

Marine Corps League

Department of North Carolina



Department Convention Minutes

13-15 May 2022

Hosted by: RDU Detachment 1482

Host Commandant: Austin Pitts

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

Meeting start time: 0830

Meeting Location: Hilton Garden Inn – Raleigh/Crabtree

Host Contact: Jacque Griffin

Contact Phone Number: 919-539-2307

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A. Colors formation 0750

B. Past Department Commandant meeting 0805 to 0825

C. Opening Remarks by Dept. Commandant Ric Ledford 0830

1. Welcome all members and guests to the DoNC's 2022 Convention & special thanks to RDU Detachment for organizing it.
2. This meeting is dedicated in the memory of all North Carolina Marine Corps League Members who answered the final call over the past year.
3. Colors presented by the Cary NJRoTC
4. National Anthem sung by The Four Score
5. Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt-at-Arms – Taine Pyle
6. Open Bible and Invocation – Chaplain Lisa Ciesielski
7. Presentation of opening COA's
 - a) Cadet Abbey Almueti
 - b) Cadet Jayden Cruz
 - c) Cadet Keigan Kersey
 - d) Cadet Rapley Henderson
 - e) Cadet Commander Greg Erickson
 - f) The Four Score

D. Recognition of other Guests by the Host Detachment

1. Welcome remarks & thanks from the Host Detachment Commandant Austin Pitts.
 - a) Thank you to the members present from his detachment and the Air Land NC detachment for making this happen.
 - b) Thank you for allowing us to host the convention. Please visit the tables in the hall. Thank you for your patience during registration.

E. Recognition of National Officers

1. National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms & M.O.D.D Mad Dog - Charles Minton
2. National Youth Physical Fitness Chairman - Devell (Bull) Durham
3. National Historian – Greg Ciesielski
4. National Marine 4 Life – Mark Munger
5. National POW/MIA Committee – Jeremy Barton (absent)

6. M.O.D.D Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog & MED Sgt at Arms – Jeffrey Jones
7. M.O.D.D Deputy Police Dog – Rick Thomason
8. M.O.D.D Deputy Dog Trainer – Lisa Ciesielski
9. National Forms Committee of the MCLA – Barbara Dugan
10. National Girl Scout Committee of the MCLA – Karen Barton (absent)
11. Mideast Division Vice Commandant – Rick Thomason
12. Mideast Division Web Sergeant – Kenny Joyner
13. Mideast Division Past Vice Commandant – Steve Wilson (absent)
14. Mideast Division Past Vice Commandant – Jim Tant (absent)
15. Mideast Division Past Vice Commandant – Bruce Rakfeldt
16. Mideast Division Vice President of the MCLA – Doris Bujanowski

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

1. 2021 Department Marine of the Year – none selected
2. Ask all past MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized

G. Recognition of Past Department Commandants

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

H. Recognition of Guests with Invitation to address the membership

1. Mideast Division Vice Commandant – Rick Thomason
2. Past Mideast Division Vice Commandant – Steve Wilson (absent)
3. Past Mideast Division Vice Commandant – Jim Tant (absent)
4. Past Mideast Division Vice Commandant – Bruce Rakfeldt
5. MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader – PDD Jeremy Barton (absent)
6. MCL Auxiliary Mideast Vice President – Doris Bujanowski
 - a) Thank the Auxiliary here in NC who is only one year old.
 - b) Looks forward to a wonderful day of fellowship and learning.

I. Call for Sgt at Arms to declare a 15-minute recess to excuse any guests, Honor Guard or non-members that may need to leave at this time

1. Chaplain to close Bible
2. Sgt-at-Arms to announce that the meeting will reconvene at 0905

Meeting called to order - 0907

Announcement – MOY committee will meet at lunch.

