

Marine Corps League

Department of North Carolina



Minutes of

47th Department Convention

2 June – 3 June 2017

Hosted by: Tar Heel Detachment #733

Host Commandant: James Cox

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

Meeting start time: 0830

Meeting Location: Doubletree by Hilton

Location Phone Number: (919) 941-6000

Host Contact: Commandant James Cox

Opening Remarks by Dept. Commandant Charles Minton

- Welcome all members and guests to the DoNC's 47th Annual Convention & special thanks to the Tar Heel 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.
Gene Blick, George Barrows
- Colors presented by the Capital City Young Marines
- National Anthem
- Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt-at-Arms – Ralph Farthing
- Retire the Colors
- Presentation of COA's

Dedication of Convention to Montfort Point Marines

James Cox read history of the Montfort Point Marines and information about the Camp Johnson memorial. GySgt Belt did a presentation on Montfort Point Marines. James Cox introduced the Montfort Point Marines who were able to attend the meeting and presented them with Honorary Membership into the Marine Corps League.

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 report 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 2017-2018 Department Budget, proposed By-Law Changes and Election of new Department Officers.

Welcome remarks & thanks from the Host Detachment Commandant, James Cox of the Tar Heel Detachment #733. Commandant Cox is requested to come forward.

Recognition of other Guests by the Host Detachment

Recognition of National Officers

- Mideast Division National Vice Commandant - Mike McLain
- Mideast Division Assistant National Vice Commandant - Bruce Rakfeldt
- Past Mideast Division National Vice Commandant - Jim Tant (absent)
- National Marine of the Year 2006 & Navy Cross recipient - Joe Blick (absent)
- Navy Cross recipient- Robert Ackerman (absent)
- National Assistant & Mideast Division Sgt-at-Arms – Jeffrey Jones
- National Youth Physical Fitness Chairman – Devell Durham
- National & MED Boy Scouts Committee Chairman & MED S-A-A - Charles Minton
- 56th Chief Devil Dog & NE DVC - PPD Leanna Dietrich
- MED Vice Chief Devil Dog - Craig Reehng

Recognition of the Department Marine/Woman of the Year

- 2016 Department Marine of the Year – Rick Thomason (Cpl Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262)
- Ask all past DoNC MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized

Recognition of Past Department Commandants

- Ask Jr. Past Department Commandant Bruce Rakfeldt to stand and be recognized.
- Ask all the Past Department Commandants to stand and be recognized.

Recognition of Guests with Invitation to address the membership

- Mideast Division National Vice Commandant Mike McLain
- MODD NC Pack Jr. Past Worthy Pack Leader –PDD Bruce Rakfeldt

Meeting called to order

Roll Call of the Department Officers (By the Adjutant– “When called, each Officer shall rise and salute the Commandant.”)

- Commandant – Charles Minton
- Sr. Vice Commandant – Jeffrey Jones
- Jr. Vice Commandant – Howard Boyd
- Judge Advocate – Scott Shermeyer
- Jr. Past Commandant- Bruce Rakfeldt
- 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 (absent)
- 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
- Assistant Young Marines Service Officer- Jeff Petway
- Web Sergeant – Robbie Savage
- Historian - Greg Ciesielski

District Vice Commandants (By the Adjutant – “When called, each DVC shall rise and salute the Commandant.”)

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

NC East DVC's

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

Roll Call of Detachments (By the Adjutant – “Per our Department Bylaws, a Convention quorum is met by having at least one Delegate from the majority of our Detachments present. As your Detachment is called, a Delegate shall rise, salute the Commandant, state they are a Delegate then state the number of members present.”

