

# **Marine Corps League**

## **Department of North Carolina**



# **Minutes of The**

# **Department Convention**

## **10 June – 11 June 2016**

Hosted by: Gen. Raymond G Davis Detachment #1162

Host Commandant: Glenn Perkins

Presided by: Commandant Charles Minton  
Department of North Carolina  
Marine Corps League

Meeting start time: 0830

Meeting Location: Court Yard by Marriot

Location Phone Number: (704) 852-4411

Host Contact: Commandant Glenn Perkins

### **Opening Remarks by Dept. Commandant Charles Minton**

- Welcome all members and guests to the DoNC 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention with special thanks to the Gen. Raymond G Davis Detachment for organizing it.
- This meeting is dedicated in the memory of all North Carolina Marine Corps League Members who answered the final call over the past year.
- Colors presented by the Gen Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162
- National Anthem sung by Gwen Perkins
- Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt-at-Arms – Ralph Farthing
- Retire the Colors
- Presentation of COA's

**ADMIN NOTE (announcement)** – We have our business meeting this morning. We have a lot to cover in a short period of time, so we will have our Elected Officer, Standard and Special Committee reports only. The rest of the reports will be included with the Department minutes for you to read. Lunch will be from 1200 until 1300 and will be on your own or provided by the host Detachment if you ordered it. The afternoon session will feature any unfinished business, the proposed 2016-2017 Department Budget and Election of new Department Officers.

- Presentation of COA's
  1. Certificate of appreciation to the Raymond G. Davis Detachment for the presentation of Colors.
  2. Certificate of appreciation to Gwen Perkins, accepted by Glenn Perkins, for sing of the National Anthem.

### **Commandant Minton calls forward Host Detachment Commandant, Glenn Perkins, Gen. Raymond G Davis Detachment #1162.**

- Glenn Perkins Addressed the membership and welcomed all to the convention.
- Listed prizes to be awarded at the end of the convention
- 50/50 tickets are available.
- Raffle tickets are in the registration area.
- Only one restroom on this floor. If you are staying here, use your own restroom.
- Invited Mayor Pro Tem Bob Pearsall of Gastonia to address the membership.
  1. Bob Pearsall addresses the membership and welcomes all to the city of Gastonia. He has Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force in his family, but no Marine Corps. He said he'd have to work on that. Invited all the members to enjoy

Gastonia and Gaston County while in the area. If there was anything his office could do to make their stay any better, please contact the City, or Glenn, and let him know.

### **Recognition of National Officers**

- Mideast Division National Vice Commandant Mike McLain
- Mideast Division Assistant National Vice Commandant Bruce Rakfeldt
- National Marine of the Year 2006 & Navy Cross recipient - Joe Blick is absent
- National Marine of the Year 2001 & 50<sup>th</sup> Chief Devil Dog – George Barrows, Sr.
- National Assistant & Mideast Division Sgt-at-Arms – Jeffrey Jones
- National & MED Boy Scouts Committee Chairman & MED Sgt at Arms: - Charles Minton (Commandant Minton failed to recognize himself, but is covered herein)

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

- 2015 Department Marine of the Year – Sherry Travino (Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Detachment #1265)
- 2015 Department Woman of the Year – (None awarded)
- Ask all past MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized
  1. Commandant Minton requested any WOY packages for this year to be submitted now. If there were none, there would be no need to form a selection committee.
  2. Commandants recommends each detachment consider recommending a WOY.

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

- Past Department Commandant Gregory Hunt was absent
- Ask all of the Past Department Cmdt's to stand and be recognized.

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

- Mideast Division National Vice Commandant Mike McLain advises he will address under The Good of the League.

- MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader –PDD Bruce Rakfeldt
  1. Worthy Pack Leader Bruce Rakfeldt addressed the membership, giving an overview of the MODD function and its financial endeavors to support The Childrens Hospitals for unbudgeted items. Last night’s Growl netted \$547.50 toward the grand total to be issued at the National Convention in Tulsa, Ok.

***Commandant Minton asks if a 15-minute break is needed or should we continue?***

Direction from the floor was to continue....

**Roll Call of the Department Officers by the Adjutant. (\* Indicates the Officer was absent at time of roll call.)**

- Commandant – Charles Minton
- Sr. Vice Commandant – Jeffrey Jones
- Jr. Vice Commandant – Howard Boyd\*
- Judge Advocate – Scott Shermeyer
- Jr. Past Commandant – Greg Hunt\*
- Chief of Staff – John Staley \*
- Aide-de-Camp –John Dilday
- Chaplain – Bill Boyd
- Sgt.-at-Arms & Young Marines Service Officer - Ralph Farthing
- Paymaster – James Cox
- Public Relations – Jack Jackson
- Toys for Tots & Eagle Scout Coordinator – Larry Hill
- VAVS Service Officer – Ken Parker
- Legislative Officer – Vacant
- Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
- Adjutant – Rick Thomason
- Assistant Adjutant – Scott Shermeyer
- Historian - Greg Ciesielski
- Assistant Young Marine Service Officer – Jeff Pettway
- Assistant Chaplain – Jeff Andre
- Web Sergeant – Robbie Savage

**District Vice Commandants by the Adjutant (\* Indicates the Officer was absent at time of roll call.)**

NC West DVC’s

1. West District – David Jackson
2. Northwest District – Chuck Wright
3. Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
4. Northcentral District – Chuck Stotz
5. Central District – Joe Vodenichar

6. Southcentral – Denny Mathias

NC East DVC's

7. North District – John Staley\*
8. Northeast District – Bryan Balow\*
9. South District – Richard Rust
10. Southeast District – Owen Smith
11. East District – Steve Tracy\*

**Roll Call of Detachments by the Adjutant – (\* Indicates the Detachment was not represented at time of roll call.)**

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 Borders Detachment #1036 #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)\* **Charter possibly being Surrendered**
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)\* **Charter Being Surrendered**
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)