J. 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
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – Jim Tant (absent)
4. Judge Advocate – Kenny Joyner
5. Jr. Past Commandant – Rick Thomason
6. Aide-De-Camp- John Dilday
7. Chaplain – Lisa Ciesielski
8. Sgt. at Arms – Taine Pyle
9. Assistant Sgt. at Arms – Jim Penderson
10. Paymaster – Randal Rempfer (absent)
11. Adjutant – Laura Hamilton
12. Young Marines Service Officer – Jonathan Henderson (absent)
13. Toys For Tots Coordinator– Reggie Sawyer
14. VAVS Service Officer – OPEN
15. Legislative Officer – Tom Bates
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. Web Sergeant – Kenny Joyner
21. Public Relations – OPEN
22. Historian - Greg Ciesielski
23. Chapel of Four Chaplains – OPEN

K. 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 a
 - c) Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
 - d) Northcentral District –Lewis Pleasants (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
 - e) East District – Greg Ciesielski

L. Roll Call of Detachments

(By the Adjutant – “Per our Department Bylaws, 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. 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. 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 (Shallotte)
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)
17. Gen. A Hal Turnage Detachment #1096 (Salisbury)

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)
22. Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165 (Asheboro) (absent)
23. Cabarrus Detachment #1175 (Concord)
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)
29. Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Spindale) (absent)
30. Sanford Detachment #1223 (Sanford)
31. PFC. Jerry L. McKinney Detachment #1232 (Wentworth) (absent)
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. Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 (Spruce Pines)
39. Gold Leaf Detachment #1276 (Wilson)
40. Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta) (absent)
41. Northwest Triad Detachment #1314 (Stokesdale)
42. Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga)
43. Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender)
44. Surry County Detachment #1322 (Surry)
45. Crossed Rifles Detachment #1346 (Harnett) (absent)
46. Waynesborough Detachment #1350 (Wayne) (absent)
47. High Country Detachment #1389 (Ashe)
48. Swansboro Detachment #1407 (Swansboro)
49. Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413 (Oriental)
50. Asheville Detachment #1417 (Asheville)
51. RDU Detachment #1482 (Durham)

M. Adjutant's Report

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

1. The most current version of the minutes is posted on the website. There was one DVC report added.
2. 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.
3. If you would like to receive 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.
4. 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 email address is doncmcla@gmail.com .
5. 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).
6. An Excel spreadsheet titled “2021 DoNC Quick Reference 2021 05 16” 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.
7. It is imperative that the Detachment Commandant and Paymaster have emails. There is some data which is only sent to them.
8. If you make any detachment meeting change or position personnel change, please forward an updated ROI.
9. In the event that the convention is held in May, as it is this year, the quarterly reports do not fall in line with the reporting. It would be good to make a change to procedures for this.
 - a) Charles Minton discussed that this is a procedural item and going forward we can have this as the process.

Commandant Ledford, asks for a motion to waive reading and approval of the minutes. Motion subject to edit made by Rick Thomason. Second by Al Pasquale. Approved by members present.

N. Chaplain's Report – Lisa Ciesielski

1. Report of any member or member's family known to be sick or in distress.
2. Report of any deceased MCL member within the last quarter.
 - a) John Hollenback of the Iredell County Det. 1097 answered his final earthly roll call on 4/4/2022
 - b) Michael C. Boulware of the Oriental Dragon Det. 1413 answered his final earthly roll call on 4/12/2022
 - c) William A Lyon of the Orange County Regulators Det. 1292 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/11/2016
 - d) Richard H Tofte of the Orange County Regulators Det. 1292 answered his final earthly roll call on 5/12/2021
 - e) James R McCallum of the Orange County Regulators Det. 1292 answered his final earthly roll call on 1/23/2019
 - f) Donald J Heck of the Onslow County Det. 262 answered his final earthly roll call on 3/22/2022
 - g) Dennis A Brockland of the Tablerock Det. 1197 answered his final earthly roll call on 4/22/2022
3. Please pause for a moment of silence for our fallen Marines.

