

Marine Corps League

Department of North Carolina



Board of Trustees Minutes

3 January 2025

Presided by: Commandant Robert Hare
Department of North Carolina
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Meeting start time: 1900

Meeting Location: zoom call

A. BOT attendees

1. Commandant – Robert Hare
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – James Mitchell
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – James Crandall (Excused)
4. Judge Advocate – Bill Brown
5. Jr Past – Ric Ledford
6. Adjutant – Justine Mitchell
7. Paymaster – Kevin Ashton (absent)
8. Commandant Detachment #1223 Sanford – Sam Gilliland
9. Adjutant Detachment #1075 – Vicki Boyce
10. Commandant Detachment #983 – Kenny Joyner
11. Commandant Detachment #1262 – Rick Thomason
12. Paymaster Detachment #1187 – David Anderson
13. Commandant Detachment #1096 – Alvaro Rosero
14. Commandant Detachment #1482 – Kevin Rumsey
15. Commandant Detachment # 1097 – Daniel Farmer
16. Commandant Detachment # 1257 – William Brown
17. Commandant Detachment # 1005 – Michael Schaefer
18. Commandant Detachment # 848 – Marilyn Bower
19. Judge Advocate Detachment# 1162 – Laura Hamilton
20. Detachment Member Detachment # 260 – Robert Hare
21. Budget Committee – Gold Leaf Det #1276 - Keith Shearin
22. Budget Committee – Onslow County Det #262 - Betty Kramer

B. Subject of discussion

1. Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Operating Budget.
 - a. Robert Hare – This is our 2nd BoT meeting.
 - b. Robert Hare – This will be a short BoT meeting for we also have EBoT business to discuss.
 - c. Robert Hare – We have until April to get all questions and concerns answered.
 - d. Robert Hare – We will be voting on the budget at Spring Membership meeting
 - e. Keith Shearin – Line items were reduced due to the lack of fundraising thus far.

- f. Keith Shearin – Did not touch any budgeted items in regard to the Commandants travel for Conventions.
- g. Keith Shearin – We should request a by-law change if the Commandant cannot attend the Conventions and he appoints a representative to go they should be able to have their expenses reimbursed if he cannot attend.
- h. Keith Shearin – Not changing the DVC expenses.
- i. Keith Shearin – Chaplain, Adjutant, & Paymaster expenses not shown for communications are going electronic.
- j. Keith Shearin – Fundraising expenses on the budget is being reduced. Fundraisers are not producing
- k. Keith Shearin – Outside charitable donations is where we can make cuts. If we do this, is our mission being fulfilled?
- l. Keith Shearin – Added a line item for Chapter 9 expenses.
- m. William Brown – Additional \$300 for VSO certifications may need to be added as a line item to the budget.
- n. Rick Thomason – The Department of NC is supposed to be looking for a VSO.
- o. Robert Hare – The VSO Certification is good for 3 years.
- p. Betty Kramer – The VSO certification can be added to the operating expense.
- q. Betty Kramer – This is just an estimated budget until final numbers come in.
- r. Rick Thomas – Bruce Rakfeldt and Rick Thomason are re-doing the chapter 9's to be virtual so the line-item amount can be reduced.
- s. Betty Kramer – Adding in the \$300 VSO into the operation
- t. David Anderson – Questions if fundraising does not meet the goal, then we will not be able to meet the budget?

2. DVC

- a. Robert Hare – Chuck Right has accepted the DVC Position for the Northwest District.
- b. Robert Hare –DVC Embery is joining the Shelby detachment.

- c. Robert Hare – 3 DVC open positions left. Hoping to have all filled by end of the QTR
- d. Robert Hare – Need a YM Liaison. Marine For Life Liaison. SO. Youth physical fitness, and a web Sgt.

3. Award Nominations

- a. Robert Hare – We have a lot of members doing great things that are not being recognized. We need to recognize them
- b. Robert Hare – Would like to recognize them at the Spring Membership.
- c. William Brown – Minutes and quarterly reports will provide background when submitting rewards to individuals.

4. Webpage/Miscellaneous

- a. Robert Hare – Webpage is almost complete.
- b. Robert Hare – Will have a fundraising page, announced a new Department fundraiser of Commemorative Coins for the Marine Corps 250th Anniversary.
- c. David Anderson – Are we over budget on the fundraiser
- d. Robert Hare – Please update your information on the QRG.
- e. Robert Hare – Documents page will be password protected, and the password has not changed.
- f. Robert Hare – Provided a demo of the new website
- g. James Mitchell – Would like each detachment to provide a roster of members with email addresses to send a mass email regarding fundraisers.
- h. David Anderson – Asked about the fundraiser for a comped room being a split fundraiser between the department and the hosting detachment. Yes, it is.
- i. Devil Dog Growl being hosted by Det# 1257 Air Land NC on Jan 18th
- j. AL Rosero – Like to see if we can get 1 big Birthday party or Regional Parties.
- k. Next BoT Meeting will March 7th.

5. Western NC

- a. Robert Hare – Still receiving information from the detachments as to how they participated. Over 60,000 community service hours and over 50,000 miles driven to deliver supplied. This does not include individuals who drove on their own
- b. Robert Hare – have funds left over from the fund raising and would like to use that for building supplied.
- c. Ric Ledford – Expressed extreme gratitude to the department for all the donations and support provided to Western NC.
- d. Robert Hare – Last trip took over 11,500 toys to Western NC.
- e. At 2000 Ended BoT Meeting and went onto EBoT Meeting

No other topics discussed. Meeting was adjourned. 2000.