

Marine Corps League **Department of North Carolina**



Fall Membership Meeting Minutes **11 September 2021**

Hosted by: Shawn Knisley Detachment 983

Host Commandants: Jerome Bell

Presided by: Commandant Ric Ledford
Department of North Carolina
Marine Corps League

Meeting start time: 0930

Meeting Location: Holiday Inn & Suites Fayetteville W-Fort Bragg Area

Host Contact: Kenny Joyner

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Phone Number: 224-381-6671

A. Opening Remarks by Dept. Commandant Ric Ledford

1. Meeting called to order at 0930
2. Post Colors – Cape Fear Navy JRoTC
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt-at-Arms – Taine Pyle
4. Open Bible and Invocation – Lisa Ciesielski
5. This Meeting dedicated to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, and Associates that have received PCS Orders to stand guard at the entrance to the Supreme Commandants residence.
6. POW MIA ceremony – Devell Durham
7. COA for color guard
 - a) First Sergeant MK Tucker
 - b) Cadet R. Duncan
 - c) Cadet J. Johnson
 - d) Cadet J. Sibanda
 - e) Cadet A. Antonio
8. COA for Ashely Deeks, hotel manager.
9. A moment of silence observed for the 13 service members killed in Afghanistan, a video tribute was shown.

B. Recognition of other Guests by the Host Detachment

1. Host Detachment member / meeting coordinator Reggie Sawyer welcomed the members and presented Fields of Flags to the Department and National Officers in attendance. He read the following:

Commandant and Marine Corps League guests, it's my distinct pleasure to present you and others a flag from the Airborne and Special Operations "Field of Honor" 2019.

Each flag had its own story and displayed a tag identifying both the person who sponsored the flag and the flag honoree. This living display of heroism flies as a patriotic tribute to the strength and unity of Americans, and honors all who are currently serving, those that have served, and the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's security and freedom.

These flags were ones that were not picked up by or returned to their sponsors.

The 2021 Field of Honor is sponsored by the Airborne and Special Operations Museum Foundation and the Cool Spring Downtown District. The Airborne and Special Forces Museum Foundation 'Field of Honor' has happened since 2008 with hundreds of U.S. flags flying.

This year flags will proudly be displayed on the Parade Field of the U.S. Army Airborne & Special Operations Museum from today, September 11th through November 14th, 2021.

The U.S. Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum (ASOM) is a first-class institution that captures, preserves, exhibits, and presents the material culture and heritage of the **U.S. Army Airborne** and Special Operations Forces from 1940 and into the future. We hope you will visit Airborne and Special Operations Museum 100 Bragg Blvd, as you leave today's meeting.

C. Guest Speaker

1. Denny Mathias - AV equipment - talk with the microphone for the Facebook live feed. Please provide feedback to help with future events.
2. Kendra Danzer and Maira Munir, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, VA Health Systems.
 - a) Went through a PowerPoint presentation – to be emailed out.
 - b) Suicide Prevention Program Brochure

Know the Warning Signs of Suicide:

- ♦ Thinking about or looking for ways of hurting or killing yourself or talking about death, dying or suicide
- ♦ Self-destructive behavior such as alcohol abuse, using drugs, not taking medications as prescribed
- ♦ Calling old friends and acquaintances to say goodbye, particularly military companions
- ♦ Seeking access to weapons without use for them.
- ♦ Perception of self as a burden to family and friends around them
- ♦ Increased or lack of sleep
- ♦ Loss of social connections/withdrawing from family & friends
- ♦ Becoming overly protective of family or standing guard over the house, obsessively locking doors and windows
- ♦ Hopelessness/feeling like there is no way out and no reason to live
- ♦ Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, mood swings
- ♦ Rage, uncontrolled anger or seeking revenge
- ♦ Engaging in risky activities without thinking about the consequences

If you or a loved one has experienced any of the symptoms or behaviors above, seek support through your local Suicide Prevention Team.

Contact Your Suicide Prevention Team:

Supervisor: Patricia Glenn, MSW, LCSW, BCD
910-488-2120 ext. 5676
TEAM EMAIL:
VHAFNCSuicidePreventionTeam@va.gov

FAYETTEVILLE VAMC

SPC: Maira Munir, LCSW, CCTP-II
910-488-2120 ext. 5464
SPCM: Kim Ba, LMSW, LCSW
910-488-2120 ext. 7644

FAYETTEVILLE HCC

SPC: Kendra Danzer, MSW, LCSW
910-475-6359

WILMINGTON HCC

SPC: Schimona McBryde, MSW, LICSW
910-343-5300 ext. 3659
SPCM: Tamela Bryan, MSW, LCSW
910-343-5300 ext. 3833

JACKSONVILLE CBOC

SPC: Ramona Smerz, MSW, LCSW, CST
910-219-6801
SPCM: Christopher Williams, MSW, LCSW
910-353-6406 ext. 2054

Fayetteville NC VA Coastal Health Care System



SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Fayetteville Suicide Prevention Team provides expert consultation and training to all VA staff and the community in order to ensure we are continuously committed to the mission that:

Suicide Prevention is EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

#BeThere

Additional Resources:

Fayetteville Vet Center
2301 Robeson Street Suite 103
Fayetteville, NC 28305
(910) 488-6252

