

# Marine Corps League Department of North Carolina



## Minutes of The Quarterly Meeting – Fall Quarter 24 September 2016

**Hosted by: Northwest District**  
**Host Commandant: DVC Chuck Wright**  
**Boone, NC**

**Presided by: SR. Vice Commandant Jeffrey D. Jones**  
**Department of North Carolina**  
**Marine Corps League**

**Meeting start time: 0930**

**Meeting Location: Quality Inn & Suites 840 E. King St. Boone, NC 28607**

**Host Contact: Chuck Wright**

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## **09:30 – 11:00 Business Session**

### **Opening Remarks by Department Sr. Vice Commandant Jeffrey D. Jones**

- Meeting called to order at 0930 hrs.
- Posting of Colors by the Watauga High School JROTC
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Sgt-at-Arms Ralph Farthing
- Chaplain Bill Boyd opened the Bible and lead the Invocation as per the Ritual.
- This Meeting is dedicated to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, and Associates that have received PCS Orders to stand guard at the entrance to the Supreme Commandants residence

### **COA for color guard**

- Certificate of Appreciation presented to The Watauga High School Marine JROTC along with a streamer to embellish their flag.

### **Welcoming remarks-**

- DoNC SVC addressed the membership requesting that they keep the family of the DoNC Commandant, Charles Minton in their thoughts and prayers. He is with his wife and family as they face the challenges of Cancer. Donna Minton has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and colon cancer. They request no cards, letters, or phone calls at this time, but thanks you for your concern and prayers.
- Northwest District Vice Commandant Chuck Wright called forward to address the membership. DVC Chuck Wright requested that all members of the NW District to stand for a head count. The DVC acknowledges that each of the individuals standing had something to do with putting on the event, and thanks them all. He also hopes that everyone here has a good time and comes back to the mountains of N.C...
- SVC addressed gave details of today's proceedings. No head call this morning with hopes that the process can move quicker. If you need to exit the room, Salute the flag and the Sergeant at Arms as you leave. During the presentation of Awards, stand and the Award will be brought to you. If you want a photo opportunity, that will be done at break. If you wish to address the membership, stand a mike will be brought to you. Lunch will begin at 1100 today because of the number of people being served.
- Tom "Tugboat" Northrop was invited to address the membership to detail his quest to Viet Nam in an effort to recover the remains of a fallen comrade, LCpl. Tom Mahoney. Tom immediately welcomed everyone to "The High Country". Tom provided the details of the event that resulted in the death of his friend and comrade. His accounting of the event was detailed and vivid. He went on to explain the process that transpired over a period of 40+ years that lead to his trip to recover the remains. Because of your support financially and emotionally, it is hoped that the remains of Tom Mahoney will be returned for proper internment within the next year to year and a half.
- SVC Jeffrey Jones addressed the membership stating that he was going to break protocol and take a picture of the seated membership to send to the DoNC Commandant, Charles

Minton. {Photo was taken on SVC's cell phone for transmittal to DoNC Commandant later)

### **Recognition of National Officer's & National Marines of the Year**

- National Marine of the Year 2006 & Navy Cross recipient Joe Blick was absent.
- National Marine of the Year 2001 & 50<sup>th</sup> Chief Devil Dog George Barrows, Sr. was absent.
- Past Mideast Division Vice Commandant Jim Tant was acknowledged
- Mideast Division Assistant Vice Commandant Bruce Rakfeldt was acknowledged
- National Assistant & Mideast Division Sgt-at-Arms Jeffrey Jones (Did not acknowledge his position but was obviously here)
- National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms Charles Minton was absent, but excused.

### **Recognition of the Department Marine/Woman of the Year**

- 2016 Department Marine of the Year Rick Thomason was acknowledged
- 2016 Department Woman of the Year – (**Not presented for 2016**)
- Ask all past MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized.

### **Recognition of Past Department Commandants**

- Jr. Past Department Commandant Bruce Rakfeldt was acknowledged. Junior Past Commandant Gregory Hunt has moved his membership to Texas per the DoNC Commandant, Charles Minton.
- Asked all the remaining Past Department Cmdt's to stand and be recognized.

