall
17. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
18. Eagle Scout Coordinator – Charles Minton
19. Marine For Life Liaison – Mark Munger (absent)

20. Adjutant – Laura Hamilton
21. Web Sergeant – Kenny Joyner
22. Public Relations – Marilyn Bower (absent)
23. Historian - Greg Ciesielski
24. Chapel of Four Chaplains – Robert Hare

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 – David Anderson
 - c) Midwest District – Todd Carpenter (absent)
 - d) Northcentral District – Mike Clark
 - e) Central District – John Dilday (absent)
 - f) Southcentral – (vacant)
2. NC East DVC’s
 - a) North District – James Mitchell
 - b) Northeast District – Leotha Forte (absent)
 - c) South District – Howard Boyd
 - d) East District – Ray Randall
 - e) Southeast District – Ray Randall

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)
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) (absent)

10. Paul Ray Purgason Detachment #1005 (Shallotte)
11. Cherokee County Detachment #1011 (Murphy)
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)
16. Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075 (Winston-Salem)
17. Gen. A Hal Turnage Detachment #1096 (Salisbury) (absent)
18. Iredell County Detachment #1097 (Troutman)
19. Gen. Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162 (Gastonia)
20. Catawba Valley Detachment #1163 (Hickory) (absent)
21. NC Foothills Detachment #1164 (Shelby)
22. Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165 (Asheboro) (absent)
23. Cabarrus Detachment #1175 (Concord)
24. Sgt WE Plueddemann Detachment #1186 (Greenville)
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)
29. Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Forest City) (absent)
30. Sanford Detachment #1223 (Sanford) (absent)
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. Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 (Spruce Pines)
39. Gold Leaf Detachment #1276 (Wilson)
40. Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta) (absent)
41. Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga) (absent)
42. Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender)
43. Surry County Detachment #1322 (Surry)
44. Crossed Rifles Detachment #1346 (Harnett) (absent)
45. Waynesborough Detachment #1350 (Wayne) (absent)
46. High Country Detachment #1389 (Ashe)
47. Swansboro Detachment #1407 (Swansboro)

- 48. Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413 (Oriental) (absent)
- 49. Asheville Detachment #1417 (Asheville)
- 50. RDU Detachment #1482 (Durham)

L. Adjutant's Report

1. The meeting minutes are posted on the website and were emailed out.
2. The EBoT minutes are posted to the website. These are not emailed.
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 "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. It is imperative that the Detachment Commandant and Paymaster have emails. There is some data which is only sent to them.
6. When data is sent out and a response is requested to be sent to a specific person, please send it to that person. You may always copy me but please do respond to the requested person.
7. I am looking for a person who is willing to take on the position of Department Adjutant. If you have organizational skills, you can be a candidate. Let's talk!

Commandant Ledford asks for a motion to waive reading of the minutes. Ray Randall made the motion to accept the minutes as posted. Second by Jim Hayes. Approved by members present.

M. Paymaster's Report – Scott Shermeyer

1. Gave financial update.
 - a) PowerPoint 45-slide presentation was given with an explanation. See **2024 Spring Membership Meeting DoNC Paymaster Report** document on website <http://ncmcl.org/> under Documents then DoNC Minutes. Remember, this is a password protected site.
 - b) The checking account has some restricted money, so it is not all available. Example is the trust of a detachment's money when it closes.
 - c) Notice of Death (NOD) process – Bob Borka in proposing National AP changes. Detachment chaplain sends NOD to department

chaplain. Detachment paymaster sends NOD Transmittal to department paymaster. These are two separate processes to be done for two different purposes. In the 2023 AP search Notice of Death for more information.

- d) Snail Mail – this is a business-to-business mailing, please address it as such.
- e) Keith Shearin questioned when can the membership expect to see the proposed budget before the convention?
 - i. At the Fall Membership Meeting this was asked to be presented. We need to present this to a committee to go over it.
 - ii. We will discuss it this afternoon under projects.
- f) Kenny Joyner questioned transparency. How much of the books are made available to the membership? What about the outgoing commandant's money?
 - i. The audit team sees everything.
 - ii. The rest of the data can be added to the report.
 - iii. Three people have access to the bank account.
 - iv. There are printed copies of the bank statements in the folders, they are just not at this meeting.
 - v. Outgoing officers is an anomaly. May 31st is the end of the FY and budget. The new budget is not approved and put into place until the convention. At a June convention an accurate accounting of the money is available.
 - vi. A bylaw change will have consequences of not closing the books until the end of June and no accurate report until the Fall Membership Meeting.
 - vii. If it is kept as is, then there is an accurate report at the convention when the new budget is adopted.
 - viii. Everything needing to be re-imbursed should be received by May 31st for best accounting practices.
- 2. Bruce Rakfeldt made the motion to accept the report pending audit. Second by Steve Reyes. Approved by members present.

N. Chaplain's Report –Lisa Ciesielski .

- 1. Report of any member or member's family known to be sick or in distress.
 - a) Past Dept. Commandant Percy Sudsbury has been placed in hospice.