Jacksonville Vet Center
110A Branchwood Dr.
Jacksonville, NC 28546
(910) 577-1100

Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone, Fayetteville, NC
Phone Number: (910) 500-1800

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Hope for The Warriors, Jacksonville, NC
Phone Number: 910-388-5232
1-877-2HOPE4W (877-246-7349)

Mobile Crisis Support
1-877-626-1772
24 hours / 7 days a week
Telephone Assessment and Referral

www.maketheconnection.net
www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching
www.challenge.ncgw.org



Coaching into Care MAKE THE CONNECTION

Suicide Prevention Services:

Suicide Prevention Coordinators (SPC):

- ♦ Facility subject matter experts related to suicide prevention **Assessment, Intervention** and **Documentation** with suicidal Veterans, assign High Risk Flags for enhanced care, facility and community trainings for best practices related to suicide prevention.
- ♦ **Consultation** on VA regulation for suicide prevention assessment, intervention and documentation. Provide guidance on activation, inactivation of **High Risk Flags** for suicide and requirements of enhanced care.
- ♦ Provide annual **Training** and direction for managing suicide risk. VA Standards for suicide prevention assessment, intervention and documentation.
- ♦ **Community Events and Outreach** related to awareness and education including: Operation S.A.V.E., Lethal Means, VA Suicide Prevention Efforts & Statistical Data and distribution of Veterans Crisis Line Materials.
- ♦ **Education** on documentation and risk stratification related to: Comprehensive Suicide Risk Evaluations (CSRE), Suicide Behavior and Overdose Reports (SBOR), Safety Plans, Self-Directed Violence (SDV).
- ♦ **Postvention** to facilitate healing of individuals, families, and providers from the grief and distress of a suicide loss, as well as to mitigate the negative effects of exposure to suicide

Prevention Services Continued:

Suicide Prevention Case Managers (SPCM):

- ♦ Provide **Specialty Case Management** for Veterans at elevated risk for suicide, respond to the Veterans Crisis Line, provide face to face clinical assessments and follow-up.
- ♦ **Collaboration/Active Communication** with mental health and primary care providers for suicide specific assessment, treatment plan support, safety plan completion and follow-up notes, tracking no show appointments and assistance with rescheduling;
- ♦ **Monitoring** of high-risk veterans such as weekly contact for Veterans discharged from inpatient for first 30 days and monthly contact for veterans flagged as high-risk for suicide to assure continuity of care.
- ♦ **Evidenced-Based Treatment** to high-risk veterans i.e., group, individual (e.g. CAMs/CPT, CBT-SP) and completion of specialized training and certification in evidenced-based treatment for high-risk behavior (e.g. CAMs/DBT/CBT-SP/CPT).

Veterans Crisis Line (VCL) Support:

- ♦ All SPCs and SPCMs provide prompt response to all crisis call **Referrals** received from the VCL and referral to community resources and VA treatment when indicated.

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 8
Text to 838255

c) Suicide Prevention Brochure



**Suicide Prevention is the VA's
#1 clinical priority**

**Veterans
Crisis Line**



**1-800-273-8255
PRESS 1**

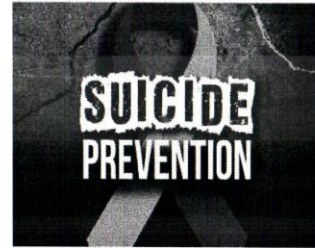
If you are in crisis please contact
Veteran's Crisis Line using one of
the numbers below:

- 1 (800) 273-8255 (Press 1)
- Chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net
- Text to 838255

*Immediate crisis: Please go to the nearest
hospital emergency room or call 911.*

Your Suicide Prevention Team:

- Dr. Cheri Anthony – Suicide Prevention Program Manager/Coordinator
- Jillian Baugh, MSSA, LCSW
Charlotte
- Tiffany Hall, MSW, LCSW
Kernersville
- Carmen Haskins, MSW, LCSW
Salisbury
- Pamela Petree, RN, BSN, MA
Salisbury
- Diane Stinson, MSW, LCSW-R, LCSW
Kernersville
- Conicka Wiggins, MSW, LCSW, LCAS
Charlotte



**W.G. (Bill) Hefner
VA Medical Center**

Salisbury VA

1601 Brenner Avenue
Salisbury, NC 28144
704-638-9000

Charlotte HCC

3506 W. Tyvola Rd
Charlotte, NC 28208
704-329-1300

Charlotte CBOC

8601 University East Dr
Charlotte, NC 28213
704-597-3500

Kernersville HCC

1695 Kernersville Medical Pkwy
Kernersville, NC 27284
336-515-5000

Suicide Prevention & Awareness

VA believes every Veteran suicide is a tragic outcome. Regardless of the numbers or rates. One Veteran suicide is one too many. The Suicide Prevention Team wants to raise awareness on how you can protect yourself and your loved ones from this complex and tragic health issue.

Possible Contributing Factors to the Increased Risk of Suicide:

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- History of depression
- History of substance use
- Family history of suicide
- History of violence or abuse
- Chronic pain or illness
- Loss (relational, social, work, financial)
- Easy access to lethal means

Who is at risk for suicide?