### **Recognition of Guests and Invitation to address the membership**

- MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader – PDD Bruce Rakfeldt was acknowledged
- Onslow County MCL Ladies Auxiliary unit 262- Pat Walker was acknowledged. Pat addressed the membership to consider forming Auxiliaries within your own Detachments.

### **Roll Call of the Department Officers (By the Adjutant)**

- Commandant - Charles Minton (excused)\*
- Sr. Vice Commandant - Jeffrey Jones
- Jr. Vice Commandant - Howard Boyd (excused)\*
- Judge Advocate - Scott Shermeyer
- Jr. Past Commandant – Bruce Rakfeldt
- Chief of Staff - John Staley\*

- Aide-De-Camp - John Dilday
- Chaplain - Bill Boyd
- Assistant Chaplain - Jeff Andre\*
- Sgt.-at-Arms & Young Marines Service Officer - Ralph Farthing
- Paymaster - James Cox
- Assistant Young Marines Service Officer- Jeff Pettway\*
- Toys For Tots Coordinator & Eagle Scout Coordinator - Larry Hill (excused)\*
- VAVS Service Officer - Ken Parker
- Legislative Officer - Vacant
- Bylaws Committee Chairman - Lisa Ciesielski
- Assistant Eagle Scout Coordinator- Devell "Bull" Durham
- Assistant Adjutant - Scott Shermeyer
- Historian - Greg Ciesielski
- Web Sergeant - Robbie Savage
- Adjutant - Rick Thomason

\*Denotes the individual was not present at time of roll call

### **District Vice Commandants (By the Adjutant)**

#### NC West DVC's

1. West District – Larry Thornton
2. Northwest District – Chuck Wright
3. Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
4. Northcentral District – Chuck Stotz
5. Southcentral – Denny Mathias (excused)\*

#### NC East DVC's

6. North District – John Staley\*
7. Northeast District – Mike Black
8. South District – Richard Rust
9. Southeast District – Owen Smith (excused)\*
10. East District – Steve Tracy

\*Denotes the individual was not present at time of roll call

### **Roll Call of Detachments (By the Adjutant)**

1. John V. Berg Detachment #257 (Kinston)\*
2. Greater Greensboro Detachment #260 (Greensboro)
3. Onslow County Detachment #262 (Jacksonville)
4. Tar Heel Detachment #733 (Raleigh)

5. Charlotte Detachment #750 (Charlotte)
6. Blue Ridge Detachment #848 (Asheville)\*
7. Eno River Detachment #872 (Durham)\*
8. PFC Charles D. Hare Detachment #914 (Monroe)\*
9. Smoky Mountain Detachment #973 (Franklin)\*
10. Shawn Knisley Detachment #983 (Fayetteville)\*
11. Sand Hills Area Detachment #1001 (Aberdeen)
12. Paul Ray Purgason Detachment #1005 (Shallotte)\*
13. Cherokee County Detachment #1011 (Murphy)\*
14. Stanly County Detachment #1021 (Albemarle)\*
15. Carolina Boarders Detachment #1036 (Calabash)
16. Cherry Point Detachment #1067 (Havelock)
17. Cape Fear Detachment #1070 (Wilmington)\*
18. Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075 (Winston-Salem) \*
19. Gen. A Hal Turnage Detachment #1096 (Salisbury)\*
20. Iredell County Detachment #1097 (Troutman)
21. ~~Davidson County Detachment #1103 (Lexington)~~ **(Charter surrendered)**
22. Gen. Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162 (Gastonia)
23. Catawba Valley Detachment #1163 (Hickory)
24. NC Foothills Detachment #1164 (Shelby)\*
25. Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165 (Asheboro)\*
26. Cabarrus Detachment #1175 (Concord)\*
27. Down East Detachment #1186 (Greenville)\*
28. Brushy Mountain Detachment #1187 (North Wilkesboro)
29. PFC. Terry C. Smith Detachment #1193 (High Point)\*
30. Tablerock Detachment #1197 (Morganton)
31. John E. Ferguson Detachment #1208 (Lenoir) \*
32. LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 (Burlington)
33. Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Spindale)\*
34. Sgt. Doug Myers Detachment #1222 (Sylvia)\*
35. Sanford Detachment #1223 (Sanford)\*
36. PFC. Jerry L. McKinney Detachment #1232 (Wentworth)\*
37. Carry-On Detachment #1236 (Clayton)
38. PFC. Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 (Huntersville)
39. Richmond Leathernecks Detachment #1252 (Rockingham)
40. Air, Land, NC Detachment #1257 (Wake Forest) \*
41. ~~Albemarle Detachment #1258 (Edenton)~~ **(surrendering Charter)**
42. Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262 (Rocky Mount)
43. Outer Banks Detachment #1264 (Kitty Hawk) \*
44. Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Detachment #1265 (Lincolnton)
45. Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 (Spruce Pines)
46. Gold Leaf Detachment #1276 (Wilson)
47. Orange County Regulators Detachment #1292 (Hillsboro)\*
48. Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta)\*
49. Northwest Triad Detachment #1314 (Stokesdale)
50. Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga)
51. Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender)