- b) John Dilday is not doing well.
- 2. Report of any deceased MCL member since our last meeting.
 - a) Robert Aushman of the Cherry Point Det. 1067 answered his final earthly roll call on 10/29/2023.
 - b) Joseph W. Burney, Associate member of the Paul Ray Purgason Det. 1005 answered his final earthly roll call on 2/9/2020.
 - c) Grant Evans Thayer of the Surry County Det. 1322 answered his final earthly roll call on 1/3/2024.
 - d) Dorsey C. Funderburk of the General Raymond G. Davis Det. 1162 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/21/2023.
 - e) Robert M. Joos of the Onslow County Det. 262 answered his final earthly roll call on 10/19/2023.
 - f) Robert L. Rinell of the Charlotte Det. 750 answered his final earthly roll call on 11/20/2023.
 - g) Donnie H. Webb of the Gold Leaf Det. 1276 answered his final earthly roll call of 11/15/2023.
 - h) Jerry Webb of the NC Foothills Det 1164 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/14/2023.
 - i) Eli Edward Galloway of the Stanly County Det 1021 answered his final earthly roll call on 1/12/2024.
 - j) Louise Ray of the Percy John Fulton Det. 1075 answered her final earthly roll call on 1/21/2024.
 - k) Leo Patrick Thomas of the Walter F Osborne Jr. Det 1298 answered his final earthly roll call on 1/26/2024.
 - l) Julian Lewis Belleau Sr. of the Sanford Det. 1223 answered his final earthly roll call on 11/27/2021.
 - m) John H. Ellis, Associate member of the Carlotte Det. 750 answered his final earthly roll call on 1/20/2024.
 - n) Thurman Franklin Miller of the General Allen Hal Turnage Det. 1096 answered his final earthly roll call on 9/16/2017.
 - o) REXX V. Shelton of the General Allen Hal Turnage Det. 1096 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/10/2023.
 - p) Richard 'Dick' D. Malley of the Sandhills Det. 1001 answered his final earthly roll call on 2/3/2024.
 - q) Ronald Ambrose of the Cherry Point Det. 1067 answered his final earthly roll call on 11/19/2023.
 - r) Gregory Wells of the Sgt. WE Plueddemann Det 1186 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/1/2023.

- s) Garry Ray Ward of the Greater Greensboro Det. 260 answered his final earthly roll call on 11/5/2023.
 - t) Coy A. Shue of the Charlotte Det. 750 answered his final earthly roll call on 10/31/2023.
 - u) Richard Arthur of the Carry-On Det 1236 answered his final earthly roll call on 3/4/2024.
 - v) James Kirby of the General Raymond G. Davis Det. 1162 answered his final earthly roll call on 3/9/2024.
3. Please pause for a moment of silence for our fallen Marines.

O. D.V.C.'s - Report of Officers – *Commandant Ledford asks for a motion to waive the reading of the DVC reports. Steve Reyes made the motion to accept the reports and post in the minutes. Second by Keith Shearin. Approved by members present.*

- 1. NC West DVC's
 - a) West District – Denver Grant
 - b) Northwest District – David Anderson
 - c) Midwest District – Todd Carpenter

Name of District Officer: Todd Carpenter
District: Midwest

Date prepared: 13 March 2024

Reporting Period (Highlight the period below):

- Third quarter - 1 December to 28/29 February
- Convention/Fourth quarter - 1 March to 31 May
- First quarter - 1 June to 31 August
- Second quarter - 1 September to 30 November

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period: 1

Detachment unpaid member status:

For each of your Detachments, list their Detachment number, total regular and Associate members, total unpaid members and their percent of unpaid members. The Department goal is 3%, or less):

<u>Detachment #</u>	<u>Total Reg & Assoc mbrs</u>	<u>Total unpaid mbrs</u>	<u>Total % unpaid</u>
#1097	43	1	1.85%
#1162	39	8	8.60%
#1163	39	9	14.75%
#1164	27	0	0.0%
#1197	40	0	0.0%
Total	188	18	10.44%

Total unpaid member percentage for this District:

(Add up all of the Total unpaid members and divide that number by all of the above Total Reg. & Assoc. members, to get the total unpaid percentage for your District)

10.44%

How many Detachments are in your District? 5

How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? 4

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better) 80%

What Detachments in your District have 19, or less, total members? (Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' in order to be considered an active Detachment) 0

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members?

What Detachments in your District have 14, or less, total members? (These Detachments are a PRIORITY to get back to a level of 'good standing' or their Charters may be pulled)

Are there currently any Detachment Charters in your District being held by the Department due to inactivity? None
If so, what Detachment names and numbers are they?
Per the National By-Laws, do these Charters need to be surrendered and the Detachments dissolved?

Special District projects you are involved in at this time:
#1164 is leading an effort to adopt and clean and repair the grave of Navy cross recipient (posthumously), and add a proper headstone and repair/replace the foot marker and to properly care for the grave.

d) Northcentral District – Mike Clark

Name of District Officer: Mike Clark
District: North Central

Date prepared: 12 MAR 2024

Reporting Period (Highlight the period below):

- Third quarter - 1 December to 28/29 February
- Convention/Fourth quarter - 1 March to 31 May
- First quarter - 1 June to 31 August
- Second quarter - 1 September to 30 November

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period: FIVE (5) OF FIVE (5).

Detachment unpaid member status:

For each of your Detachments, list their Detachment number, total regular and Associate members, total unpaid members and their percent of unpaid members. The Department goal is 3%, or less):

Detachment #	Total Reg & Assoc mbres	Total unpaid mbres	Total % unpaid
260	162	7	5.13%
1075	82	22	26.83%
1096	56	2	3.57%
1165	45	0	0%
1193	24	0	0%
1252	REPORT FILED WITH CURRENT DVC		
1322	REPORT WAS SENT TO DVC DAVID ANDERSON		

Total unpaid member percentage for this District: 31.9%

(Add up all of the 59 and divide that number by all of the above 390, to get the total unpaid percentage for your District) 31.9% NOT THE 31.9% AS STATED

1096, 1193, 1252. THERE IS NO NEW INFORMATION FOR DET 1193, 1322, 1096, OR 1252

How many Detachments are in your District? FIVE (5)

How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? THREE (3) OF FIVE (5) AT THE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
28 OCT 2023

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)? 60%

What Detachments in your District have 15, or less, total members? (Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' in order to be considered an active Detachment) NONE

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members? SUPPORTED FUNDRAISING WITH 3 DETACHMENTS. TOYS FOR TOTS WITH 2 DETACHMENTS AND THE GREENSBORO MARINE CORPS RESERVE I & I STAFF. ATTENDED THE MARINE CORPS BALL WITH DET 1075 COMBINED WITH THE LOCAL USMC RESERVE UNIT AND DET 260.

