

Marine Corps League

Department of North Carolina



Department Convention

Minutes

29 June – 1 July 2018

Hosted by: Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075

Host Commandant: Lewis Pleasants

Presided by: Commandant Jeffrey Jones
Department of North Carolina
Marine Corps League

Meeting start time: 0830

Meeting Location: Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center

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1. Opening Remarks by Dept. Commandant Jeffrey Jones - 0831

- Welcome all members and guests to the DoNC's 48th Annual Convention & special thanks to the Percy John Fulton 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 Southeast Guilford JRoTC
- National Anthem sung by Winston Salem Pops Chorus
- Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt-at-Arms – Ralph Farthing
- Retire the Colors
- Presentation of COA's to the Winston-Salem Pops Chorus and the Southeast Gilford JRoTC.

2. N/A

3. Recognition of other Guests by the Host Detachment

- Welcome remarks & thanks from the Host Detachment Commandant, Lewis Pleasants of the Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075. Commandant Pleasants is requested to come forward.
- Lewis Pleasants read the Proclamation from Mayor Allen Joines.
- Sherriff William Schatzman, Forsythe County Sherriff and MCL member welcomed the convention.

4. Recognition of National Officers

- National Marine of the Year 2006 & Navy Cross recipient - Joe Blick (absent)
- Mideast Division Vice Commandant – Bruce Rakfeldt
- National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms - Charles Minton
- National Youth Physical Fitness Chairman - Devell (Bull) Durham (absent)

- 56th Chief Devil Dog - PCDD Leanna Dietrich (absent)
- National Assistant Sgt At Arms – Ken Parker
- National Assistant Sgt At Arms – Rick Thomason
- National Historian – Greg Ciesielski

5. Recognition of the Department Marine/Woman of the Year

- 2017 Department Marine of the Year – Scott Shermeyer (Cherry Point Det #1067)
- 2017 Department Woman of the Year – Ann Clark (PFC Jerry L. McKinney Det #1232) (absent)
- Ask all past MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized

6. Recognition of Past Department Commandants

- Ask Jr. Past Department Commandant Charles Minton to stand and be recognized.
- Ask all the Past Department Commandants to stand and be recognized.

7. Recognition of Guests with Invitation to address the membership

- Mideast Division National Vice Commandant Bruce Rakfeldt
 - This is his 5th convention this year.
 - Midwinter in Virginia
 - There were 26 DoNC members in attendance.
 - It is being looked at to move in 2 years.
 - MCL National Library – trying to use more technology and less paper.
 - Funeral Honors – LtGen Russ McMillian from 4th MARDIV has spoken to every Reserve Unit to talk to the local MCL detachment to help out so they can put more time into readiness training.
 - Marine South had a good turnout.
- MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader –PDD Charles Minton
 - There were approximately 50 dogs at the growl last night.

- The next Pack Growl will be on Friday night at the Fall Membership meeting in September in Boone.

8. Roll Call of Department Officers

(By the Adjutant– “When called, each Officer shall rise and salute the Commandant.”)

- Commandant – Jeffrey Jones
- Sr. Vice Commandant – Rick Thomason
- Jr. Vice Commandant – Scott Shermeyer
- Judge Advocate – Denny Mathias
- Jr. Past Commandant – Charles Minton
- Aide-De-Camp- John Dilday
- Chaplain – Bill Boyd
- Assistant Chaplain – Jason Hall
- Sgt.-at-Arms - Ralph Farthing
- Paymaster – Lori King
- Assistant Paymaster – Randal Rempfer
- Young Marines Service Officer – Jeff Petway (absent)
- Assistant Young Marines Service Officer – Ralph Farthing
- Toys For Tots Coordinator– Larry Hill
- VAVS Service Officer – Ken Parker
- Legislative Officer – Keith Shearin
- Assistant Legislative Officer – Phil Randall
- Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
- Eagle Scout Coordinator – Charles Minton
- Adjutant – Laura Hamilton
- Web Sergeant – Robbie Savage
- Public Relations – Tim Manchester
- Assistant Adjutant– VACANT
- Historian - Greg Ciesielski

9. District Vice Commandants

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

A. NC West DVC’s

- West District – Ric Ledford
- Northwest District – Chuck Wright
- Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
- Northcentral District –Chuck Stotz
- Central District – John Dilday
- Southcentral – Denny Mathias

B. NC East DVC's

- North District – John Staley
- Northeast District – Mike Black
- South District – Howard Boyd (absent)
- Southeast District – Lee Walker
- East District – Steve Tracy (absent)

10. 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) (absent)
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) (absent)
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) (absent)
21. Gen. Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162 (Gastonia)
22. Catawba Valley Detachment #1163 (Hickory)
23. NC Foothills Detachment #1164 (Shelby) (absent)
24. Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165 (Asheboro)
(absent)
25. Cabarrus Detachment #1175 (Concord) (absent)
26. Sgt WE Plueddemann Detachment #1186 (Greenville)
27. Brushy Mountain Detachment #1187 (North Wilkesboro)
28. PFC. Terry C. Smith Detachment #1193 (High Point) (absent)
29. Table Rock Detachment #1197 (Morganton)
30. John E. Ferguson Detachment #1208 (Lenoir) (absent)
31. LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 (Burlington)
32. Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Spindale) (absent)
33. Sgt. Doug Myers Detachment #1222 (Sylvia) (absent)
34. Sanford Detachment #1223 (Sanford) (absent)
35. PFC. Jerry L. McKinney Detachment #1232 (Wentworth)
36. Carry-On Detachment #1236 (Clayton)
37. PFC. Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 (Huntersville)
38. Richmond Leathernecks Detachment #1252 (Rockingham)
(absent)
39. Air, Land, NC Detachment #1257 (Wake Forest)
40. Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262 (Rocky Mount)
41. Outer Banks Detachment #1264 (Kitty Hawk)
42. Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Detachment #1265 (Lincolnton)
43. Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 (Spruce Pines)
44. Gold Leaf Detachment #1276 (Wilson)
45. Orange County Regulators Detachment #1292 (Hillsboro)
(absent)
46. Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta)
47. Northwest Triad Detachment #1314 (Stokesdale) (absent)
48. Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga)
49. Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender) (absent)
50. Surry County Detachment #1322 (Surry)
51. Crossed Rifles Detachment #1346 (Harnett) (absent)

52. Waynesborough Detachment #1350 (Wayne)
53. High Country Detachment #1389 (Ashe)
54. Swansboro Detachment #1407 (Swansboro)
55. Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413 (Oriental)
56. Asheville Detachment #1417 (Asheville)

11. Adjutant's Report

(“The minutes from the Spring Membership meeting are 22 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 most current version of the minutes is posted on the website.
- The Detachment Quarterly Reports attached to the email announcements for the Quarterly meetings are the most up-to-date versions to be completed. Please do not use older versions as information may have changed from the last version sent.
- If you would like to emails from me directly, besides through your detachment commandant or adjutant, please get me your Name, Email, Detachment #, and Phone # so I can add you to my email group.
- Detachment commandants and adjutants – if you are not getting my emails please check your spam filter and make sure the addresses are in your contact list to come through. The alternative email address has changed to doncmcla@gmail.com with the primary remaining as adjutant@ncmcl.org .
- Please make sure a copy of your latest ROI is sent to the Adjutant as well as the Paymaster (who gets the original signed hardcopy).

Commandant Jones, asked for a motion to waive reading of the minutes

Denny Matthias made the motion to approve the minutes. Second by Ralph Farthing. Approved by members present.

12. Paymaster's Report – Lori King

- The PLM check came in for \$2361.64 which is a little more than budgeted.
- Financial update – April 1st to May 31st

Paymaster Report

4/1/2018 - 5/31/2018

- **Cash brought forward 3/31/2018**
 - Checking \$30,905.14
 - Money Market \$9,185.74
 - Total \$40,090.88
- **Cash paid out for the time period**
 - Checking \$1,666.91
 - Money Market \$0
 - Total \$1,666.91
- **Deposits made for the time period**
 - Checking \$6,026.54
 - Money Market \$0.46
 - Total \$6,027.00
- **Balance as of 5/31/2018**
 - Checking \$35,264.77
 - Money Market \$9,186.20
 - Total \$44,450.97
- **Current Balance as of 6/29/2018**
 - Checking \$28,462.29
 - Money Market \$9,186.20
 - Total \$37,648.49

Actual '17-'18

Income

Investments

Money Market 2.76

Total Investments 2.76

Other Types of Income

Fundraising Revenue 5464.19

Total Other Types of Income 5464.19

Program Income

Previous Fundraisers

Cmdt Overage Reimbursement

Life Member Interest Rebate 2361.64

Membership Dues 7310.00

Total Program Income 9671.64

Total Income 15138.59

Expense

Advertising 148.75

Department Officer's Expenses

Adjutant Expenses 500.00

Chaplain Expenses 400.00

Commandant's Expenses 3238.55

DVC Expenses

Central 0.00

East 0.00

Mid West 300.00

North 286.03

North Central 384.62

North East 0.00

Northwest 300.00

South 89.60

South Central 271.66

South East 45.64

West 0.00

Total DVC Expenses 1677.55

Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses 212.44

Judge Advocate Expenses 208.13

Paymaster Expenses

Postage, Mailing Service 227.30

Printing and Copying	
Supplies	157.71
Paymaster Expenses - Other	<u>241.08</u>
Total Paymaster Expenses	626.09
Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	<u>500.00</u>
Total Department Officer's Expenses	6462.76
Meetings Expenses	
Mid-East Divison Host	100.00
Miscellaneous Meetings	
Mid-East Divison Conference	
Host Detachment Allowance	<u>400.00</u>
Total Meetings Expenses	500.00
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	75.00
Web Site Expenses	<u>133.27</u>
Total Operations	208.27
Other Types of Expenses	
Awards	192.36
Gunny Clause	1000.00
Wreaths Across America	0.00
Humanitarian Fund	
Multi-Media Expense	278.37
New Detachment Allowance	
NC Veterans Council	<u>150.00</u>
Total Other Types of Expenses	<u>1620.73</u>
Total Expense	<u>8791.76</u>
Net Income	<u><u>6346.83</u></u>

- There was a question about the PLM Department check received, if it included what was sent to the detachments. Lori King responded no. National sends a check to the department separate from the ones sent to the detachments based on the audit forms being sent back each fall.

- Ask for motion to accept the Paymaster's report as given, subject to audit.
 - Frank Christmas made the motion to accept the report subject to audit. Second by Keith Shearin. Approved by members present.

13. Chaplain's Report – Bill Boyd

- Report of Sick or in distress:
 - David Lee- Greensboro – is on oxygen, can't leave the house.

The following Marine Corps League members in the Department of North Carolina have been reported to have answered their final roll call since our last meeting.

The Asheville Det.	Robert C. Lawrence	1/16/2018
The PFC Jerry L. McKinney Det.	Darryl M. Mabe	3/20/2018
The PFC Jerry L. McKinney Det.	L. Bethel Griffith	4/22/2018
The Tar Heel Det.	Nan M. Cheek	4/28/2018
The Onslow County Det.	Shirley M. John	4/29/2018
The Smokey Mountain Det.	Dennis D. Weathers	5/12/2018
The Cabarrus County Det.	David Badgely	5/22/2018
The General Raymond E. Davis Det.	Marvin E. Wyatt	5/25/2018
The Asheville Det.	Jeffrey O. Corpening	5/29/2018
The Richmond Leathernecks Det.	Marshall E. Hurst	6/2/2018
The Greater Greensboro Det.	Jerry L. Snyder	6/3/2018
The Sandhills Area Det.	James L. Weisenburger	6/3/2018
The Cherry Point Det.	Daniel W. Richards	6/7/2018
The Mt. Mitchell Det. 1266	Kenneth M. Poteat	6/10/2018
The Onslow County Det. 262	George F. Meyer	6/11/2018
The Gold Leaf Det. 1276	William Carlson	6/15/2018
The Gold Leaf Det. 1276	Jerry Jones	6/15/2018

Almighty God, Our Supreme Commandant, we lift our voices and direct our hearts to Thee in thanksgiving for the service rendered by these we have honored here today. We are mindful of the service each gave in both war and peace. We are keenly aware of the hours given to our Marine Corps League in more recent times. Let our hearts be filled with joy as we think upon the closing words of our beloved hymn... "If the Army and the Navy, ever look upon Heaven's scenes, They will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines." Give closure to both, their physical families and their family of Marines, we pray. Amen.