52. Surry County Detachment #1322 (Surry)
53. Crossed Rifles Detachment #1346 (Harnett)
54. Waynesborough Detachment #1350 (Wayne)
55. High Country Detachment #1389 (Ashe)
56. Swansboro Detachment #1407 (Swansboro)
57. Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413 (Oriental)
58. Asheville Detachment #1417 (Asheville)

\*Denotes the individual was not present at time of roll call

**The requirements for a quorum was met with an attendance of 53% of the Detachments represented.**

### **Adjutant's Report**

- The Adjutant advises he has been busy this Quarter, covering 5,412 miles visiting 12 different Detachments and the Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Quarterly Reports have been revamped again, removing all the fluff and unneeded entries to make it as concise and simple as possible. Thanks were given to Denny Mathias and Lois Smart for their contribution in the finished product. The upcoming Report will have a link attached to it to facilitate you downloading Adobe Acrobat onto your computer. This will work with a Mac or Windows based computer and works great with the Report. Preference is to have all reports sent back by email, completed on the computer. But, all will be accepted whether hand written, mailed or emailed. The end of the Quarterly Report has a summary of actions to be taken by the Detachments and their timeline. Many thanks to Lois Smart for this valuable quick reference chart.
- The minutes have been sent to all Department Officers, Detachment Commandants and Detachment Adjutants. They have also been posted on the Department Website. Be advised there are 30 pages of minutes before you hit the print button on your computer. Adjutant asked if there were any additions, deletions or revisions to be made to the minutes of the fall Quarterly meeting.
- The Adjutant thanked all the Detachments for their support in his position with the DoNC.
- Motion from the floor and seconded to accept the minutes as published. Motion passed without dissent.

### **Paymaster's Report – James Cox**

- Paymaster James Cox gave the following financial update

**Jun -  
Aug 16**

#### **Income**

**Cmdt.'s Expense Overage**

**Reimbursed**

795.00

**Investments**

<b>Money Market</b>	0.70
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>0.70</u>
<b>Other Types of Income</b>	
<b>Challenge Coins</b>	2,033.51
<b>Gun Raffle - M-1 Grand</b>	<u>1,820.00</u>
<b>Total Other Types of Income</b>	3,853.51
<b>Program Income</b>	
<b>Life Member Interest</b>	
<b>Rebate</b>	1,755.79
<b>Membership Dues</b>	<u>1,646.00</u>
<b>Total Program Income</b>	<u>3,401.79</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	8,051.00
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Department Officer's Expenses</b>	
<b>Chaplain Expenses</b>	36.45
<b>Commandant's Expenses</b>	1,240.65
<b>Paymaster Expenses</b>	
<b>Postage, Mailing Service</b>	71.01
<b>Supplies</b>	27.41
<b>Paymaster Expenses -</b>	
<b>Other</b>	<u>200.09</u>
<b>Total Paymaster Expenses</b>	<u>298.51</u>
<b>Total Department Officer's</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	1,575.61
<b>Meetings Expenses</b>	
<b>Host Detachment</b>	
<b>Allowance</b>	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total Meetings Expenses</b>	200.00
<b>Other Types of Expenses</b>	
<b>Awards</b>	105.49
<b>Convention - Expense</b>	160.00
<b>Dues (Loan to Det.)</b>	154.00
<b>Mideast Conference</b>	
<b>Expense</b>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Other Types of Expenses</b>	<u>1,419.49</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>3,195.10</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>4,855.90</u></u>