Anyone can be at risk for suicide, as there is no single cause. However, there are several triggering events that can increase a person's risk of attempting or dying by suicide. They include:

- Relationship issues
- Financial troubles
- Recent severe loss
- Feeling alone
- Feeling bullied
- Impulsive/aggressive tendencies
- Difficult times (i.e., holidays or anniversaries)



Learn the Warning Signs of Suicide:

Be on the lookout for signs of depression, anxiety, or a crisis in a person's overall self-esteem. Other signs are:

- Talking about wanting to die
- Looking for a way to kill oneself
- Talking about feeling hopeless
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated
- Dramatic mood changes

What to do when someone is suicidal:

Start by asking questions

The first step is to find out whether the person is in danger of acting on suicidal feelings. Be sensitive but ask DIRECT questions. (i.e., Are you thinking of suicide? Are you going to hurt yourself?)

Other warning signs a person may be at risk for suicide:

- Appear anxious and agitated
- Give away prized possessions
- Calls or visits family as to say goodbye
- Seeks access to firearms, pills, or other means of self-harm

For immediate help

- Don't leave the person alone!
- Go to your nearest hospital or call 911



Treatment for suicide and suicidal thoughts:

Emergencies

If you are a Veteran or know a Veteran who is showing any warning signs, please call the Veterans Crisis Line, send a text to 838255 or chat confidentially by email at www.veteranscrisisline.net 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

- Immediate crisis dial 911 or your local emergency number.
- Have someone else call if you're not alone.

Nonemergency Situations

If you have suicidal thoughts, but aren't in a crisis situation, you may need outpatient treatment which can include:

- Psychotherapy. In psychotherapy or counseling you address the issues that make you feel suicidal and learn coping skills to manage your emotions
- Medications. There are various medications that may be able to help reduce depression and feel less suicidal. These may include anti-depressants, anti-psychotics, and mood stabilizers.
- Addiction Therapy. Treatment can include detoxification, various treatment programs and self-help groups.

To schedule an VA appointment for Behavioral Health call:

Salisbury- 704-638-9000 ext. 13315
Charlotte- 704-329-1300 ext. 31300
Kernersville- 336-515-5000 ext. 21232

VA Outpatient and Inpatient Treatment is Available

Emergency Department located at:
1601 Brenner Ave, Salisbury, NC 28144

3. Connor Nicol, #WeWillRemember, a 501C3 organization focused on Korean War Veterans. Connor is the middle son of Col. Nicol, former C.O. for 2nd Tank Bn.
 - a) He started making the tags to help remember those who fought in the wars so they would not be forgotten. They were not much older than he is now.
 - b) He is just over half of the members who fought in the Korean War.
 - c) He hopes to continue to provide the dog tags for each of the wars / conflicts.
 - d) He spent his own money to make the first 500. He has made just over 6,000 so far.
 - e) He is looking for organizations to find homes for the dog tags.
 - f) They have about 3,000 ready to go out.

- g) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/480248799806561#wewillremember>
- h) Email connor@wewillremember.us
- i)

#WE WILL REMEMBER

Over the course of our nation's history, many brave Americans have fought to defend our country and way of life. A large number of these people were never able to come home. Time makes memories fade though and I think that it is important for these brave men and women to be remembered. If you choose to take this dog tag, please honor the memory of the person whose name is on it. Please say their name, include them in your prayers, and keep it somewhere safe. You can wear it, use it as a keychain or keep it someplace that you can see it. If you are willing to make this commitment, please post a picture with the dog tag on the facebook group:

#We Will Remember
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/480248799806561#wewillremember>

Thank you! Connor (age 12)

If you would like to sponsor the creation of more dog tags, donations can be made to: [paypal.me/wewillremember](https://www.paypal.me/wewillremember)

100% of donations will go to the manufacturing and shipping of memorial dog tags.


Your dog tag is in memory of:

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH EDWARD MURPHY, U S MARINE CORPS

From: WILMINGTON, North Carolina

Who gave their life for our country in the Korean War on:
12/4/1953

#wewillremember is a registered non-profit
For more information please email me at:
connor@wewillremember.us



(The Bible was closed for a donation collection to help #WeWillRemember – 5 minutes (1030 to 1035 - \$450 raised)

D. Recognition of National Officers & National Marines of the Year

1. NVC Mid East Division – Rick Thomason
 - a) Past NVC Mid East Division please stand
2. National Marine of the Year 2020 - Rick Thomason
 - a) Past National Marine of the Year please stand

3. Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett
 - a) The Dogs raised \$545 for the children's hospital
 - b) Over 800 pounds of dogfood collected
4. National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms - Charles Minton
5. National Youth Physical Fitness Chairman - Devell (Bull) Durham
6. National Historian – Greg Ciesielski
7. National Marine 4 Life – Mark Munger
8. Mideast Division Sgt at Arms – Jeffrey Jones
9. Mideast Division Web Sergeant – Kenny Joyner

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

1. There was no 2021 Department Marine of the Year selected
2. Ask all past MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized

F. Recognition of Past Department Commandants

1. Jr. Past Department Commandant Rick Thomason
2. Ask all the Past Department Commandants to stand and be recognized.

G. Recognition of Guests with Invitation to address the membership

1. NC MCL Auxiliary President – Barbara Dugan
 - a) She introduced her officers for the current year.
 - SrV – Pamela Thomas
 - JA – Karen Seguin
 - JrV – Diane Randall
 - b) They look forward to working together with the League to achieve their goals.
2. MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader –PDD Greg Ciesielski
 - a) It was a good Growl last night. Thank you to everyone for stepping up for the children's fund.