13A. Thomas Northrop was presented a certificate of appreciation as he had to leave to assist with his sister's funeral.

At 0934 a 10-minute recess

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

A. NC West DVC's

- West District – Ric Ledford (absent)
- Northwest District – Chuck Wright
 - How many Detachments are in your District? 6 How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? 4. What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)? 66.6%. What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members? I have had meetings w/ all in every qtr since I became DVC, or my assistant. Every active Detachment has shown growth this year. What Detachments in your District have 14, or less, total members? (These Detachments are a PRIORITY to get back to a level of 'good standing' or their Charters may be pulled) #1208 As reported. Are there currently any Detachment Charters in your District being held by the Department due to inactivity? If so, what Detachment names and numbers are they? Per the National By-Laws, do these Charters need to be surrendered and the Detachments dissolved? #1208 Special District projects you are involved in at this time: Honor guards, Community activities. New Detachment Recruiting Efforts: None Suggestions for the 'Good of the League' as a result of your DVC activities: On site visits by Dept. Officers making comment of what they see and glad hand a little. Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why: 1187: 1197: 1266: 1298: 1320: 1389: All these detachments are working in the communities and increasing membership. Doing all things to the benefit of the League. Some are better at doing these things than others and they lead the way for all to learn how to succeed.
 - Fall Membership meeting will be September 7th and 8th at the Quality Inn & Suites. Lunch will be \$10.
- Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
 - Report given
- Northcentral District –Chuck Stotz

- During this quarter i have visited all detachments in the northcentral district at least once. I conducted 2 officer elections and 2 officer installations. Seven detachments reported a total of 6231 volunteer hours including fundraising events and detachment program activities. Two detachments reported membership increases totaling 9 new members.
- Some activates reported by the North Central District Detachments include: collection of old flags at the Detachment's 10th annual flag collection in April. The certification of a new V.A service officer
- Aiding a homeless marine. Offering gifts that provided replacement / secure entry doors at the Servant Center, Greensboro. Financial support for the Women Veterans Honor Banquet. Providing six (6) mattress sets and six (6) sets of bedding to the Partners Ending Homelessness for newly housed Veterans. One Detachment began a new Eagle Scout Good Citizenship award program and two others honored nine scouts with the award. Many Detachments provided honor guards at funerals, presented colors or raised the flag at various public locations on memorial day and at special occasions as well as the laying of flags at the grave sites of our veterans. A few detachments continue their support of our veterans by visits to VA facilities. One conducts a bingo game to the enjoyment of our veterans. One detachment supports Wounded Warrior Battalion East and visits them regularly. This is just the short list of the good our Marine Corps League provides to our fellow Marines, veterans and the community at large.
- Central District – John Dilday
 - The 2017-18 fiscal year has resulted in some fantastic times and events. I am privileged to be serving five relatively small but very active Detachments. During the course of the year I have driven over 5,634 miles in visiting each Detachment. I have had the honor to serve as the Official Installation Officer for three of these Detachments. My wife and I both have taken part in many activities outside of just attending meetings with each of these Detachments throughout the year. These include Detachment

Family social events. Attending several Eagle Scout COH events for one of the Detachments. Efforts are being made to get more Detachments involved with the Scouting program.

- Like many of the Detachments across the State and Country they are facing difficulties increasing membership and recognition. Three of the five Detachments have taken steps to become more active in the community by joining the local Chamber of Commerce which is providing them with another outlet for communicating within the community. By being pro-active they are beginning to see named recognition. Also, by participating in roadside trash pick-up they are getting signs recognizing the area they are designated to maintain.
- Many are now using technology to assist in name recognition by setting up and maintaining a Detachment Website. This has proven worthwhile with the number of hits they receive each month by people checking them out.
- Membership will continue to be a focal point for the upcoming year as we all know if we are not growing then we are doomed to failure.
- Again, I emphasize that it is an honor serving as the liaison between each of these Detachments and the Department of North Carolina and relish the many new friendships that have and continue to be developed.
- Southcentral – Denny Mathias
 - Suggestions for the ‘Good of the League’ as a result of your DVC activities: I will emphasize the need for at least one elected officer attends each Department meeting and that all elected officers attend at least one Department meeting each year. I will put forth for the next election cycle that my detachments request a commitment from each elected position to the above when they accept to be nominated. I recommend that the Department requests that all detachments make those commitments. A discussion should be had at the next staff meeting whether this should be a policy to be added to the Department Bylaws.
 - For this fiscal year the **Charlotte Detachment** awarded 11 scholarships among League members’ grandchildren (2), MCJROTC and NJROTC students (9) totaling over \$8,000 as well

as 27 Eagle Scout awards. Their gun raffle, BBQ fund raisers, annual golf tournament, and significant corporate donations have enabled them to provide support to these programs and help out members' families, area Marines and veterans.

- The **PFC Charles D Hare Detachment** in Monroe had impressive Toys for Tots program by collecting 54% of the toys that were collected and served 26% of the children reported by the entire district; and this with only 16 members (6.4% of the District's membership). As small as their detachment is in numbers, their heart has demonstrated among the largest.
- When it comes to volunteering, the **Stanly County Detachment in Albemarle** does not take a second seat at 75.7 hours per member. Their volunteer spirit shows when they provide their reports at each meeting. Their Scuttlebutt newsletter looks professionally produced. They by far lead the district in parking sign purchase and distribution at 65 signs, that's 26% of the department's sales – by one detachment.
- When honoring our Marine comrades when called by the Supreme Commandant, the **Cabarrus Detachment** shows the Concord community that Marines care about their own. Hardly a week goes by when I don't get a notice from them about the passing of another Marine or related service member in which they will have a League presence, showing their respects at the funeral homes and at the funerals.
- **PFC Bruce Larson Detachment** always has the most activities going on of all the districts detachments. Sprinkling their meetings with guest speakers, keeps the members involved in other events around the community. Annually they honor their detachment's namesake, PFC Bruce Larson, with honor and recognition to the family. With members involved in unique activities such as Special Olympics, Bucket Brigades, Shooting Competitions, and USO, as well as the popular fund raisers of golf tournaments, scholarships, and Marine Corps Ball celebrations, their membership has been increasing with younger members joining.

- As you can see, these Southcentral District detachments all excel in various activities and are leaders in their own right. They all participate in community events and have found their niches, building on their own successes. I am proud to represent the Department when attending their meetings and am always warmly welcomed.

B. NC East DVC's

- North District – John Staley
 - Special District projects you are involved in at this time: Performed installation ceremony of officers at Carry On Detachment in March. Installation of Tar Heel Detachment officers in March.
 - Suggestions for the ‘Good of the League’ as a result of your DVC activities: Detachments could publish an item in local newspaper or tv each month to publicize MCL and local detachment and its accomplishments.
 - Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why: All detachments continue to do noteworthy accomplishments; one is working with members to become more active both in MCL and local community All detachments have supported Memorial Day activities and performed special events within their local communities. All detachments are providing numerous VAVS hours.
- Northeast District – Mike Black
 - Report given
- South District – Howard Boyd (absent)
- Southeast District – Lee Walker
 - Report given
- East District – Steve Tracy (absent)

15. Commandant's Report – Jeffrey Jones

- Good morning Marines. This past year has flown by. I would like to start off by saying it has truly been my Honor to serve as your Department Commandant. As I said in Greenville I was going to have to slow down on my Detachment visits. I am still working on the house but I am starting to see a little light at the end of the tunnel. We are ready for paint in half of the house and when that is complete things should really start to progress. Since Greenville I have attended 9 different Detachments, 2 of which were 1st time visits for this year. As your Commandant I have attended 36 different Detachments. I have represented the Department at 119 events and have traveled a total of 25,051 miles. I have still not completed my mission to attend every Detachment. It is a much bigger task that I thought. I will give it another try this year. We do have 12 Detachments that are struggling and it looks like 1 will have to turn in their Charter. The Department of North Carolina as a whole is in good shape
On the 1st weekend in June, Team Turtle (myself, Rick Thomason, Laura Hamilton & Lorena King) participated in the Percy John Fulton Detachment 9th annual Mud Run. We had a great time representing the Department. I even wore my Department Cover and Devil Dog Collar throughout the entire course. We are planning to WALK the event again next year. We would love to have more members join us.
We have implemented a new fundraiser this year. I will talk about the Calendar program later today, and Rick will speak about our new Rifle Raffle. With these 2 fundraisers the 2018-2019 year we should raise over \$23,500 for the Department. Later today we will also talk about the budget. With this I plan to increase all of the Department positions that receive a stipend, and even add a position. I was unaware that our Department Sgt @ Arms did not get a stipend. Ralph is REQUIRED to be at these meetings and I think he should be reimbursed for his travels. By increasing the amount we will reimburse our Department Staff it will make it easier for them to serve you. We will also be able to raise the amounts that we give to support our charities and be able to add support for Wreaths Across America.
With this we will take our Department into the next level and be the Best Department in the Marine Corps League.
Again I am here to serve you.
- Mileage Log:

2017 – 2018
Department Commandant
Visits and Mileage

June 2, 2017	NC Department Convention	100 Miles
June 5, 2017	Cabarrus County # 1175*	320 Miles
June 7, 2017	Tarheel # 733*	100 miles
June 8, 2017	Pfc. Jerry L. McKinney # 1232*	254 Miles
June 12, 2017	Greater Greensboro # 260*	244 miles
June 15, 2017	Cherry Point # 1067*	220 miles
June 19, 2017	NC Veterans Council	100 miles
June 19, 2017	Lcpl Alan D. Lam # 1209*	190 miles
June 20, 2017	Gold Leaf # 1276 *	20 miles
June 23, 2017	MidEast Division Conference	100 miles
June 27, 2017	Parkersburg, WV Mike Mclain's Brother funeral	910 miles
July 5, 2017	Tarheel # 733	100 miles
July 8, 2017	Pound # 210 Growl	55 miles
July 11, 2017	Down East # 1186*	88 miles
July 12, 2017	Oriental Dragons # 1413*	234 miles
July 17, 2017	Pound # 306 Growl	212 miles
July 18, 2017	Gold Leaf # 1276	20 miles
July 22, 2017	Pound # 370 Growl	246 miles
July 24, 2017	Percy John Fulton # 1075*	286 miles
July 31, 2017	Stanley County # 1021*	288 miles
Aug 1, 2017	Down East # 1186	88 miles
Aug 2, 2017	Tarheel # 733	100 miles
Aug 4, 2017	Gold Leaf # 1276 (Sophia Dinner)	20 miles
Aug 5, 2017	Tarheel # 733 (Funeral)	100 miles
Aug 7, 2017	Cpl Suzi Sannes # 1262*	26 miles
Aug 11-20, 2017	National Convention Overland Park, KS	2,236 miles
Aug 26, 2017	Montford Point Chapter 34*	200 miles
Aug 30, 2017	Chair Lift donated to the Department	144 miles
Sept 5, 2017	Cape Fear #1070*	252 miles
Sept 7, 2017	Waynesboro # 1350*	64 miles
Sept 9, 2017	Pound # 143	198 miles
Sept 11, 2017	9/11 Ceremony	100 miles
Sept 12, 2017	Air Land NC 1257*	66 miles
Sept 14, 2017	Walter Frank Osborne # 1298*	424 miles
Sept 18, 2017	NC Veterans Council	100 miles
Sept 19, 2017	Gold Leaf # 1276	20 miles
Sept 21, 2017	Cross Rifle # 1346*	126 miles
Sept 24, 2017	Greater Greensboro # 260 (Picnic)	244 miles
Sept 30, 2017	Pound # 210 Growl	26 miles
Oct 2, 2017	Cpl Suzi Sannes # 1262	26 miles
Oct 3, 2017	Sgt W.E. Plueddemann # 1186 (ReCharter)	88 miles
Oct 4, 2017	Tarheel # 733	100 miles
Oct 11, 2017	Sandhills # 1001*	212 miles