**August 31,  
2016  
Bank Balances**

Money Market 17,181.39

Designated 337.40 Det. 1103 - To be held in Escrow until March 31, 2017

Checking 3,170.16

Cash on Hand 20,351.55

Designated 337.40

Usable Cash 20,014.15

Chaplain's Report

- DoNC Chaplain, Bill Boyd, gave his report of members who have received their final PCS.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DEPARTMENT of NORTH CAROLINA
Chaplain's Repc June 1 - August 31, 2016

Table with columns: NAME, NUMBER, PLM, DETACHMENT, DoD, RECEIVED, FILED, SENT BY. Lists names like William W. Carr, Donald L. Coleman, etc., with their respective numbers and detachment details.

4 Regular Members
7 Life Members

10 Reported less than two weeks
1 Reported more than two months

8 Reported by Chaplain
2 Reported by Adjutant/Pay Master
1 Reported by Commandant

Respectfully Submitted

Dept. Chaplain Bill Boyd

D.V.C.'s - Report of Officers



- Northwest District - Chuck Wright – Detachment 1208 has recruited 4 new members in three weeks. One detachment is extremely active in the community it serves. Every Detachment is growing.
- West District – Larry Thornton – 848 & 1417 have been preparing for the Spring Quarterly. Working on the smaller Detachments.
- Midwest District – Glenn Perkins – Visited six Detachments. Detailed detachment activity for the quarter. Asked for Quarterly Reports to be turned in.
- Northcentral District- Chuck Stotz – District is doing fine. Civic work is exceptional. Detachments need to get the word out about what they are doing. Membership in the District is increasing. Detachment 260 has picked up 46 new members.
- (Comment by SVC) “*Bill Moss has recruited over 500 members in the Marine Corps League.*”
- North District- John Staley – (Read by the Adjutant) Visited all three of his Detachments. 13.6% unpaid for the District.
- Southcentral District- Denny Mathias – (Read by the Adjutant) Visited all eight of his Detachments. 18.46% for unpaid. One is at 0% and one at 54%, but District average is within guidelines.
- (Comment by SVC) *Another bit of information for you. Since we have done away with Joe Vodenichar’s District. That DVC’s budget is now available. We are going to develop another District.that is going to take some of the wide spread Detachments away from Denny Mathias, taking the Sandhills and Sandford away from him. We are also going to take Shawn Knisley and Crossed Rifles from Richard Rust and place as DVC in that area.*
- Northeast District – Michael Black – Visited all detachments except Waynesboro. Will visit them next month. Gold leaf is getting back into Toys For Tots.
- South District – Richard Rust – Has made contact with each Detachment. Detailed % of delinquency for his detachments and detailed community involvement. Looking forward to his new assignment.
- East District DVC – Steve Tracey – Fundraisers on the way for the Outer Banks.
- Southeast District DVC – Owen Smith – Has made contact all six of his detachments. Unpaid are doing well for an average of 12% unpaid.

### **Commandant’s Report:**

(Read by the DoNC SVC, Jeffrey Jones in the absence of the DoNC Commandant, Charles Minton)

Marines,

First, I want to thank SR. Vice Commandant Jeffery Jones for filling in for me on short notice and conducting the Fall Quarterly meeting. I am unable to attend do to a family emergency.

During the last quarter I have attended a funeral for one of our members from the Cpl Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262. I have attended several Detachment meetings and have done an Officers installation. I have also participated in three color guards and presented two Distinguished Citizen Certificates for Eagle Scouts.

I represented the Department at the Mideast Division Conference that was held in Delaware and I represented the Department at the National convention in Tulsa OK.

The Department was well represented with 20 members present and 12 Detachments. Cpl Suzi Sannes #1262, Gold Leaf #1276, Tar Heel #733, Carry On #1236, Onslow County #262, Cherry Point #1067, Northwest Triad #1314, Charlotte #750, Sanford #1223, LCpl Alan D Lamb #1209, Carolina Boarders #1036 and Smokey Mountain #973. I encourage all members to attend the different National meetings that are held each year. This is where you see what the League is doing and it's a chance for you to network and bring back ideas to help your detachments grow and prosper.