O. D.V.C.'s - Report of Officers – Each DVC will be given 3 minutes to give their reports on events and happenings within their District during the quarter. *Rick Thomason made the motion to accept the reports as written. Second by John Millan. Approved by members present.*

1. NC West DVC's
 - a) West District – Denver Grant
 - b) Northwest District – Chuck Wright (absent)
 - c) Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
 - d) Northcentral District – Lewis Pleasants (absent)
 - e) Central District – John Dilday
 - i. Over the course of this past year, it has been my pleasure to attend at least 85% of the Five Detachments meetings that are in the Central District. Over this past quarter it has been my pleasure to handle the installation ceremonies of two of the Detachments. As with most of the other Detachments across the Department all five Detachments held their elections and in some of them, they had a continuity of the Staff to repeat a

second term and in some a new slate of Staff was elected and installed. Each Detachment has in place some very motivated Marines and they are willing to put forth the effort to improve their presence in each of their communities.

As far as renewal of members the five Detachments had a 97% renewal rate with a couple Detachments had 100% renewal. Each Detachment are making a concentrated effort to bring in new members and all but one Detachment has shown a growth in membership.

Events that have been promoted over the past quarter and this past year include:

1) Of course each Detachment had very successful Toys 4 Tots programs.

2) One Detachment, Sanford, participated in a local community all day event and were highly commended by publicity in the local Newspaper. They also did a T4T Christmas in July fund raiser, with the intention of doing this again in 2022.

3) The Shawn Knivsley Detachment created and presented a monetary scholarship for a local high school senior. They have spearheaded a monetary fundraiser to set up a memorial in a local cemetery for the Gold Star Mothers program. Have started a Young Marine Program in the Fayetteville area. Active in Eagle Scout recognitions. Work with the local community programs feeding the homeless in their area.

4) The Sandhills Detachment has been successful in adding new members by their activities in their community. They have plans in action to form a Young Marine program. They are forming a Honor Guard to be available to participate in local community events and also funeral details.

5) The Richmond County Leathernecks is a very small Detachment but their presence in the community is well recognized by their participation in the local Chamber of Commerce. Even with the small numbers their T4T program

was a tremendous success for Richmond County.

6) The Harnett County Detachment is another very small in numbers Detachment but they also are making themselves well recognized in their community. Their T4T program is also tremendously successful for the kids of Harnett County.

It is truly a privilege to be associated with these Marines and Associates of each of these Detachments.

f) Southcentral – Denny Mathias

2. NC East DVC's

- a) North District – Bill Brown
- b) Northeast District – Taine Pyle
- c) South District – Howard Boyd

Reporting Period (Highlight the period below):

- Convention/Summer quarter - 1 March to 31 May

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period:

1005 Paul Ray Purgason Detachment - Shallotte
1070 Cape Fear Detachment – Wilmington
1321 Hampstead Detachment - Hampstead
1036 Carolina Borders Detachment - Calabash

Detachment unpaid member status:

For each of your Detachments, list their Detachment number, total regular and Associate members, total unpaid members and their percent of unpaid members. The Department goal is 3%, or less):

**Detachment # Total Reg & Assoc mbrs Total unpaid mbrs
Total % unpaid**

1005 Paul Ray Purgason	31	26.45%*
1036 Carolina Borders	28	1 3.57%
1070 Cape Fear	67	2943.28%
1321 Hampstead	50	1637.50%

* Reported to me in time to prepare this report. Otherwise, the info is from the 4/4/2022 Detachment Report from National

Representative and a NC State Senator representative. Several individuals at the ceremony expressed interest in joining the MCL. While recruiting efforts are ongoing at the other detachments, in general the COVID Pandemic remains heavy in lack of new members joining.

Suggestions for the ‘Good of the League’ as a result of your DVC activities:

I have made visits to each of the Detachments to discuss recruitment and maintenance of membership. Also stressed attendance at Quarterly meetings.

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why:

All Detachments are working closely with their communities in various philanthropic endeavors. Paul Ray Purgason recognized 9 more Eagle Scouts this reporting period.