Oct 17, 2017	Onslow Co # 262*	198 miles
Oct 19, 2017	Shawn Knisley Detachment 983*	166 miles
Oct 21, 2017	Pound # 143 Growl	198 miles
Oct 23, 2017	Beirut Memorial	198 miles
Oct 27, 2017	DoNC Membership Meeting Ocean Isle	336 miles
		10,143 miles

- 20 1st time visits this year
- 31 Detachment Visits

48 visits representing the Department

Nov 1, 2017	Tarheel # 733	100 miles
Nov 2, 2017	Waynesboro # 1350	60 miles
Nov 4, 2017	Jacksonville Veterans Day Parade	198 miles
Nov 4, 2017	Cpl Suzi Sannes Birthday Ball # 1262	26 miles
Nov 6, 2017	Oriental Dragons # 1413 Birthday Ball	234 miles
Nov 10, 2017	Sandhills #1001 Birthday Ball	212 miles
Nov 11, 2017	Pfc. Jerry L. McKinney # 1232 Birthday Ball	254 miles
Nov 14, 2017	Hampstead #1321*	252 miles
Nov 15, 2017	Tarheel # 733 Detachment Audit	100 miles
Nov 18, 2017	Montford Point Chapter 34	62 miles
Nov 26, 2017	Eagle Scout Ceremony	346 miles
Dec 3, 2017	Carolina Billiards T4T Toy ride	20 miles
Dec 4, 2017	Cpl. Suzi Sannes # 1262	26 miles
Dec 9, 2017	Gunny Claus 3/8, USCG, 2nd Mar Band	198 miles
Dec 12, 2018	Outer Banks # 1264*	352 miles
Dec 14, 2017	Gunny Claus VMAQ-2	110 miles
Dec 14, 2017	Oriental Dragons Officer Installation	167 miles
Dec 15, 2017	Gunny Claus 2 nd E.O.D. & Semper Fi Fund	198 miles
Dec 16, 2017	Wreaths Across America Salisbury	332 miles
Dec 19, 2017	Gold Leaf # 1276 T4T	20 miles
Dec 21, 2017	Gold Leaf # 1276 T4T	20 miles
Jan 6, 2018	Lincoln Land Leathernecks, IL	1,700 miles
Jan 9, 2018	Swansboro # 1407*	222 miles
Jan 16, 2018	Charlotte # 750*	416 miles
Jan 20, 2018	DoNC Planning Meeting	286 miles
Jan 22, 2018	NC Veterans Council	100 miles
Jan 26, 2018	NC Veterans Home Fayetteville	166 miles
Jan 27, 2018	WMA NC-2*	220 miles
Jan 28, 2018	Montford Point Chapter 10 *	198 miles
Feb 6, 2018	Sgt W.E. Plueddemann # 1186	88 miles
Feb 7, 2018	Tarheel # 733	100 miles
Feb 13, 2018	Pfc Bruce Larson # 1242 *	394 miles
Feb 15, 2018	Cherry Point # 1067 Officer Installation	220 miles
Feb 17, 2017	Pound # 370 Growl	224 miles
Feb 17, 2018	Master Chief "Doc" Phelps	
Feb 20, 2018	Gold Leaf # 1276	20 miles
Feb 22, 2018	Iredell County # 1097 *	390 miles

Feb 27, 2018	Orange County Regulators # 1292 *	144 miles
Mar 1 – 3 2018	Mid-Winter Conference	390 miles
Mar 12, 2018	NC Veterans Council	100 miles
Mar 12, 2018	Capt. Jeb F. Seagle # 1265* Officer Installation	470 miles
Mar 15, 2018	Cross Rifle # 1346	126 miles
Mar 18, 2018	Outer Banks # 1264	352 miles
Mar 29, 2018	VVCC, Albemarle, Kannapolis, High Point # 1193*374 miles	
April 5, 2018	General Raymond G. Davis # 1162*	450 miles
April 9, 2018	Sanford # 1223* Officer Installation	156 miles
April 10-12 2018	Marine South	198 miles
April 16, 2018	N.C. Veterans Council	100 miles
April 17, 2018	Gold Leaf # 1276 Officer Installation	20 miles
April 19, 2018	N.C. Veterans Advisory Committee	100 miles
April 20-21 2018	DoNC Spring Membership Meeting	88 miles
		21,122 total miles

13 First time visits
33 Different Detachment visits
10,999 miles this period

April 24, 2018	Pfc Charles D. Hare # 914*	318 miles
May 1, 2018	Swansboro # 1407 Officer Installation	222 miles
May 5, 2018	Pound # 210 Growl	22 miles
May 11, 2018	Marine 4 Life Raleigh	100 miles
May 15, 2018	Onslow County # 262 Officer Installation	198 miles
May 16, 2018	NC Veterans Council	100 miles
May 20, 2018	Charlotte # 750 Officer Installation	416 miles
May 21, 2018	LCpl Alan D. Lam # 1209 Officer Installation	190 miles
May 27-28 2018	Tarheel # 733 Memorial Day Ceremony	100 miles
May 28, 2018	Percy John Fulton # 1075	286 miles
June 2, 2018	Marine Mud Rud	326 miles
June 5, 2018	Cape Fear Detachment # 1070	252 miles
June, 9, 2018	Gunny Claus B.O.D. meeting	198 miles
June 15-17 2018	Mid-East Division Conference	574 miles
June 21, 2018	Tablerock Detachment # 1197*	468 miles
June 29, 2018	DoNC Convention	141 miles
		3,929 Total Miles

2 First time visits
36 Different Detachments visits
25,051 Total miles
119 Visits representing the Department

* After Detachment number = First Time Visit

- Communication – Please regularly check the DoNC website for meeting minutes, updates, and other vital information necessary to carry out the business of the league. The website is www.ncmcl.org

- Discuss 2018 National Convention – ‘Submit **full** Detachment Delegate strength’ encourage members to attend if possible.

16. **Report of Staff Officers**

- Sr. Vice Commandant – Rick Thomason
 - Since my last report in April at the General Membership Meeting in Greenville, I have continued to attend Detachment meeting across the state, having attended three (3) Detachment meetings, participated in five (5) Officer Installations and three (3) Growls of the MODD. There has been another weapon purchased for the 2018/2019 raffle and a calendar produced for sale. Details later today. On 28 April 2018, my wife and I traveled to Glen Burnie, Maryland to attend the one-day Leadership College sponsored by the Department of Maryland. Also, in attendance from North Carolina were Scott Shermeyer, Lee and Pat Walker. Probably the highlight of this reporting period was the N.C. Marine Mud Run 2 June 2018 in Pinnacle, N.C. The Department Commandant, myself, the Adjutant and Paymaster represented the DoNC in the 5K event. While we did not set any records, we did finish as a team, with arms locked together as we crossed the finish line. The Percy John Fulton Detachment once again did a phenomenal job orchestrating the event. The moment that topped all others for the year came at the Mideast Division Conference when I was selected as the 2018 Mideast Division Marine of the Year. When asked to speak to the attendees, all I could think of to say was how much I owe to all the members of the Marine Corps League who have inspired me to strive for excellence at all levels. For the Detachments who welcome me at every meeting as if I was one of their own. For the individuals who asked the questions I didn't know the answer to until I researched them. To the Officers at all levels who set the standard by which all others are measured. And finally, to my wife who tolerates my obsession with the League.

- Since taking office in June of last year, I have traveled 24,482 miles representing the Department of North Carolina. Attended 34 different Detachment meetings from the Outer Banks to Cherokee. Participated in twelve (12) Officer Installations, three (3) General Membership Meetings, three Marine Corps Balls, Mideast Division Conference, National Convention and eighteen (18) Growls of the MODD.
- As my term of office ends, I see many successes within the Department for 2017/2018. It is my sincere hope that you will allow me to continue to serve as your Sr. Vice Commandant for the 2018/2019 term of office.
- Jr. Vice Commandant – Scott Shermeyer
 - In the interest of time, I have submitted my full report in writing, and printed copies for you to read. Hopefully I've predicted attendance and printed enough to go around. Last year, after careful consideration, my gut feeling was to serve as your Jr. Vice Commandant, which is responsible for recruiting and retention. Part of the reason why this felt important to me was the massive changes in renewal process that we were going up against. Admittedly, many would agree that it was not a smooth transition, and we all faced some challenges. While we wanted to be proactive, it was tough to try to convince every member to pay again, despite renewing in some cases only a few months before. The plan looked good on paper somewhere...but out here in the field...well, situation normal, all fouled up (SNAFU). We aren't really done, though. Even though our Department terms of office are concluding, the renewal process and retention doesn't close until we see the membership rosters on September 30th. We're facing a higher than usual number of unpaid members, across the board. National and other departments are reporting similar situations, so we're not to blame. There was only so much that we could do. When we began this term, we avoided looking too closely at the numbers so as not to get bogged down. We wanted to be proactive, and we had to be patient. Now, we have to be persistent. Marines don't leave Marines behind...true story. We're facing detachment officer transitions over the past few months, and

we all know that sometimes a departing officer can't dump his pack soon enough and newly appointed paymasters might be left with a huge pile of who knows what, to sort out. Believe me, I know...been there done that, trial by fire. But, the good news is that we're in this together, and there is still time to get'r done. Some detachments have succeeded in retention, others have soared in recruiting. Some are obviously struggling. We need to close the gap. We lose some members naturally when they make their final PCS. As I previously reported, our trend has been a slow but steady decrease in membership. In order to better understand our situation and adequately report our statistics in real-time, I requested and obtained our DoNC member roster as of June 27, 2018 (unofficial). Some of the numbers may fluctuate over the next few days before the close of the quarter, but our numbers are way more realistic than if we looked back at March 30 roster. Although this situation report may seem long, it's hopefully chock-full of beneficial info that helps us see the many angles and better enables us to move forward and continue our mission of Marines Helping Marines. In retrospect, I've spent much of this year seeking first to understand. My endeavors have led me to look under the hood, taking seminars on non-profits, group dynamics, recruiting, retention, and building community. It's obvious that our challenges are similar to many other charitable, veteran, or service organizations and we are all facing shrinking numbers of card-carrying members, which means fewer active members, and fewer detachments.

- Membership

Once the final June 30 roster gets sent out, we will update our statistics spreadsheets and share a link to the Google sheets for everyone who wants to delve deep into the numbers. As of our preliminary June 27 roster, here's where we stand: We began the year with 2,713 total members (PLM, Regular, Associate, Multiple) but this did not include honorary members or HAD members. We ended with 2,633 for a net loss of 80 members. As far as unpaid members of all sorts, we began with 1,075 and are down to 297.