What Detachments in your District have 14, or less, total members? (These Detachments are a PRIORITY to get back to a level of 'good standing' or their Charters may be pulled). ALL HAVE MORE THAN 14 MEMBERS, HOWEVER, PENDING. ONE DETACHMENT HAS REMAINED DARK ON COMMUNICATION WITH DAV AND DONC. I WAS AT THEIR LAST GATHERING (CHARTER, COLORS NOR BIBLE WERE PLACED) AND SPOKE WITH THE COMMANDANT REGARDING THE ISSUE. AFTER UPDATING HIS PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL I HAVE STILL NOT GOTTEN A QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD. WHEN REQUESTED OVER TEXT AFTER EMAIL WAS BOUNCED BACK I WAS ASKED FOR MY MAILING ADDRESS. I PROVIDED MY EMAIL WITH A REQUEST FOR THE QUARTERLY REPORT WITH NO RESPONSE.

Are there currently any Detachment Charters in your District being held by the Department due to inactivity?

If so, what Detachment names and numbers are they?
Per the National By-Laws, do these Charters need to be surrendered and the Detachments dissolved? NORTHWEST TRIAD DET 1314, DVC STILL HAS POSSESSION OF DET PROPERTIES, WITH A CATEGORIZED LIST HAVING BEEN TURNED OVER TO DEPARTMENT, AND THE ACCOUNT MONIES ARE BEING HELD BY DONC PAYMASTER. ADEQUATE STORAGE FOR THIS PROPERTY OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE IS STILL BEING SEARCHED FOR.

PFC TERRY C SMITH DET 1193, GUILFORD COUNTY, HAD BEEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH ALL METHODS OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR AN EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME. ALL EFFORTS TO CONTACT HAVE BEEN

UNSUCCESSFUL. ON THE LAST MEETING DATE, ALTHOUGH I WAS PRESENT, IT WAS A NOT AN OFFICIAL MEETING - ABSENT CHARTER AND COLORS. THE COMMANDANT SENDS NOTIFICATION BY MAIL AND DOES NOT HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OR DVC ON EVEN THAT LIST. UNDELIVERABLE, THE ONE SENT TO THE COMMANDANT'S HOME GENERATED NO RESPONSE.

Special District projects you are involved in at this time: ATTENDED THE MONTFORD POINT MARINES 80TH ANNIVERSARY IN AUGUST AT THE CAROLINA FIELD OF HONOR.

New Detachment Recruiting Efforts: OTHER THAN THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE AND SHARING WHAT HAS WORKED WITH OTHER DISTRICT DETACHMENTS, NOTHING FURTHER. DET 1075 CONTINUES TO HAVE GOOD SUCCESS WITH THEIR RECRUITING CARDS AND SET A NEW RECORD ON THEIR TOYS FOR TOT'S CAMPAIGN.

Suggestions for the 'Good of the League' as a result of your DVC activities: INVITE MORE COMMUNITY INTERACTION AS WITH THE REVIEW OF NAVY JROTC UNIT FROM A LOCAL SCHOOL. MEMBERS FROM DET 260 AND DET 1075 SHOWED UP FOR SUPPORT. A MESSAGE JUST CAME THAT A LOCAL SCHOOL WAS HAVING A VETERAN APPRECIATION NIGHT. HOWEVER, THE MESSAGE WAS SENT THIS MORNING AND THE GAME IS TONIGHT. WORKING TO INVOLVE LOCAL YOUNG MARINES UNITS, AND JROTC UNITS IN DETACHMENT EVENTS WHERE POSSIBLE.

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why:

GREATER GREENSBORO DET 260, GUILFORD COUNTY, CONTINUES TO DISBURSE MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO LOCAL ENTITIES THAT SUPPORT MARINE AND VETERAN NEEDS. AS WELL AS DELIVER MATTRESSES FOR HOMELESS VETERANS BEING HOUSED. A CHECK OF \$5,000.00 PRESENTED AT THE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO SUPPORT FEEDING FAMILIES AT CAMP LEJUENE. THEY ARE CONTINUING EFFORTS ON A FOOD DRIVE THAT WILL BE DELIVERED TO FISHER HOUSE AT CAMP LEJUENE

PERCY JOHN FULTON DETACHMENT DET 1075, FORSYTH COUNTY. HAD A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR WITH TOYS FOR TOT'S COLLECTING OVER 91,000 TOYS, SERVING OVER 37,000 CHILDREN

GENERAL ALLEN HAL TURNAGE DET 1196 RAISED FUNDS FOR WREATHS FOR VETERANS THAT WERE BE PUT OUT IN DECEMBER.

THEY ALSO HAVE WORKED TO FURTHER THEIR COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR LOCAL VETERANS

CPL JOHNNY A WILLIAMSON DET 1165, RANDOLPH COUNTY. HAD ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA AND ARE PLANNING FOR AN UPCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT THAT WILL BE BIGGER THAN THEIR LAST. THEY HELD A BOWLING DAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SEMPER FI FUND IN FEB. HAVING BEEN PRESENT, IT WENT OVER WELL AND FUN WAS HAD BY ALL.

SURRY COUNTY DET 1322 DID WELL WITH TOYS FOR TOT'S DESPITE SOME ILLNESS OF THE MARINE WHO IS THE HUSBAND OF THE COORDINATOR. HOWEVER, IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS QUARTER THEY HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER DVC DAVID ANDERSON IN A DISTRICT CHANGE. THE ROCKINGHAM DET 1252, HAS BECOME PART OF THE NORTHCENTRAL DISTRICT DVC HAS NOT VISITED YET AS WAS UNAWARE THE CHANGE WAS ALREADY IN EFFECT. DET 1322 COMMANDANT PROVIDED HIS REPORT TO DVC DAVID ANDERSON, AND DET 1252 PROVIDED TO THEIR DVC.