**(A quorum was met with 55.2% of the Department of North Carolina Detachments represented.)**

**Convention Rules.** – Posted by the front hatch and also made visible on the screen for all to read.

#### **Adjutant's Report**

- Adjutant has attended many meetings with SVC Jeffrey Jones and participated in induction of officers at four meetings.
- If you are not receiving his emails, and are a Commandant or Adjutant, see him after the meeting to get on the distribution list. Over 2700 emails were sent out last quarter to the DoNC Commandants, Adjutants and Staff Officers.
- ROIs are critical in sustaining a line of communication between Department and Detachment. If you do not send them in, I cannot change the distribution list.
- The Quarterly Report has been redone and many have returned them. It still has its problems, but with the help of Denny Mathias and the Staff Officers, we will get it user friendly. At the next Quarterly I hope to have enough information that I can start providing information on

trends in VAVS hours, Eagles Scout numbers, Membership increase or decrease and other data on the report.

- The minutes were prepared, sent to all DoNC Commandants and Adjutants, plus posted on the website. Please advise me of any corrections or changes needed.

**Commandant Minton, asks for a motion to accept the minutes**

1. Motion was made, seconded and voted on. Motion passed without dissent.

**Paymaster's Report**

1. Paymaster James Cox gave the following report for the Quarter.

	<u>Mar - May 16</u>
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Cmdt.'s Expense Overage Reimbursed</b>	530.00
<b>Investments</b>	
<b>Money Market</b>	<u>0.67</u>
<b>Total Investments</b>	0.67
<b>Other Types of Income</b>	
<b>Gun Raffle - M-1 Grand</b>	<u>2,400.00</u>
<b>Total Other Types of Income</b>	2,400.00
<b>Program Income</b>	
<b>Membership Dues</b>	<u>1,973.00</u>
<b>Total Program Income</b>	<u>1,973.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	4,903.67
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Department Officer's Expenses</b>	
<b>Adjutant Expenses</b>	300.00
<b>Chaplain Expenses</b>	66.12
<b>Commandant's Expenses</b>	986.24
<b>DVC Expenses</b>	
<b>Central</b>	28.00
<b>Mid West</b>	200.00
<b>North</b>	193.78
<b>North Central</b>	200.00
<b>Northwest</b>	200.00
<b>East</b>	200
<b>Northeast</b>	200
<b>South</b>	200
<b>South Central</b>	200
<b>West</b>	200
<b>Total DVC Expenses</b>	1,821.78

Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	76.85
Judge Advocate Expenses	244.85
<b>Paymaster Expenses</b>	
Postage, Mailing Service	99.45
Paymaster Expenses - Other	<u>23.00</u>
<b>Total Paymaster Expenses</b>	122.45
<b>Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses</b>	<u>300.00</u>
<b>Total Department Officer's Expenses</b>	3,918.29
<b>Meetings Expenses</b>	
Host Detachment Allowance	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total Meetings Expenses</b>	200.00
<b>Operations</b>	
Bank Fees - NSF Charges	<u>24.00</u>
<b>Total Operations</b>	24.00
<b>Other Types of Expenses</b>	
Awards	93.28
Dues (Loan to Det.)	58.00
Other Costs	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total Other Types of Expenses</b>	<u>351.28</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>4,493.57</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>410.10</u></u>

- **Commandant Minton asked for a motion to accept the Paymaster's report as given, subject to audit.**
  1. Motion was made, seconded and voted on. Motion passed without dissent.
  2. From the floor. "Audit was conducted and approved last night."
  3. Budget for the upcoming year was presented with last year verses this year. SVC Jeffrey Jones advises the budget should reflect an additional \$1003.00 than indicated. Paymaster advises he will need a few minutes to adjust the budget for final presentation.
  4. SVC Jeffrey Jones advises the Raffle for the weapon will be this afternoon, but unlike the last raffle, there will be no "Fire Sale". Tickets remain at original price. Your chance of winning are about 1 in 500.
  5. Commandant declares a 10-minute break to allow time for the Paymaster to get the budget presentation ready.



*Sergeant at Arms calls for a hand salute, the chaplain closes the bible.*

***Ten Minute Break***

*Sergeant at Arms calls for a hand salute, the chaplain opens the bible.*

**Paymaster Report Continues**

6. PLM Audits are critical to your Detachments and are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Checks have not come out from National yet. Your next roster should be out next month. Use it for your PLM Audit 990 must be turn in to the IRS or you will lose your exemption. Detachments that have lost their exemption are 257, 914, 1165, 1222, 1320, and 1322. The minimum cost to get your exemption back is \$400.00. Those who are on the border for losing their exemption are 1221, 1193, and 1001. If there is an issue, contact the Paymaster. PLM Audits are due to the Paymaster by September 30th.
7. Budget proposed by Paymaster with details for each line item was discussed.

**Department Commandant's 2015 - 2016 Budget**

Event	Flight cost allotment	Actual \$ Spent	Difference	Hotel Budget	Actual \$
1	Mideast Division Conference	-\$	-\$	166.00\$	198.12\$
2	National Convention	400.00\$	400.00\$	840.00\$	784.66\$
3	DoNC Fall Quarterly Meeting	-\$	-\$	110.00\$	-\$
4	DoNC Winter Quarterly Meeting	-\$	-\$	110.00\$	100.57\$
5	National Mid-Winter Conference	-\$	-\$	350.00\$	359.99\$
6	DoNC Spring Quarterly Meeting	-\$	-\$	110.00\$	66.29\$
7	DoNC Annual Convention	-\$	-\$	-\$	110.00\$

