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ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL



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## **2016-2017 OFFICERS**

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Senior Vice Commandant	William T. Pressley
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Past Commandant	Edgar S. Watson
Judge Advocate	Robert D. Jadlocki
Adjutant-Paymaster	Gary L. Bryan
Chaplain	Eli E. Galloway
Sergeant-at-Arms	Larry L. Shoe
Historian	Lawrence D. Roush

## **COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

Marines, the year has started on a positive note with the weather and with our Detachment. We will have a revised Application form for our Scholarship program for review and will be presented to members at the 27 February 2017 meeting. The new Scholarship committee consisting of Steve Watson, Chairman: John Smith and David Batten has performed their duty well and on time.

The Golf committee will be nominated at this meeting also in preparation for our Fund Raising for the 2017 year. If any Marine desires a position on this committee please advise myself or any Officer with your intent or contribution. Since this will be our only fund raising effort this year it's extremely important to all detachment members to participate so our Scholarship program has sufficient funds to provide a meaningful monetary grant to our worthy students. FYI, our Detachment will not be in the raffle business this year so ya'll can take a break from this type of activity.

If the membership wants to go back to the races I can make arrangements, just kidding. Our Marines will be once again assisting with the morning breakfast prior to distributing American Flags on 27 MAY at 0700 at VFW Post # 2908. Other Veteran organizations will all be assisting with this breakfast for the TROOPS. The Veterans Council will supply the Flags and Boy Scout, JROTC and other units will be assisting, supporting this effort. **OUR VETERANS WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.** Any Marines that would commit to holding an Officer position in this fine organization please inform SGT at ARMS Larry Shoe of your intentions. With all that, I sincerely wish our sick or dis-

tressed veterans and family WELL.

I'm honored to serve as your Commandant and hope you can attend the February meeting.

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Paul Hummel  
Commandant

## **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE STANLY COUNTY DETACHMENT 1021 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 30 JANUARY, 2016**

Prior to the start of the meeting: Marine Pressley, coordinator for the Toys for Tots program, recognized several local businesses for their exceptional support during the 2016 drive.

Toys for Tots coordinator Marine Pressley presents Commander Awards to following outstanding cooperators.

The Guardians Nomad Motorcycle Club from Locust collected \$720.00 and 35 Toys.



Accepting for Guardian Nomads, Tim Ernst and Linda Clontz

Lum's Ford one of the top Toy contributors collected over five 35 gal. sacks of toys.



Accepting for Lum's Ford, Lindsay Merck Kay Jewelers of Albemarle donated 40 plush stuffed toys.



Accepting for Kay Jewelers, Magan Beachum The Parkway House, which collected over \$200.00 for Toys for Tots, also received an award, which was delivered after the meeting.

**Opening:** Commandant Hummel called the meeting to order and appropriate customs and form were carried out.

**Roll Call of Officers:** All Present. Members in attendance 26.

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS:** There was one application for membership. Retired Marine GySgt. Freddie Craven was sponsored by Marine Bryan.

**Balloting on Applications:** A motion was made to accept Marine Craven for membership, it was seconded and passed.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt and seconded. The motion passed.

**PAYMASTERS REPORT** Paymaster Bryan presented the reports for December 2016 and January 2017.

Cash Flow Statement December 2016

RECEIPTS		
50/50	\$	43.00
Membership Dues (Walker)	\$	35.00
Refund of Administrative		
Donation for Red Blazer	\$	50.00
<u>Supplies</u>	\$	<u>12.99</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>140.99</b>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Engraving for MOY plaque	\$	5.00
National Dues (Walker)	\$	20.00
Department Dues (Walker And Newman)	\$	30.00
Administrative Supplies	\$	25.98
Presentation folders and Certificates	\$	139.99
<u>Quarterly Breakfast</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>134.12</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>359.09</b>

Certificate of Deposit (Bank of North Carolina)	\$	10,000.99
Checking Account Balance	\$	17,904.88
Cash on Hand	\$	11.20
<u>Outstanding Checks</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>(770.00)</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27,146.08</b>

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Scholarship Fund	\$	0.00
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>5,526.91</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,526.91</b>

Cash Flow Statement January 2017

RECEIPTS		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>
DISBURSEMENTS		
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Certificate of Deposit (Bank of North Carolina)	\$	10,000.00
Checking Account Balance	\$	17,122.87
Cash on Hand	\$	11.20
<u>Outstanding Checks</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>00.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27134.07</b>

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,526.91</b>

A motion was made to accept the reports, it was seconded and passed.

**MEMBERS/FAMILIES IN DISTRESS:** Marine Wooten's wife underwent hip replacement surgery.

Marine Aronis's father went back to the hospital to have another heart procedure.