- d) Southeast District – Alex Nevglowski
- e) East District – Greg Ciesielski

P. Commandant’s Report – Ric Ledford

1. Give accounting of work since Spring Membership Meeting
 - a) Had anniversary with wife.
 - b) We have the equipment for the meetings, please use it.
 - c) He has made some visits.
2. Discuss 2022 National Convention – ‘Submit **full** Detachment Delegate strength’ encourage members to attend if possible.

Q. Report of Staff Officers

1. Sr. Vice Commandant – Julianne Froncek

a) 3 fundraisers

- i. Coin 600 made, half are left – see her or Jeffrey Jones
- ii. Flag 176 tickets left. (\$200 to print/mail tickets)
- iii. T-shirts – one for \$15, two for \$20, three for \$25

b) Report

It's hard to believe that a year has gone by this fast. It feels like yesterday that I assumed the responsibilities of Sr. Vice Commandant. It's been a year learning and acquiring knowledge on proper protocol issues and growth within the MCL by-Laws and procedures. Even though I've been a member of the League for 20+ year's things are continuously changing and the learning process never stops.

Since our last meeting raffle tickets and coin sales have been underway. With regards to the Patriotic flag raffle: Of the 1100 tickets printed a vast majority have been sold. Originally 1000 tickets were printed but 100 were lost so 100 had to be printed again. Still leaving a total of 1000 tickets to be sold. I encourage the Detachments, DVC's, or anyone who has tickets to ensure that they are dropped in the ticket jar at the DoNC convention check-in table during May 13-15 in Raleigh, NC. The winner will be drawn Saturday evening, May 14, 2022 at the banquet.

The roll out of the unique DoNC coin was positively received. Six Hundred (600) coins were made and by the end of the spring membership meeting the cost of the coins had been covered and the remaining monies collected were pure profit for the Department. There are still some coins remaining and are available for \$12 each should you need to purchase more.

An additional small fundraiser was the sale of remaining inventory of a T-shirts and embroidery business that own. All I requested was that my costs be covered and the League could retain the difference.

The sale/cost was 1 shirt for \$15; 2 shirts for \$20 or 3 shirts for \$25. Sizes are limited but definitely would make great gifts for family, friends, neighbors, fellow veterans, or giveaways. These will be available at the convention so everyone has an opportunity to participate.

2. Jr. Vice Commandant – Jim Tant (absent)

3. Judge Advocate – Kenny Joyner
 - a) Detachment Bylaw status – 55% of the 51 detachments are 100% complete. He has soft copies of 47%.
 - b) For the current fiscal year there have been no departmental grievance hearings. As a reminder, before any grievance of charges come before the department, they need to be adjudicated at the detachment level.
 - c) National Bylaw amendments for 2022 – there are proposed 4 bylaws and 22 administrative procedures and 1 combination. These changes can be located by clicking on the link for the 2022 National Convention Page and there you will find the Bylaw/Admin Procedure change submissions.
 - d) The incoming JA will have the same email address with all contacts. This way there is no change for the members.

4. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
 - a) There are 43 proposed bylaws submitted.
 - b) We will vote on them by the assigned letter for organizational purposes.
 - c) *There was a 10-minute break at 1113 after A through ZA.*
 - d) *Lunch took place from 1130 to 1301 after ZB through ZF.*
 - e) *After lunch was the finishing of ZG through ZQ.*