Totals	400.00\$	400.00\$	-\$	\$1,796.00	1,509.63\$
Total \$ Spent			1,951.63\$		

## MCL, Department of North Carolina Profit & Loss Budget Overview June 2016 through May 2017

	Total June '15 - May 16	TOTAL Jun '16 - May 17
<b>Income</b>		
Direct Public Support	0.00	0.00
Investments		
Money Market	2.00	2.00
Total Investments	2.00	2.00
Other Types of Income		
Fundraising Revenue	0.00	2000.00
Total Other Types of Income	0.00	2000.00
Program Income		
Cmdt Overage Reimbursement		3180.00
Life Member Interest Rebate	3574.40	4283.20
Membership Dues	5545.00	5610.00
Total Program Income	9119.40	13073.20
<b>Total Income</b>	9121.40	15075.20
<b>Expense</b>		
Advertising	100.00	100.00
Department Officer's Expenses		
Adjutant Expenses	300.00	400.00
Chaplain Expenses	100.00	200.00
Commandant's Expenses	3526.90	3595.61
DVC Expenses		
Central	200.00	300.00
East	200.00	300.00
Mid West	200.00	300.00

North	200.00	300.00
North Central	200.00	300.00
North East	200.00	300.00
Northwest	200.00	300.00
South	200.00	300.00
South Central	200.00	300.00
South East	200.00	300.00
West	200.00	300.00
<b>Total DVC Expenses</b>	<b>2200.00</b>	<b>3300.00</b>
<b>Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Judge Advocate Expenses</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Paymaster Expenses</b>		
Postage, Mailing Service	250.00	400.00
Printing and Copying	0.00	25.00
Supplies	0.00	100.00
Paymaster Expenses - Other	100.00	200.00
<b>Total Paymaster Expenses</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>725.00</b>
<b>Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Total Department Officer's Expenses</b>	<b>7376.90</b>	<b>9720.61</b>
<b>Meetings Expenses</b>		
Mid-East Division Host		100.00
Miscellaneous Meetings	0.00	250.00
Host Detachment Allowance	800.00	800.00
<b>Total Meetings Expenses</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>1150.00</b>
<b>Operations</b>		
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	50.00	200.00
Web Site Expenses	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Other Types of Expenses</b>		
Awards	400.00	400.00
Convention - Expense	0.00	0.00
Gunny Clause	0.00	1000.00
Shriner's Hospital	0.00	500.00
Young Marine Units (12)	0.00	1200.00

Multi-Media Expense	50.00	100.00
New Detachment Allowance	<u>200.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total Other Types of Expenses	<u>650.00</u>	<u>3500.00</u>
	<u>9076.90</u>	<u>14770.61</u>
Total Expense		
	<u>44.50</u>	<u>304.59</u>
Net Income		

## May 31, 2016 Bank Balances

Money Market	9,180.69	
Designated	337.40	Det. 1103 - To be held in Escrow until March 31, 2017
Checking	6,033.07	
Cash on Hand	15,213.76	
	337.40	
Usable Cash	14,876.36	

8. From The Floor: "Can we get a printed copy of this?" Commandant responded that the report was sent out via email to all DoNC Commandants and Adjutants for dissemination to the membership. Printed copies are not available right now. JA Scott Shermeyer offered to email the Budget Report to the individual right now. From the floor: "Can we get printed copies in the future?". Response from the commandant was that you may if you print them from your printer or the printer in the hotel business office.

## Chaplain's Report

Sick or Distressed Members: Onslow County Detachment 262 reports that Assistant Department Chaplain, Jeffrey Andre is in recovery for shoulder surgery. Table Rock Detachment 1197 reports that past Department Commandant Dennis Brockland is being Treatment for cancer. Surry County Detachment Reports that John Irwin is being tested for an unknown illness.

The Onslow County Det. 262	Jeanne Victoria Wagoner	06/28/2012
The Table Rock Det. 1197	Deanes G. Short	09/17/2012
The Carry-On Det. 1236	Mark Wayne Williams	10/17/2015
The Onslow County Det. 262	Matthew B. Hardiman	11/23/2015
The Percy John Fulton Det. 1075	Charles F. Cook	02/04/2016
The Cherry Point Det. 1067	William E. Beck	02/22/2016
The Percy John Fulton Det. 1075	Ben Jones, Jr.	03/06/2016
The Oriental Dragon Det. 141	Associate Member Esther C. Hooten	03/24/2016
The Onslow County Det. 262	Robert H. Canning	03/27/2016
The Northwest Triad Det. 262	Stanley Kowalski	04/12/2016
The High Country Det. 1389	Rodney C. Oliver	04/15/2016
The Gold Leaf Det. 1276	James A. Boykin	04/20/2016
The Onslow County Det. 262	Samuel Jones	05/03/2016
The Percy John Fulton Det. 1075	James Tatum	05/04/2016
The Down East Det. 1186	William E. Plueddmann	05/09/2016
The High Country Det. 1389	Sandra Sue Dillenger	05/09/2016
The Brushy Mountain Det. 1187	Donald L. Coleman	05/31/2016
The Cpl. Suzi Sannes Det. 1262	Fred J. David	06/02/2016
The Waynesborough Det. 1350	William W. Carr	06/03/2016

The reading of the names by the Chaplain and by the chiming of the bell by the Sgt. at Arms for each, was followed by a moment of silence and a prayer.

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

West District- David Jackson – Nothing to report at this time

Northwest District- Chuck Wright – Of the 7 detachments in his district, he has made 13 visits. Total membership 297 members, 116 life members. 10.2 % unpaid. 5 detachments present at this meeting. 16 funerals. 23 community activity programs. Detachment 1208 has surrendered their charter. The 11<sup>th</sup> of July they will have a meeting to determine their fate.

Midwest- District Glenn Perkins – Visited all Detachments and contacted them several times. Detailed individual Detachment accomplishments.

Northcentral District- Chuck Stotz – Attended all the Detachment meetings and three installations. Detailed individual Detachment Accomplishments.