H. Chapel of Four Chaplains Presentation

1. No presentation / no nominations received.

15-minute break to excuse any guests, Honor Guard, Auxiliary or non-members that may need to leave at this time
1040 to 1055

Meeting called to order

I. Roll Call of Department Officers

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

1. Commandant – Ric Ledford
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – Julianne Froncek (absent)
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – (Jim Tant)
4. Judge Advocate – Kenny Joyner
5. Jr. Past Commandant – Rick Thomason
6. Aide-De-Camp- John Dilday
7. Chaplain – Lisa Ciesielski
8. Assistant Chaplain – Bill Boyd
9. Sgt.-at-Arms – Taine Pyle
10. Assistant Sgt-at-Arms – Melissa Gamble
11. Paymaster – Randal Rempfer
12. Young Marines Service Officer – Bill King
13. Toys For Tots Coordinator– Reggie Sawyer Jr.
14. VAVS Service Officer – James Hart
15. Legislative Officer – Phil Randall
16. Compliance Officer – Phil Randall
17. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
18. Eagle Scout Coordinator – Charles Minton
19. Marine For Life Liaison – Mark Munger
20. Adjutant – Laura Hamilton
21. Web Sergeant – Kenny Joyner
22. Public Relations – OPEN
23. Historian - Greg Ciesielski
24. Chapel of Four Chaplains – OPEN

J. District Vice Commandants

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

1. NC West DVC’s

- a) West District – Denver Grant
- b) Northwest District – Chuck Wright
- c) Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
- d) Northcentral District – Lewis Pleasants / Grant Thayer (absent)
- e) Central District – John Dilday
- f) Southcentral – Denny Mathias

2. NC East DVC’s

- a) North District – Bill Brown
- b) Northeast District – Taine Pyle
- c) South District – Howard Boyd
- d) Southeast District – Alex ‘Gunner’ Nevgloski / Lee Walker (absent)
- e) East District – Greg Ciesielski

K. Roll Call of Detachments

(By the Adjutant – “The senior member of each Detachment shall rise, salute the Commandant, state their Detachment position and the number of members present to ensure a quorum is met.”)

- 1. John V. Berg Detachment #257 (Kinston) (absent)
- 2. Greater Greensboro Detachment #260 (Greensboro)
- 3. Onslow County Detachment #262 (Jacksonville) (absent)
- 4. Tar Heel Detachment #733 (Cary)
- 5. Charlotte Detachment #750 (Charlotte)
- 6. Blue Ridge Detachment #848 (Asheville)
- 7. PFC Charles D. Hare Detachment #914 (Monroe) (absent)
- 8. Shawn Knisley Detachment #983 (Fayetteville)
- 9. Sand Hills Area Detachment #1001 (Aberdeen)
- 10. Paul Ray Purgason Detachment #1005 (Shalotte)
- 11. Cherokee County Detachment #1011 (Murphy) (absent)
- 12. Stanly County Detachment #1021 (Albemarle) (absent)
- 13. Carolina Borders Detachment #1036 (Calabash) (absent)
- 14. Cherry Point Detachment #1067 (Havelock)
- 15. Cape Fear Detachment #1070 (Wilmington) (absent)
- 16. Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075 (Winston-Salem) (absent)

- 17.Gen. A Hal Turnage Detachment #1096 (Salisbury) (absent)
- 18.Iredell County Detachment #1097 (Troutman) (absent)
- 19.Gen. Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162 (Gastonia)
- 20.Catawba Valley Detachment #1163 (Hickory)
- 21.NC Foothills Detachment #1164 (Shelby) (absent)
- 22.Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165 (Asheboro) (absent)
- 23.Cabarrus Detachment #1175 (Concord) (absent)
- 24.Sgt WE Plueddemann Detachment #1186 (Greenville) (absent)
- 25.Williams/Canter Detachment #1187 (North Wilkesboro)
- 26.PFC. Terry C. Smith Detachment #1193 (High Point) (absent)
- 27.Table Rock Detachment #1197 (Morganton) (absent)
- 28.LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 (Burlington) (absent)
- 29.Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Spindale) (absent)
- 30.Sanford Detachment #1223 (Sanford)
- 31.PFC. Jerry L. McKinney Detachment #1232 (Wentworth)
- 32.Carry-On Detachment #1236 (Clayton)
- 33.PFC. Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 (Huntersville)
- 34.Richmond Leathernecks Detachment #1252 (Rockingham) (absent)
- 35.Air, Land, NC Detachment #1257 (Wake Forest)
- 36.Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262 (Rocky Mount)
- 37.Outer Banks Detachment #1264 (Kitty Hawk) (absent)
- 38.Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Detachment #1265 (Lincolnton) (absent)
- 39.Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 (Spruce Pines) (absent)
- 40.Gold Leaf Detachment #1276 (Wilson)
- 41.Orange County Regulators Detachment #1292 (Hillsboro)
- 42.Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta) (absent)
- 43.Northwest Triad Detachment #1314 (Stokesdale)
- 44.Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga)
- 45.Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender)
- 46.Surry County Detachment #1322 (Surry) (absent)
- 47.Crossed Rifles Detachment #1346 (Harnett) (absent)
- 48.Waynesborough Detachment #1350 (Wayne)
- 49.High Country Detachment #1389 (Ashe) (absent)
- 50.Swansboro Detachment #1407 (Swansboro)
- 51.Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413 (Oriental)
- 52.Asheville Detachment #1417 (Asheville)
- 53.RDU Detachment #1482 (Durham)