DoNC 2022 by law proposals							
Proposal #	Approved	Denied	motion	second	motion direction		
A	x		bruce rakfeldt	doug ross	for		
B	x		bruce rakfeldt	jeffrey jones	for		
C	x		jeffrey jones	john irwin	for		
D **	x		jeffrey jones	john irwin	for	amendment approved	bruce rakfeldt
E	x		jeffrey jones	john irwin	for		
F	x		jeffrey jones	john irwin	for		
G**		x	bruce rakfeldt	jeffrey jones	against		
H	x		bruce rakfeldt	jeffrey jones	for		
I		x	jeffrey jones	john irwin	against	duplicate	
J**		x	jeffrey jones	john irwin	for	11 members discussed	
K	x		steven ryan	bruce rakfeldt	for		
L		x	bruce rakfeldt	john mullinex	against		
M**	x		jeffrey jones	bruce rakfeldt	for	amendment approved	jeffrey
N**	x		bruce rakfeldt	jeffrey jones	for	amendment approved	denny mathias
O	x		bruce rakfeldt	rick thomason	for		
P	x		tom bates	john dilday	for		
Q	x		rick thomason	reggie sawyer	for		
R	x		rick thomason	bruce rakfeldt	for		
S	x		rick thomason	charles minton	for		
T**	x		jeffrey jones	bruce rakfeldt	for	amendment approved	bill brown
U	x		rick thomason	jeffrey jones	for		
V	x		rick thomason	keith shearin	for		
W	x		keith shearin	bruce rakfeldt	for		
X**	x		bruce rakfeldt	tyron ashe	for	amendment approved	kenny joyner

Y	x		tom bates	keith shearin	for		
Z	x		tom bates	keith shearin	for		
ZA	x		keith shearin	steven ryan	for		
ZB**	x		bruce rakfeldt	tyron ashe	for	amendment approved	bill brown
ZC**						no motion made	
ZD	x		charles minton	jack morgan	for		
ZE	x		bruce rakfeldt	steven ryan	for		
ZF	x		keith shearin	jeffrey jones	for		
ZG	x		tyron ashe	james wagner	for		
ZH	x		bruce rakfeldt	al pasqual	for		
ZI	x		jeffrey jones	bruce rakfeldt	for		
ZJ	x		jeffrey jones	james wagner	for		
ZK	x		jeffrey jones	charles minton	for		
ZL**	x		jeffrey jones	james wagner	for		
ZM**		x	bruce rakfeldt	charles minton	for	19 yes	20+ no
ZN**	x		jeffrey jones	bruce rakfeldt	for		
ZO						no motion made	
ZP	x		jeffrey jones	james wagner	for		
ZQ	x		jeffrey jones	tyron ashe	for		

**notes:

#D – added language of ‘Annual Nation Detachment March Roster’

#G – discussion from 2 people

#J – discussion from 11 people then call for vote

#M – change ‘or’ to ‘and’

#N – discussion from 7 people; amend to April 15 to June 30

#T – discussion from 1 person; amend to add ‘and other positions as needed’

#X – change ‘paymaster’ to ‘chaplain’

#ZB – discussion from 1 person; amend to ‘No department officer or committee of the Department or any member or entity of the Department shall enter into or sign any contract or agreement for the purpose of binding the department without first submitting such contract or agreement to the Department Judge Advocate to forward on the Department Board Trustees for consideration. The Board, by

majority vote, shall accept or reject, in whole or part, the contract or agreement submitted to it.’

#ZC – discussion from 6 persons; clerical errors should be admin change to include ‘veteran’, ‘inactive’, ‘FMF Corpsman’, ‘FMF Chaplain’

#ZL – discussion from 1 person

#ZM – discussion from 14 people

#ZN – discussion from 1 person

R. Recess of the DoNC Convention morning session

1. Chaplain to close Bible
2. Sgt-at-Arms to announce that the meeting will reconvene at 1300.

Recess for lunch at 1130 - Reconvene at 1300

S. Special Guest Speaker during lunch:

1. the Authors of "The Old Breed"
2. CVA

T. Reconvene the afternoon DoNC Convention meeting

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

U. Report of Staff Officers ...continued...

5. Sgt.-at-Arms – Taine Pyle
 - a) 50th anniversary ribbon has been added to the colors.
6. Aide-De-Camp – John Dilday
 - a) According to the Bylaws of the Department of NC, the duties of the Aid de Camp are “Shall assure that quarters, meeting facilities are available for performance of the Commandant’s Activities.”