Central District- Joe Vodenichar – Not Present

Southcentral District- Denny Mathias – 8 Detachments with 2 present today. He is going to address training in the Detachments with help of the DoNC JA. Communication will be improved with the new Quarterly Reports. Charging the DoNC Officers with making the numbers submitted mean something, once submitted. 172 Life and 195 regular and associate members with 26% delinquent

North District- John Staley – Not Present

Northeast District- Bryan Baylow – Not Present

South District- Richard Rust – 4 Detachments. Financing life membership has been good for keeping their % delinquent at an acceptable level.

Southeast District- Owen Smith – 6 Detachments. Very healthy membership wise. Swansboro and Onslow are particularly active with Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point. Oriental Dragon Detachment is the smallest with 21 members but is very active also.

## **Commandant's Report**

- Attended several detachments and installations since march
- Attended the Winston Salem, Percy John Fulton “Mud Run”. Recommend every member’s attendance next year
- Attended “Life Flight” with the Greater Greensboro Detachment for an Army veteran who always wanted to be a Marine. Had six months to live, and wanted to go to Parris Island as the Marines do. Unsure as to the results.
- Organized and attended Veterans day service for his company. First has 15 attending, last had 215 including Corporate employees attending.

- Commandants and Adjutants, please pass down to the general membership that information that is sent out by the Adjutant from the Commandant or Staff Officers.
- June 24 – 26 is the Mid-East Division Conference in Wilmington Delaware. It is quite a distance to travel, but worth the effort to be involved in the Division conference.
- 2016 National Convention coming up in Tulsa, Ok. From the 7-13 of August. If anyone is going to be in the area, stop in for a day or two. Submit them as Delegates for voting strength. Would recommend attending by any League Member at any level.

### **Report of Staff Officers**

#### **Sr. Vice Commandant Jeffrey Jones**

- Two successful fund raisers with over \$7,000.00 of income.
  - Attended 34 meetings and 24 Officer installations.
  - You are authorized to attend any MCL meeting you wish. Recommend it to all to go to your neighboring Detachments for a visit. Detailed visiting a detachment that failed to recognize his presence as a visitor, officer or prospective member, Don't let that happen.
  - Attend one meeting that was a 610-mile round trip in one day.
  - Attended multiple fund raising events. Urge all members to attend the Percy John Fulton Mud Run next year. Next year will have a DoNC team entered.
  - Attended multiple parades, including driving 2 ½ hours one way to attend a parade that the Detachment decided they would not participate in.
  - Attended Marine South.
  - Attended multiple final Services for Marines.
  - Will be running for The SVC position again next administration.
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- **Jr. Vice Commandant Howard Boyd (Not in Attendance – Read by SVC)**
    - Membership has increased by 2% and unpaid membership has decrease by 16%.
    - Carolina Borders Detachment has lost several members to South Carolina.
    - Detachment 1103, 1208 and 1258 have surrendered their Charter.
    - The SVC presented the JVC R&R Awards presented to one Detachment in each Division.
      1. Mountaineer Detachment 1320 receives the Recruitment and Retention Award with 66.67% Increase in membership and 1 unpaid member.
      2. Catawba Valley Detachment 1163 receives the Recruitment and Retention Award with 15.15% increase in membership and a decrease in unpaid membership of 14.29%.
 There are no detachments that qualify for the “Large” Detachment category.
    - The SVC presents Red Streamers to the Detachments who have attended at least two of the Quarterly meetings as follows:

Sand Hills Detachment 1001  
Paul Ray Purgason Detachment 1005  
Carolina Borders Detachment 1036  
Percy John Fulton Detachment 1075  
Gen. A. Hal Turnage Detachment 1096  
Iredell County Detachment 1097  
Catawba Valley Detachment 1163  
PFC. Terry C. Smith Detachment 1193  
Table Rock Detachment 1197  
LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment 1209  
PFC. Bruce Larson 1242  
Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Detachment 1265  
Mt. Mitchell Detachment 1266  
Walter Frank Osborne, Jr. Detachment 1298  
Asheville Detachment 1417

- Gold Streamers were awarded to the Detachments who have attended all four of the Quarterly Meetings as follows:  
Onslow County Detachment 262  
Tar Heel Detachment 733  
Charlotte Detachment 750  
Cherry Point Detachment 1067  
Gen. Raymond G. Davis Detachment 1162  
Carry-On Detachment 1236  
Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment 1262  
Gold Leaf Detachment 1276  
Northwest Triad Detachment 1314  
Mountaineer Detachment 1320  
Hampstead Detachment 1321  
Surry County Detachment 1322  
Waynesborough Detachment 1350  
High Country Detachment 1389  
Swansboro Detachment 1407  
Oriental Dragon Detachment 1413

The SVC announces that if elected, he will work closely with the DVCs to realign the Districts so they will not be spread out so far. Denny Mathias has one Detachment that is 2 ½ hours away. If the DVC of a particular District is happy with his area, he may elect to keep it as it is.



- **Judge Advocate Scott Shermeyer**

- Attended several Detachment meeting including the restructuring of the Calabash Detachment. He feels there will be two stronger Detachments as a result of the split.
- Attended the Marine South Expo.
- Cherry Point Detachment may qualify as a “Large” Detachment next year. They just broke over 100 members.
- Six members of the MODD will be advancing this year to Pedigree Devil Dogs at the Convention’s Supreme Growl. Four from Cherry Point and two others.
- A number of Bylaws changes (7) are going to be presented at the National Convention this year.
  - a. Determines term of office for the National Staff.
  - b. Divisions that host the National Convention will be required to purchase 1500 Challenge coins from the MCL Foundation.
  - c. Change to allow a presence of 1/3 of the Board of Trustee to qualify as a quorum for emergency sessions.
  - d. Would allow Associate Members to vote on internal affairs of the Detachment.
  - e. Active Duty Members would be eligible for free membership for only the duration of their active duty.
  - f. All MCL annual dues would expire August 31 each year.
  - g. Paid Life Member interest would divert back to the Detachment level at passing.