- e) Central District – John Dilday
- f) Southcentral – (vacant)
- 2. NC East DVC's
 - a) North District – James Mitchell
 - b) Northeast District – Leotha Forte

Name of District Officer: - PDD Leatha Forte
District: Northeast

Date prepared: **March 16, 2024**

Reporting Period (Highlight the period below):

- First quarter – 1 June to August 31
- Second quarter - 1 September to 30 November
- **Third quarter - 1 December to 28/29 February**
- Fourth quarter - 1 March to 31 May

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period: **five**

Detachment unpaid member status:

For each of your Detachments, list their Detachment number, total regular and Associate members, total unpaid members and their percent of unpaid members. The Department goal is 3%, or less):

Detachment #	Reg & Assoc members	Total <u>unpaid</u> members	Total % unpaid
John V. Berg 257	15	0	
Plueddemann 1186	30	0	
Suzi Sannes 1262	15	0	
Gold Leaf 1276	21	0	0
Waynesboro1355	10	0	

Total unpaid member percentage for this District:

(Add up all of the Total unpaid members and divide that number by all of the above Total Reg. & Assoc. members, to get the total unpaid percentage for your District)

How many Detachments are in your District? **Five**

How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? **Three**

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)?**65%**

What Detachments in your District have 15, or less, total members? (Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' in order to be considered an active Detachment) **Suzi Sannes, Gold Leaf, John V. Berg and Sgt. W. E. Plueddemann**

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members? **Asking them how I can help to improve their membership drive.**

What Detachments in your District have 14, or less, total members? (These Detachments are a **PRIORITY** to get back to a level of 'good standing' or their Charters may be pulled) **one has a small membership, trying to improve**

Are there currently any Detachment Charters in your District being held by the Department due to inactivity? **No, they all have goals for the good of the MCL**

If so, what Detachment names and numbers are they? **N/A**

Per the National By-Laws, do these Charters need to be surrendered and the Detachments dissolved? **No, they're striving to meet the standard of the SOE**

Special District projects you are involved in at this time: **Setting up a conference call with the 5 Commandants in the Northeast District**

New Detachment Recruiting Efforts: by NCMCL /Jr. Vice Commandant AJ Pitts

Suggestions for the 'Good of the League' as a result of your DVC activities: **Participating in their community affairs, new meeting location VA Hut in Greenville, fundraising events**

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why: **Plueddemann 1186; Getting new A.C system install for Vets, Gold Leaf 1276; 3rd Annual Brunswick Stew fundraiser in Feb, raising over \$5,000 for Gold Leaf**

c) South District – Howard Boyd

Name of District Officer: Howard D. Boyd Sr.
District: South District

Date prepared: 3/13/2024

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Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period:

1005 Paul Ray Purgason Detachment - Shallotte
1070 Cape Fear Detachment - Wilmington
1321 Hampstead Detachment - Hampstead
1036 Carolina Borders Detachment - Calabash

Detachment unpaid member status:

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1005 Paul Ray Purgason	39	2	5.13%
1036 Carolina Borders	22	0	0.00%
1070 Cape Fear	75	3	4.00%
1321 Hampstead	55	4	7.55%

* Reported to me in time to prepare this report. Otherwise, the info is from the 09/08/2023 Detachment Report from National

** Reported numbers are significantly different than the National Report.

Total unpaid member percentage for this District: 0

(Add up all of the Total unpaid members and divide that number by all of the above Total Reg. & Assoc. members, to get the total unpaid percentage for your District)

District Total 201 9 4.48%

How many Detachments are in your District?4
How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting?2

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)?50%

What Detachments in your District have 15, or less, total members?0
(Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' in order to be considered an active Detachment)

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members?
N/A

What Detachments in your District have 14, or less, total members?0
(These Detachments are a PRIORITY to get back to a level of 'good standing' or their Charters may be pulled)

Are there currently any Detachment Charters in your District being held by the Department due to inactivity?NO

If so, what Detachment names and numbers are they? Per the National By-Laws, do these Charters need to be surrendered and the Detachments dissolved?

Special District projects you are involved in at this time:
Working to get all South Detachments to attend Quarterly Conferences. Working with Detachments 1070 and 1321 on efforts to host North Carolina Fall Quarterly Conference in Wrightsville Beach.

New Detachment Recruiting Efforts:
Membership has increased since last reporting period

Suggestions for the 'Good of the League' as a result of your DVC activities:
All four Detachments are working actively in their communities. All Detachments reporting during this period. (Please reference their reports). I am pleased with each Detachment's efforts during the last quarter and the energetic Commandants who lead them. A new Detachment Commandant was sworn in for Cape Fear 1070 in December.

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why:
None

- d) East District – Ray Randall
- e) Southeast District – Ray Randall

P. Commandant's Report – Ric Ledford

1. Due to personal, work, issues and sickness he has not got out to that many detachments.
2. He has kept in communication with staff officers.
3. He did make it to Mid-winter.
4. Mid-winter report from Brian Gelespie presentation was very powerful and spot on the mission of the League. It can be found at:
<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/>

Q. Report of Staff Officers

1. Sr. Vice Commandant – Robert Hare
 - a) I want to start by saying thank you for all of the email, text, and phone calls when I had my emergency surgery. My wife was blown away by the camaraderie Marines have, so thank you again.
 - b) This report is going to be short. Unlike my report at the last meeting, I only visited 1 Detachment due to it having issues and they requested that I speak with the membership and observe their meeting. This was requested after other requests were conducted and not resolved to their satisfaction. I have not spoken with the Detachment since, so I won't be discussing my recommendations to the rest of the Detachments. If you did not attend the Commandant's Council earlier this morning, I will state that if you are not using the current forms sent down by National, I ask that your Adjutant and/or Paymaster go to the website and download them. When Detachments email me about issues they are having, especially with transmittals, it's hard to defend you when you're using the wrong forms. If you need assistance locating them, please let me know and I'll be happy to help you.
 - c) Most of my time has been spent on the investigation or audit of the AV equipment as requested and voted on by the membership. I will be providing a report on that later today. Hopefully, this will put this issue to bed so that I can focus on selling this equipment.
 - d) Fundraising has been a challenge to say the least. With the current event, which is the paid hotel stay w/spending cash to the 2024 National Convention in Palm Springs, California, it has sold 101 tickets totaling \$1,660 in revenue. With just this fundraiser only, I am

about \$200 in the red, however, we still have 84 days to go before we draw the winner. I'm not done and confident that I will increase that number. Unfortunately, because of my surgery, I was unable to attend the Mid-Winter Conference, I missed an opportunity to drop flyers around the area. So far during my tenure as your Senior Vice-Commandant, I have raised \$5,645 and according to my numbers, I have barely touched the \$6,500 expenditure budget.