What this means to me is that at the direction of the Department Commandant, It is my responsibility to arrange with the Detachments

of the Department and identify a proper location to host the three Department Meetings and the one Department Convention each year. There are Guidelines that have been put together with the assistance of several Fellow Marines to help each hosting Detachment have parameters that have been found to be successful in helping them plan a successful meeting. This guideline is provided to each Commandant of the Detachment that has agreed to be a host. Also, it is my responsibility to see that any contract that is signed with the hosting hotel and any vendors is a reasonable agreement between the two parties so that the hosting Detachment incurs no expenses in excess of the agreed amounts and that the agreed amounts are reasonable and not excessive. After that, it is up to the host Detachment to plan their own events and fundraisers to make the event a huge success for both the Department and the Detachment. It is with great gratitude to each and every Detachment that has been contacted to host a particular event for the tremendous cooperation in accepting the responsibility. THANK YOU!!!!

- b) Discuss upcoming Membership meetings and host Detachments for them
 - i. **MidEast Conference 2022** – June 24-26, Doubletree by Hilton RDU hosted by DoNC & LCpl Alan D Lam #1209
 - ii. **Fall 2022** – Oct 14-15, Northwest District, Holiday Inn Express in Wilkesboro
 - iii. **Spring 2023** – Gen A. Hal Turnage #1096, Salisbury,
 - iv. **Convention 2023** - Onslow Det #262, Jacksonville
 - v. **Fall 2023** – Catawba Valley??
 - vi. **Spring 2024** – Swansboro??
 - vii. **Convention 2024** – Greater Greensboro #260 (no other detachment presented bid) - *Bruce Rakfeldt made the motion to accept Greensboro bid. Second by Jeffrey Jones. Approved by members present.*
 - viii. **Spring 2025** – ??
 - ix. **Convention 2025** – to be voted on in 2023
- c) It has completely been a pleasure working with each and every Detachment over the years and many new friends have been

generated as a result. From the Department we 'THANKYOU'. Thanks to the RDU and the Air, Land and Sea Detachment for hosting the 2022 Convention here in Raleigh this weekend and be wish of gratitude from the Department for a job well done.

V. Report of Project Leaders

(3-5 minutes)

1. Toys For Tots – Reggie Sawyer

a) The Department collected 96,032 toys and the amount of donations collected is \$27,748.19.

b) Report

Purpose:

To create awareness of the full support the Marine Corps League provides to the Marine Toys For Tots Foundation. To capture all data from local Detachments who support the Marine Tots For Tots program.

To share lessons learned, marketing ideas and unique fundraising events with the MCL membership. To generate a report by the MCL National Toys For Tots Liaison for each National Mid-Winter Conference and National Convention. To encourage Detachments not currently involved with the Marine Toys For Tots program to come aboard.

Background:

The *Marine Toys For Tots Foundation* is the official IRS 501(c)3 non-profit organization that administers the TFT program nationwide. They oversee both the Marine Corps Reserve Unit Coordinators and approved Local Area Coordinators. The Marine Toys For Tots Foundation currently requires all Local Area Coordinators and Marine Corps Reserve Unit Coordinators to submit a comprehensive AAR directly to the TFT Foundation at the end of each campaign season. Marine Toys For Tots is also an official program of the Marine Corps Reserve.

If a Detachment supports a Marine Corps Reserve Unit, your numbers are rolled up into their data. The MCL at the national level has no way to track or give you credit for all the hard work done by your Detachment.

If your Detachment is an official sponsor of a local campaign, MCL National will receive your data beginning with the 2018 campaign season.

Completing the MCL Detachment Toy For Toys AAR:

The form is self-explanatory. Just answer the questions. You may include any noteworthy or unique event flyers, marketing ideas, fundraising events or volunteer appreciation awards/certificates, etc. We understand that Detachments who support a Marine Corps Reserve Unit may have trouble estimating the number of toys or monetary donations when conducting joint USMCR/MCL operations. Typically the USMCR takes all the toys and donations with them. Do your best. What we are really looking for are any MCL specific events or fundraisers that only the MCL participates in and donates directly to a USMCR program (i.e. 1-Det has a table in the local mall worked only by MCL membership and collects donations and toys...count those toys and monetary donations prior to handing them off the USMCR; 2-Det holds a Rifle Raffle with all proceeds going to TFT; 3-Det makes a monetary donation out their Detachment funds to a local TFT campaign).