I want to take a minute to talk about awards and recognition. Our members work hard and do amazing things for the Detachment, Department and their communities. The Marine Corps League has procedures that you need to use if you have a Member who you think deserves to be recognized. You need to look at the awards section in the National By-Laws and follow these procedures, if you have questions please ask one of the Department Staff Officers and we will be glad to assist you with where to get the information on what is required in order to get the award presented. The awards procedures need to be followed to make sure that the proper awards are being presented from the appropriate level, whether it's a Detachment, Department, Division or National level award they all need to be awarded by the proper authority, which is the current sitting Commandant. Once the awards are authorized and the certificates prepared then they can be presented either by the current sitting Commandant or by proxy.

If your Detachment has any Special events going on such as parades, Detachment Anniversary's Veterans or Memorial Day ceremonies etc.. We would like to know about them so that we may be able to attend if possible. We want to support you as much as possible but we can't attend your events if we don't know about them.

I want to thank you for all that you do for the Marine Corps League, your Communities and our fellow Marines and Veterans in need. Without each of you doing what you're doing we wouldn't be able to help those in need and there would be no Marine Corps League.

“Semper Fi”

Charles Minton  
Commandant  
Department of North Carolina  
252-452-0728

### **Presentation/Remarks**

SVC Jeffrey Jones presented certificates for attendance at the National Convention and for the Mideast Division Annual Conference.

- Smokey Mountain Detachment – Attendance of the National Convention in Tulsa Ok.
- Swansboro Detachment – National newsletter award, second place.
- Onslow County Det. – NJVC Citation for exceeding membership of previous year .\*

- Charlotte Det.\*
- Pfc. Charles D. Hare Det.\*
- Shawn Knisley Det.\*
- Paul Ray Purgason Det.\*
- Stanly County Det.\*
- Cherry Point Det.\*
- Iredell County Det.\*
- Gen. Raymond G. Davis Det.\*
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- Capt. Jeb Seagle Det.\*
- Mt. Mitchell Det.\*
- Walter F. Osborne Det.\*
- Surry County Det.\*
- Crossed Rifles Det.\*
- High County Det.\*
- Oriental Dragons Det.\*
- Swansboro Det.\*

### **Report of Staff Officers**

- Sr. Vice Commandant – Jeffrey Jones

Good morning Marines,

I have maintained a busy schedule since the Department Convention in June of this year. As your Senior Vice Commandant, I attended the Mid-East Division Conference in Newark, Delaware. I have also represented the Department of North Carolina in two 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parades. One in Sparta, where I marched the full length of the parade passing out candy, and one as a participating member of the Color Guard, leading the Castalia Parade with the Cpl Suzi Sannes Detachment. I have attended two North Carolina Veterans Council meetings and the Governors Department of North Carolina Veterans Advisory Committee meeting. I attended and participated in the 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma in August.

I attended the Wake County Community College September 11<sup>th</sup> remembrance ceremony and was present for the Chartering Ceremony of Detachment # 262 Marine Corps League Auxiliary in Jacksonville.

I am making my way around the state. Since our Department Convention I have been working on my goal to attend all of our 56 Detachments. To date I have attended 24 Detachment meetings, 21 of which were different Detachments. I have logged 8,409 miles in League affairs this quarter.

Next week I plan on representing the Department at Modern Day Marine to be held at MCB Quantico, Va.

I have been working with Robbie Savage trying to keep our website up to date with Detachment contact info, meeting times and locations. I know this is a worthwhile cause. Marines are visiting the site and making contact, inquiring about Detachments in their area. I know Pfc. Terry C. Smith # 1193 has received 2 new members as a direct result of website involvement.

At the Department Convention in June, we voted for the Challenge coin fund raiser. The motion that was passed authorized me to spend \$1,800.00 for 500 challenge coins. Prior to confirming the order with Wendell's, I did some more negotiating with the coin provider. By doing so, I was able to purchase 700 coins for a total of \$ 1,771.00. This gave us 200 more coins while remaining within the budgeted allowance. To date I have sold over 600 coins.