- e) I was also attempting to set up a cruise package for the 250th Marine Corps Birthday. However, because of cruise line booking guidelines, I decided not to set that fundraiser up. Instead, I'm adding an additional firearm that will start Monday morning. It will be a Springfield Armory Hellcat Pro w/Crimson Trace Red Dot 9mm FDE Melonite (tan) 15+1 magazine capacity. I am also personally providing a 1-year membership to Right to Bear which is self-defense legal coverage. The winner will be drawn during lunch at the 2024 Department Convention in June.
- f) See you all in Greensboro. Semper Fi!

2. Jr. Vice Commandant – AJ Pitts

a) Membership

Member Roster as of 1/11/24:

PLM-1196 (increase by 7)

Paid Regular Members- (388 increase by 154)

Total members- (1584 increase by 161)

Total unpaid members- (308 decrease by 145)

Associate members-307 (increased by 44)

- b) We are hosting a recruitment drive right now. Only 2 detachments have reached out to him on this. Send a copy of any new member's transmittal to him. This is an award incentive, no monetary incentive.
- c) Make a local bar your "tun Tavern" get a sign made and have them hang it up on the bar.
- d) Recognize local businesses and locations with MCL Logos (ie. Certs., Gold EGA awards, or appreciation

- e) Use tax exemption status to collect goods for give aways in local communities
- f) Find multiple common social events that interest your members and host them for the detachment to help retain them.
- g) Use social media to promote your community and to cater to those who have busy lifestyles.
- h) He visited 2 detachments.
- i) He emailed all DVC's On Jan 5th only 2 responded.
- j) Buy overhead on uniform items (i.e. Detachment shirts, covers, patches, Etc.).
- k) Ideas to help your detachments: Parades, family get togethers, local support in bus stops, community centers.
- l) He has the national Jr Vice streamers which were not passed out from the previous Jr Vice. Please see him today to get your detachment's streamer.

3. Judge Advocate –Bill Brown

- a) I can again report that during this quarter we had no instances of formal Grievances or Disciplinary Charges brought by the Detachments. I hope that the trend of resolving issues at the lowest level will prevail and that Chapter Nine actions are a last resort to resolve indifferences. There does continue to be instances that are truly more personal conflicts among members, many of whom serve in elected positions of their detachments, rather than anything of substance. We need to remember why we volunteered to serve in the positions for which we were nominated and elected or appointed to in support of our detachment and the League. In each officer's oath of installation we said, in part thereof " I will enforce and uphold and will myself OBEY the laws of the League...I will SUBORDINATE myself to the best interests of my fellow Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Navy Chaplains and the Marine Corps League".
- b) During this past quarter I worked with the Executive Board of Trustees to finalize the inventory and in reviewing documentation for the acquisition of the Department's Audio/Visual equipment. This proved to be a larger than expected undertaking but with information provided by Denny Mathia and DoNC Paymaster, Scott Shermeyer, we were able to reconcile that all A/V property was accounted for and on hand and that there was no instances of malice, wrongdoing or

misappropriation of Department funds. I then issued the Findings of the DoNC AV Acquisition and Inventory to the Department membership.

- c) As I reported in the Fall Membership meeting I updated the Department Bylaws for submission to the National Judge Advocate to approve the corrections required from our 2022 DoNC Bylaws submission in addition to the new language approved and at the 2023 DoNC Convention. How soon that may be approved I do not know as the NJAs backlog is sizeable at this time. I did make sure to go ahead and post them on our DoNC website and highlighted in color the applicable changes to facilitate a hopefully speedy review once reviewed. There are still new items to be incorporated from the 2023 National Convention that I have begun compiling them for the next update. If the items approved at the 2023 DoNC Convention and included in the updated bylaws are concurred with by the NJA, it will make changes in the DoNC Bylaws that mirror the National Convention changes easier to update without having to have approvals at our convention.
- d) As the Bylaws are a living document that require continuous update and revision/amendment, you are reminded that the deadline for submission of proposed changes to the National Bylaws and National Administrative Procedures (NBL/NAP) is 1 April 2024. They must be in the proper format and be addressed to the National Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer (NED/COO) See NAP Chapter Ten Section 10020 for specific information/instruction.

Submission can be sent via Email, Certified U.S. Mail, or by other carriers where certified delivery may be verified, and a return receipt may be requested. If the proposal is mailed, it is recommended that a PDF of the source document be emailed to the NED/COO.

Additionally, the source document (MS Word, WordPerfect, etc.) shall be emailed to the NED/COO. Receipt of the email submission(s) will be acknowledged by the NED/COO.

The appropriate mailing and email addresses have been provided by the Department Adjutant.

Additionally, the 2024 Proposed DoNC Bylaws changes are due to the DoNC Bylaws Committee and/or Department Judge Advocate by 9 April 2024. The same applies to format as to NBL/NAP changes. I look forward to receiving and reviewing your suggestions and input.

- e) If you have not submitted a proposed change before and would like to have yours reviewed prior to actual submission, I will be glad to take a look at them as long as you don't wait to the last minute to do so.
- f) And I also made it known that I feel the Detachments should not be admonished for not having their bylaws updated; that the DoNC Bylaws must first be in order. To that end, numerous changes need to be made there as well as then updating the Sample Bylaws to reflect the latest changes. I have been reluctant to release the updated Sample Detachment Bylaws only because a number of changes are dependent upon approval of our DBL by the National Judge Advocate
- g) I do have two key proposed amendments that will be in the DBL and Sample Detachment bylaws.
 - i. NAP Section 6005 Authority. Each detachment shall be governed by its elected officers (board of trustees) subordinate to the Department and National Conventions, the charter and the bylaws and administrative procedures of such bodies including such bylaws and procedures as it may itself promulgate which are not in conflict with either National and/or department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures
 - ii. NAP Section 10005 Respect. B. The "Ritual" of the Marine Corps League shall be observed and employed at all meetings and appropriate functions to the maximum extent possible.
- h) I received several Detachment Bylaws submissions over the quarter and have completed a couple of those updates. I notified each that my priority will be to update the DoNC Bylaws and Sample Bylaws but will work with the Detachments to get theirs in sync as well. Using conference calls and Zoom meetings to share documents and discuss recommended changes has worked well and I plan to continue this process. I have visited detachments when required to assist as needed.