- Recruiting

- Honorary Active Duty (HAD) Members

Reference: National Bylaws, Section 600 - Membership Eligibility, Paragraph (d)

HONORARY ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER - Detachments, Departments and the National Headquarters may, at the discretion of the respective Commandant, issue Honorary Membership to Active Duty Marines, FMF Corpsmen and Navy Chaplains, free of charge, for the entire tour of their active military duty. These Honorary Active Duty Members will be entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits available to a Regular Member, except for receipt of the official printed publication but will be eligible to obtain a copy of the official publication online at no charge. In addition, members in this category will not be counted as an eligible voting delegate member in accordance with Article One, Section 105, nor will this category of membership be eligible to hold an elected office in the Marine Corps League. Article Five, Section 540 applies to this Section of Article Six.

➤ Semper Fi Magazine

This resource is not available online, but there is a facebook page. Search facebook for “Semper Fi - The Magazine of the Marine Corps League” or go to

<https://www.facebook.com/semperfimagazine/>

➤ Need to Renew Annually

At this time, Detachment Paymasters will need to keep track of End of Active Service (EAS) for each HAD member and renew each & every HAD member annually using a Membership Dues Transmittal Form. Keep HAD transmittals separate from regular or associate member transmittals.

➤ Statistics

There are currently 15 DoNC Detachments that have 1 or more HAD members. As of June 27, we have a total of 197 HAD members, a 25% growth over the course of the year. However, of those, 72 HAD members are currently showing as unpaid, and thus risk dropping off automatically on the September 30 roster if they are not renewed.

Three detachments lead the way, for obvious reasons, in terms of recruiting HAD's. Onslow County Det. #262 with 59 (*36 need renewed*), Cherry Point Det. #1067 with 54 (*0 need renewals*), and Swansboro Det. #1407 with 29 (*29 need renewed*). Farther from the flagpole, Greater Greensboro Det. #260 has 21 (*0 need renewals*), Iredell County Det. #1097 has 9 (*with 3 to renew*), and

Percy John Fulton Det. #1075 has 7 (*0 need renewed*). These detachments have connected with their local USMC recruiting substation and partnered up with them. Wise move!

➤ Marine South Expo

During the Marine South Expo, I worked with Neil Corley, National Expo Review and MCL member Jack Jackson from Onslow County detachment to provide some southern hospitality to all of the DoNC, other MCL departments, and National staff. We stuffed goodie bags until running out of current Semper Fi magazines (the entire pallet, which we had to go out on a wild goose chase to locate the lost drive, arrived at 1500 on the last day of the expo.)

With the help of Tim Manchester, Alex Nevglovski, Greg & Lisa Ciesielski, and Jack Jackson, we were able to obtain about half as many HAD member applications as last year. Those applications went back with HQ MCL staff. Many of the Marines wrote-in their home of record address, so likely won't end up in Onslow County Detachment, nor on DoNC MAL listing. The moral of the story is that in a fast-paced hectic scene, it is difficult to fully engage everyone passing the booth. Marines seem to like swag, so maybe if we had something to hand out, more Marines might approach.

➤ Transition Readiness Seminar

This is a 5-day seminar, which provides transitioning Marines and their families with the resources and tools need to reach their personal goals as they get ready to transition to civilian life. Along the path during their active duty phase, Marines develop an individual development plan (IDP) which then becomes an Individual Transition Plan (ITP) as the Marine Corps prepares them for separation/retirement/deactivation to return Veteran Marines to continue to serve as quality citizens.

➤ Marine for Life www.MarineforLife.org

During our Fall Membership Meeting, we had a Marine for Life presentation by Marine Corps League Mark Munger, Southeast Regional Network Coordinator, Marine for Life. Mark joined Pound #370 MoDD and is a member of Swansboro detachment. Mark encouraged League members to participate in Marine for Life LinkedIn groups as a way to welcome a transitioning Marine

coming to their area. He challenged North Carolina to step forward and be the leader for other States to follow in regards to mentoring transitioning Marines. As he continues his involvement with the League he will continue to brief his leadership so that they can also brief higher. He stated that the CMC has shown great interest in finding ways for Marine for Life Network to be involved with the Marine Corps League. A positive step.



Marine Corps League - Veterans Information is listed as one of the resources under the category Veterans Service Organizations, with a link to page on national website that "Provides information on available resources for current and Veteran Marines and their family members." However, there are no distinct recruiting resources. Other veterans organizations such as the American Legion link directly to their national website home page.

➤ **Scratching the Surface**

As far as this particular recruiting opportunity, realistically, we're probably only planting a seed. But, it all has to start some place. It may take a few years for transitioning Marines to feel the need to belong...but we need a consistent "selling point" to motivate younger generations.

We have an opportunity at MCAS Cherry Point to bring the Craven County Veteran's Council onboard for career fair, part of the transition assistance program. Our POC reached out to us from MCCS (Marine Corps Community Services) which means that our reputation is growing.

We will work earnestly to funnel as many of these Marines who will reside in NC to your specific detachments so that you'll have a chance to get them when they hit the ground running as veteran Marines.

➤ **Regular Members**

Activity-based recruiting with face-to-face conversation is a solid way to recruit members. Finding common ground, history, or interests is a great way to break-down barriers and get to know a prospect. Although we are an elite fighting force, and obviously our numbers are small, we seek the best and the brightest, inviting

them to join our ranks, and continue to serve as civilians as they once served their nation as Marines.

➤ Paid Life Members (PLM's)

Hey, PLM's are people, too. Don't forget them, even though they don't have to pay dues. Keep tabs on them and ensure that they haven't reported to Supreme Commandant without notifying your Paymaster first. Our June 30 roster will be sent out soon. Use that to conduct your PLM audit, certifying to national that you're aware that those PLM's listed on your roster are accurate.

Account for your Marines! Report accordingly. PLM Audits should be signed by Det. Commandant and Paymaster and sent to DoNC Paymaster, who compiles them all and submits on behalf of DoNC to National.

➤ Members At Large (MAL)

The folks on the MAL list for NC are out on their own. We have little or almost no way to directly communicate with them other than snail mail. We will continue to provide the MAL list to detachments and encourage you to reach out to them. In some cases, it works, other times...just crickets and no response. As someone recently suggested, there may be MCL members who decided for one reason or another to step out from a detachment, but retain their PLM or maintain their MCL member status. However, there is no distinct benefit to the department once we lose contact and they are out in limbo on the "Island of misfit toys".

➤ MAL Detachment

One way we may be able to establish a win-win, is to stand up a special admin detachment and transfer our MAL's into a holding company. Essentially, it would be a bonafide MCL, DoNC detachment but not fully-functioning. There would be officers, but not much in the way of activity. This way, we could communicate with them and figure out ways to encourage them to join/rejoin local detachments. Several departments have already got these types of detachments going, so the protocol is already established. We wouldn't have to re-invent the wheel. The Department would have to vote to proceed and appoint a committee before we begin formal process. We could call this something fun, like Fight or Flight Detachment.

- Retention
 - Unpaid Members

Inevitably, despite every effort, sometimes Marines simply disengage and go permanently MIA. After a full year as delinquent, National will drop them off your roster, but even when their names disappear, we're left wondering, why? Conflict, failure to assimilate, fear of being tasked too much, cliches? These are some of the reasons that have come up. Paymasters, do what you can administratively to let your members know that it's not too late, we can get them back up to speed through reinstatements.
 - Reinstatements

PFC Charles D Hare Detachment #914 was successfully able to reinstate Marine Steve E Kovacs, Jr. by obtaining an application for membership along with payment of \$20 reinstatement fee, which was included with MCL Membership Dues Transmittal and sent to DoNC Paymaster. Remember, if doing this, code the transmittal RI so that National processes properly.
 - Fire Teams

One way to mitigate losing members when detachments fall below 15 members is to set up fire team support with adjacent host detachments. On March 1st, 2018 National Sr. Vice Commandant Dennis Tobin and National Commandant Wendell Webb approved the fire team concept. Looking forward, this is one way DVC's and DoNC Staff can further support.
- Awards
 - National Jr. Vice Commandant's Recruiting Award

submit this form for members who meet criteria (National Jr. Vice Commandant's Awards, Enclosure Four (4), Page XX, (National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures) by recruiting five (5) or more new members between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. More than one form is permitted by any given detachment. The form is available on national MCL website. Email to: info@mcleague.org Attn: "National Junior Vice Commandant"
 - DoNC Jr Vice's Recruiting/Retention - Meritorious Unit Commendation

This award recognizes detachments with the highest percentage of membership increase and highest decrease in unpaid members over the year (March 30, 2017 - March 30, 2018). This award is

presented to one detachment in each of the following membership categories:

- Category 1: Small Detachment - total paid membership 15 to 50
- Category 2: Medium Detachment - total paid membership 51 to 100
- Category 3: Large Detachment - total paid membership 101>
- Category U: Detachments with less than 15 members are not eligible for consideration.

- Along with the traditional department membership awards, this year we're introducing an award for the highest number (% increase) of HAD members and an award for the lowest % of unpaid regular members as factored against the total number of regular members.
 - Website Awards
Based on "building the brand" we're also recognizing Detachments who reported that they have websites.
 - DoNC Marine of the Year (MOY)
Each and every detachment should commit to submitting department MOY each and every year. Although it's a demanding process, there is a MOY for Dummies resource that breaks it down Barney-style. Celebrate the success of your Marines, they deserve knowing that they were nominated, and pumped-up if selected.
 - Detachment Marine of the Year
If your detachment is active, someone stands out each year as a likely candidate for distinct recognition as your top dog. Take time to bestow this honor, it is amazing how much motivation positive peer pressure can have.
 - Detachment Recruiter of the Year
Someone always seems to be the goto guy or gal when it comes to finding new members. Reward them with detachment recruiter of the year and shout out their stats. The member who missed out by one new recruit will probably step up the game for the next reporting period.
- Tenure
My hometown detachment surprised me a few years ago with a milestone MCL membership pin. It turns out that they keep track of

tenure and present pins for every 5 years. Would you believe that this October will be my 25th year as member of MCL?

I'm working on implementing this with Cherry Point Det. as a way to celebrate years of membership. It's a small token of appreciation for continued service and may inspire someone who's taken a back-seat for a while to come around more or get more involved again.

- Building the Brand

- Who we are

- The Marine Corps League is the nation's only federally-chartered USMC veteran organization made up of active duty, retired, and veteran Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Navy Chaplains. We are a non-profit corporation with a

- What we do

- We maintain an elite band of brothers and sisters, bound by a code of honor, courage, & commitment, eager to respond to any situation, at any time, in any place.

- How we do it

- Organized in units known as Detachments, the Marine Corps League seeks those who desire to continue to serve as citizens, just as they once served as Marines. Recognizing that the Marine Corps recruits the best people, invests in them, trains them, and returns them to the civilian populace as better citizens, the MCL aligns itself to receive those motivated Marines and provides opportunities to support the purposes and principles of the Marine Corps League.

- Why we do it

- At one time, we all stood fast and celebrated successful completion of a course of action that led to earning the title, US Marine. We do it for camaraderie, we do it for our fellow Marines, we do it for ourselves. It's all about Marines Helping Marines and strengthening the brand United States Marine Corps. We do it because we are true to our motto Semper Fidelis, Always Faithful - to God, Corps, Country, Community, Self, & Family.

- What are you doing to improve the League?

- During my attendance at department of PA MCL convention last weekend, celebrating 75 years, this was posed to the DVC's during their board meeting. It's an interesting and relevant question that we can ask each other and ourselves.

It is your ambition, esprit de corps, enthusiasm, and selfless-service that attracts others. Celebrate your successes, share your stories, be open to opportunities and new ideas. Get the word out - before, during, and after your event.