Marine Francis's sister-in-law has gone to Atlanta for treatment for her liver cancer.

Marine Brooks started his chemo for Leukemia. The first treatment ended up with his wife taking him to the ER with a temperature close to 104. The second chemo was no problem and he will have another before we meet again.

Marine Shoe brought up that Jim Nance the former Stanly County VSO is not doing well and his family has called in Hospice.

The Commandant noted that our Past Commandant Watson has undergone surgery and the scar on his neck is not from a knife fight as Steve might have you believe.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all.

### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Toys for Tots:** Marine Pressley deferred to Associate Marine Deb Pressley to report on the final results of the 2016 drive. She reported that 581 toys had been donated and that 3,720 toys were distributed to 1,207 children in Stanly County. The fund spent \$10,116.54 buying toys and there is \$1,716.49 remaining in the fund and she is already looking for bargains for this year.

Associate Deb Pressley reported that over 2000 hours of volunteer time went into the 2016 Toys for Tots drive in 2016. The vast majority of that time we are sure should be credited to the Pressley's, but well done all the volunteers.

**Marine Corps Ball:** A lengthy discussion took place about dates for the Ball as the 11th has become available at the hospital and The Paymaster now has us tentatively has us penciled in for both the 10th and the 11th. The membership discussed the merits of both dates but the assumed consensus seemed to favor Sagebrush on the 10th with the Parade on the 11th and the Ball that night.

The location of the Ball was also discussed with the options seeming to be the Hospital or the VFW Hut. Following a long discussion on the pros and cons of each location a motion was made to table this matter until the next meeting to allow time to talk to spouses and to allow catering options to be explored.

NOTE: The Commandant reported that he had been contacted by the Hospital to confirm either the 10th or 11th of November for our Ball. There are competing requests for the 11th and they cannot wait until we meet again to firm up the date. In as much as the membership seemed to want the Ball on the 11th to free up the 10th for an evening at the Sagebrush, and because we did not have time to inquire about catering costs if we were to use the VFW facilities we went ahead and committed to the Hospital facilities for 2017.

**Scholarship:** The Commandant reported that he is appointing a committee to review the application and

procedures. The Judge Advocate pointed out that the criteria for our scholarship is different from the National MCL Scholarship and this misunderstanding has been confusing people almost every year. The Commandant pointed out that is the purpose of the Committee to review the criteria, the application, and to make recommendations as necessary to the membership. Marines Watson, Smith, Bryan and Jadlocki will be on the committee.

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Commandant reported that Randall Epps will be heading up his last Bud Shootout April 19th. We will have some participation in that event that will be announced as soon as possible. It is also expected that we will again host our own Golf Tournament in September.

The Commandant noted that we will be having elections this year and anyone interested in putting their name forward contact the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Commandant called forward Marines Wooten and Brooks to present Certificates of Appreciation for their hole Sponsorships at last year's Golf Tournament.



The Commandant called forward Marines Clontz and Newman to present them with their Life Member pins.



Marine Clontz reported that last year the Detachment had supported the Veterans Visitation program by distributing 2 gift baskets to women and 15 gift bags to men in the areas nursing homes. She mentioned that she had found another Marine, Bill Privet, in the Spring Arbor Nursing Home.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Adjutant/Paymaster brought up the previous suggestion made by Marine Smith to procure an overly large laminated check to use when we award scholarships or other donations to use for publicity purposes. A motion was made to approve the purchase; it was seconded, and approved.

#### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

The Adjutant/Paymaster reported that a request had been received for support to build a Memorial to the FMF Corpsmen at Camp Johnson where they are trained. He made a motion that we support this endeavor by contributing \$100.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Marine Roush reminded everyone of the call list and asked for participation to contact members who do not have email.

**CLOSING:** The appropriate customs and form were carried out and the meeting was closed until February 27, 2016.

**Information From On High:** Adjutant Bryan received the following emails.

**From:** "Rick Thomason" <[doncadjutant@gmail.com](mailto:doncadjutant@gmail.com)>

**Date:** February 13, 2017 at 12:59:03 PM EST

**Subject:** FW: Wounded Warrior Project

**Marines, For dissemination to the general membership.**

**Rick Thomason**

**Adjutant**

**Department of North Carolina**

**Mid East Division**

**Marine Corps League**

**252-903-0386**

Rick, many Marines have heard negative (erroneous) stories about the Wounded Warriors Project. The below information from Ron Bliss in the Cabarrus Detachment should set their story straight. This should probably be distributed to the Department's detachments.

