Marine Corps League
Department of North Carolina

DoNC Executive Board of Trustee and DVC Minutes
30 July 2026

Presided by: Commandant James Mitchell
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Meeting start time: 1800
Meeting Location: Teams

A. EBOT attendees

1. Commandant – James Mitchell
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – Laura Hamilton (excused)
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – PJ Hamilton
4. Judge Advocate – Betty Kramer
5. Jr Past – Robert Hare (excused)
6. Chief of Staff – Keith Shearin
7. Adjutant – Justine Mitchell
8. Paymaster – Kevin Ashton (excused)
9. Assistant Paymaster – Colin Mayo
10. Bylaws Committee Chairperson – William Brown
11. Compliance Officer – Phil Randall
12. West District DVC – Ric Ledford (excused)
13. Northwest District DVC – vacant
14. Midwest District DVC – Glenn Perkins
15. Northcentral District DVC – Mike Clark
16. Central District DVC – Mike Nelsen
17. Southcentral District DVC - vacant
18. North District DVC – Doug Ross (excused)
19. Northeast District DVC – vacant
20. South District DVC – Howard Boyd (excused)
21. East District DVC – Raymond Randall (excused)
22. Southeast District DVC – Raymond Randall (excused)

B. Subject of discussion

1. Compliance
    a. Colin Mayo – Sent the monthly reports out today. We had a bunch of renewals, and we did well on the 990s coming back.
    b. Colin Mayo - PLMs are starting to come back. Had several NODs.
    c. Colin Mayo – The mass transfers for Det 1187 Williams/Canter were done. This was a learning curve and, in the future, it will be done differently with getting the members informed and what their options are as far as transferring to adjacent detachments
    d. Jim Mitchell - Asked the assistant paymaster if he wanted to be part of Det 1350 Waynesborough closing.

e. Colin Mayo – National has new personal and they are still learning, and error are being made on National side.

f. Keith Shearin – We have the meeting lines up for the rest of this year, Spring 2027, Convention 2027, Mideast 2027, Fall 2027, Spring 2028 and Convention of 2028. There are 4 possible detachments interested in hosting membership meetings.

g. Keith Shearin – Asks the DVCs if you have a detachment that is inline in hosting a meeting, please send the information to the Chief of Staff so he can take that information to the BoT to get verified and voted on. He will then send the information to the adjutant to send to the membership. Please don't have the detachments post this information on social media prior to the process being followed.

h. Keith Shearin – This way the membership will not be bombarded with multiple meeting information at one time.

i. Keith Shearin – Fall membership meeting is being hosted by Det 1186 Sgt WE Plueddemann in Greenville. He will go down next week to meet with them. The Date are the 23rd and 24th of October. This is also Bruit Memorial. He asks that we need to do something to remember our Marines. Commandant Mitchell said DVC Nelsen will work something up.

j. Betty Kramer – Submitted the bylaws back to the NJA with the recommended corrections he made. They are now good to go. We can sign them when we are at the National Convention.

k. PJ Palmer – Sent many emails out about memberships numbers. Biggest thing is compliance. On Aug 3rd he is going to visit Det 1320 Mountaineer to work with them on membership and to see if they will need to surrender their charter.

l. James Mitchell – We have 29 of the 46 990s submitted. Of the 17 that we have not received the 990st, 5 of them there is nothing we can do, 3 are closing, and 2 are needing to ask for reinstatement.

m. James Mitchell – ROI – We need to get the ROIs for all detachments that have not sent them in.

n. James Mitchell - PLM audits – some detachments did not receive funds from 2025 because they did not do the audit or submit in the correct fiscal year. Funds cannot be paid in retrospect.

o. James Mitchell - If detachments are not in compliance, there is a 99% chance they will have their Charters Suspended. We have 3 detachments that are closing. He does not like that detachments are closing. We need to get these members moved to other detachments, so they do not become MAL.

p. James Mitchell – Bill Dunn has been sworn in as the new Department Sgt-AT-Arms.

2. Bylaws/Compliance

a. Bill Brown – Thinking of doing a Detachment of the year. One with over 30 members and one with under 30 members

b. Bill Brown – Sent a copy of the revised bylaws to the commandant and Judge Advocate

c. Bill Brown – The EBoT is made up of the Commandant, Sr Vice Commandant, Jr Vice Commandant, the Judge Advocate, and the Jr Past Commandant.

d. Bill Brown – Updated the BoT of the Department consists of the EBoT, each detachment commandant, and each DVC. They would have a vote on budget, and financials not in the budget, and a replacement in elected officers. This will go into the bylaws as a Policy Statement. Then will be a bylaw change at the next convention.

e. James Mitchell – Asked that this be sent to the adjutant so she can send it to the BoT and the DVCs for comments.

f. Mike Nelsen – is having a district meeting and would like to provide the dates for the 2026/2027 meeting. The Chief of Staff will send the information to the adjutant so the QRF can be updated.

3. Detachments and Charters

a. Mike Nelsen – Has 2 Commandant going in for surgery. Please keep them in your prayers. The commandant asked that he sent the names to the adjutant so we can let the membership know so we can keep them in our prayers.

b. Mike Nelsen - Rockingham is having trouble - Maries aging out and not being able to participate. Trying to get the Marines healthy again and they have a great toys-for-tots plan.

c. Mike Nelsen - Lillington the Crossed Rifles is working on reforming and have a great toy for tots program. They are Missing the 990 and PLM. Not meeting quorum for meetings.

d. Mike Nelsen – His other 3 detachments are good to go.

e. Mike Clark – Det 1193 PFC. Terry C. Smith, not having actual meetings for quorum is not being met. Having social gatherings. No community activity.

f. Mike Clark - Det 1232 PFC. Jerry L. McKinney – The Commandant is not really doing much; meetings are being cancelled. The Sr Vice of the detachments says we need to take their charter.

g. James Mitchell – Talked to 1232 PFC. Jerry L. McKinney and they wanted to hold off for a year in regard to having the charter taken. They were told no it will be taken if they are not in compliance.

h. Mike Clark – Det 1075 Percy John Fulton their mud run was successful, they have already kicked off toys for tots, they are growing membership wise.

i. Mike Clark - Det 260 Greater Greensboro has started a bingo fundraiser and has tried to include Det 1075 Percy John Fulton to participate in it. It only requires 3 members to run it, and it does very well with raising funds.

j. Mike Clark – Det 1096 Gen. A Hal Turnage doing very well, active in the community and staying active. Commandant Mitchell says they are not in compliance because the IRS has them listed as a 501c8 instead of a 501c4. Their charter will need to be suspended until we can help them resolve this.

k. Betty Kramer – We need to look back at the IRS to see if there was a typo on the IRS side.

l. Betty Kramer – Did research and National needs to assist in getting this corrected. She will draft up instructions on what steps need to be taken to get this corrected.

m. Colin Mayo - If a person is a dual member, to be in good standing they cannot owe anything to their primary detachment including dues. In their other detachment(s) they do not need to be current on dues.

No other topics discussed. Meeting was adjourned. 1840.