- DoNC Veteran & Combat Wounded Parking Signs
These are only \$20, sold at cost, and great way to serve our veterans as well as raise awareness about MCL.
- NC License Plates



Authorized by state statute after an initial 150 plates were ordered. "Chapter_20/GS_20-79.4 (122) Marine Corps League. – Issuable to a member of the Marine Corps League. The plate shall bear the words "Marine Corps League" or the letters "MCL" and the emblem of the Marine Corps League. “

Personalized Character Limit: 4

- Suffix: AF
- Plate Fee: \$10.00
- Personalized Fee: \$30.00
- Order online at:

<https://edmv.ncdot.gov/VehicleRegistration/SpecialPlate/Detail?PlateID=66#term>

- Programs
MCL assisted & supported programs such as the MCL Good Citizenship Award presented to Eagle Scouts, Toys for Tots, Gunny Claus; military, veteran & patriotic holiday ceremonies, honor guard details, parades, etc. are outstanding ways to carry your message and convey the principles and purposes of the MCL.
- Training & Indoctrination
Recently, a newly-elected officer from my detachment brought up some very interesting observations regarding detachment business. As the detachment goes through phases, new members may not get up to speed when there is an assumption that everyone knows what's going on, because we've done it for so long. Mentoring, buddy-system, training, welcome-aboard packets, and indoctrination are some ways to help transition new members into the fold. As someone who had to crash-course without the benefit of previous Adjutant/Paymaster, there is a lot to take in.

- Leadership College
Rick Thomason, Lee & Pat Walker, and I from DoNC attended the Dept. of Maryland's Leadership College. It was a full-day training covering all of the cool topics that MCL leaders should have a good grasp of. Although there were not earth-shattering discoveries, since we've already learned the hard way in various detachment and department billets, the distinct benefit to new MCL members finding themselves suddenly immersed in leadership responsibilities is immense. The resource guide alone was worth the drive and the registration fee. I have obtained digital files for all of the various resources and have begun to tweak them to suit DoNC.
- If re-elected as your department Jr. Vice Commandant, one of my priorities will be to make this available in print and via PDF online for all of our detachments ASAP. Knowledge is power.
- Professional Development Program (PDP)
Several years ago, resources were compiled on various aspects of the League. Ensure that your detachment officers have easy access to these resources, as well as: Officer's Guidebook, Detachment Bylaws, Department Bylaws, National Bylaws. Provide turnover folders.
- In-Depth Training
One thing that seems to be in need across the League is more in-depth training for paymasters, webmasters, and adjutants. This is something that we can identify and provide. My IT skills may be put to use with this topic...since we can create web-based training resources to assist those who are unable to attend department meetings. It's not like we can squeeze much more into a weekend convention!
- Good of the League
 - The Marines' Hymn
"We ~~will~~ fight our country's battles..." Plain and simple, we fight. When we sing, it's got to be 100%, right? Stay in step, Marines.
 - Ideas for DoNC consideration
NROTC Award - available to universities in NC with NROTC units, great way to help build awareness of MCL and DoNC.
 - District Get-Togethers
DVC's might be able to orchestrate get-togethers in their districts at least once a year. Another option is to hold a joint USMC

birthday ball. I personally enjoyed just showing up with my wife last year sitting in audience without being intimately involved in all of the planning, setup, ceremonial detail, and cleanup. I can tell you emphatically that my wife enjoyed it too! You deserve a break today.

- USMC Enduring Principles
 - Marines are focused on combat; every Marine is a rifleman
 - Marines are ready, relevant, and forward deployed
 - Marines are innovative, adaptable, and versatile...winning against all odds
 - Marines do what is right for the Nation
 - Marines keep their honor clean
 - Marines take care of their own
 - We delegate responsibility to the lowest level and expect autonomy and initiative from junior Marines to face the challenge, accomplish the mission, lead by example, take accountability, and succeed - despite insurmountable odds.

- Vote Scott Shermeyer for Jr. Vice Commandant!

Marines, it would be my honor to continue to serve as your Department Jr. Vice Commandant. I feel as though we are getting up to speed and the forward momentum will keep our department moving forward. This year marks 25 years for me as a Marine Corps League member. I recently went back to my roots and retraced my steps, reminiscing the story of how it all began...one person who knew my dad...who persistently said “hey Marine, you should come visit us sometime.” Eventually I did, and the rest, as they say...is history.

I am in it for the long-haul. As a Paid Life Member, and one of those guys under the age of 55, my desire is that the League will be still be a force to be reckoned with in another 25 years. To that end, I am committed to continue to do my part to help the League prosper as it executes its mission and lives up to the purposes and principles that it was founded on.

- Thank you for all that you do to support your detachments and the department. It’s a team effort and this Marine is glad to be able to be part of your team.

- Judge Advocate – Denny Mathias

- In addition to the required duties of the Judge Advocate as defined in the Department bylaws, I have been working on getting the department and detachments' bylaws updated. My action items include:
 - **Department Bylaws Rewrite** – With the approval from the National Judge Advocate, Warren Griffin, I revised the numbering of our Department Bylaws to reflect the 2011 structure of numbering that was inadvertently removed in 2012. They are now posted on the Department website. The revising of these bylaws will occur this afternoon when proposed amendments are presented for a vote. The approved amendments will be incorporated and placed on the department's website.
 - **Bylaws Hard & Soft Copy** – This goal is to have in the JA files an approved hard copy of the bylaws for every detachment and a matching soft copy (the editable file used to create the hard copy). This year after the National Convention in August, every detachment will have to review their bylaws to ensure they are still compliant with the National Bylaws and the Department Bylaws. Most detachments will have to revise their bylaws. I encourage each detachment to put their hands on their bylaws soft copy. Waiting to the time you need revisions made, is the situation I am warning the detachments to avoid.
To aid in this review endeavor, I will prepare a checklist of changes made in the National and Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures that will affect our detachments. I will also prepare a model set of bylaws that, should a detachment elect to use instead of modifying their own, are compliant and can easily be customized for the detachment.
- Part of my responsibility is to ensure the Department and the Detachments are compliant with the national and state laws and regulations. As I have reviewed bylaws changes that have been submitted for approval, I have also performed searches on the Secretary of State's and the IRS's websites. I have compared names and found that in most instances, the names of the organizations are not consistent with the bylaws submitted. Reasons are varied, however, when I notice the differences, I have made the detachment officers aware. It is their responsibility to correct the differences.

In order to get the detachment in front of the ball, I will be including an action item in the checklist of National and Department Bylaw changes for the detachment to review both the Secretary of State's and IRS's website to bring awareness to any differences with their bylaws. These changes will take time on each detachments' part and my part in reviewing up to 54 detachment's changes. I will be as expeditious as possible.

- **Secretary of State** – Each detachment registered with the NC Secretary of State to incorporate. Among other information this registration includes the legal name and address of your detachment and the name and address of the Principal and Registered Agent. If any of this information changes, go to the Business Registration/Forms page and select the desired form. Your bylaws section that identifies your detachment name should be the same name on file with the SoS.
- **National Scholarship** – The deadline for applying for a National Scholarship is 16 July with the winners being selected on 11 September. All details on the application process was sent in an email to all detachment commandants and adjutants on 28 June and are also located on the National Website at <https://www.mcnational.org/marine-corps-league-programs.html>. Be sure to fill out the forms completely.
- **National Bylaws** – The National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures have been revised to be more readable, consistent, and in line with the documents' purposes. They, along with the 27 proposed amendments (several are redundant), are posted on the National Library website under CONVENTION. These will be reviewed and voted on at the National Convention in Buffalo in August. If you have any issue with how the National Office, Division, Department or your Detachments is governed to function, this is your opportunity to voice your opinion. I encourage each interested member to review the documents and notify your representative, who will attend the convention, of your opinion. If you want to express your opinion in writing, please do so to me or any elected department officer and your detachment officers. Please be specific in your opinions and offer alternative verbiage.

For fiscal year 2018 there have been no departmental grievance hearings. It is admirable to see that the detachments are addressing

issues that arise within their own detachments. I commend our detachments' leadership.

- Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
 - All submission of By-Laws were due by 29 April 2018
 - Two changes to be voted on
 - Four changes are administrative verbiage changes
- Sgt.-at-Arms – Ralph Farthing
 - Glad to be the Sargent at Arms – Thank you.
- Aide-De-Camp – John Dilday
 - Discuss upcoming Membership meetings and host Detachments for them
 - Fall 2018 – North West District, Boone, September 7-8
 - Spring 2019 – LCpl Alan D Lam #1209, Burlington, April 5-6
 - Convention 2019 – Onslow County Detachment #262, Jacksonville, June 7-9
 - Fall 2019 – Greater Greensboro Detachment #260, Greensboro
 - Spring 2020 – joint host Pfc Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 and Charlotte Detachment #750, Huntersville
 - Convention 2020 – to be voted on later in meeting

17. **Report of Project Leaders**

(3-5 minutes)

- Toys For Tots – Larry Hill
 - Start planning now. There is a new USMCR officer.
 - Coordinator training will be September 13-16 in Fairfax, VA.
- Eagle Scout Program – Charles Minton
 - This is where the Department stands from The 2017 National Convention through the Mid-Winter Conference and where we stand going into the 2018 National Convention.
 - I'm Happy to report that we have 28 Detachments that have been actively participating in and have reported their numbers of Good Citizenship Awards that they have presented during our fiscal year.
 - This program is one of the simplest ones that we have in the Marine Corps League that a Detachment can do to get recognition within their communities. The hardest thing is getting our Detachments to engage with the local Scout Troops and Districts

and to report their numbers to the Department coordinator so that they can be sent to the Division coordinator who in turns reports the numbers to the National Boy Scout Committee.

- As the Department Committee Chairman I am required to turn in two reports per year they are the Mid-Winter Conference and the Mideast Division Conference the final numbers that I turn in for the Mideast Division Conference are then sent to the National Convention. The reports are based on our Department quarterly meetings. The first two quarters are used for the Mid-Winter conference report and they are combined with the last two Quarters which is what is reported at the Mideast Division Conference and National convention
- I am asking that each Detachment Commandant go back and talk to your Detachments about the benefits of this program and to get them involved.

Department	National 2016- 17	Standing Div/ Nat	Mid Winter	Standing Div/Nat	Numbers for 2 nd half	Total Division/National 2017-18	Standing Division
North Carolina	249	1 / 6	131	1 / 4	186	317	1
Maryland	122	2 / 8	68	2 / 7	51	119	2
Virginia	35	4 / 17 tie	18	4 / 14	15	33	4
West Virginia	68	3 / 13	60	3 / 8	8	68	3
Delaware	11	5 / 28 tie	9	5 / 20	5	14	5
Total	485	35 Dept	286	24 Dept	265	551	

- There have been a lot of changes in the Boy Scouts over the last few months and years. From what I have been told, the Marine Corps League will continue the Good Citizenship Award for Eagle Scouts program.
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- With all the new organizations that have emerged since the changes have been made in the Boy Scouts, the National Boy Scout Committee will be discussing this at the convention to see what our course of action will be.
- Young Marine Program – Jeff Petway (absent)
- VAVS Program – Ken Parker
 - A total of 2,211 hours have been reported by 36 Detachments.
- Fund-Raising – Rick Thomason
 - Our last rifle raffle brought us approximately \$4,500.
 - Signs- we have had over 200 requested. The department makes approximately \$1.50 each.
 - Challenge coins – we still have some left. \$10 each. They make good recruiting tools.

Commandant Jones “At this time I ask for a motion from the Floor to accept the Officer and Committee reports as given or submitted.”

- Charles Minton made the motion to accept the reports as given or submitted. Second by Bruce Goeden. Approved by members present.