1. John V. Berg Detachment #257 (Kinston) (absent)
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)* (absent)
8. PFC Charles D. Hare Detachment #914 (Monroe) (absent)
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) (absent)
14. Stanly County Detachment #1021 (Albemarle)
15. Carolina Borders 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) (absent)
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) (absent)
24. NC Foothills Detachment #1164 (Shelby) (absent)
25. Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165 (Asheboro) (absent)
26. Cabarrus Detachment #1175 (Concord) (absent)
27. Down East Detachment #1186 (Greenville)
28. Brushy Mountain Detachment #1187 (North Wilkesboro) (absent)
29. PFC. Terry C. Smith Detachment #1193 (High Point) (absent)
30. Table Rock Detachment #1197 (Morganton)
31. John E. Ferguson Detachment #1208 (Lenoir) (absent)
32. LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 (Burlington)
33. Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Spindale) (absent)
34. Sgt. Doug Myers Detachment #1222 (Sylvia) (absent)
35. Sanford Detachment #1223 (Sanford) (absent)
36. PFC. Jerry L. McKinney Detachment #1232 (Wentworth)
37. Carry-On Detachment #1236 (Clayton)
38. PFC. Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 (Huntersville) (absent)
39. Richmond Leathernecks Detachment #1252 (Rockingham) (absent)
40. Air, Land, NC Detachment #1257 (Wake Forest) (absent)
41. ~~Albemarle Detachment #1258 (Edenton)~~ **Charter Surrendered**
42. Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262 (Rocky Mount)
43. Outer Banks Detachment #1264 (Kitty Hawk) (absent)
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) (absent)
48. Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta) (absent)
49. Northwest Triad Detachment #1314 (Stokesdale)
50. Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga)
51. Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender) (absent)
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)
- (55.2% = quorum met at the time of polling)

Adjutant's Report ("The minutes from the Spring Quarterly meeting are 27 pages long. These are available for downloading from the Department Website. In the interest of time, I would like to request waiving the reading of the minutes and will gladly accept any corrections you may have concerning them.")

- The number of emails I sent out during the 3 months prior to the convention is approximately 4,824 emails from my computer since we last met. It goes to 53 commandants, 52 adjutants, and 29 staff officers. I have been able to maintain a comprehensive distribution list because you have sent me your ROIs when you sent them to the paymaster. For that, I thank you.
- I have attended 27 League functions in the last 3 months, aiding in Officer Installations and representing the DoNC at various functions throughout the state and South Carolina. Many of my miles have been in the company of SVC Jeffrey Jones.
- My tabulation of data has continued as before with the compilation of the Quarterly Reports. The most current spreadsheet will go out at the end of the convention for your review. If your detachment data is not there, it's probably because I did not get it. The spreadsheet can be updated or corrected at any time.
- I want to thank all of you who asked me questions. Most of them I did not know the immediate answer to and had to look it up or research it. Thank you for making do that. I was determined to be as good an Adjutant as you deserved.
- I have received word that a lot of you did not get the emails I have sent out, especially about the convention. I did not send it to you personally because you are not on my distribution list, but your adjutant and your commandant is on my distribution. The reason you didn't get it is because your commandant or adjutant did not send it to you. The notices have been going out since March.

Commandant Minton, asks for a motion to waive reading of the minutes

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

10-minute break was taken at this time.

Chaplain's Report

Sick or Distressed Members: Waynesborough Detachment 1350 reports that Jerry Phillips fell and has several injuries; also that David Lewis has COPD and may not be with us much longer.

Cape Fear Det 1070	Robert R. Witkowski	02/15/2017
Onslow County Det 262	Roy F. Rhoads, Jr.	03/03/2017
Shawn Knisley Det 983	Lawrence W. Ashton	03/20/2017
Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Det 983	Raymond E. Moore	03/22/2017
Shawn Knisley Det 983	Wilson Jenkins, Sr.	01/18/2017
Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Det 983	Elwood D. McKay	04/16/2017
Onslow County Det 262	Genevieve Blick	04/25/2017
Greater Greensboro Det 260	Joseph J. Pannasch	05/11/2017
Smokey Mountain Det 973	J. A. Studds	05/09/2017
Down East Det 1186	Ronald Cooper	02/09/2017
Shawn Knisley Det 983	Leroy Locklear	11/22/2015
Onslow County Det 262	Joseph P. Normandeau	05/05/2017
Down East Det 1186	Norbert K. Howe	01/25/2017
Down East Det 1186	James Staton, Jr.	05/25/2017
Greater Greensboro Det 260	Edward M. Cowan	05/28/2017

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.