L. Adjutant's Report

1. The minutes are posted on the website and were emailed out.
2. If you would like to email 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.
3. Please make sure a copy of your latest ROI is sent to the Adjutant as well as the Paymaster (who gets the original signed copy).
4. An Excel spreadsheet titled "2021 DoNC Quick Reference DDDD" has been sent out to all detachments. Please make sure this is shared with all of your detachment members. It will be updated on occasion with a new dated version to be sent out.
5. Rosters get sent to the DVCs and the Detachment Commandants. If you do not get yours, please go through the DVC. There are usually multiple attachments in addition to the rosters themselves. With the coming of the digital age, this may be changing soon. We saw some of this already this year.
6. It is imperative that the Detachment Commandant and Paymaster have emails. There is some data which is only sent to them.

Commandant Ledford asks for a motion to waive reading of the minutes. Jeff Jones made the motion to waive the reading and to approve the minutes. Second by Rick Thomason. Approved by members present.

M. Recess of the DoNC Membership Meeting morning session

1. Chaplain to close Bible
2. Sgt-at-Arms to announce that the meeting will reconvene 1 hour from now.

Recess for lunch - Reconvene in 1 hour

Lunch recessed at 1109. Reconvened at 1215.

N. Reconvene the DoNC Membership Meeting afternoon session

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

O. Paymaster's Report – Randal Rempfer

1. We had to close the old bank account as it was not in compliance with the Secretary of State name for the Department. The new checking account is interest bearing.
2. Pay Report

Paymaster Report
05/31/2021 – 08/31/2021

- Cash brought forward 05/31/2021
 - Checking \$ 55,636.59
 - Money Market \$ 9,192.28
 - Total \$ 64,828.87

- Deposits made for the time period *(Closed Old Account)*
 - Checking \$ 54,595.73
 - Money Market \$ 0.23
 - Total \$ 54,959.96

- Cash disbursed for the time period *(Closed Old Account)*
 - Checking \$ 62,711.35
 - Money Market \$ 0.00
 - Total \$ 62,711.35

- Balance as of 08/31/2021
 - Checking \$ 47,520.97
 - Money Market \$ 9,192.51
 - Total \$ 56,713.48

3. Budget Report



MCL, Department of North Carolina
Budget Overview
 Fiscal Year 2022

DoNC BUDGET - Proposed

June 2021/May 2022 Actual 20/21

Income		
Investments		
Money Market	25.00	0.66
Business Savings	2.75	0.15
Total Investments	27.75	0.81
Other Types of Income		
Detachment Escrow Acct.		3.61
Total - Escrow Accounts		3.61
Fundraising Revenue	9,500.00	0.00
2021/2022 Dept. Raffle		0.00
Challenge Coins		0.00
Compat Wounded Vet Signs		0.00
2020/2021 Gun Raffle		9955.00
2020 Calendar Raffle		10195.00
Total Other Types of Income	9,500.00	0.00
Program Income		
Humanitarian/Disaster Relief	0.00	0.00
Audio/Visual Allocation	3,631.63	3631.63
Cmndt Overage Reimbursement	0.00	0.00
Life Member Interest Rebate	2,750.00	0.00
Membership Dues	5,500.00	965.00
Total Program Income	11,881.63	4,596.63
Total Income	21,409.38	4,601.05

* Revenue balance Pending
 * Revenue balance from FY-21

*One-Time Allocation for new Equipment
 Approved at 2021 Spring Membership Mtg

DoNC BUDGET - Proposed
June 2021/May 2022 Actual 20/21

Expense				
Advertising	500.00	0.00		*Convention Ad Books
Department Officer's Expenses				
Adjutant Expenses	800.00	0.00	600.00	
Chaplain Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	
Commandant's Expenses	3,540.70	0.00	3540.70	
DVC Expenses				
Central	400.00	0.00	400.00	
East	400.00	0.00	400.00	
Mid West	400.00	0.00	400.00	
North	400.00	0.00	400.00	
North Central	400.00	0.00	400.00	
North East	400.00	0.00	400.00	
Northwest	400.00	0.00	400.00	
South	400.00	0.00	400.00	
South Central	400.00	0.00	400.00	
South East	400.00	0.00	400.00	
West	400.00	0.00	400.00	
Total DVC Expenses	4,400.00	0.00		
Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	800.00	0.00	600.00	
Judge Advocate Expenses	800.00	0.00	600.00	
Paymaster Expenses				
Postage, Mailing Service	400.00	23.10	376.90	
Printing and Copying	100.00	0.00	100.00	
Supplies	100.00	0.00	100.00	
Paymaster Expenses - Other	400.00	123.17	276.83	
Total Paymaster Expenses	1,000.00	146.27		
Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	800.00	0.00	600.00	
Total Department Officer's Expenses	11,840.70	146.27		
Facilities and Equipment				
Multi-Media Expense	100.00	0.00		
AV Equipment Allocation	3,631.63	4957.65	(1326.02)	Balance to Date *4yr accumulation for replacement of Adjutant and Paymaster Laptops = \$1,600
DoNC Paymaster Laptop	400.00	0.00		
Total Facilities and Equipment	4,131.63	4,957.65		
Meetings Expenses				
Mid-East Divison Conference(s)	225.00	0.00		
Mid-East Divison Host	250.00	0.00		*Hosting Expenses
Convention/Membership Mtg.	250.00	0.00		*Guest Speaker Room & Gift
Host Detachment Allowance	600.00	0.00		* Tri-Annual Meetings
Total Meetings Expenses	1,325.00	0.00		