18. Unfinished Business

- none

19. Awards

Commandant Jones assisted by Adjutant Hamilton

- Mideast Division Commendation for helping the family of Sophia Bettancourt awarded to the Department and authorized to wear the Department Meritorious Unit Citation ribbon. Greg Ciesielski is to hold the certificate as Historian.
- Certificates of Appreciation – multiple handed out.
- Department Level Meritorious Unit Citation Awards
 - Percy John Fulton Detachment 1075
 - Carolina Borders Detachment 1036
 - Sgt WE Pluddemann Detachment 1186
- Department Level Individual Meritorious Commendations – multiple handed out.

- Distinguished Service Awards Silver – multiple handed out.

At 1125 a 10- minute break

20. Paymaster Discuss and vote on 2018-2019 budget

- Lori King went over the proposed budget:

	<u>TOTAL</u>		
	<u>Jun '16 - May 17</u>	<u>Jun '17 - May 18</u>	<u>Jun '18 - May 19</u>
Income			
Investments			
Money Market	2.00	2.00	2.00
Total Investments	2.00	2.00	2.00
Other Types of Income			
Fundraising Revenue	2000.00	3600.00	20000.00
Total Other Types of Income	2000.00	3600.00	20000.00
Program Income			
Previous Fundraisers		4900.00	
Cmdt Overage Reimbursement	3180.00	0.00	
Life Member Interest Rebate	4283.20	1775.79	
Membership Dues	5610.00	5250.00	Based on 1050 paid memberships
Total Program Income	13073.20	11925.79	0.00
Total Income	15075.20	15527.79	20002.00
Expense			
Advertising	100.00	700.00	500
Department Officer's Expenses			
Adjutant Expenses	400.00	500.00	600
Chaplain Expenses	200.00	400.00	500
Commandant's Expenses	3687.25	3540.25	3540.25
DVC Expenses			
Central	300.00	300.00	400
East	300.00	300.00	400

Mid West	300.00	300.00	400
North	300.00	300.00	400
North Central	300.00	300.00	400
North East	300.00	300.00	400
Northwest	300.00	300.00	400
South	300.00	300.00	400
South Central	300.00	300.00	400
South East	300.00	300.00	400
West	300.00	300.00	400.00
Total DVC Expenses	3300.00	3300.00	4400.00
Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	500.00	500.00	600.00
Judge Advocate Expenses	500.00	500.00	600.00
Paymaster Expenses			
Postage, Mailing Service	400.00	400.00	400.00
Printing and Copying	25.00	25.00	25.00
Supplies	100.00	100.00	100.00
Paymaster Expenses - Other	200.00	300.00	300.00
Total Paymaster Expenses	725.00	825.00	825.00
Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	500.00	500.00	600.00
Total Department Officer's Expenses	9812.25	10065.25	11665.25
Meetings Expenses			
Mid-East Divison Host	100.00	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous Meetings	250.00	100.00	100.00
Mid-East Divison Conference	2500.00	0.00	0.00
Host Detachment Allowance	800.00	800.00	600.00
Total Meetings Expenses	3650.00	1000.00	800.00
Operations			
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	200.00	100.00	100.00
Web Site Expenses	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total Operations	300.00	200.00	200.00
Other Types of Expenses			
Awards	400.00	400.00	400.00
Gunny Clause	0.00	1000.00	2000.00
Wreaths Across	0.00	0.00	1000.00

America			
Humanitarian Fund	0.00	1000.00	1000.00
Multi-Media Expense	100.00	100.00	100.00
New Detachment Allowance	300.00	200.00	200.00
NC Veterans Council	0.00	150.00	150.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	800.00	2850.00	4850.00
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Total Expense	14662.25	14815.25	18015.25
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Net Income	412.95	712.54	1986.75

- Jeff Jones said
 - The proposed budget has an increase for officer and staff stipend.
 - Wreaths Across America – will rotate each year between cemeteries.
 - Life Membership audit clarified
 - Gunny Claus uniform discussion and the line item. It was recommended that Gunny Claus members send information to the Department about the needs for uniforms.
 - Charles Gunter made the motion to donate \$1000.00 to Gunny Claus for uniforms one time in addition to the line item. Second by John Dilday. Approved by members present.
- Proposed budget approved by members present.

21. Voting on By-Laws Proposals and Motions – Lisa Ciesielski

A. SECTION 135 – QUORUM.

- was read as proposed:
 - To:** Department of North Carolina
 - From:** Bruce R. Rakfeldt, MCL member # 202621
 - Subject:** Proposed amendment to DoNC By-laws
SECTION 135 - QUORUM
 - In accordance with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2018 North Carolina Department Convention.**
 - BYLAWS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA – DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**
 - ARTICLE ONE SECTION 135 - QUORUM**
 - CURRENT:**

SECTION 135 – QUORUM - The minimum number required to transact the regular and legal business at a Department Convention or Staff Meeting shall be one or more Delegates in good standing from a majority of all Detachments present.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

SECTION 135 – QUORUM - The quorum for the Department Convention shall consist of at least two (2) of the five (5) Department Elected Officer Board of Trustee members and one Delegate from at least 40% of the Department's active Detachments in attendance.

RATIONALE: This is in keeping with our current Department By-Laws under ARTICLE FOUR, SECTION 435 - QUORUM, for our Department Membership Meeting quorums to identify the need to have at least 40% of the Detachments represented at the Convention. The current reading does not make sense. This proposal corrects that issue

- Bruce Ratkfelt made the motion to amend the proposed change to strike 'five (5)' and insert 'four (4)' Department Elected Officer Board of Trustees.... Second by Chuck Stoltz. Approved by members present.

C. SECTION 435 – QUORUM

- Was read as proposed:

To: Department of North Carolina

From: Bruce R. Rakfeldt, MCL member # 202621

Subject: Proposed amendment to DoNC By-laws
SECTION 435 - QUORUM

In accordance with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2018 North Carolina Department Convention.

BYLAWS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE FOUR SECTION 435 - QUORUM

CURRENT:

SECTION 435 – QUORUM - The quorum for Department Conventions and Department Staff meetings may be set by the Department Bylaws or in the absence thereof, by the Department Convention. (See section 225 of these By-laws.) The quorum for Department Quarterly meetings shall consist of at least two (2) of the five (5) Department Officer Board of Trustee members and at least one Elected Officer from at least 40% of the Department's active Detachments in attendance on the meeting floor. (CH 6-12)

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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RATIONALE:

Since removing the Winter "Quarterly" Meeting (now only having three Department meetings annually), we have now adopted the phrase Department "Membership" Meeting and this should be reflected accordingly in this section of the By-laws.

- Bruce Ratkfelt made the motion to amend the proposed change to strike 'five (5)' and insert 'four (4)' Department Elected Officer Board of Trustees.... Second by Mike Black. Approved by members present.

B. ARTICLE FOUR

- Was read as proposed:

To: Department of North Carolina Bylaws Committee

From: Dennis Mathias, Department Judge Advocate

Subj: Proposed Department Bylaws Amendment – ARTICLE FOUR

In accordance with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2018 North Carolina Department Convention.

CURRENT:

ARTICLE FOUR

SECTION 400 - BY-LAWS - A Department Convention may adopt Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures which are consistent with the National Charter or the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, provided they have been approved by the Department Judge Advocate and subsequently by the National Judge Advocate, and provided further, that a copy of such approved Bylaws and Administrative Procedures shall be on file at National Headquarters. **(CH 9-09)**

SECTION 405 - OFFICERS - A Department may have such elected and appointed officers as required by its Department Bylaws or in the absence of Department Bylaws as its Department Convention desires. Each Department, however, must elect a Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate. The Commandant shall appoint a Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Adjutant, Paymaster or an Adjutant/Paymaster and other such officers as are deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Department. The standard Report of Officer Installation detailing the new Department Officers must be filed with National Headquarters no later than 31 July annually.

SECTION 410 - MEETINGS - The Department shall hold one Convention each year between 1 May and 15 June. A report of Installation of Officers will be forwarded to National no later than July 1 annually. Department Staff meetings may be held as desired. Department meetings may be held during the months of September/October and March/April following adjournment of Department Convention, for transaction of official business of the Staff Officers, Department Committees and the Department for the transaction of such other business as may come before it. The Department Charter or copy, the National Colors, and Bible should be displayed at all business meetings. **(CH 9-09) (CH 6-12) (CH 2 & 3-17)**

A. The hosting Detachment of the Quarterly meeting may charge a registration fee of \$10.00 **(CH 2-17)**

SECTION 415 - TRUSTEES - The Department Board of Trustees shall consist of the elected officers of the Department, the Junior Past Department Commandant or any appointed Past Department Commandant, and the Commandant of each Detachment. **(CH 6- 14)**

SECTION 420 - DEFAULT - A Department which is in default of payment of monies from any source due National Headquarters or fails to submit its Department Officers Installation Report as of 31 July prior to the ensuing National Convention, such fact shall be reported to the National Convention Credentials Committee. The Department and its officers who do not comply with Article one, Section 105 (c) of the National Bylaws will not be recognized at the National Convention.

SECTION 425 - FREEDOM OF ACTION - Unless expressly forbidden by any Section of these Bylaws, a Department Convention and/or a Department Staff meeting shall be free to take such action and engage in such activities as are not in violation with Federal, State, County or Municipality Laws and Ordinances.

SECTION 430 - CHARTER SUSPENSION, REVOCATION - When a Department Charter is suspended or revoked, the National Board of Trustees upon written authorization by the National Commandant, certified by the National Adjutant/Paymaster, shall have the authority to assume the custody of the affected Department assets, both real and personal. These Properties and assets shall be turned over to the National Adjutant/Paymaster. The affected properties and assets will devolve to be control of the National Board of Trustees

until a new Department is formed at which time the affected properties and assets revert to the newly formed Department.

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SECTION 440 - BONDING - All Department Officers handling Department monies shall be bonded. The Department Commandant and the Department Adjutant/Paymaster (or Department Paymaster as applicable) are covered under a blanket bond held and paid for by National Headquarters. The bonding of additional Department Officers, when necessary, in compliance with this section, shall be arranged for by the Department at the expense of the Department. (Article Eight, Section 815 applies).

CHANGE RATIONALE:

Article Four was initially copied from the National Bylaws and were the rules by which all departments will operate. They read from the perspective of the National Bylaws. The proposed changes (deletions and adds) make this article read from the perspective of the department. There were no changes of intent, only perspective.

PROPOSED VERBAIGE CHANGE: Below is the complete ARTICLE FOUR without edits.

**ARTICLE FOUR
GOVERNANCE**

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RATIONALE:

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- Denny Mathias noted that section 435 to be adjusted as previous amendments were approved. To strike 'five (5)' and insert 'four (4)' Department Elected Officer Board of Trustees.....
- Commandant Jones noted that this is an administrative change and does not need to be voted on.

22. Recess of the DoNC Convention morning session

- Chaplin to close Bible
- Sgt-at-Arms to announce that the meeting will reconvene at 1300.

Recess for lunch at 1200 - Reconvene at 1300

23. Reconvene the afternoon DoNC Convention meeting

- Sgt-at-Arms to bring meeting to order
- Chaplain to open the Bible

24. Voting on By-Laws Proposals and Motions continued – Lisa Ciesielski and Denny Mathias

D. ARTICLE FIVE

- Was read as proposed:

To: Department of North Carolina Bylaws Committee

From: Dennis Mathias, Department Judge Advocate

Subj: Proposed Department Bylaws Amendment – ARTICLE FIVE

In accordance with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2018 North Carolina Department Convention.

CURRENT:

ARTICLE FIVE

SECTION 500 - NAME - No Detachment shall be named in honor of a living person. No Detachment shall adopt a name previously adopted by any other Detachment unless such other Detachment has surrendered or by revocation lost its charter.