Marines, the success of the Department of North Carolina's fund raising effort, budget control and oversight has returned us to financial stability. I wish to thank the Department Officers and all the Detachment members for your continued support in this effort. It was your personal involvement and commitment that brought success to this endeavor.

With your continued help, WE will make the Department of North Carolina the Best Department in the Mid-East Division and the Marine Corps League.

It has been, and will continue to be, my honor to serve as your Senior Vice Commandant for the Department of North Carolina.

I salute you all,

Jeffrey D. Jones

DoNC SVC

**Letter hand delivered to the Adjutant and read to the membership by the DoNC SVC**

**TO THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:**

On behalf of the Quality Inn and Country Inn of Boone, North Carolina, we would like to offer our appreciation for each and every soldier that

has fought for our freedom and way of life. Being a Marine is not a job, it is who you are, from the first high and tight through some of the toughest training in the military, because that's what it takes to be a Marine.

From the first time you put on your Flak and Kevlar and got your beans, bullets, and Band-Aids, you knew you were destined for something great, because that's what Marines do. We honor the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor as a sign of strength and commitment. We offer a simple term: Semper Fidelis. It is the core of who you are.

All losses we have sustained as a nation, a Marine bears with pride and fortitude. Even as life comes 360 and you are enjoying your assignment with the L't Civ Div, you will always be a hero, a true Leatherneck. God Bless and THANK YOU !

### **Report of Staff Officers Continues**

- Jr. Vice Commandant - (Read by the DoNC SVC, Jeffrey Jones in the absence of the DoNC JVC, Howard Boyd)

Overall, FY 2015-2016 was a positive year for the Department of North Carolina for membership. During the last three quarters our membership grew approximately 2 percent while our unpaid membership decreased over 16 percent. These were positive indicators that Detachments throughout the Department were doing a good job in growing and retaining membership.

These improvements occurred despite a number of adverse events. Carolina Borders Detachment 1036 lost a number of members to a new Detachment formed in Little River, South Carolina. In addition, the Department began FY 2015-2016 with 58 Detachments. That number decreased to 56 with Charters being surrendered by Davidson County 1103 and Albemarle 1258. The Department remains active in effecting membership transfers to other Detachments either direct or through the use of the Fire Team concept.

Our first quarter FY2016-2017 positives are an increase in Life members and reduction in unpaid membership. However, we have recognized a slight decrease in associate membership. I will be reviewing those detachments where decreases have occurred and try to ascertain and remedy the reason for the reduction.

Department By-Laws Section 555 indicates that a Detachment may be suspended or revoked for the persistent failure to maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) members in good standing. Currently there are four Detachments that are struggling to maintain that number. Department leadership is not in favor of revoking any Detachment.

During FY2016-2017, I am committed to work with these Detachments in hopes to improve their membership numbers.

At the end of each budget year the Department presents a Junior Vice Commandant Recruitment and Retention Award as a membership incentive. This award recognizes those Detachments with the highest percentage of membership increase and highest percentage of decrease in unpaid members over the year. This information is collected from the March to March rosters. This award is presented to one Detachment in each division small, medium and large.

**Marine Corps League Mid-East Division Department of North Carolina**

**June 29, 2016**

	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid
Regular	1104	869	1973	367
Associate	88	212	300	90
Multiple	17	11	29	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>1093</b>	<b>2302</b>	<b>462</b>

**April 3, 2016**

	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid
Regular	1098	862	1981	383
Associate	88	229	317	84
Multiple	17	11	28	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1203</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>2326</b>	<b>475</b>

**December 31, 2015**

	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid
Regular	1115	854	1969	428
Associate	88	226	315	85
Multiple	17	16	33	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1220</b>	<b>1096</b>	<b>2317</b>	<b>518</b>

**September 30, 2015**

	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid
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<b>Regular</b>	<b>1111</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>452</b>
<b>Associate</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Multiple</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1217</b>	<b>1072</b>	<b>2289</b>	<b>567</b>

The Department of North Carolina advocates multiple principles to our Detachments in retaining and increasing its membership. The following are some of ideas we promote.

1) Keep your membership informed through newsletters or social media. Be honest and transparent when sending out material to attract new members by conveying what you have accomplished locally and nationally to ensure that veteran issues stay at the forefront of the discussion. Show you are making a difference. Promote your whole organization, not just a narrow scope of membership and money.