Administrative Change Proposals

- a. Change the way we address relationships with subsidiary organizations.
- b. Criminal Act identified. Administrative procedures clarified.
- c. To allow FMF Corpsman to wear their emblem of service on their cover
- d. To make MCL ribbons the only ribbons allowed on the MCL uniform.
- e. To allow medals to be worn with all uniforms.
- f. Proposal by Pennsylvania to strike a medal in celebration of their 75<sup>th</sup>
- g. Ceremonial guard ribbon date of qualification question.

From the floor: “Is there a way we can make the delegates aware of the way we want them to vote when they get to the convention.” JA and Commandant share the answer, stating that the only way you can do that is by letting the delegates know before they get to the Convention. There are no provisions in the Bylaws for voting on a Bylaw change before you go to the convention. Commandant advises we can send out a list of known DoNC officers going and delegates so you may contact them.

JA: We had two bylaw changes proposed, but we did not get them out in time and I will accept the responsibility for not getting it out in time.

From the floor: “Can we get the website pulled up and show us where these propose changes.” JA pulled up the National website and showed them where they were. SVC advised the Web Sergeant to post them on the DoNC website.

JA: I would recommend all Detachments have a digitized version of their Bylaws on at least two different locations. If re-elected next year, I would like to have an electronic version of each Detachment's Bylaws archived with the DoNC. ... SVC suggests that all Detachments have their Bylaws on the DoNC website at their page. Other Detachments can look over yours for comparison.

- **Bylaws Committee Chairman** - Lisa Ciesielski – Nothing at this time

Commandant declares a 10-minute break

*Sergeant at Arms calls for a hand salute, the chaplain closes the bible.*

***Ten Minute Break***

*Sergeant at Arms calls for a hand salute, the chaplain opens the bible.*

- **Aide-de-Camp** - John Dilday – Thanked Glenn Perkins and the Host Detachment for a great meeting.
  - **2016 Mideast Division Conference** hosted by the Dept. of DE 24 – 26 June.
  - **2016 National MCL Convention** – Tulsa OK 8-12 August
  - **2016 Fall Quarterly meeting – Hosted by the** Northwest District in Boone, N.C. on 23-24 September, 2016. Chuck Wright addressed the membership with details. Quality Inn & Suites will be the site, with pricing different than other Quarterlies. Rooms will be \$105.00/night, tax included. \$10.00 for food. No registration fee. Send questions to Chuck Wright.
  - **2017 Winter Quarterly meeting** – To be held at the VAMC in Salisbury, N.C. Information coming out.
  - **2017 Spring Quarterly meeting** – to be hosted by the Ashville and Hendersonville Detachments together. Date to be determined
  - **2017 Department Convention** – Tar Heel Detachment #733 will hold the DoNC convention on June 2-4, 2017 in Raleigh, N.C. Rooms will be \$99.00/night and includes two breakfasts.
  - **Bids for hosting the 2018 DoNC Conventions** – Winston Salem accepts responsibility for the 2018 DoNC Convention.

## Report of Project Leaders

- Toys For Tots – Larry Hill – 115,702 toys collected – 24,784 Children served - \$67,883.00 collected – 5 Detachments supported a reserve unit - 7 Detachments had their own campaign. 1 Supported their Sheriff’s Department. Kick Off for TFT is the second week of September.
- Eagle Scout Program – Larry Hill – 317 performed from June of last year to May of this year - last year 181 during the same time - We’re at 76 for this year, last year this time was 252 because of reporting issues.
- Young Marine Program – Ralph Farthing – Requests he and Jeff Pettway give their report at the next meeting. They are in the process of contacting each Young Marine Detachment and attaining their information.
- VAVS Program – Ken Parker – Very short – out of 55 Detachments he has received reports from 4 Detachments. Total hours reported were 914 volunteer hours.
- Fund-Raising – Jeff Jones - New fund raising proposed. A DoNC Challenge Coin. Displayed on the screen for membership to see. Metal coins as depicted. Propose selling them at \$10.00 each for a profit of about \$6.62/coin. Also propose that advance sells, before 1 Aug 2016, of coins be at \$7.50 each. After that they will be \$10.00. If approved, he can have the coins ready for delivery at the Boone Quarterly. Size of the coin will be 1 15/16 inch. Range in size and shape. No standard size. If approved, the information will be on the DoNC website. There will be no numbering on the coins. If we sell all at \$10.00 we would make \$3,290.00. Some would be sold at \$7.50, so the cost would vary.  
Motion from the floor: To accept the propose DoNC Challenge Coin fund raising for 2016.  
Motion from floor seconded the motion.  
Discussion followed, both positive and negative for coin fund raising.  
Will be voted on this afternoon under new business.

Greg Ciesielski, Historian, addressed the membership in regard to streamers placed on the DoNC Colors and the Detachment Colors. Maintain the streamers and their history for future generations. He and Lisa have cleaned and reinstalled the streamers. He knows that several are missing and can never be replaced. Preserve your history with you Historian.

Commandant Minton - Asked for a motion from the Floor to accept the Officer and Committee reports as given or submitted.

Motion from the floor to accept the reports as given or submitted.

Second to the motion from the floor.

Motion passes without dissent.

## **Unfinished Business**

- Chuck Wright gave a report on “Tugboat” Northrop. He is in Vietnam right now and has four days to locate the remains.
- George Barrows made the announcement that we are the Department of North Carolina and we have a DoNC Convention, not a State Convention.

### **Commandant declares a Lunch break, to return at 1300**

*Sergeant at Arms calls for a hand salute, the chaplain closes the bible.*

### ***Lunch Break***

*Sergeant at Arms calls for a hand salute, the chaplain opens the bible.*

## **Unfinished Business Continues**

- Robbie Savage, Web sergeant, is called for to give the report on the website utilizing the screen for all the membership to see. He is still waiting for the individual Detachment information about time, date, physical address and personnel. Next phase will be maps and Detachment pages. All information will be sent to the web sergeant at [rsavage@gmail.com](mailto:rsavage@gmail.com). Question of security was raised. The site is a HTTPS// secured site accessible by anyone looking information. They cannot access any code for the site.