Over seventy percent of deaths reported are being submitted in a timely manner. This is a great improvement. We had moved to near one hundred percent of notices being routed through the department chaplain before changes at the national office made it difficult to track. Our department files have assisted the Director of Membership to remove thirty-seven names of deceased members from rosters. DoNC was able to provide copies of the Notice of Death forms previously sent to the national office, but not properly handled. Much needs to be done yet. Thank you.

Paymaster's Report

1. James Cox gave the following report:

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

	<u>Jun '16 - May 17</u>
Income	
Cmndt's Expense Overage Reimburs	3,975.19
Investments	
Money Market	2.53
Total Investments	<u>2.53</u>
Mid-East Convention	
Mid-East Banquet	1,640.00
Mid-East Lunch Buffet	210.00
Mid-East Registration	530.00
Total Mid-East Convention	<u>2,380.00</u>
Other Types of Income	
Challenge Coins	3,674.65
Gun Raffle - M-1 Grand	3,905.31
Miscellaneous Revenue	
Humanitarian	1,225.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>1,225.00</u>
Total Other Types of Income	8,804.96
Program Income	
Life Member Interest Rebate	1,755.79
Membership Dues	6,934.00
Total Program Income	<u>8,689.79</u>
Total Income	<u>23,852.47</u>
Expense	
Department Officer's Expenses	
Adjutant Expenses	400.00
Chaplain Expenses	36.45
Commandant's Expenses	1,794.26
DVC Expenses	
North	286.03
North Central	200.70
South Central	300.00
Total DVC Expenses	<u>786.73</u>
Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	212.44
Paymaster Expenses	
Postage, Mailing Service	152.70
Supplies	24.41
Paymaster Expenses - Other	200.09
Total Paymaster Expenses	<u>377.20</u>
Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	500.00
Total Department Officer's Expenses	<u>4,107.08</u>
Meetings Expenses	
Host Detachment Allowance	800.00
Total Meetings Expenses	<u>800.00</u>
Operations	
Bank Fees - Service Charges	<u>0.00</u>

	<u>Jun '16 - May 17</u>
Total Operations	0.00
Other Types of Expenses	
Awards	544.57
Convention - Expense	160.00
Dues (Loan to Det.)	206.00
Midwest Conference Expense	1,000.00
Other Costs	2,048.20
Total Other Types of Expenses	<u>3,958.77</u>
Total Expense	<u>8,865.85</u>
Net Income	<u>14,586.62</u>

2. **Charles Minton asked for motion to accept the Paymaster's report as given, subject to audit.**
 - a. John Stacey reported on the audit he and Ken Parker conducted.
 - b. Motion was made, seconded, and voted on. It was passed without dissent.
 - c. Budget will be discussed after the lunch break.

D.V.C.'s - Report of Officers – (3 minutes)

- West District - Larry Thornton – They had an up / down quarter.
- Northwest District - Chuck Wright – gave his report.
- Midwest - District Glenn Perkins – He contacted and visited 6 detachments this period. The district unpaid percentage is 25.10. All of these detachments are very active.
- Northcentral District - Chuck Stotz - The Detachments of the North Central District are alive and well serving their communities, Marines in North Carolina and National Interests. Service includes: Feeding friends program serving up to 150 individuals a meal on a monthly

basis; Support of various county veteran's agencies and programs including veteran's relief; Toys for Tots Programs throughout the District; Various scholarship programs to area youth; Eagle and Gold Scout Americanism Awards and Scholarships; Young Marines Program; Salisbury Veterans Home; Hope for the Warriors; Various JROTC and NJROTC Programs; Wounded Warriors Program at Camp Lejeune; Marine and other Veterans Families in Need; General donations to area civic and community organizations; Visitations to VA Hospitals and Retired Veteran Homes. Fund Raising Activities: Golf Tournaments; Bowling Tournaments; The Rose program; Selling of Tickets for the Belks Sales Program; Pancake Day Breakfast; Mud Run; Various Raffles; Conceal and Carry Permit Classes; Store Front Solicitations; Wal-Mart Foundation Grant Requests.