Operations			
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00	
Bank Fees - Business Checks Order	0.00	277.55	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	0.00	0.00	
Free Conference Call / One Number	50.00	7.90	* Conference Calling
Square, Inc. Fee	50.00	0.00	* Card Reader
Web Site Expenses	135.00	43.15	* Domain & Hosting
Total Operations	235.00	328.60	
Other Types of Expenses			
2021/2022 Dept. Raffle: (TBD)	2,500.00	0.00	0.00 Balance to Date
Awards	400.00	0.00	
Blue Collar Scholarship	5,000.00		* Five (5) \$1,000 Scholarships
Recipient-1		0.00	
Recipient-2		0.00	
Recipient-3		0.00	
Recipient-4		0.00	
Recipient-5		0.00	
Combat Veteran Sign Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00 Balance to Date
Disaster Relief	0.00	0.00	8889.39 Balance to Date
Wreaths Across America	1,000.00	0.00	
Gunny Clause	0.00	0.00	*501 (C)(3) Update
Humanitarian Fund-General Acct	2,500.00		Remaining Bal.
(MARINE IN NEED)			(Promissary Note: Payback by 05/2022)
Humanitarian Fund - General	0.00	0.00	
Total Humanitarian Relief Fund		0.00	
New Detachment Allowance	300.00	0.00	
Total Other Types of Expenses	11,700.00	0.00	
Total Expense	29,732.33	5,432.52	
Net Income	(8,322.95)	(831.47)	

4. Rick Thomason made the motion to approve the report pending audit.
Second by Greg Ciesielski. Approved by members present.

P. Chaplain's Report – Lisa Ciesielski .

1. Report of any deceased MCL member since our last meeting.

Bob G. Martin of the Percy John Fulton Det answered their Final Earthly Roll Call on 11/30/2017

James L. Stanner of the Percy John Fulton Det answered their Final Earthly Roll Call on 6/7/2021

Malachi Parson of the Greater Greensboro Det answered their Final Earthly Roll Call on 5/17/2021

Maynard P. Tescar of the Percy John Fulton Det answered their Final Earthly Roll CALL on 10/21/2014

Roger A. Wolf of the Hampstead Det answered their Final Earthly Roll Call on 6/20/2021

Royse Brown of the Cherokee Det answered their Final Earthly Roll Call on 6/13/2021

Clifford Zimmer of the Blue Ridge Det answered their Final Earthly Roll Call on 6/23/2021

Addison L. Barber of the PFC Charles D. Hare Det answered their Final Earthly Roll Call on 5/29/2021

Laurence Pucio of the Onslow County Det answered their Final Earthly Roll Call on 4/1/2021

Hobert Yates of the Williams/ Canter Det answered their Final Earthly Roll Call on 8/21/2021

2. Please pause for a moment of silence for our fallen Marines.

Q. D.V.C.'s - Report of Officers – *Commandant Ledford asked for a motion to waive the reading of the DVC reports. Charles Minton made the motion to waive the reports. Second by Bob Lenz. Approved by members present.*

1. NC West DVC's

- a) West District – Denver Grant – gave verbal report
- b) Northwest District – Chuck Wright – gave verbal report
- c) Midwest District – Glenn Perkins – gave verbal report
- d) Northcentral District – Grant Thayer (Absent)
- e) Central District – John Dilday – written report submitted
- f) Southcentral – Denny Mathias – written report submitted

2. NC East DVC's

- a) North District – Bill Brown – written report submitted
- b) Northeast District – Taine Pyle
- c) South District – Howard Boyd – written report submitted
- d) Southeast District – Lee Walker (Absent)
- e) East District – Greg Ciesielski

R. Commandant's Report – Ric Ledford

1. In July, he had surgery so not much for activities.
2. Brief overview of the National Convention
 - a) 17 DoNC Detachments / 28 members represented at National
 - b) It was his first National Convention.
 - c) Glad for the Associate of the Year award being created.
3. Communication is important.
4. He will be starting to get out to visit more detachments.