NOTE: A Local Area Coordinator, where the MCL Detachment is your sponsor, is NOT required to also complete our internal MCL AAR unless you want to provide information that would be beneficial to the group.

Toys For Tots & MCL:

Detachment support of Toys For Tots must be coordinated with your Local Area Coordinator or Marine Reserve Unit Coordinator. That person is the only one who can authorize you to use Toys For Tots trademarked logos and should be made aware of any Toys For Tots monetary donations, toy collections or events in your area. Checks should be made payable to 'Toys For Tots' and given to the Local Area Coordinator for deposit.

Detachments can apply to become an official sponsor and create their own local campaign if you are in an area that does not have a TFT campaign or if the current TFT campaign covers a large area or multiple counties. Maybe they would support you breaking away and creating a separate campaign in your Detachment's area of responsibility. This needs to be coordinated with the current TFT campaign and the Marine TFT Foundation. Applications to become a new Local Area Coordinator must be submitted in the Spring. A TFT Coordinators Conference is held in September.

1. Eagle Scout Program – Charles Minton

- a) I have only received reports from 2 Detachments, a total of 13 Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Certificates for the fourth quarter. Since the Department convention is being held in May this year the Detachments haven't submitted their fourth quarter reports which aren't due until June.

I will modify my report for the fall to show what we have presented for the fourth quarter and total for the year.

To Date the Department has presented a total of 168 Certificates.

The National Boy Scout Committee is working on several projects that should make the program run smoother and be more uniform. They are working on standardizing the programs structure and presentation process along with reporting of numbers.

They are also looking at ways to recognizing the other Scouting entities (Venturing crews, Sea Scouts and Girl Scouts) who each has their own highest award that is equivalent to the Eagle Scout award.

If you have any questions or would like information on how to start Scout program in your Detachment, please feel free to contact me.

2. Marine For Life Liaison – Mark Munger

- a) Exciting things are coming nationally for the MCL/M4L Liaison. The role is expanding into including the suicide awareness and prevention.
- b) On May 17th I will be discussing the way ahead with Dave Ossian on the "Commandant's Corner".
- c) Within the Department we had two transitioning Marines request connection to the MCL. It is still important for all of the Detachments within the Department to let me know who their MCL/M4L Liaison. You can email the information to me at mark.munger@usmc.mil.

1. Young Marine Program – Jonathan Henderson (absent)

2. VAVS Program – OPEN

3. Fund-Raising – Julianne Froncek / Jeffrey Jones
 - a) The coins are now in the SrVice’s possession.
4. Compliance Officer – Phil Randall
 - a) The fact that I am not in attendance today weighs on me as I love our Department meetings and wish that I could be there with you all.

I would like to say thank you to those Detachments that submitted your “Detachment Compliance Report” to me during the last several years. However, it should be noted that many of you have “Open Items” that you either have not addressed or have failed to update your checklist and send it to me.

This said, I would like to recommend to the Convention that we set a date of July 1, 2022, for each Detachment to update their “Checklist” and submit it to me.

There is a reason Past Department Commandant Rick Thomason established this position and requirement, it is to assist each Detachment in establish a means of Record Keeping. Without proper record keeping a Detachment has no past and is subject to violations if audited by the IRS, the Secretary of State of the Great State of North Carolina or anyone else.

Let’s make Fiscal Year 2023, our year to become 100% Compliance.

5. Scholarship – Ric Ledford
 - a) No applicants yet submitted.
6. A/V Equipment – Denny Mathias
 - a) The host detachment needs to provide 2 people to help setup and tear down.
 - b) Need to work on a couple mic’s to better pick up online.
 - c) Discussion by multiple people on the help to setup and tear down.
 - d) An SOP will be created as to what is needed to setup and use and tear down. The host will be requested, then, we will go into the department for volunteers.
 - e) Make a document for the hosting of the meetings with a full listing of minimums.
 - f) Communication is key!