- Southcentral District - Denny Mathias - The detachments that are maintaining or increasing membership are very active in their communities. The exposure puts them in a favorable light to prospective members. There are no specific membership drives in the Southcentral district. All detachments are working with the local Boy and Girl Scout units in recognizing their Eagle Scouts and provide Honor Guards when requested.
- North District - John Staley – gave his report.
- Northeast District - Mike Black – He has 5 detachments. All are working on recruiting.
- South District - Richard Rust – gave his report.
- Southeast District - Owen Smith – He contacted or visited 6 detachments this period. The district unpaid percentage is 10.84. Onslow, Swansboro, and Cherry Point are actively recruiting active duty members. All 6 detachments are actively recruiting regular members. Swansboro is very active in community programs, mostly associated with Camp Lejeune, especially for Memorial Day. Cherry

Point participated in 3 Memorial Day events, plus providing the color guard for the opening ceremony of the Viet Nam Traveling Wall in Morehead City.

- East District - Steve Tracy – gave his report.

Commandant's Report

I want to thank each of you for your support during this year, without each of you doing your part our Department would not have been as prosperous as we have been. I especially want to thank you for your prayers and thoughts since my wife's diagnosis and treatment of cancer. We had a Doctor's visit on the 4th of May and I'm excited to report that there are no signs of Cancer. As you know that throughout this last year it has been extremely demanding on me and Donna both physically and emotionally and without the tremendous support and understanding from the Department officers, Staff and members, I would not have been able to devote the time to my wife's care and aid her in her recovery. From the bottom of our hearts we want to thank each of you.

During this quarter I have attended several Detachment meetings

I conducted an installation of officers on April 11th for the Carry-On Detachment # 1236,

I conducted an installation of officers on April 18th for the Gold Leaf Detachment #1276

I represented the Department on April 12th at the Modern Day Marine Expo held at Camp Lejeune.

I participated in the installation of officers on May 2nd for the Swansboro Detachment #1407.

I worked with some members of the Greater Greensboro Detachment #260 on May the 9th at a concession stand at a Grasshopper's Baseball game in Greensboro.

I also held a Memorial Day service at McLane Company in Rocky Mount.

Does your Detachment has any Special events going on such as parades, Detachment Anniversary's Veterans or Memorial Day ceremonies ect.. 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.

- Mid East Division Conference is June 24th, here at this hotel.
- National Convention August 13-18, Overland Park, Kansas.

Report of Staff Officers

- **Sr. Vice Commandant Jeffrey Jones**

- Handed out SVC Detachment attendance streamers – green streamers for the detachments given full credit for attending all

quarterly meetings except the snow quarterly; gold streamers for attending all four quarterly meetings; red streamers for attending two or three quarterly meetings.

- I want to tell you that it has been my honor to serve this past year as the Senior Vice Commandant for the Department of North Carolina. As most of you know, at the 2016 Department Convention, I announced my goal was to attend every Detachment in the State at least one time during the year. I regret to announce that I did not attain my goal over the last twelve months. I did attend 90% (48 of our 53) active Detachments. There was one Detachment (NC Foothills #1164) that I ran out of time on the calendar. The other Detachments that I did not attend (Cherokee #1011, John E. Ferguson # 1208, Chris E. Ebert #1221 & Sgt Doug Myers # 1222 - the closest of which is 452 miles round trip) all meet on a week night. It was just impossible for me to attend the meetings and still go to work the next day. On a more positive note. This quarter I attended 11 new Detachments, covering a total of 9,118 miles. For the year I made 117 visits for a total of 31,945 miles.

I have attended the Department of North Carolina Veterans Advisory Committee meeting and the Department of North Carolina Veterans Council meeting. I was honored to attend meetings of both the Women Marine Association and the Montford Point Marine Association. It is a goal of mine to work closely with both organizations, as we are all Marines and should be working together. I also attended the Marine South Expo at Camp LeJeune. I encourage all of you to attend next year, if you have the opportunity.

The fund raisers this year were a big success. The Department Challenge Coin program raised a total of \$ 3,374.00. The Department Rifle Raffle of the Springfield M1A has made a total of \$3,950.00 giving a combined total of \$7,324.00 to the Department budget. We will draw for this rifle later this afternoon.