Semper Fi,

Denny Mathias

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*The longer you can look back, the farther you can look forward.*

Winston Churchill

For a couple of years, the W.W. Project has been undergoing bad press with insinuations that there was wrongdoing in regards to Executive decisions being made which resulted in the firing of two Executives and considerable loss of charitable funding.

The "Better Business Bureau" just completed a full and complete review of this charity and found no unethical or fraudulent evidence of wrongdoing against W.W.P. It's full review can be found by clicking on its website shown below.

**"Fund Raising Practices- BBB WGA worked closely with WWP to review its fund raising practices. After reviewing the organization's appeals used in the past year, BBB WGA found no evidence of inaccurate or misleading characterizations of the programs they were funding. In addition, BBB WGA found that WWP's website included statistics on their programs and beneficiaries served."**

B.B.Bureau WWP review:

<http://www.give.org/charity-reviews/national/veterans-and-military/wounded-warrior-project-in-jacksonville-fl-3806>

Another organization, Charity Navigator, a website that reviews all charities nation wide, has "updated" its critique of Wounded Warriors and gave them a four star rating.

<https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=12842>

Semper Fi,  
Ron

*EDITORS NOTE: the 2 reports referenced above are 5 pages each. Personnel with internet access can get the report by clicking on the above addresses. Interested regular mail recipients contact me (704/982-3177 if no answer leave message) and I will make copies for you.*

*I found it interesting that Charity Navigator gave "Wounded Warriors" a 90.49 score while Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund (CA) received a score of 98.23.*  
<https://semperfund.org/>

## **SPECIAL NOTE 2 – It's That Time Of Year**

Fwd: Claim Charitable Mileage as Deduction

From: Rick Thomason <doncadjutant@gmail.com>  
To: Rick Thomason <doncadjutant@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tue, Feb 14, 2017 8:47 am  
Subject: Claim Charitable Mileage as Deduction

### **For Immediate Release to all DoNC Marine Corps League Members**

In case you didn't already know, the IRS allows you to deduct miles that you drive your POV for purposes of assisting charitable organizations. Some of us put on some serious miles, but your mileage may vary.

**According to IRS comments in [Notice 2016-79](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-16-79.pdf):**  
<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-16-79.pdf>

The standard mileage rate is 14 cents per mile for use of an automobile in rendering gratuitous services to a charitable organization under § 170. See section 5 of Rev. Proc. 2010-51

### **What records are Required?**

The IRS isn't just going to take your word, so you'll need to be able to back up your claim with a mileage log. Keep records of your beginning and ending odometer reading and the mileage for each trip, the date, places, and purposes of each trip.

If you haven't started keeping track of your charity mileage for this year, you might want to consider doing so now, if you want to deduct mileage on your income tax return next year. If you've got records for 2016, good. You can claim deduction accordingly on your income tax return this year.

**Reimbursement Rate for Detachments** that may

already Reimburse Members or Officers for Official Travel:

The 2017 Standard mileage rate is 53.5 cents per mile for business, which is down from 54 cents per mile in 2016. If your detachment has a reimbursement rate, you might want to propose a rate that is at least as much as the IRS standard mileage rate. The mileage rate factors in wear and tear, routine maintenance, and cost of gas. Sometimes we may make the assumption that we're only covering the cost of gas.

### **Disclaimer**

This helpful tidbit is intended as Good of the League, and should not be construed as legal or professional tax advice. Ultimately, you are responsible for the accuracy of your tax return.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

*S/F, (Always faithful to God, Corps, Country, Community, Family, and Self)*

### **Scott L Shermeyer**

Paymaster & Past Commandant, **Cherry Point Detachment #1067, Marine Corps League**

Judge Advocate, **Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League**

Pound Keeper, **CWO-3 Edward J Albus Pound #370, Military Order of the Devil Dogs**

Jr. Vice Pack Leader, **North Carolina Pack, Military Order of the Devil Dogs**

Secretary, **Craven County Veteran's Council**

Faithful Navigator - **Angelo Battista Assembly #2894, Knights of Columbus**

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## **WARNING THE FOLLOWING IS NOT PC.**

The Department of the Navy is now assigning females to quarters in a separate private OFF LIMITS area on all aircraft carriers...

Addressing all boat personnel at Pearl Harbor, CINCPAC advised, "The female sleeping quarters will be out-of-bounds for all males. Anybody caught breaking this rule will be fined \$20 the first time."

He continued, " Anybody caught breaking this rule the second time will be fined \$50.

Being caught a third time will cost you a fine of \$100. Are there any questions?"

At this point, a Marine Sergeant Major, from the security detail assigned to the ship, stood up in the crowd and inquired: "How much for a season pass???"

*Thanks Randall*