- i) To date no one has indicated an intent to oppose me in the elections; I will continue to serve as Judge Advocate if nominated, but as stated previously should anyone wish to have the job and is elected, I stand ready to assist in updating all that I can and making this Department the best it can be!
 - j) I am also looking for additional members to serve on the Department Bylaws Committee. If you are interested, please contact myself or Lisa Cieselski, Bylaws Committee Chairperson.
4. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski / Bill Brown
- a) Any submission of By-Laws – They are due 60 days prior to the convention. April 9, 2024 is the deadline.
 - b) National deadline is April 1, 2024. There is a style guide in the appendix.
 - c) Can send the proposal to Bill Brown to look for feedback before official submittal.
5. Sgt.-at-Arms – Steve Tracy (absent)
6. Web sergeant – Kenny Joyner
- a) He will update the forms on the DoNC website to link to national so there is no confusion.
7. Chief of Staff – John Dilday (absent) / Ric Ledford
- a) Discuss upcoming Membership meetings and host Detachments for them.
 - i. **Convention 2024** –Greater Greensboro #260, Wyndam Garden Inn, June 7-9
 - ii. **Fall 2024** –Hampstead Det #1321 and Cape Fear Det #1070
 - iii. **Spring 2025** – Swansboro Det #1407
 - iv. **Convention 2025** – Air Land NC Det #1257, Double Tree by Hilton RDU Airport 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham
 - v. **Fall 2025** – Shawn Knisely Det #983, Fayette, considering in conjunction with a Birthday Ball.
 - vi. **Spring 2026** – need a volunteer detachment
 - vii. **Convention 2026** – need a volunteer detachment
 - viii. **Fall 2026** – need a volunteer detachment

R. Report of Project Leaders

1. Toys For Tots – Kevin Ashton
 - a) 2023 – 703,800 toys = 29,000+ toys more than 2022.
2. Eagle Scout Program – Charles Minton
 - a) MED 146 eagles submitted.
 - b) 8 eagles in this meeting.
 - c) National – DoNC 46 reported.
 - d) 94 for FY today for DoNC
 - e) Female scouts are not being counted nationwide.
3. Marine For Life Liaison – Mark Munger (absent)
4. Young Marines Program – Bruce Goeden
 - a) Last year at this time, the program had 8 units, 51 adults volunteers and 68 Young Marines.
 - b) This year, there are 8 units, 34 adult volunteers, and 46 Young Marines.
 - c) We are looking for help in the program for NC.
 - d) Adult leadership and mentorship are keys to growing any solid organization. Let us not let the next generation down.
 - e) If you or your detachment is located in the following areas, you may be helping or can help the units.
 - Wilmington
 - Cary
 - Cherry Point
 - Mayodan
 - Greensboro
 - Maysville
 - Charlotte
 - Swansboro
5. VAVS Program – Al Pasquale
6. Fund-Raising – Robert Hare (in SrV report)
7. Compliance Officer – Phil Randall
8. Scholarship – Ric Ledford
 - a) One request came in and was approved.
9. Budget & Finance Committee – Ric Ledford

- a) Need minimum 3 people to volunteer. Let Ric Ledford or Scott Shermeyer know if you want to volunteer.
- b) Budget Proposal presentation (information only – voted on at the convention)

Line #		Approved	Actuals as of 2/29/2024	Notes
1	Income			
2	From Checking	\$ -		This amount is what we estimate might have to come from retained earnings to balance the budget
3	Investments	\$ -		
4	Business Checking Interest	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.81	
5	Business Savings Interest	\$ 10.00	\$ 17.42	
6	Total Investments	\$ 25.00	\$ 34.03	
7	Direct Public Support			
8	Detachment Retirement Escrow?	\$ -		
9	Member Donations Rec'd	\$ 433.25	\$ 433.25	Raffle pistol purchase donation - Robert Hare
10	Detachment Donations Rec'd	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,650.00	YM's = \$700, TFT = \$100, Scholarship = \$100, unrestricted = \$750
11	Public Donations Rec'd	\$ -		Public support
12	Total Direct Public Support	\$ -	\$ 1,183.25	Adjusted to show unrestricted funds amount
13	Fundraising Revenue			
14	2022-23 Dept. Raffle	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 715.00	Revenue toward last year's fundraisers
15	2023-24 Dept. Raffle	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,160.00	Revenue toward this year's fundraisers
16	Challenge Coins	\$ 35.00	\$ 60.00	Revenue from prev. fundraiser, leftover from previous period(s)
16a	Combat Veteran Parking Signs	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	Revenue from prev. fundraiser, leftover from previous period(s)
17	Total Fundraising Revenue	\$ 16,055.00	\$ 3,985.00	
18	Program Income			
19	Life Member Interest Rebate	\$ 3,404.66	\$ 3,404.66	Actual Amounts Rec'd this year to be held in escrow until next fiscal year begins, per bylaws
20	Membership Dues	\$ 4,710.00	\$ 4,710.00	Amounts shown are carried over from prev. year, per bylaws
21	Total Program Income	\$ 8,114.66	\$ 8,114.66	Adjusted total which shows last year's allocated escrow amounts
22	Total Income	\$ 24,194.66	\$ 13,316.94	