## **Awards**

Commandant Minton assisted by Adjutant Rick Thomason passed out the awards as follows:

- Certificates of Appreciation
  - a. Sand Hill Detachment 1001
  - b. Cape Fear Detachment 1070
  - c. Crossed Rifles Detachment 1346
  - d. Stanly County Detachment 1021
  - e. Cabarrus County Detachment 1175
  - f. Davidson County Detachment 1103
  - g. Jeff Pettway Young Marine Program Chairman
  - h. Lisa Ciesielski Bylaws Committee Chairperson
  - i. Jeff Andre Assistant Chaplain
  - j. Jack Jackson Public Relations Officer

- k. Greg Ciesielski Historian
- Department Level Meritorious Unit Citation Awards
  - a. Cherry Point Detachment 1067
  - b. Swansboro Detachment 1407
  - c. Onslow Detachment 262
  - d. Pfc. Terry C. Smith Detachment 1193
  - e. Greater Greensboro Detachment 260
- Department Level Individual Meritorious Commendations
  - a. Jeffrey D. Jones Fund Raising Chairman
- Distinguished Service Awards (Bronze Level)
  - a. Steve Tracey East District DVC
  - b. Richard Rust South District DVC
  - c. Larry Hill Toys for Tots and Eagle Scout Coordinator
  - d. Ken Parker VAVS Coordinator
  - e. Bryan Balow North East District DVC
  - f. Robbie Savage Web Sergeant (Bronze Level)
  - g. Owen Smith South East District DVC
  - h. John Staley North District DVC
  - i. John Dilday Aide De Camp
  - j. Joe Vodenichar Central District DVC
  - k. James Cox Paymaster
  - l. Glenn Perkins Mid West District DVC
  - m. Denny Mathias South Central District DVC
  - n. David Jackson West District DVC
  - o. Chuck Wright North District DVC
  - p. Chuck Stotz North Central District DVC
  - q. Bill Boyd Chaplain
  - r. Rick Thomason Adjutant

SVC announced that two more Detachments are now represented, raising the representation to 58.6, 108 members and 7 associates.

Adjutant announces that 43% of the Detachments have sent in their Quarterly Reports. A new record.

**New Business**

- Fund Raising Chairman, Jeffrey Jones, is asked to come forward. He has had several conversations during the lunch break and would like Chuck Wright to come forward to talk about his idea. Request was put on hold until the original motion was voted upon. Vote was taken by a show of hands. Motion Passed. Chuck was called to the front. His discussion revolved about a reverse raffle with the tickets at \$100.00 each. Chuck detailed with dollar values per tickets sold. Motion was made for 3000 tickets to be sold at \$10.00 each by Chuck Stotz. George Barrows seconded. Discussion followed. Question raised as to whether this was a lottery or not. Motion to table and seconded until the next meeting.
- Paymaster Discusses 990s and their submission to the IRS with visual aids. Paymaster needs them by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Paymaster asked if there were any questions. From the Floor: “Do we really need to make donations right now, or remove the three line items until we have more money. We will also be hosting the Mid East Division Conference in 2017, and those three line items would help host the Conference.” Discussion and suggestions continued with answers from the Paymaster, Commandant and SVC. Added line item for Mid-East Convention and removed donations line items. Motion made by George Barrows to accept the budget as finalized. Seconded by Bob King. Motion passed without dissent.

**MCL, Department of North Carolina Profit & Loss Budget  
Overview June 2016through May 2017**

Total June '15 - May 16		TOTAL Jun '16 - May 17	
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Direct Public Support</b>	0.00		0.00
<b>Investments</b>			
<b>Money Market</b>	2.00		2.00
<b>Total Investments</b>	2.00		2.00
<b>Other Types of Income</b>			
<b>Fundraising Revenue</b>	0.00		2000.00
<b>Total Other Types of Income</b>	0.00		2000.00
<b>Program Income</b>			
<b>Cmdt Overage Reimbursement</b>	3180.00		

A total of \$6360.19 is being repaid. As of June 10th a total of \$3180 has been deposited. Based on amount received last year Based on 1122 paid memberships for FY 2016 -2017

Life Member Interest Rebate	3574.40	4283.20
Membership Dues	5545.00	5610.00
Expense		
Advertising	100.00	100.00
Department Officer's Expenses		
Adjutant Expenses	300.00	400.00
Chaplain Expenses	100.00	200.00
Commandant's Expenses	3526.90	3595.61
<b>DVC Expenses</b>		
Central	200.00	300.00
East	200.00	300.00
Mid West	200.00	300.00
North	200.00	300.00
North Central	200.00	300.00
North East	200.00	300.00
Northwest	200.00	300.00
South	200.00	300.00
South Central	200.00	300.00
South East	200.00	300.00
West	200.00	300.00
Total DVC Expenses	2200.00	3300.00
Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	300.00	500.00
Judge Advocate Expenses	300.00	500.00
<b>Paymaster Expenses</b>		
Postage, Mailing Service	250.00	400.00
Printing and Copying	0.00	25.00
Supplies	0.00	100.00
Paymaster Expenses - Other	100.00	200.00
Total Paymaster Expenses	350.00	725.00

**Commandant Minton Directs the Chaplain to close the Bible in preparation for the drawing of the raffle.**

*Sgt. at Arms calls for all to rise and uncover.  
The Chaplain closes the bible.  
Sgt. at Arms calls for all to be seated.*

#### **Raffle Drawing**

- The DoNC SVC announces the results of the raffle for the M1 rifle. Ken Parker of the Carry on Detachment is the winner.