- **Jr. Vice Commandant Howard Boyd**

- Membership is the backbone of any organization. The stronger the membership the stronger the organization is to meet its goals and objectives. I looked back over our membership numbers since 2012. From March 2012 to March 2017 we have decreased in membership by 153 members. We currently stand at 2,746 members. I have heard many reasons for the decrease to include the change in when we pay our dues. Bottom line Marines, we are just not doing the job recruiting new and retaining old members. We need to find a way to recruit the young millennial to our Marine Corp League family. Share with them our great mission to support our fellow marines, their families, and our communities. Let's keep our backbone strong for many years to come.

One of the bright parts of the year is the annual conference where we recognize those that have achieved great things individually or as a group. The Jr. Vice Commandant Recruitment and Retention Awards is one such award. 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 2016 and March 2017 rosters. This award is presented to one Detachment in each division small, medium and large. Small Detachments have a total paid membership greater than 15 and less than 51. Medium detachments have a total paid membership of more than 50 and less than 101. Large detachments have a total paid membership of more than 100. Detachments with less than 15 members are not eligible for this award.

- Presented the JVC Recruitment/Retention Meritorious Unit Commendation Awards to:
 - John E. Ferguson Detachment #1208 – small detachment, ribbon approved

- Hampstead Detachment #1321 – medium detachment, ribbon approved
- Greater Greensboro Detachment #260 – large detachment, ribbon approved

- **Judge Advocate Scott Shermeyer**

- Had a lot of good questions over the last year. Differences of opinion are inevitable, how we handle them is key. We did lose one member this year through a hearing board.
- Some of the proposed National By-law changes were not posted on the website by June 1st as required. Please take these by-law changes seriously. These changes will move a lot of the by-laws to procedures.
- We will be looking at three Department by-law changes today.
- Your Board of Trustees filed a grievance against Gregory Hunt to help get the debt paid. It has been paid in full.
- The younger Marines are about social media for their communications and not necessarily Face Book.

- **Bylaws Committee Chairman Lisa Ciesielski**

Lisa Ciesielski read through each of the proposals for consideration:

- Change 1 to section 145 – to adjust the time period which the convention could be held from 1May and 15July to 1May and 15June. *Proposal was read and shown of video screen.*
- Change 2 to section 410 – to allow the hosting detachment to charge a registration fee of \$10 per person. *Proposal was read and shown of video screen.*
- Change 3 to section 410 – number of department meetings held during the year from four to three. *Proposal was read and shown of video screen.*

- **Historian Greg Ciesielski**

Greg Ciesielski stated last night we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Pack. Today we celebrate the 47th anniversary of the Department. We need to now start getting pictures and information for the 50th anniversary in 3

years. This Department was started in the 50s and went dormant for unknown reasons. It came to life in the 70s and this is what we are recognizing.

• **Aide-de-Camp John Dilday**

- **2017 Mideast Division Conference** hosted by the Dept. of NC 23-24 June.
- **2017 National MCL Convention** – Overland Park KS 13-18 August
- **2017 Fall Quarterly meeting** – Ocean Isle Carolina Borders #1036
- **2018 Winter Quarterly meeting** – TBD
- **2018 Spring Quarterly meeting** – TBD
- **2018 Department Convention** – June 22-23 Winston-Salem Percy John Fulton #1075
- **Bids for hosting the 2019 DoNC Conventions** – (New Business)

Report of Project Leaders – Reports will be published with the minutes of this meeting.

(3-5 minutes)

- Eagle Scout Program – Larry Hill – gave report that there were 69 awards reported to him this quarter and 182 awards for the year. Get to know your district executives. Your family are good contacts. The application is on the website, when the person hits submit, it comes to me to pass on to the detachment closest. Send the reports to Larry and not to national.
- Young Marine Program – Ralph Farthing – was the Executive Officer at Greensboro. If interested in starting a Young Marines unit, please get with me.
- VAVS Program – Ken Parker – total hours are 168 hours. I am not getting every report.
- Fund-Raising – Jeff Jones M1A completion – drawing will be after lunch.

Commandant Minton “At this time I ask for a motion from the Floor to accept the Officer and Committee reports as given or submitted.” Motion made and seconded to approve the reports as given. Motion passed by members present.