23	Expense			
24	Department Officer's Expenses			these are position-related expenses
25	Commandant's Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$	709.94
26	Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	\$ 400.00		These are not for personal expense reimbursements
27	Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	\$ 400.00		No food
28	Judge Advocate's Expenses	\$ 400.00	\$	157.20 No beverage
29	DVC Expenses			Mileage
30	Central	\$ 400.00		
31	East	\$ 400.00		
32	Mid West	\$ 400.00		
33	North	\$ 400.00		
34	North Central	\$ 400.00		
35	North East	\$ 400.00	\$	161.40
36	Northwest	\$ 400.00		
37	South	\$ 400.00	\$	113.40
38	South Central	\$ 400.00		
39	South East	\$ 400.00		
40	West	\$ 400.00		
41	Total DVC Expenses	\$ 4,400.00	\$	274.80
42	Chaplain's Expenses	\$ 400.00		
43	Adjutant's Expenses	\$ 400.00		
44	Paymaster Expenses			
45	Printing and Copying	\$ 100.00		
46	Supplies	\$ 100.00		
47	Paymaster Expenses - Other	\$ 200.00		
48	Total Paymaster Expenses	\$ 400.00		
49	Total Department Officer Position-Related Expenses	\$ 8,800.00	\$	1,141.94
50	Fundraising Expense	\$ 6,500.00	\$	2,650.30
51	Meetings Expenses			

52	Mid-East Divison Conference(s)	\$ 100.00		<i>to host department (West Virginia)</i>
53	Convention/Membership Mtg.			<i>Convention event should pay for this expense, only members who attend should bear the burden because they benefit</i>
54	Host Detachment Allowance	\$ 600.00	\$ -	<i>* Fall & Spring DoNC Meetings & DoNC Convention</i>
55	Total Meetings Expenses	\$ 700.00		
56	Operations			These are paid directly by DoNC debit card, as needed
57	Awards	\$ 400.00	\$ 75.49	
58	Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ -	
59	Bank Fees - Business Checks Order	\$ -	\$ -	
60	Books, Subscriptions, Reference	\$ -	\$ -	
61	Free Conference Call / One Number	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.56	<i>* Conference Calling & online meeting</i>
62	Multi-Media Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
63	Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 82.27	
64	Square, Inc. Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.62	<i>This is part of fundraising</i>
65	Web Site Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 129.08	<i>* Domain & Hosting, \$11.99/month x 12 months hosting prepaid expense from last year</i>
66	Total Operations	\$ 950.00	\$ 323.01	
67	Semper Fidelis			<i>Always Faithful Fund</i>
68	Marines Helping Marines	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	<i>\$1,000 to Marine in Need, Paul Longo, app'd by EBoT, 12/1/2023</i>
69	New Detachment Allowance	\$ 300.00	\$ -	<i>Detachment must have Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Charter, and Bank Account before disbursement of funds</i>
70	Total Semper Fidelis	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,000.00	
71	Total Expense	\$ 16,950.00	\$ 4,124.25	
72	Retained Income	\$ 7,244.66	\$ 9,192.69	
73		Net	\$ -	
	Allocated Funds			
	Young Marines		\$ 900.00	
	Toys for Tots		\$ 200.00	
	Scholarship		\$ 100.00	
	Total Allocated Funds		\$ 1,200.00	
73a		Net (Adjusted)	\$ 7,992.69	

Commandant Ledford “At this time I ask for a motion from the Floor to accept the Officer and Committee reports as given or submitted.” David Anderson made the motion to accept the reports as given or submitted. Second by Al Pasquale. Approved by members present.

S. Recess of the DoNC Membership Meeting morning session 1142

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

1. Plan for a lunch recess no later than 1145. Reconvene at 1300.

T. Reconvene the DoNC Membership Meeting afternoon session - 1300

1. Raffle drawings for host detachment #1209 held.
2. Sgt-at-Arms to bring meeting to order
3. Chaplain to open the Bible

U. Unfinished Business

1. David Anderson – LOI for 2027 National Convention
 - a) LOI went out for Charlotte / Concord area. Jim Ranson (national) sent back it was too expensive.
 - b) The group of 800 people is too expensive, the area is looking for groups of 1500 to get the price back down.
 - c) Looking at Greensboro / Raleigh area as an option. Awaiting a response.
2. Bill Brown - Bylaw update
 - a) Formatting of proposed changes need to be correct – identify section number of change, current and proposed language, rationale.
 - b) He will help review before submittal if needed.
3. Robert Hare - A/V audit update
 - a) A complete audit of paperwork and equipment was conducted.
 - b) The equipment was in the trailer locked in his garage. Everything was laid out in his garage to take inventory. Things such as cables were not measured / inventoried, etc. This was emailed to all elected officers.
 - c) Each elected officer individually went through the paperwork.
 - d) The officers then reached out to Scott Shermeyer for the financial data.
 - e) As EBOT, Denny Mathias and Ted Turner were on a meeting to answer questions. Those two then left the meeting.
 - f) There were a few discrepancies found and questions were asked and compared to expense receipt requests.

- g) It was found that there was \$30 pizza reimbursement which should not have been done. All other expenses / receipts were determined to match the bottom line.
- h) The equipment cannot be used to create a smaller system.
- i) The recommendation is to get rid of all equipment.
- j) It was put on the League market as requested by the department. No bites for purchase.
- k) It will now go to the open public market. Robert is not sure how long it will take to get posted.
- l) Recommendation – if not able to sell after all avenues are exhausted, we find a non-profit veteran group and/or a music school and donate.
- m) David Anderson – email 1/24/24 from JA, #1 of letter, does all of the EBoT agree on this item?
 - i. AJ Pitts responded 3 of the 4 agreed on this number, however we are a team.
 - ii. This EBoT was making decisions based on things done by the EBoT before us.
 - iii. This has been an issue at the last several DoNC meetings.
 - iv. Yes, we agree there were a few things that were inappropriate. This has been going on since 2021. Robert and AJ were the new kids to this whole issue.
- n) David Anderson – email 1/24/24 from JA, #8 of letter, the money of the sell of the equipment.
 - i. There was discussion (heated and non-heated) about the sale of the items and the use of the monies. Also, discussion about keeping any of the equipment and the trailer and the need for the trailer or any A/V equipment.
- o) Lewis Pleasant made motion to halt the sale effective today and donate all the equipment to a state funded school of the arts. Patrick Melton second.
 - i. This was attempted to be sold. It has not had any inquiries.
 - ii. Since it has not sold, we are looking to go to the open market. If we donate to a state music school will keep it in the state.
 - iii. The sale will be done / concluded by the convention in June.
 - iv. The EBoT was not trying to override any decision made by the members.
 - v. We have been trying to enact the motion to sale for the past 8 months.

