

Marine Corps League

Department of North Carolina



Executive Board of Trustees Minutes

7 February 2025

Presided by: Commandant Robert Hare
Department of North Carolina
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Meeting start time: 1915

Meeting Location: zoom call

A. EBOT attendees

1. Commandant – Robert Hare
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – James (Jim) Mitchell
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – James Crandall
4. Judge Advocate – William (Bill) Brown
5. Jr Past – Ric Ledford
6. Adjutant – Justine Mitchell
7. Paymaster – Kevin Ashton (absent)
8. Asst Paymaster – Colin Mayo
9. Shawn Potwin - Det# 1257 Commandant

B. Subject of discussion

1. 2025 Department Convention
 - a. Shawn Potwin - Update on the Department convention. Finishing up flyers so we can solicit donations
 - b. Shawn Potwin – asked if we were able to do online raffles in NC. He will post the Department Convention raffle and list the silent auction items online. We are holding bi-weekly meetings
 - c. Shawn Potwin – Will post on the Detachment Facebook page and the Department can then repost it on theirs
 - d. Bill Brown – In addition to selling spots in the flyers we will try to get a sponsor to purchase the front and rear cover pages by bid.
 - e. Ric Ledford - National Marine 4Life would like to talk about the Marine 4 Life program at the Department Convention
 - f. Shawn Potwin was asked to leave at 1954 hours
2. Department Raffles
 - a. Robert Hare - The Coin Raffle will be an electronic draw
 - b. James Mitchell – Only 16 people have purchased tickets for the Department Rifle Raffle
 - c. Ric Ledford – Recommend reaching out to each detachment commandant to remind them that they need to spread the word
 - d. James Mitchell – Asked the webmaster to post the rifle raffle to the department's website

- e. Colin Mayo – Does not know that people will know to go to the donations section of the website to enter the rifle raffle
- f. James Mitchell – we can send the Department Rifle Raffle once a week.
- g. James Mitchell – would like to obtain the email address of all members.
- h. Ric Ledford – Some members do not want their email address distributed
- i. Justine Mitchell – We can blind copy when sending email address

3. Membership

- a. Robert Hare – Welcome to Colin Mayo, new Department Asst Paymaster. Member of Detachment #1001
- b. James Crandall – Some membership transmittals have not been processed
- c. Ric Ledford – Membership issues sit with the Detachments. In August National shuts down due to the convention so membership transmittals do not get processed.
- d. Some detachments have transmittals that have not been processed
- e. Ric Ledford – This is an ongoing issue with National
- f. Robert Hare – We are going to implement electronic payments to National for membership dues. This will provide electronic records
- g. Bill Brown – We need to ask the Commandants if they know how to pull the information to see whose membership is not paid
- h. James Mitchell – Have all the Orange County Regulators Detachment #1292 been transferred. Robert Hare said he is in the process of it.
- i. Robert Hare - Detachments - Waynesborough Detachment #1350 and Mountaineer Detachment #1320 have low membership numbers
- j. Robert Hare – We need to get with the detachment Chaplains for we have deceased members still on the roster

4. VSO/VAVS

- a. Robert Hare –Appointed a new VSO for the Department.
 - b. Robert Hare – the VAVS position is on hold. Thinking of combining the VSO/VAVS as one position. VAVS is a certified position
 - c. A member of the Mt Mitchell detachment will hold the VAVS position. They already hold the certificate
5. Tarheel Detachment #733
- a. Robert Hare – Working on the #733 roster. Once it is done the 1-year mark will start
6. Cherokee County Detachment #1011
- a. Ric Ledford – Detachment #1011 is turning in their charter
 - b. Ric Ledford spoke with #1011's DVC Denver Grant about the funds and assets, need to complete an audit.
7. Miscellaneous
- a. Robert Hare – We as a department need to train, assist, and support the detachments. This is a volunteer organization. Whether we are elected or appointed we need to do our jobs
 - b. Robert Hare - Bob Borka will be attending our Department Convention. He will be doing a 60–90 minute training class.
 - c. Robert Hare - Detachments are not submitting the 990-N tax forms
 - d. Robert Hare wants the entire EBoT to receive the detachment 990-N and quarterly reports
 - e. Ric Ledford – We suspended the compliance review. There were questions on what is needed for the compliance reviews. William Brown took over compliance
 - f. Robert Hare – Department of SC had leadership classes
 - g. Bill Brown – he has zoom meetings to offer training sessions to those that are interested
 - h. Robert Hare – received a phone call inviting him to Jacksonville, the new CEO of the Carolina Museum of the Marines would like to sit

down with him to discuss putting a section for the Marine Corps League in the museum

- i. Robert Hare – Western NC is in the rebuild stage. He would like to get with the Regional Manager of Home Depot in the region to see if the stores can provide goods, so we can take one large load to Western NC
- j. Robert Hare – The department has about \$6,000 left; he was thinking of using the remaining funds we have towards the Veterans in the Western NC area
- k. Robert Hare - John Dilday is now planning his celebration of life. The celebration will be at his house. John and his wife Gail are in good spirits
- l. Bill Brown – going to put an announcement out regarding bylaw changes and when they need to be in. April 9th is the deadline to have all DoNC bylaws changes into the bylaws committee. The deadline for changes to NBL/NAP is 1 April to National Headquarters. If anyone wants their submissions reviewed for format, rationale, etc., send them to Bill Brown at least a week before the deadlines, respectively.

No other topics discussed. Meeting was adjourned. 2052.