S. Training Presentations

1. Detachment Adjutant – Laura Hamilton
 - a) Quarterly Reports
 - I see several detachments who have life members, but check the box that they do not submit the PLM Audit. Why not? This is monies lost by not doing the audit.
 - I do pass on the concerns and comments to the appropriate officer.
 - b) Pass on the emails sent out. You may not be concerned with them, but one of the members may be.
 - c) Quick Reference Guide – please check it when it is sent out. I try to keep all parts updated. If your meeting time/location is changed since your ROI was sent in, please send in a new ROI through the system.
 - d) National Library has a lot of good information and forms.
 - e) Members – if you want to receive emails directly please let me know and I will put you in a group.
 - f) DVCs – I did receive 4 reports. Detachments you must help your DVC so they can do their reports.
2. Compliance Form – Phil Randall
 - a) Compliance Form v4 was sent out to DVCs.
 - b) He wants to get the complete forms back by October 14th.
 - c) He is willing to travel to detachments to help with their issues.
 - d) The form needs to be updated annually. If you update anything, submit an updated copy.
 - e) The Quick Reference Guide has a Compliance tab with the current status.
 - f) Bill Brown made the motion - at the department level, detachments will be required to be complete and mandatory by 60 days prior to the

annual Department Convention. Keith Shearin seconded the motion. This was tabled to the 2022 Spring Membership Meeting.

- g) This is all about keeping the records needed, whether digital or paper form.
3. Database Access by Detachment Paymasters & others – Randal Rempfer
 - a) EIN / SOSID – website for www.EINtaxID.com and www.SOSNC.gov
 - b) Paymaster training slideshow on www.NCMCL.org under forms.
 - c) PLM audits and Notice of Death certificate can go together. Submit a copy with the PLM audit even if NoD was already sent up.
 - d) If any detachment has changed their bank account numbers, please get it to him. All monies from National is ACH only.
 - e) IRS Form 990 e-postcard – step by step instructions in training slideshow.
 - f) Transmittal Form – now have a long form which can be used for bulk members (up to 50 members).
 - g) New codes for ID card replacements.
 - h) This is on our Department website.
 - i) Database 101 – for any detachment commandant / adjutant-paymaster.
 - Update address / phone number / email
 - DO NOT change anything else.
 - j) Member Portal – you will see what your rights allow. Every member can see their own information. Certain positions have more access.
 - k) Profile ID is a sore subject. The new forms have removed this item.

T. Report of Staff Officers

1. Sr. Vice Commandant – Julianne Froncek (absent)
2. Jr. Vice Commandant – OPEN
 - a) Jim Tant has taken this position. He will be sworn in ASAP.
3. Judge Advocate – Kenny Joyner

- a) Read Section 800 of DoNC Bylaws. The Bylaws and Administrative Procedures are together. The deadline for changes must be submitted minimum 60 days before the convention.
 - b) He has been working with each detachment to get their bylaws updated.
 - Right now, 32% of the detachments are 100% complete
 - The sample Detachment Bylaws are very useful and make for a quicker review.
 - There have been no Department grievances so far. The grievance must start at the Detachment level.
 - At-large transfers – find out why there were At-large. If there was a previous Detachment, talk to them.
 - c) National Bylaws Amendments for 2021 approved
 - 48 proposals submitted
 - 14 rejected / 13 pulled
 - 19 approved
 - 2 referred to committee
4. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
- a) Any submission of By-Laws changes must be received to her minimum 60 days before the convention – deadline for next year is the end of March. She hopes to have the exact date soon.
5. Sgt.-at-Arms – Taine Pyle – no report
6. Aide-De-Camp – John Dilday
- a) Discuss upcoming Membership meetings and host Detachments for them
 - **Spring 2022** – William Canter Det #1187, Wilkesboro, Holiday Inn Express, March 18/19, 2022
 - **MidEast Convention 2022** – talking to LCpl Alan D Lam Det #1209
 - **Convention 2022** – RDU Det #1482, Durham, May 20, 2022?? (it is under negotiation)
 - **Fall 2022** – Northwest District, Boone, date TBD
 - **Spring 2023** – need host volunteer
 - **Convention 2023** – Onslow Det #262, Jacksonville

U. Report of Project Leaders

(3-5 minutes)

1. Toys For Tots – Reggie Sawyer, Jr.
 - a) Thank you to all detachments who have responded to his email.
 - b) Training coming up in person and virtual
 - c) October 1st is the kick off for Toys For Tots
2. Eagle Scout Program – Charles Minton
 - a) He had reports from 31 Detachments with 15 awards presented.
 - b) ‘Leave no Eagle behind’ program is to award the Good Citizen Certificate to any Eagle no matter when they received it.
 - c) The MCL Auxiliary is authorized to present the Gold Award to Girl Scouts.
 - d) He needs the totals to break down female vs. male.
3. Marine For Life Liaison – Mark Munger
 - a) If he contacts you, please respond if get the information on a person of interest and that you have reached out to the person.
 - b) The training and SOP is on the national website.
 - c) Hope to have exciting news at the Mid-Winter.
4. Young Marines Program – Bill King is the new officer for this position.
5. VAVS Program – James Hart is the new officer for this position.
(absent)
6. Fund-Raising – Jeffrey Jones
 - a) Taine Pyle has donated a wavey flag.
 - There will be 750 tickets printed
 - 5/\$20 or \$5 each
 - \$3,000 profit.
 - b) Challenge Coins
 - 600 made
 - \$12 each
 - \$7,200 profit if all are sold
 - It will be a new design
 - Coin will have MCL on one side and MODD on the other side.
7. Compliance Officer – Phil Randall (already discussed)
8. Scholarship – Ric Ledford
 - a) The application should be getting uploaded this week to the website.