Awards

Commandant Minton assisted by Adjutant Rick Thomason

- Certificates of Appreciation
 - Larry D Hall, Secretary
 - Capital City Young Marines

- Department Level Meritorious Unit Citation Awards
 - General Raymond G Davis Detachment 1162, ribbon approved
 - High Country Detachment 1398, ribbon approved
 - Walter Frank Osbourne Jr Detachment 1266, ribbon approved
 - Table Rock Detachment 1197, ribbon approved
 - Brushy Mountain Detachment 1187, ribbon approved
 - John E Ferguson Detachment 1208, ribbon approved
 - Mountaineer Detachment 1320, ribbon approved
 - Mt Mitchell Detachment 1266, ribbon approved
 - Pfc Terry C Smith Detachment 1193, ribbon approved
 - Asheville Detachment 1470, ribbon approved
 - Blue Ridge Detachment 848, ribbon approved

- Department Level Individual Meritorious Commendations
 - Denny Mathias

- Distinguished Service Awards
 - John Dilday – Distinguished Citizen Award, Bronze
 - John Staley – Distinguished Citizen Award, Bronze
 - Scott Shermeyer – Distinguished Citizen Award, Silver
 - Howard Boyd – Distinguished Citizen Award, Silver
 - Jeff Petway – Distinguished Service Award
 - Larry Hill – Distinguished Service Award
 - Richard Rust – Distinguished Service Award
 - Robbie Savage – Distinguished Service Award
 - Devell Bull Durham Jr – Distinguished Service Award
 - Bill Boyd – Distinguished Service Award
 - Greg Ciesielski – Distinguished Service Award

- James Cox – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze
- Ken Parker – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze
- Lisa Ciesielski – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze
- Ralph Farthing – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze
- Chuck Stotz – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze
- Chuck Wright – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze
- Denny Mathias – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze
- Glenn Perkins – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze
- Larry Thorton – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze
- John Staley – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze
- Michael Black – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze
- Owen Smith – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze
- Steve Tracy – Distinguished Service Award, Bronze

Recess of the DoNC Convention morning session

- Chaplin to close Bible
- Sgt-at-Arms to announce that the meeting will reconvene at 1330.
Recessed at 1159

Recess for lunch at 1200 - Reconvene at 1300

Reconvene the afternoon DoNC Convention meeting

- Sgt-at-Arms to bring meeting to order
Reconvened at 1332
- Chaplain to open the Bible
- Eddie Gray, Marine veteran walking for veteran's health care gave a brief presentation. He has walked 9,000 miles now. www.AWarriorsWalk.org is his website.

- Steve Wilson gave a brief update on his wife and her progress.
- Chaplain Boyd prayed for each of the persons mentioned this weekend who have been hurt in some form.
- Senior Vice Jeffrey Jones stated the total funds collected on the rifle to \$4,820.00 bringing the fundraising for the Department this year to \$8,204.00. The drawing for the rifle was conducted at this time. The winner is Rick Thomason.

Paymaster Discuss and vote on 2017-2018 budget.

	TOTAL		
	<u>Jun '16 - May 17</u>	<u>Jun '17 - May 18</u>	
Income			
Investments			
Money Market	2.00	2.00	
Total Investments	2.00	2.00	
Other Types of Income			
Fundraising Revenue	2000.00	3600.00	
Total Other Types of Income	2000.00	3600.00	
Program Income			
Previous Fundraisers		4900.00	
Cmdt Overage			
Reimbursement	3180.00	0.00	
Life Member Interest Rebate	4283.20	1775.79	Based on amount received last year
Membership Dues	5610.00	5250.00	Based on 1050 paid memberships
Total Program Income	13073.20	11925.79	
Total Income	15075.20	15527.79	
Expense			
Advertising	100.00	700.00	
Department Officer's Expenses			