## **Commandant Minton Directs the Chaplain to open the Bible and return to open session**

*Sgt. at Arms calls for all to rise and uncover.*

*The Chaplain closes the bible.*

*Sgt. at Arms calls for all to be seated.*

- DoNC Commandant asks if there any other New Business to be brought up at this time?
- Motion from the floor to allow the DoNC elected Staff Officers to use a prepaid credit card in the amount of their budgeted allocation. Discussion followed with pros and cons of the card. Motion was seconded and a vote called for. Motion failed by a majority vote of the membership

### **Good of the League**

- Mid East Division Vice Commandant Mike McLain addresses the membership and acknowledges the presence of Jim Tant, prior Mid East Division Vice Commandant.
  1. Mid east Division Conference in Delaware is June 24 – 25 and still has openings. Delaware comes to North Carolina, so he was sure North Carolina could go to Delaware for the conference.
  2. Division MOY and Department MOY nominations addressed. Bud Raines started the Division MOY again. They had five nominations this year for the Division MOY. There should have flooded the Division with nominations.
  3. Division bulletin, published by Roger Ware, Mid East Division Adjutant, was discussed and the need to disseminate it to the Red Hats. Content is always good information.
  4. National office manager, Lynn Foster, is running the office like a Drill Instructor. He son, J.D. Foster is working there, but does not answer to his Mother. He answers to the Executive Director. He was hired temporarily to catch up the backlog of transmittals. Joanna Hill was supposed to be taking care of transmittals. She did not keep it current and was released from her position. J.D. Foster was then asked to come back full time to work in the office. Meg Thoburn has retired from the League. Debbie Smith has also left the League. One is going back to school, the other looking for a career change. Paul Hasting is gone as the Comptroller. New Comptroller is Bill Greene. Bill comes from the Foundation, and everything is moving smoothly. Everyone in the office now knows everyone else's job. If someone is out, the others fill the position and it keeps on without interruption. We are making great stride. ... The Mid-Winter Conference this year was the best he has ever seen. There were no groups with hard feelings to other groups, or individuals with attitudes. It was an atmosphere of cooperation and understanding. Hospitality room was outstanding. ... The Executive Director and



National Commandant have found discrepancies big time in the way the staff was paid. Some worked 19 hours, but paid for 40. Some worked 40 hours, but paid for 80. That is over. No one to get paid any overtime again. Savings is monumental. Members of the staff had a credit card that they presented at medical visits and their co-pay was taken care of. That's over. None more credit cards.

5. Mid East Conference 2017 will be his last one. You are all invited to attend, Thank you for your support over the past years as your MED VC. I appreciate the way you have treated me and my wife Debbie when she accompanies me.
6. West Virginia wants to have the National Convention again in 2018. The Convention Center is having a multi-million-dollar renovation. The Convention Committee is visiting there now to check out the amenities and make a recommendation. Hope to see you there in 2018.
7. Modern Day Marine Expo in Quantico, Va., is Sept. 27,28 & 29<sup>th</sup>. Neil always needs help with the tent. You get to see some pretty good stuff while there. We were just at the Marine South Expo at Camp LeJeune.
8. From the floor: "What is going on with those who absconded with funds from the League?" MED VC - Because legal action is pending, he could not discuss the matter, but everything is being done at National to see resolution.
9. From the floor: "Can you address Colors being taken to the Division"? MED VC - When you go to Tulsa Ok., for the Convention, you have to bring the colors with your Detachment name upon them to qualify for a streamer. They must be presented to the Sgt. at Arms and verified to qualify for a streamer. When attending the Mid-East Division Conference, you only need to register at the front desk (check-in) for qualification to receive the streamer as representing your Detachment.
10. From the floor:" I have heard that the Semper Fi magazine is in bad shape". MED VC - I know the magazine has gone from monthly to every two months, but I am not aware of any financial problems. They are looking for more information about Detachment functions and articles from the League. They are trying to make this a League magazine. Marines have the "Leatherneck" magazine, the VFW has theirs as does the American Legion. We need ours to contain subject matter from the League. From the floor: "I understood they were looking another publisher." MED VC – That is correct. They are looking, but I have not heard whether or not they have found one yet.
11. Another thing about National. Tom Hazlett was asked as to whether or not he was going to stay on as Executive Director? His response was "Definitely not!" He was asked by Commandant Richard Gore to stay on through his tenure, and he will do so. But at the end of that, they will need to find another person to fill the job. He wants to continue in the MODD and hopefully fill the position of Chief Devil Dog in the future.

- John Dilday of Tar Heel Detachment addressed the membership to announce that they have 7,200 roses available if any detachment wishes to acquire some to sell in their Rose Program. He understands they are no longer available from the previous supplier, but he has found one that can supply them.
- Kellis White of Detachment 750 addressed the membership. This past May, he presented his first Golden Award to a Girl Scout in Charlotte. This is the equivalent of the Eagle Scout Award in the Boy Scouts. he was wondering why this has not been brought up before? This is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Girl Scouts. We need to acknowledge this award and honor the girls who make it to that level. DoNC Commandant – The Marine Corps League Auxiliary has this program, but we only have two Auxiliary Detachments in N.C... We need more Auxiliary Detachments in the state to carry the program forward. George Barrows announced that the Onslow County Detachment has just chartered an Auxiliary there.

**Commandant declares a 15-minute break to prepare for elections**

*Sergeant at Arms calls for a hand salute, the chaplain closes the bible.*

***Fifteen Minute Break***

*Sergeant at Arms calls for a hand salute, the chaplain opens the bible.*

**Election of Officers for the 2016-2017 year**

- Election Chairperson, Past Cmdt Bruce Rakfeldt read Section 115, 120 and 125 of the DoNC Bylaws, detailing the procedure for the election of officers.
  1. Nominations for the position of Commandant requested.
    - a. Charles Minton nominated and seconded. Candidate polled and accepted the position to serve if elected. Being no further nominations, the DoNC Adjutant was requested to make one unanimous vote for Charles Minton as the DoNC Commandant. DoNC Adjutant made the requested vote.
  2. Nominations for the position of Senior Vice Commandant requested.
    - a. Jeffrey D. Jones nominated and seconded. Candidate polled and accepted the position to serve if elected. Being no further nominations, the DoNC Adjutant was requested to make one unanimous vote for Jeffrey D. Jones as the DoNC Senior Vice Commandant. DoNC Adjutant made the requested vote.

