

Marine Corps League

Department of North Carolina



Executive Board of Trustees Minutes

2 May 2025

Presided by: Commandant Robert Hare
Department of North Carolina
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Meeting start time: 1910

Meeting Location: zoom call

A. EBOT attendees

1. Commandant – Robert Hare
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – James (Jim) Mitchell
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – James Crandall (absent)
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

B. Subject of discussion

1. Upcoming membership renewal
 - a. Colin Mayo will reach out to detachments to remind them that we are entering into renewal season.
 - b. Robert Hare - With the convention in August, National will be doing only convention related items in the last week of July and the first week of August.
 - c. Robert Hare - I would like to obtain a 100% renewal.
2. Department Convention
 - a. Bill Brown - would like a citizenship award for a member.
 - b. Robert Hare - Guest Speaker for the Banquet. Need to formalize his bio.
 - c. Robert Hare – Chief of Staff is normally the MC for the Banquet. Suggestions for Banquet MC?
 - d. Robert Hare - Adjutant to send out reminders weekly ending the 1st week of June; fundraisers and registration information.
 - e. Robert Hare - Please get the staff reports done and submitted to the adjutant prior to the convention.
3. Fundraising – How is it going
 - a. James Mitchell – We are up to almost \$4,000 for the rifle raffle – drawing will be done at the banquet.
 - b. James Mitchell – The Coin Raffle is going slow – Drawing will be done at the banquet.

- c. James Mitchell - Room Raffle the drawing will be done June 6th.
- d. James Mitchell - People are not getting the word, detachments are not passing to the membership.
- e. Bill Brown - he is going to start calling 5 commandants every day to remind them of the convention and what their intent is to support us.
- f. Robert Hare – The DVCs should be reaching out to the detachments.
- g. Robert Hare – Tried setting up DVC meetings but only 1 shows up.
- h. Ric Ledford – The DVCs need to be reminded that they serve at the pleasure of the Commandant. Need to be held accountable.

4. Department Foundation is nearly ready

- a. Robert Hare - The State portion is done. Waiting for final approval from the Federal government.
- b. Robert Hare - Once all approved, we will create the bylaws.
- c. Robert Hare – Hopefully an answer will be provided prior to the convention.

5. John Dilday's Celebration of Life (COL)

- a. Robert Hare – The COL will be held on the 17th of May. The location is the Dilday residence.
- b. Robert Hare – If you are part of the celebration the uniform is red blazers and covers.
- c. Not part of the celebration – summer/winter undress or respectful funeral clothing and cover.

6. Vacant Positions

- a. Chief of Staff
- b. Marine for Life Liaison
- c. Midwest DVC
- d. Southcentral DVC
- e. North DVC

7. 2025 Fall Membership Meeting

- a. Robert Hare – At the moment we do not have a detachment that is willing to step up.
- b. Robert Hare – What happens, can the Department host and pick a location.
- c. Bill Brown – Another option is picking 3 detachments and advise them that they need to work together in hosting.
- d. Once we get the foundation up and running it may help the detachments in hosting.

8. 2024/2025 Review

- a. Robert Hare - maybe we can do a slide show of the year's events during lunch/banquet
- b. Robert Hare - Have detachments send over pictures of their community contributions/activities during the year. – “Detachment in Actions”
- c. Robert Hare - Hard to believe the year is almost over.

9. Open Floor

- a. Robert Hare – Additional intentions to run for elected positions.
- b. Bill Brown – Would like to separate the bylaws into 2 documents: bylaws and administrative procedures.
- c. Bill Brown wants to continue in Compliance.
- d. Robert Hare - Members need to put their health first when considering department positions.
- e. James Mitchell - National hired a VSO
- f. Robert Hare – National created a VSO position because they received several inquiries from Marines (members and non-members) asking if they had a VSO representative because their local VSOs representatives were not getting back to them.
- g. Robert Hare - VAVS is a certified position, and it is different than the VSO position.
- h. Robert Hare – The Department should wait on the VSO position till we see what happens with the division.

- i. Colin Mayo - Detachment #1070 wants to honor a WW II veteran with life membership. National was very helpful in getting this done.
- j. Robert Hare – Colin has been doing a great job with getting things done and making things happen the gap is being mended.
- k. Robert Hare – We filled 2 vacant positions at the spring membership meeting.
- l. Bill Brown – Can we get for the 2025 Convention add book: Number of members and number of detachments? Can we obtain this for National as well?
- m. Robert Hare – Was told that there are 4 departments (NY, PA, NJ, AZ) that have a member-at-large detachment.
- n. Bill Brown – One must be part of an active detachment and meetings need to be held in person.
- o. Robert Hare - The Department will run the Members-At-Large Detachment. PLM stays with the department.
- p. Ric Ledford – Reach out to National on how this was accomplished.

No other topics discussed. Meeting was adjourned. 2012.