Adjutant Expenses	400.00	500.00
Chaplain Expenses	200.00	400.00
Commandant's Expenses	3595.61	3687.25
DVC Expenses		
Central	300.00	300.00
East	300.00	300.00
Mid West	300.00	300.00
North	300.00	300.00
North Central	300.00	300.00
North East	300.00	300.00
Northwest	300.00	300.00
South	300.00	300.00
South Central	300.00	300.00
South East	300.00	300.00
West	300.00	300.00
Total DVC Expenses	3300.00	3300.00
Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	500.00	500.00
Judge Advocate Expenses	500.00	500.00
Paymaster Expenses		
Postage, Mailing Service	400.00	400.00
Printing and Copying	25.00	25.00
Supplies	100.00	100.00
Paymaster Expenses - Other	200.00	300.00
Total Paymaster Expenses	725.00	825.00
Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	500.00	500.00
Total Department Officer's Expenses	9720.61	10212.25
Meetings Expenses		
Mid-East Divison Host	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous Meetings	250.00	100.00
Mid-East Divison Conference	2500.00	0.00
Host Detachment Allowance	800.00	800.00
Total Meetings Expenses	3650.00	1000.00
Operations		
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	200.00	100.00

This will be 600 is proposed bylaw change is accepted.

Web Site Expenses	100.00	100.00
Total Operations	300.00	200.00
Other Types of Expenses		
Awards	400.00	400.00
Gunny Clause	0.00	1000.00
Humanitarian Fund	0.00	1000.00
Multi-Media Expense	100.00	100.00
New Detachment Allowance	300.00	200.00
NC Veterans Council		150.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	800.00	2850.00
Total Expense	14570.61	14962.25
Net Income	504.59	565.54

We have donated to this for the past two years

Department Commandant's proposed 2017 - 2018						
Event	Flight cost allotment	Hotel night allotment	Hotel approx cost	Registration amount	Banquet amount	(Receipt supported) Gas allotment
1 Mideast Division Conference	0	2	\$ 224.73	\$ 10.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00
2 National Convention	0	8	\$ 1,048.69	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 313.32
3 DoNC Fall Quarterly Meeting	0	1	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00
4 DoNC Winter Quarterly Meeting	0	1	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00
5 National Mid-Winter Conference	0	3	\$ 330.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00
6 DoNC Spring Quarterly Meeting	0	1	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00
7 DoNC Annual Convention	0	2	\$ 200.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 75.00
Misc Items						
Weighted hotel taxes			\$ 315.51			
1 Additional gas allotment						\$ 300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ -		\$ 2,418.95	\$ 65.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 1,013.32
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSED	\$ 3,687.25					
Comments						
2016 - 2017 Approved Budget	\$3,595.61					
Budgeted more/(less) than previous budget	\$91.64					

Assuming \$100/night with no prior knowledge of these rates.

This total includes a weighted 15% for hotel taxes.

Assumption amount based off of history

- James Cox went over the budget for last year versus this year.
- The M1A1 raffle collected \$4,820.00.
- Jeff Jones and Rick Thomason stated the advertisement fund for the Purple Heart sign with DoNC QR code on it. They cost \$20 for each sign to be made. Some units are giving them away. You can charge if you would like to. They can be placed at businesses.
- The Gunny Clause donation was placed in the budget this year as we have donated for each of the last 2 years.

- Humanitarian Fund was placed in the budget so there will be monies available for quick dispersing when the need is brought to our attention and vetted properly and approved by the Elected Officers in lieu of waiting for the next Department meeting to approve the dispersing. This will be replenished each year in the budget. It can be replenished by donations throughout the year. Guidelines will be created for fair use of the monies. Rick Thomason read the criteria.
- Commandant Minton asked for a motion to accept the budget. Chuck Stotz made the motion to accept the budget as proposed. Ralph Farthing seconded the motion. Motion approved by members present.

Voting on By-Laws Proposals and Motions – Lisa Ciesielski

Lisa Ciesielski read a bulleted form each of the proposals for consideration:

- Change 1 to section 145 – to adjust the time period which the convention could be held from 1May and 15July to 1May and 15June. *Proposal was read and shown of video screen.* Motion made and seconded to approve the proposal. Motion passed by members present.
- Change 2 to section 410 – to allow the hosting detachment to charge a registration fee of \$10 per person. *Proposal was read and shown of video screen.* Motion made and seconded to approve the proposal. Motion passed by members present.
- Change 3 to section 410 – number of department meetings held during the year from four to three not having the winter meeting. *Proposal was read and shown of video screen.* Motion made and seconded to approve the proposal. *There was discussion as to the possible time between meetings and DVCs getting their districts together for a meeting (a format was requested).* Motion passed by members present.