SECTION 505 - BYLAWS - Each Detachment will adopt Bylaws and Administrative Procedures which are not inconsistent with the Department and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and shall be subject to approval by the Department Judge Advocate. In the absence of a jurisdictional Department, the National Judge Advocate shall be the approving authority for Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

SECTION 510 - OFFICERS - Each Detachment must elect a Commandant, a Senior Vice - Commandant, a Junior Vice Commandant, and a Judge Advocate. Officers, both elected and appointed, will be selected by the Detachment members as they desire. The Detachment shall elect or appoint a Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Adjutant, Paymaster or an Adjutant/Paymaster, and such Officers as it deems necessary.

SECTION 515 - MEETINGS - The Detachment Charter or copy, the National Colors and Bible should be displayed at all business meetings

SECTION 520 - QUORUM - Each Detachment may fix the minimum numbers of members required to be present for the transaction of business, such member shall be stated in the Detachment Bylaws. (See Section 225 of Department Bylaws for guidance.)

SECTION 525 - TRUSTEES - The elected Officers of a Detachment shall be its Detachment Board of Trustees. However, a Detachment is authorized to appoint the outgoing Detachment Commandant or a Past Detachment Commandant to serve a one-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 530 - ELECTION - INSTALLATIONS OF OFFICERS - Each Detachment shall hold an annual election of Officers between 1 September and 15 May. (CH 6-14)

A. Installation must be conducted no later than the last day of the month following the election.

B. Report of Officers installation will be completed by the Detachment and forwarded to the Department Paymaster within five (5) days after the installation. The Department Paymaster will retain a copy and forward the report to the Department Adjutant, National Adjutant, and the Division National Vice Commandant. (CH 6-14)

C. Notwithstanding the above, Report of Officers installation must be received at National Headquarters no later than 30 June each year. (National Administrative Procedures, Chapter 6, Section 620 applies.)

SECTION 535 - DEFAULT - A Detachment which is in default of monies from any source due National and such debt has not been satisfied as required by Section 105 (c) of the National Bylaws, or fails to report its Detachment's Report of Officers Installation as of June 30 prior to the National Convention, such fact shall be reported to the National Convention Credentials Committee, such Detachment and its Officers will not be recognized on the floor of the National Convention.

SECTION 540 – MEMBERS

A. Each Detachment shall be the sole judge of its membership, providing said person meets the requirements of Article Six, Section 600 National Bylaws. No Detachment, however, may accept as a member any person whose name has been stricken from the rolls of the Marine Corps League. Eligibility shall be verified utilizing the applicant's DD-214.

B. Once accepted as a member in good standing by the Detachment membership, that member may not be removed from the Detachment's roll except for cause (Chapter 9, National Administrative Procedures or by that member requesting transfer, (Section 710. National Administrative Procedures).

C. An Associate Member in good standing in a Detachment who subsequently qualifies as a Regular Member as set forth in Article Six, Section 600 of the National Bylaws, upon vote of the Detachment to accept such associate member as a regular member, shall be transferred from Associate membership to Regular membership by forwarding the standard "Request for Transfer" form as set in Chapter Seven, Section 710 of the National Administrative Procedures clearly indicated on such form that it is a transfer from Associate to Regular membership. In the event that the Detachment voted not to accept an Associate Member as a Regular Member, such Associate Member may transfer to any other Detachment who agrees to accept him as a Regular Member or shall be transferred to Member-At-Large status by completing the standard transfer form as set forth in Enclosure Seven to the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

SECTION 545 - BONDING - All Detachment Officers handling Detachment funds are bonded by the National Headquarters in the amount of \$10,000.00 with a deductible of \$1,000.00. Any additional bonding coverage desired for Detachment Officers shall be arranged by the Detachment at the expense of the Detachment (National Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 815 (m) applies).

SECTION 550 - ADDITIONAL DETACHMENTS - When a Charter is sought for a Detachment which is to be located within the limits of any municipality within which another Detachment exists the written consent of the existing Detachment shall accompany the application. Should such existing Detachment disregard a

request for consent, or refuse consent, the Department Commandant employing discretion may approve and recommend the granting of such charter. In the event the Department Commandant fails to act or refuse approval of the proposed new Detachment. An appeal may be made to the National Board of Trustees for its consideration and action. The action of the National Board of Trustees shall be conclusive.

SECTION 555 - CHARTER SUSPENSION, REVOCATION

A. The charter of a Detachment may be suspended or revoked for;

1. The persistent failure to maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) members in good standing;
2. The persistent failure to promptly forward funds due to the National body;
3. Acts and conduct bringing the Marine Corps League into public disrespect;
4. Willful violations of National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures;
5. The violation of Federal, State, or Municipal law or ordinances; or
6. Other activities detrimental to the good name of the Marine Corps League.

B. The suspension or revocation of charter may be consummated by a Department Board of Trustees and/or the National Board of Trustees and shall be implemented in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures in a manner considerate of the well-being and good name of all concerned.

C. When a Detachment Charter is suspended or revoked the Board of Trustees of the Jurisdictional Department, or where a Department is non-existent, the Jurisdictional National Division Vice Commandant shall upon written authorization of the National Commandant, certified by the National Adjutant/Paymaster, assume custody of such Detachment's assets and liabilities. The Board of Trustees of the Jurisdictional Department shall, within the limits of such assets satisfy the liabilities of the Detachment in question. However, if a Jurisdictional Department is non-existent, the responsibility for satisfying the outstanding liabilities shall devolve to the National Board of Trustees upon receiving from the Jurisdictional National Division Vice Commandant, such assets and liabilities which are in the Jurisdictional National Division Vice Commandant's custody.

D. The Detachments properties and assets will be held by the Department for a period one year or until a new Detachment is formed. Should a new Detachment be formed during that period, and the new Detachment retains the old Detachment name, ALL properties and assets will be returned. After one (1) year, the properties and assets will revert to the Department. The charter will be returned to National Headquarters and placed in the archives. All assets will then become the property of the Department. All ceremonial rifles must be accounted for per issuing regulations (Title 10, US Code 2572) either physically or through police/fire department reports.

SECTION 560 - VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

A. The Charter of Detachment may be voluntarily surrendered for such reasons as may be determined by the Detachment. Upon a determination that it is no longer practical to maintain said Detachment, the Detachment Board of Trustees shall immediately notify its Jurisdictional Department, or if a Jurisdictional

Department is non-existent, its National Division Vice Commandant in writing of its intent to dissolve and surrender its Charter. The Detachment shall then:

1. Call a Special Meeting of the Detachment by giving written notice of such special meeting to all members of the Detachment at least fourteen (14) days prior to such Special Meeting. If the regular meeting date of the Detachment is to be used for the Special Meeting, the afore said written notice must still be given to all Detachment members at least fourteen (14) days before the regular meeting date.

2. Upon consideration of the voluntary surrender of the Detachment Charter by the Detachment, if it shall be determined that the Detachment Charter shall be voluntarily surrendered and there are not a minimum of fifteen (15) members of the Detachment who remain ready, willing, and able to carry on the Detachment, then:

a. The Detachment shall immediately notify, in writing, the Jurisdictional Department, or where such Department is non-existent, the Jurisdictional National Division Vice Commandant of the Detachment's vote to voluntary surrender its Charter.

b. The Detachment shall determine from each member of the Detachment where such member desires to be transferred to upon surrender of the Detachment Charter.

c. Prepare for each such member the standard application for the transfer form as set forth in Enclosure Seven of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter Seven, Section 710 of the National Administrative Procedures and shall forward the same to the gaining Detachment for such action as the gaining Detachment shall deem appropriate.

d. If a member of the Detachment fails to indicate where such member desires to be transferred to, or if a "gaining" Detachment shall not elect to accept a proposed transfer, then and in that event, the member shall be transferred to a "Member-At-Large" upon the surrendering Detachment submitting a standard transmittal form as set forth in Enclosure Six of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

e. The Detachment shall, to the extent assets are available, satisfy all legitimate liabilities of the Detachment prior to voluntary surrender but shall not otherwise dissipate any assets of the Detachment other than the normal course of business of the Detachment.

f. Upon acceptance of the surrender of its Charter, if the Detachment is incorporated, the Detachment shall take such action as is deemed appropriate to properly dissolve the corporation in accordance with applicable state law.

3. No surrender of a Detachment Charter shall be deemed effective or accepted until all members of the Detachment have been appropriately transferred.

a. Upon acceptance of the surrender of the Detachment Charter by the Jurisdictional Department, or where such Department is non-existent, by the Jurisdictional National Division Vice Commandant, such Jurisdictional Department or Jurisdictional National Division Vice Commandant shall upon written authorization of the National Commandant, certified by the National Adjutant/Paymaster, assume custody of such Detachment's assets and liabilities. The Board of Trustees of the Jurisdictional Department shall, within

the limits of any assets of the Detachment, satisfy any remaining liabilities. However, if a Jurisdictional Department is non-existent, the responsibility for satisfying the outstanding liabilities shall devolve to the National Board of Trustees, within the limits of any assets received from the Jurisdictional National Division Vice Commandant of the Detachment.

b. After satisfying the legitimate liabilities of the surrendering Detachment, any Detachment properties and assets will be held by the Jurisdictional Department for a period of one (1) year or until a new Detachment is formed during that period. Should a new Detachment be formed during that period, and the new Detachment retains the old Detachment's name, all properties and assets will be returned to the Detachment upon the written authorization of the National Commandant, Certified by the National Adjutant/Paymaster, approving the reactivation of the surrendered Charter. After the one (1) year period, the properties and assets will revert to the Jurisdictional Department and will then become the property of the Jurisdictional Department. The Jurisdictional Department shall return the surrendered Detachment Charter to National Headquarters which the Charter shall then be placed in the archives. However, if a Jurisdictional Department is non-existent, the National Board of Trustees shall hold any Detachment properties and assets subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth above for a Jurisdictional Department except that at the end of the one year period, the Detachment properties and assets shall revert to National Headquarters and will then become the property of National.

c. All ceremonial rifles must be accounted for and disposed of by the surrendering Detachment as set forth in the issuing agreement and regulations (Title 10, United States Code, Section 2572), either physically or through police/fire reports of any weapon not currently in the Detachment's possession.

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PROPOSED VERBAIGE CHANGE: Only the proposed changed sections and subsections in ARTICLE FIVE are presented here without editing marks follows.

ARTICLE FIVE DETACHMENTS

SECTION 505 - BYLAWS - Each Detachment will adopt Bylaws and Administrative Procedures which are not inconsistent with the Department and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and shall be subject to approval by the Department Judge Advocate.

SECTION 550 - ADDITIONAL DETACHMENTS - When a Charter is sought for a Detachment which is to be located within the limits of any municipality within which another Detachment exists the written consent of the existing Detachment shall accompany the application. Should such existing Detachment disregard a request for consent, or refuse consent, the Department Commandant employing discretion may approve and recommend the granting of such charter. In the event the Department Commandant fails to act or refuse approval of the proposed new Detachment, an appeal may be made to the National Board of Trustees for its consideration and action. The action of the National Board of Trustees shall be conclusive.

SECTION 555 - CHARTER SUSPENSION, REVOCATION

E. When a Detachment Charter is suspended or revoked the Board of Trustees of the Department shall upon written authorization of the National Commandant, certified by the National Adjutant/Paymaster, assume custody of such Detachment's assets and liabilities. The Board of Trustees of the Department shall, within the limits of such assets satisfy the liabilities of the Detachment.