- vi. Vote – approved by members present.
- 4. Ric Ledford - Budget & Finance Committee Member appointments
 - a) This shall be no less than 3 members.
 - i. Volunteers - Kenny Joyner, Kevin Ashton, Betty Kramer, Keith Shearin.
 - b) Shall prepare a proposed annual budget consisting of appropriated and non-appropriated items for approval at the annual convention.
- 5. Lisa Ciesielksi – NOD does not have to be filled out by any particular person in the detachment. Please fill out the form and get it emailed to her.
- 6. Keith Shearin – what is the need for the trailer since the A/V to be donated.
 - a) There is still gear which is to be hauled in the trailer.
 - b) There are funds earmarked for fixing it.
 - c) The purpose of trailer is so the SoA does not have to pack their truck, but to leave gear in it.
- 7. Scott Shermeyer – he found the error mentioned in the paymaster report for the interest and will correct it.
- 8. Bill Brown – would like to have some help on the bylaws committee.
- 9. Bill Brown – how many detachments who have money handled by members other than the Commandant or Paymaster. It includes anyone designated by the Commandant – must be designated in writing.

V. New Business

- 1. Scholarship award – This was left out of the budget by accident. Scott Shermeyer made the motion to approve \$1000 to the applicant. (\$100 donation and \$900 non-appropriated funds). Second by Bob Lense. Approved by members present.
- 2. Budget expenditures –
 - a) Young Marines check of \$900 – Scott Shermeyer made a motion to approve this payment. Second by Bob Lense. Approved by members present.
 - b) Toys for Tots Foundation of \$100 – Scott Shermeyer made a motion to approve this payment. Second by Steve Reyes. Approved by members present.
- 3. Scott Shermeyer made the motion - \$125 to go out pay the commissions on the raffle. Second by Dave Ward. Approved by members present.

4. Jim Hayes made the motion that stipends for all elected officers / DVC for travel only except for the commandant or appointed representative to fill their spot. Second by Scott Shermeyer.
 - a) Bruce Rakfeldt – back in the day it was felt that at least the Commandant keep the expense report. It shouldn't be only 'rich' members be able to hold this position.
 - b) Keith Shearin – the other officers / DVC is for the travel to do their jobs. The ability to get reimbursed for hotel stay tells members that the person only comes because they get their hotel stay reimbursed.
 - c) Kenny Joyner – it will need to be a bylaw change to separate the administration procedure from the bylaw.
 - d) Travel for chapter 9 is held to the department. This needs to be looked at.
 - e) Ric Ledford – asks that this be tabled so the board and the members can look at this more.
 - f) Jim Hayes made the motion table to convention. Second by Bruce Goeden. Approved by members present.

W. Good of the League

1. Scott Shermeyer – Always Faithful Foundation of NC
 - a) Proposes creating a subsidiary 501(c)3 foundation for the purposes of soliciting public grant money that normally is only open to bonafide charitable non-profits. This would create long-term revenue stream to fund charitable outreach, Marines Helping Marines, humanitarian assistance, scholarships, etc. and take some strain off of the fundraising efforts and department budget expenses.
 - b) We are an exempt organization but not able to meet the criteria of businesses.
 - c) This would help us earn the money from beyond our own pockets.
 - d) Rick Thomas – will this be under our current EIN?
 - i. It will be it's own EIN and entity.
 - e) Bruce Rakfeldt – it would have it's own board of trustees. We need to see a business plan for this.
 - f) Betty Kramer – we are 501(c)4.
 - i. We are a subsidiary of the national. This needs to be discussion with Bob Borke. 501(c)19 came out after we were created.
2. Detachment 1164 – Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Memorial Project – Laura Hamilton presented writeup for the fundraising to help restore his

- gravesite which is in disarray. Reach out to Detachment 1164 to help with this.
3. Lewis Pleasant – MCL Winston Salem – 14th Mud Run. June 1st. Camp Jomeokee Campground.
 4. Dave Ward –
 - a) Thank you to the detachments who helped with the food fundraiser this past fall. Just over \$45K.
 - b) He has shipped a good bit now out to the MEU. A new MEU is going out on the USS Wasp.
 - c) Everything will be done off base this year. USO is being hamstrung by MCCS.
 - d) Expanding to MCAS Cherry Point and New River this year.
 - e) Passed the bucket. \$878
 5. Finance Audit – need 3 volunteers. Email Commandant Ledford. This audit is done on Friday evening of the convention weekend.

X. Announcements

1. MED conference June 28-29 in West Virginia.
2. The pictures from today are at www.photofrog.smugmug.com
3. The new raffle is starting now - \$10 each / 5 for \$40.
4. DoNC Convention hosted by Greensboro #260.
5. Robert Hare will accept the nomination as commandant.
6. Kenny Joyner – Shawn Knisely Det – Fall membership meeting 2025 will hold a Ball conjunction with the meeting. They are trying to get corporate donations to help pay for some of it. They are looking at Oct 31st / Nov 1st or back up to Oct 24th / 25th. The Ball will be a joint Ball with the recruiting unit.
7. Jim Hayes will accept the nomination as Sr Vice.
8. AJ Pitts – support of OCJ Kids. This helps support foster kids with care bags. Foster care kids get nothing when they are placed into the system other than what is on their backs. There are 13,000 kids in the system for the 1st or less than 3 months in the current home. Passed the bucket - \$ 229.
9. Bill Brown will accept the nomination of JA.
10. A list will be sent out for all appointed positions that need to be filled.
11. Mike Clark – Det 260 having 17th annual golf tournament.
www.mcl260.info for more information.

Y. 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 – Robert Hare
6. Chaplain – Prayer and close the Bible – Lisa Ciesielski.
7. Meeting adjourned