New Business

- 2019 Convention bids - We can hold the Department Convention anytime from 01- May through 15-July, per the By-laws. Conventions are typically held in June

- Ask any Detachments that would like to submit a proposal for 2019 Convention to come forward to make a presentation
 - **Gen Raymond G Davis #1162**
 - **Ashville #1417** (did not present a bid)
 - **Onslow County #262**
 - The vote was for the 2019 convention went to Onslow County Detachment 262 in Jacksonville.

- New fund raising event. – Rick Thomason – presented the fundraiser to be the new Springfield Armory ‘Saint’ and asked to spend up to \$1,000 for the rifle.
 - Motion made and seconded to approve the fundraising rifle proposal purchase up to \$1,000 limit. Motion passed by members present.

- Is there any other New Business to be brought up at this time?
 - Districts have been modified to assist the DVCs in being able to cover their areas easier and even the number of detachments per district. *A map of the districts was shown.*
 - Rick Thomason stated that while traveling around to sell the tickets for the fundraisers, they were asked if they take cards. He is asking for permission to use a Square Reader to accept credit card payments for the tickets. The cost is 2.7% fee per use. Scott Shermeyer made the motion to authorize the use of the Square Reader. Laura Hamilton seconded the motion. *One member did a Belk fundraiser and approximately 1/3 of their monies were on the Square Reader. There was discussion to who has access to the money – only the Department. Who can use the reader – anyone given access.* Motion approved by members present.

10-minute break was taken at this time.

- **MED Vice Mike McLain** – This is the last time you will get to see me in this position. We have started having some conference calls with the National Board. We are working on the National Executive Officer. Roger Ware puts out the MED newsletter every two months. Consider Division MOY, we should have more applicants.

- **John Harding** – A North Carolina company ZZZ Bears. Justin Baun started the company, who did Marine Corps commercials. He learned what the sacrifice of the family. He created this Sergeant Sleep Tight bear for the children of military to deal with anxiety.
www.zzzbears.com or email Justin@zzzbears.com
- **Bruce Rakfeldt** – stated he is seeking MED Vice.
- **Craig Reeling** – stated the Department of Maryland puts on a leadership college for 1 day each year. We have invited North Carolina to attend so you can implement it here. Recruitment and retention, a good thing is to call every member on their birthday to just say hi.

Election of Officers for the 2017-2018 year

- Election Chairperson will be Jr. Past Cmdt Bruce Rakfeldt assisted by the Credentials Committee, Larry Hill and Bruce Goeden.
- Election Chairperson, Jr. 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. 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 Commandant. DoNC Adjutant made the requested vote.
 2. Nominations for the position of Senior Vice Commandant requested.
 - a. Rick Thomason 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 Rick Thomason as the DoNC Senior Vice Commandant. DoNC Adjutant made the requested vote.
 3. Nominations for the position of Junior Vice Commandant requested.
 - a. Scott Shermeyer nominated and seconded. Candidate polled and accepted the position to serve if elected.

- b. Glenn Perkins nominated and seconded. Candidate polled and accepted the position to serve if elected.
 - c. Both candidates were given two minutes to present their positioning. Both candidates were removed from the room for voting. The delegates will have 10 minutes to caucus.
 - d. Each detachment by roll call stood to present their votes. The final vote was 51 for Scott Shermeyer and 28 for Glenn Perkins. Both candidates were brought back into the room.
4. Nominations for the position of Judge Advocate requested.
 - a. Denny Mathias 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 Denny Mathias as the DoNC Judge Advocate. DoNC Adjutant made the requested vote.

This concluded the DoNC Election of officers for the 2017/2018 year.

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Announcements

- National Convention registration – Register ASAP (bring a copy to show) details at <http://www.2017mclnationalconvention.com/> for events and pricing.
- WOY Selection Board to meet immediately after adjournment.
- Any other announcements?

Recessing of the Meeting per Ritual until the Banquet at 1800

- Remarks by Cmdt. Minton
- Singing of the Marines Hymn
- “Good night Chesty, wherever you are!”

- Retire the Colors
- Chaplain – Prayer and close the Bible – Bill Boyd