2) Treat all veterans equally. Both men and women have served honorably in the Armed Forces. Don't differentiate.

3) Offer activities in your Detachment that spans all ages of veterans.

4) Welcome new ideas from everyone. Younger veterans are full of ideas just as we were at their age. Embrace their energy and let them share their ideas about improving the Detachment. You may be pleasantly surprised with the innovative ideas that they come up with. Be open to these new ideas.

5) When someone new walks in, welcome them with open arms, make them feel like they are part of your Detachment and have found a new family and friends. Don't criticize the way they look now or their time in service.

6) Keep your meetings short and to the point. If you have younger veterans at your Detachment, assign them a task during the meeting and ask them to work with other members in completing it. Millennials like to solve problems by working and teaming with a group. Get them involved early.

7) Don't be afraid to work with other veteran organizations within your community. Build a strong support network for all veterans.

8) If your Detachment is close to a military base, begin working with the base transition office in seeking new members.

9) Introduce yourself and your Detachment to your local Guard and Reserve centers. There may be potential members willing to join.

10) Sign up for and attend every veteran event that you can in your community. Make sure the people in your community know you and your Detachment are there to support veterans the community. Talk the talk and walk the walk.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard D. Boyd Sr.

Junior Vice Commandant

DoNC MCL

**DVC Chuck Wright** Addressed the general membership with instructions for the noon meal. Also was addressed the shortfall for the meal due to the number of members



who said they were coming verses the number who actual are in attendance. Donations will be accepted to help offset the \$200.00 shortfall. Anything collected during the Detachment raffles over that, will be donated to the Gunny Claus Program. SVC Commented that any payments to Gunny Claus should be made prior to December so the money could be used this year.

### **Recess of the meeting for lunch called by the DoNC SVC**

- Sgt-at-arms calls for a hand salute of the colors and requests the Chaplain close the bible. Meeting is in recess until 1300 hrs.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

#### **DoNC SVC calls for the meeting to reconvene**

- Sgt-at-arms calls for a hand salute of the colors

**From the floor** – Dennis Broklin addressed the general membership. Expressing his appreciation for the USMC and the MCL. He also requested that we “Pass the hat” to help offset the shortfall by those who did not attend.

- The Chaplain open the bible.

#### **Report of Staff Officers Continues**

- Judge Advocate – Scott Shermeyer
  - Successfully negotiated an issue with a Navy Corpsman who indicated he wanted to resign, but didn’t follow the procedure correctly. The Detachment still wanted him to resign.
  - Another Detachment had acquired property and asked for guidance. Was referred to a realtor. There is no problem with a Detachment owning real estate or other property.
  - Bylaws need to be saved electronically, either on a computer. Flash drive or CD. This will make changing and updating your Bylaws much easier than trying to find a paper copy and editing it with “White out”. Also makes it easier to send a copy to the DoNC JA or Adjutant if they want a copy.
  - 990N submission is due. Failure to submit can result in loss of non-profit/exempt status.
  - Paid Life Member audit needs to be completed and sent to the Paymaster. Form is attached to the June 30<sup>th</sup> Roster for certification.

- Bylaws that were adopted during the Tulsa Convention were as follows
  1. Would allow 1/3 of the National Board of Trustees to be a quorum for emergency or immediate meetings.
  2. Associate members shall not vote on any regular or associate membership applications; cannot participate in the nomination process and/or elections of officers; or hold an elected office. Would allow Associate members right to vote in internal affairs or Detachment but not change what is current including Bylaws and Bylaw changes.
  3. Would change to have all dues expire on August 31 and change membership fees for new members joining between 01 March and 30 August to \$10.00 plus \$5.00 initiation fees.
  4. Emergency Bylaw submitted pertaining to Article Six Section 645 – Life Member - delete Subparagraph (C) and replace with: An amount of four and one-half percent (4.5%) of the average physical year ending June 30 shall be distributed. The change will assist the National Controller in three ways by allowing
    - a. More financial forecasts with predictable and stable stream of income, allowing Detachments, Departments and National HQ to reliably forecast their budgeted income from the PLM Fund.
    - b. To insure the PLM Fund income stream is not affected by the removal of amounts in excess of the actual income over the long term.
    - c. To ensure the PLM Fund does not decline over the long term.
  5. Administrative Procedures - change would list in the Chapter the subsidiary organizations and their relationship to the MCL as they are a separate entity with their own Bylaws.
  6. Enclosure 3 – Uniform Code – Authorizes American flag as lapel pin w/amendment as to size of pin.
  7. Enclosure 4 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medal and ribbon for Pennsylvania approved.
  8. Ceremonial Guard Ribbon retroactive to 01 January 2010.
  
- Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
  - Four Bylaw changes from National and two for the DoNC that will need to be resubmitted this year. If you would like to help, please let me know.
  
- Sgt.-at-Arms – Ralph Farthing
  - Expressed thanks to the membership for allowing him to perform the job as Sergeant At Arms.
  
- Aide-De-Camp – John Dilday
  - Thanked the Northwest District for hosting the meeting
  - Winter Quarterly will be in Salisbury on January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Spring Quarterly will be hosted by the Ashville Detachment at Hendersonville
  - DoNC Convention will be hosted by TarHeel Detachment 733, Carry on Detachment and the Air Land Detachment. First weekend in June. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Fall Quarterly by Detachments in the Calabash area below Wilmington.
- 2018 DoNC Convention will be hosted by Winston Salem.

#### **Report of Project Leaders:**

- Toys For Tots – Larry Hill
- Young Marine Program – Ralph Farthing – Will report in January
- VAVS Program – Ken Parker – 5 Detachment have reported 642 hours. If you don't report them, you get credit for them.
- Eagle Scout Program – Deville Durham – We should be leading the Nation in Eagle Scout Reports. Pennsylvania had 632 Eagle Scout submissions, North Carolina had 317 submissions. He intends to help with the Detachments getting the credit for the work they do with the Boy Scouts.
- Fund-Raising – Jeffrey Jones - \$1771.00 spent for 700 Challenge coins. Profit of \$2900.00+ to date. Less than 100 coins left.

Sr. Vice Commandant Jeffrey Jones Asked for a motion from the Floor to accept the Officer and Committee reports as given or submitted. Motion made, seconded and voted upon. Motion passed to accept the reports as given.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- SVC asked the Floor if there is anything we need to discuss? None

#### **New Business**

- SVC discussed the upcoming fundraiser. He would like to purchase a Springfield Arms M1A, which is the civilian version of the M14. Model number MA9102, walnut stock and Parkerized finish. He would like authorization to purchase one in the amount of \$1500.00. Springfield has agreed to sell him the weapon at a discounted rate. We would be looking at a profit of around \$3800.00. Would be selling 600 tickets like before. Motion made, seconded and voted upon. Motion passed without dissent.
- Paymaster James Cox recommended that we give the Gunny Claus Program \$1000.00 this year. Motion made and seconded. SVC gave an overview of the Gunny Claus Program and told how rewarding the program is for the individuals serving as Gunny Claus. Motion passed without dissent.

#### **Good of the League**

- Aide-De-Camp - John Dilday – Has found red blazers, and placed an order for 12 members of his Detachment. For \$59.90 each. If over size 48, they are \$69.90. If you order from National, it's \$135.00 for the same blazer, from the same vendor. He has 25 copies of an order form available if you need them. Orders of eight or more will be shipped free. Buttons can be ordered from the National for \$18.00/set plus shipping.

Marine Corps Buttons from Semper Fi Store is \$10.87 for a complete set which includes shipping. Buttons can be installed by anyone who can sew. His wife will install them for \$6.00/set. They do have the blazers for women Marines.

- Red roses are available from the Tar Heel Detachment at a reduced rate from what you must pay National.

### **Announcements**

- Challenge coins are available for purchase at \$10.00 each.

### **Closing of the Meeting per Ritual**

- The Colors are retired by the Sgt at Arms
- The Chaplain offers a prayer as per the Ritual and closes the bible
- DoNC SVC Jeffrey Jones performed the last duties of his post.
- Sgt. at Arm declared the meeting officially closed until January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 when it will be officially reopened for the transaction of business.
- Meeting adjourned