3. Nominations for the position of Junior Vice Commandant requested.
  - a. Howard Boyd nominated and seconded. Candidates letter of acceptance was read by SVC Jeffrey Jones, indicating his willingness to serve if elected. Being no further nominations, the DoNC Adjutant was requested to make one unanimous vote for Howard Boyd as the DoNC Junior Vice Commandant. DoNC Adjutant made the requested vote.
4. Nominations for the position of Judge Advocate requested.
  - a. Scott Shermeyer nominated and seconded. Candidate polled and accepted the position to serve if elected. Being no further nominations, the DoNC Adjutant was requested to make one unanimous vote for Scott Shermeyer as the DoNC Judge Advocate. DoNC Adjutant made the requested vote.

- This concluded the DoNC Election of officers for the 2016/2017.

### **Announcements**

- There were no nominations for the WOY this time, so the Selection Board will not meet after adjournment today
- Marine Jim Tant is recognized to come forward for an announcement. - Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> was the date the Marine Corps League was founded, 93 years ago. Marine Tant read an article from the June 7, 1923 edition of the New York Times detailing the formation of the Maine Corps League under the direction of Gen. John A. LeJeune at the Hotel Pennsylvania. Gen. LeJeune was elected the first Commandant of the Marine Corps League. The article continued to give details of the Battle of Belleau Woods and the legacy that was handed down to us as Marines. Marine Tant asked all to rise and take a moment to remember those before us who gave their lives at Belleau Woods.
- Corner Tavern in Cary will be the site of a fundraising for Detachment 733 on June 25. Free music and no cover charge.
- No further announcements.

### **Recessing of the Meeting per Ritual until the Banquet at 1800**

*Sergeant at Arms calls for a hand salute, the chaplain closes the bible.*

# DoNC Convention Banquet

- 1800 Cocktail Social – Cash bar
- 1850 Adjutant Rick Thomason announces “The Banquet will start in 10 minutes. Please start to take your seats. Thank you.”
- 1900 Opening by the Master of Ceremonies and words of welcome by John Dilday

## Banquet called to order

Introduction of Special Members by John Dilday:

Mideast Division National Vice Commandant Mike McLain  
Mideast Division Assist National Vice Commandant Bruce Rakfeldt  
2015 DoNC MOY Sherry Trevino

## **MUSIC “ATTENTION”**

John Dilday requests that all present to please rise and welcome the Commandant of the Department of North Carolina, Charles Minton and to remain standing for the Colors and the playing of the National Anthem.

Sgt. at Arms Ralph Farthing call for the posting of the colors and playing of the National Anthem.

Jeff Jones performed the “POW/MIA Ceremony”

The DoNC Chaplain, Bill Boyd provided the invocation.

John Dilday provided direction as to the buffet service sequence. The head table started the buffet line.

## **Entertainment during dinner – prerecorded music**

2020 John Dilday announces the program will start in 10 minutes.

### **PROGRAM STARTS**

DoNC Commandant Charles Minton welcomes everyone to the DoNC Convention Banquet and speaks of a successful meeting earlier in the day.

The intended Guest of Honor, Ilario Pantano, did not attend as planned. No alternative speaker was engaged.

John Dilday addresses the membership and announces that we will now Install our newly Elected and Appointed Officers. Installation by Mideast Division NVC Mike McLain.”

Mike McLain took the podium and spoke briefly to the membership before beginning the Rituals of Installation.

### **RITUAL OF INSTALLATION**

Mike McLain called forth each elected and appointed official to take a position as directed on either side of the Commandant under the direction of the Sgt. at Arms.

The Oath of Office was administered to the elected and appointed officers. At the conclusion, all but the DoNC Commandant returned to their seats

Commandant Charles Minton thanked the Installing Officer, NVC Mike McLain, the Master of Ceremony John Dilday, Sgt at Arms Ralph Farthing and Chaplain Bill Boyd.

DoNC Commandant Charles Minton addressed the Banquet.

- Summarized the goals for 2016-2017
- Recognized the Department Convention Committee and lauded their work.

- The 2015 – 2016 DoNC Staff Officers were recognized for their efforts over the past 12 months.

### **Special Awards**

#### **Distinguished Citizen Awards, Silver**

DoNC Commandant, with the assistance of Adjutant Rick Thomason, presented the awards to the following:

1. SVC Jeffrey D. Jones
2. JVC Howard Boyd
3. Judge Advocate Scott Shermeyer
4. Sgt. at Arms Ralph Farthing

#### **Meritorious Individual Award**

DoNC Commandant with the assistance of Adjutant Rick Thomason presented the awards to the following:

1. Greg Ciesielski
2. Lisa Ciesielski

#### **2016 NC Pack Dog of the Year**

President of the NC Pack Dog of the Year Society, Ken Parker, came forward to present the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, N.C. Pack Dog of the Year Award. He asked that all past Dogs of the Year stand and be recognized. This year's award was presented to Devil Dog Ron Ambrose. Ron was not present for the presentation.

#### **2016 Marine of the Year**

President of the DoNC Marine of the Year Society, Ken Parker, recognized the previous Marines of the Year and asked that they stand and come forward. He then read the introduction of the 2016 Marine of the Year as being Rick Thomason, DoNC Adjutant. A presentation of the MOY Medal and framed certificate followed.

#### **Closing of the Banquet as per the Ritual**

DoNC Commandant closed the meeting until June of 2017 when we will once again hold the convention and banquet.