- b) It is a 5-page form.
- c) Must be an Active MCL member or family member.
- d) It will be a fillable online form.

Commandant Ledford “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. Second by Rick Thomason. Approved by members present.

10-minute break
1354 to 1411

Meeting called to order

V. Awards and Recognition

1. Distribute National Vice Commandant certificates (25 of 53 Detachments awarded)
 - a) 914, 1001, 1011, 1021, 1163, 1164, 1186, 1187, 1221, 1223, 1236, 1257, 1262, 1264, 1266, 1292, 1298, 1314, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1346, 1350, 1389, 1417
 - b) There were 28 members and 17 Detachments represented at National.
2. Meritorious Commendation Unit – National Level – DoNC for time period of 10Aug20 – 9Aug21.

Marine Corps League



Meritorious Commendation

(Unit)

to

Department of North Carolina

In appreciation and gratitude for meritorious service in the interests of the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League for the period 10 August 2020 to 9 August 2021.



Authorized to wear the National Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon

Awarded this 9th day of August 2021

Commandant

3. Department Awards and Recognitions
 - a) Detachment #260 National Newsletter Competition
 - b) David Sannes – Distinguished Service Award
 - c) Detachment #1262 Meritorious Unit Commendation Department Level – time period 31Aug20 – 01Sept21.

Marine Corps League



Meritorious Unit Commendation

(Department Level)

Presented to

Cpl. Suzi Sannes Det. 1262

In appreciation and gratitude for meritorious service in the interests of the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League, for the period 31 August 2020 to 01 September 2021.

Awarded this 11th Day of September 2021

Authorized to wear the Department Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon by each member of the entity to which this award was made during the period indicated as approved.

[Signature]
Department Commandant
[Signature]
Department Adjutant/Paymaster

- d) Spencer Sikder – Distinguished Service Award
- e) Kevin Ashton – Distinguished Service Award

W. Unfinished Business

1. None

X. New Business

1. Denny Mathias to give a more detailed AV report and discuss what equipment is needed to continue to improve the system.
 - a) This has been a learning experience.
 - b) We will be using our own speakers due to feed back.
 - c) Need a 3rd or 4th person to help during a meeting.

- d) At the convention, there was an approved motion for \$10,000 from the unallocated funds.
 - e) Things such as cables, we have to have several sizes to accommodate different venues.
 - f) We do not plan to spend another \$9,000 to get the rest of the equipment. We are trying to get corporate sponsorship. Most companies will only donate to a 501c3, not a c4.
 - g) We will have to bring our own AV as we cannot always use the hotels, such as today.
 - h) We want to buy a UPS (uninterrupted power supply) for continuity and safety for all of the equipment.
 - i) We want to have a box / crate for a setup so we don't have to break down completely each time. They will be foam and spring wheels for jarring protection.
 - j) Patrick Melton – has some concerns with the proposal of equipment. This could be pieced together over some time. There are some options to make some of the line items cheaper and still accomplish the job.
2. Kenny Joyner – Department website
- a) All detachments need to go the department website and check for your information.
 - b) Email him any changes.
 - c) If you have a newsletter you want put on your page, please send it to him.
 - d) Anyone interested in being the webmaster, let him know.
 - e) He is willing to help anyone needing help with documents or their website.
3. Joe Vodenichar (Northwest Triad Det # 1314) – the 50th anniversary ribbon should be for all members.
- a) Per the National Bylaws it is only for those who attend.

Y. Good of the League

- 1. Ric Ledford – read letter from National Commandant Baker remembering 9/11. – This was emailed out this morning.
- 2. Ric Ledford – MCL Auxiliary – Help our Auxiliary units. If they are holding an event, support them. They are part of our team.
- 3. Ric Ledford – Dave Ward from Charlotte Det #750 – coffee

- a) Has been shipping the coffee overseas, not just in CONUS.
 - b) He is asking for help with shipping costs.
 - c) He has been doing this for 3+ years.
 - d) He is not a 501c3. He is doing this on his own.
 - e) Det #848 made a donation for this. They sent their money straight to the Post Office.
4. Laura Hamilton –
- a) Shadow box for uniforms – any ideas where to get it done. (bridal shops was suggested)
 - b) MED convention for next year needs to be decided.
 - c) Quarterly Reports – 38 detachments submitted so far. VAVs hours = 727, volunteer hours = 2,295, funerals = 50 in this quarter.
 - d) Quick Reference Guide – it is a spreadsheet and will not be in another format. Please let me know if there are any corrections to be made for your detachment.

Z. Announcements

- 1. Austin Pitts – Det #1482 – hosting a golf tournament, 1000hrs, October 16th, 4-man scramble, \$55+ toy per person.
- 2. Melissa – Det #1276 – hosting a golf tournament, 1300hrs, October 8th, shotgun start, \$50 w/lunch.
- 3. Kenny Joyner – Det #983 – USMC Birthday Ball, November 6th, this hotel, \$40 per person.

AA. Closing of the Meeting per Ritual

- 1. Remarks by Cmdt. Ledford
- 2. Singing of the Marines Hymn
- 3. “Good night Chesty, wherever you are!”
- 4. Retire the Colors
- 5. Sr. Vice Commandant’s last duty –
- 6. Chaplain – Prayer and close the Bible – Lisa Ciesielski.
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 1525