SECTION 560 - VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

A. The Charter of Detachment may be voluntarily surrendered for such reasons as may be determined by the Detachment. Upon a determination that it is no longer practical to maintain said Detachment, the Detachment Board of Trustees shall immediately notify its the Department. The Detachment shall then:

1. Call a Special Meeting of the Detachment by giving written notice of such special meeting to all members of the Detachment at least fourteen (14) days prior to such Special Meeting. If the regular meeting date of the Detachment is to be used for the Special Meeting, the afore said written notice must still be given to all Detachment members at least fourteen (14) days before the regular meeting date.

2. Upon consideration of the voluntary surrender of the Detachment Charter by the Detachment, if it shall be determined that the Detachment Charter shall be voluntarily surrendered and there are not a minimum of fifteen (15) members of the Detachment who remain ready, willing, and able to carry on the Detachment, then:

a. The Detachment shall immediately notify, in writing, the Department of the Detachment's vote to voluntary surrender its Charter.

3. No surrender of a Detachment Charter shall be deemed effective or accepted until all members of the Detachment have been appropriately transferred.

a. Upon acceptance of the surrender of the Detachment Charter by the Department shall upon written authorization of the National Commandant, certified by the National Adjutant/Paymaster, assume custody of such Detachment's assets and liabilities. The Board of Trustees of the Department shall, within the limits of any assets of the Detachment, satisfy any remaining liabilities.

b. After satisfying the legitimate liabilities of the surrendering Detachment, any Detachment properties and assets will be held by the Department for a period of one (1) year or until a new Detachment is formed during that period. Should a new Detachment be formed during that period, and the new Detachment retains the old Detachment's name, all properties and assets will be returned to the Detachment upon the written authorization of the National Commandant, Certified by the National Adjutant/Paymaster, approving the reactivation of the surrendered Charter. After the one (1) year period, the properties and assets will revert to the Department and will then become the property of the Department. The Department shall return the surrendered Detachment Charter to National Headquarters which the Charter shall then be placed in the archives.

CHANGE RATIONALE:

Article Five was initially copied from the National Bylaws and were the rules by which all departments will operate. They read from the perspective of the National Bylaws. The proposed changes (deletions and adds) make this article read from the perspective of the department. As the National Bylaws refer to

Jurisdictional Detachments, The Department's Bylaws refer ONLY to the Department of North Carolina. The term "Jurisdictional" as well as any reference the the situation where "no Jurisdictional Department exists" have been struck out. There were no changes of intent, only perspective.

- Commandant Jones noted that this is an administrative change and does not need to be voted on.

E. ARTICLE SIX

- Was read as proposed:

To: Department of North Carolina Bylaws Committee

From: Dennis Mathias, Department Judge Advocate

Subj: Proposed Department Bylaws Amendment – ARTICLE SIX

In accordance with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2018 North Carolina Department Convention.

CURRENT:

SECTION 625 - INELIGIBLE MEMBER - Any member may be required to prove membership eligibility at any time. Should it be determined after careful investigation by Department Judge Advocate that a member does not have the required qualifications for membership, in accordance with National Charter and the National Bylaws of the Marine Corps League (Chapter Six Section 600 (a) such member shall be dropped from the rolls immediately. Proper notice of such action and the reason therefore shall be expedited to the jurisdictional Department and National Headquarters. (See Chapter Six, Section 625 of National Bylaws).

SECTION 650 - DUAL MEMBERSHIP - (Membership in more than one Detachment by the same individual) When a member of the Marine Corps League becomes a member in good standing in more than one Detachment, such membership in the subsequent Detachment shall be counted for voting strength at Department and National Conventions only as an associate member. Such member shall be a regular voting member in the Detachment of such member's greatest tenure unless he/she makes a signed written request for transfer of voting rights in triplicate to the receiving Detachment; which upon acceptance shall forward the copies of the transfer of voting rights to National Headquarters via the jurisdictional Department Adjutant/Paymaster, if a Department exists. The transfer form, Enclosure Seven, National Administrative Procedures, will be utilized for the purpose of transfer of voting rights to another Detachment.

PROPOSED VERBAIGE CHANGE: Only the proposed changed sections in ARTICLE SIX is presented here without editing marks follows.

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CHANGE RATIONALE:

Article Six is initially copied from the National Bylaws and were the rules by which all departments will operate. They read from the perspective of the National Bylaws. The proposed changes (deletions and adds) make this article read from the perspective of the department. As the National Bylaws refer to Jurisdictional Detachments, The Department's Bylaws refer ONLY to the Department of North Carolina. The term "Jurisdictional" as well as any reference the situation where "no Jurisdictional Department exists" have been struck out. There were no changes of intent, only perspective.

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F. ARTICLE SEVEN

- Was read as proposed:

To: Department of North Carolina Bylaws Committee

From: Dennis Mathias, Department Judge Advocate

Subj: Proposed Department Bylaws Amendment – ARTICLE SEVEN

In accordance with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2018 North Carolina Department Convention.

CURRENT:

SECTION 710 - INCORPORATIONS - Any of the foregoing, including Departments and Detachments, which engage in service or business, either profit or non-profit, or which use the name of the Marine Corps League will be incorporated in accordance with Section 700 of this Article. Effective June 30, 2000, each Department or Detachment, which has not provided National Headquarters, Marine Corps League, Inc., with proof of its incorporation will be

billed in the amount of seventy -five (75.00) dollars and a like amount annually until such proof of incorporation is on file with National Headquarters. A Department or Detachment, which fails to remit its payment to National Headquarters shall be in default as is provided in National Bylaws, Article Four, Section 420-DEFAULT. A new Department or Detachment will have two (2) years from the issue of their new charter.

A. Article Seven applies to Chapter Eight, Administrative Procedures, Section 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, and 870.

SECTION 720 - EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) AND TAX FILING REQUIREMENTS - Each Detachment or Department in addition to their incorporation, must obtain and maintain their own EIN number under the Marine Corps League's Group Exemption Number 0955. No Detachment or Department shall utilize the EIN number of the national organization.

A. Pursuant to the electronic filing requirement of the IRS, all detachments which must file a tax return shall do so no later than four (4) months and fifteen (15) days following the close of their fiscal year, which is June 30. If filing is not done for three (3) consecutive years, the detachment is subject to losing its non-profit status. **(CH 9- 09)**

PROPOSED VERBAIGE CHANGE: Only the proposed changed sections in ARTICLE SEVEN is presented here without editing marks follows.

SECTION 710 - INCORPORATIONS - Any Detachment which engage in service or business, either profit or non-profit, or which use the name of the Marine Corps League will be incorporated in accordance with Section 700 of this Article. Effective June 30, 2000, each Detachment, which has not provided National Headquarters, Marine Corps League, Inc., with proof of its incorporation will be billed in the amount of seventy -five (75.00) dollars and a like amount annually until such proof of incorporation is on file with National Headquarters. A Detachment which fails to remit its payment to National Headquarters shall be in default as is provided in National Bylaws, Article Four, Section 420-DEFAULT. A new Detachment will have two (2) years from the issue of their new charter.

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CHANGE RATIONALE:

Article Seven is initially copied from the National Bylaws and were the rules by which all departments will operate. They read from the perspective of the National Bylaws. The proposed changes (deletions and adds) make this article

read from the perspective of the department. There were no changes of intent, only perspective.

- Commandant Jones noted that this is an administrative change and does not need to be voted on.

G. SECTION 101B

- Was read as proposed:

To: Department of North Carolina Bylaws Committee

From: Dennis Mathias, Department Judge Advocate

Subj: Proposed Department Bylaws Amendment – 101B

In accordance with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2018 North Carolina Department Convention.

CURRENT:

SECTION 101 - CREDENTIALS, DELEGATES, ALTERNATES

B. Delegates and Alternates to the Convention shall be determined on the basis of said Detachment membership of record at National Headquarters as of 31 March immediately preceding Convention. The Delegate voting strength of each Detachment shall be as follows

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

SECTION 101 - CREDENTIALS, DELEGATES, ALTERNATES

B. Delegates and Alternates to the Convention shall be determined on the basis of said Detachment regular membership of record in good standing at National Headquarters as of 31 March immediately preceding Convention. The Delegate voting strength of each Detachment shall be as follows:

RATIONALE:

Adding the clarifiers “regular membership of record in good standing” ensures the understanding who can represent the detachment at the department convention with voting rights.

- Commandant Jones noted that this is an administrative change and does not need to be voted on.

25. New Business

- 2020 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 2020 Convention to come forward to make a presentation
 - Detachments Pfc Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 and Charlotte Detachment #750 offered a joint host bid

- Since no other detachment placed a bid, this joint host bid was accepted by the members present.
- New fund raising events
 - Rick Thomason – Rueger Precision with a scope valued at \$3,393 (our cost is \$2,400). There are 1000 tickets printed. The DVCs will help sell the tickets. After the meeting DVCs will get their share to sell.
 - Jeffrey Jones – calendar program. The gross income is \$30,000 and the payout is \$14,970 with payout postage and envelopes approximately \$222.85 leaving a profit of \$12,954.80. It is for the 2019 calendar year. The rules are on the back of the calendar. You are selling a calendar which has a chance to win money.
- Pledge of Allegiance – Jeffrey Jones
 - The Pledge is to be said with the hand over the heart.
 - If in uniform, salute but no speaking.
 - To do this, we will salute, remove cover, place hand over heart and say pledge.
- Wounded Warrior Battalion – William Brown
 - At Camp Lejuene, they would not accept his check.
 - Navy General Gift Fund (is Title X section)
 - Allows for gifts for wounded military
 - General trust fund
 - It can take up to a couple months to get a receipt
 - Funds can be specified (audit trail must show it).
 - Lewis Pleasants stated at Wounded Warrior Battalion East, is the Semper Fi Fund who can be used to funnel funds. They have an office on base.
 - Commandant Jones stated he and a couple others are working on getting all processes straightened out in a face-to-face meeting.
- 2019 Convention in Jacksonville information is online now.
- Wreaths Across America – Bernie Lee – Started in 1992 in Maine. In 2012 was the first time every grave in Arlington had a wreath. It is done on the 3rd Saturday of December each year.

At 1410 a 10-minute break

- Awards
 - Mideast Division conference streamers presented to: 262, 750, 1067, 1209, 1236, 1262, 1276, 1407, 1413
 - Board of Trustees awards – multiple recipients
 - Website and / or Facebook social media awards – multiple recipients
 - Department Attendance – Rick Thomason
 - Two meetings attended: 848, 983, 1005, 1075, 1257, 1264, 1265, 1266, 1321
 - Three meetings attended: 260, 262, 733, 750, 1067, 1162, 1186, 1197, 1209, 1232, 1236, 1242, 1262, 1276, 1298, 1320, 1322, 1350, 1389, 1407, 1413, 1417

26. Election of Officers for the 2018-2019 year

- Election Chairperson will be Jr. Past Cmdt Charles Minton assisted by the Credentials Committee, Larry Hill and Bruce Goeden.
- One of the most important things for the election is to have the delegate form filled out and sent in. Only 16 forms have been submitted and there are 24 detachments in attendance. Without the loophole found in the by-laws, 8 detachments would not be able to vote today.
- Delegate roll call was conducted. Total of 83 delegates counted for today's voting.

- Election Chairperson, Jr. Past Cmdt Charles Minton 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. Keith Shearin 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 30 for Scott Shermeyer and 53 for Keith Shearin. 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 2018/2019 year.

27. Good of the League

- Denny Mathias recommended forming an Audio/Visual Committee to look into replacing the current equipment.
- The second popup tent raised \$123.

28. Announcements

- Charles Minton noted that the kayak trip he and his wife hosted raised \$967 for ovarian cancer research.

29. Recessing of the Meeting per Ritual until the Banquet at 1800

- Remarks by Cmdt. Jones
- Singing of the Marines Hymn
- “Good night Chesty, wherever you are!”
- Retire the Colors
- Chaplain – Prayer and close the Bible – Bill Boyd