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

Jeffrey Jones made the motion to accept the reports as given or submitted. Second by Bruce Goeden. Approved by members present.

W. Award Presentation – Ric Ledford

1. Detachment attendance streamers – in 2021 over 40% attended 1+ meetings.
 - a) Detachments attending one meeting - 262, 1001, 1075, 1163, 1209, 1322, 1389.
 - b) Detachments attending all meetings - 260, 733, 750, 848, 983, 1005, 1067, 1162, 1187, 1223, 1232, 1236, 1242, 1257, 1262, 1276, 1314, 1320, 1321, 1407, 1413, 1417, 1482
2. Certificate of Distinguished Service to Lee Walker, Grant Thayer, Glenn Perkins, David Anderson
3. Certificate of Appreciation to Kenny Joyner, Jonathan Henderson, Denny Mathias
4. Certificate of Distinguished Citizen to Dave Ward
5. Department Meritorious Unit Certificate to Det 260.

Marine Corps League



Meritorious Unit Commendation

(Department Level)

Presented to

Greater Greensboro Detachment #260

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 1972 to 2022

Awarded this 14th Day of May 2022

[Signature]

Department Commandant

[Signature]

Department Adjutant/Paymaster

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.

X. Paymaster's Report – Randal Rempfer (absent)

1. Ric Ledford gave current financial update from report submitted.
2. Ask for motion to accept the Paymaster's report as given, subject to audit. *Jeffrey Jones made the motion to accept the report subject to audit. Second by John Mullinax.* Discussion about the annotation of the minutes of the Board of Trustees. It was felt that the BOT was not included in the voting. Laura Hamilton admitted that the titling of the minutes for the Executive Board Staff was wrong and will be corrected. *Approved by member present.*
3. Keith Shearin questioned the re-imburement for the Commandant during the attendance of National in Springfield. He became a PDD and went through that process and wanted to know how he represented the Department. Ric Ledford stated he went and represented as best as he could. He only got re-imburement for the Convention and not for any other travels representing the Department since the Convention. For two days he did represent the Department and for all activities after the growl.
4. Bruce Goeden asked if there is anything in the Department Bylaws that allows for a certain amount to be spent before coming to the membership. Ric Ledford responded that there is a section which allows for the Executive Board to spend monies from the unallocated funds for certain things. This is where the A/V monies came from. He has talked to the sitting paymaster about putting in a small set amount, maybe \$100, where then it would have to go to a vote.
5. Laura Hamilton stated, not for either side of the question, that on the approved commandants budget, \$4,147. National Convention expenses \$1585. With the hotels being a total budgeted of \$3,200. It appears that he, Ric, has not requested the majority of the allotted monies that were approved.
6. Ric Ledford went through the existing expense report.
7. Bill Brown asked what is the break out expense for the detachments for hosting the department meetings. It was found in the expense report of \$250 for convention and meetings. John Dilday thought it had been increased to \$400.

Y. Call for Sgt at Arms to declare a 15-minute recess to find the proposed budget

1. Chaplain to close Bible
2. Sgt-at-Arms to announce that the meeting will reconvene at 1451.

Meeting called to order - 1451

Z. Paymaster Discuss and vote on 2022-2023 budget.

1. Rick Thomason stated that he found in section 210 of the bylaws that the hosting detachments are reimbursed of \$200.
2. Proposed budget – we do not have it in our possession. The paymaster will get it sent to us to be sent out.
 - a) The budget will be sent to adjutant. This will be forwarded to the detachment commandant who will return it to the adjutant. 30 days to review. Only detachment commandants may respond.
 - b) Questions on the budget will be emailed to paymaster and copy adjutant.
 - c) The budget is a guideline and not law.
 - d) There was discussion on what quorum will be accepted. It will be approved by a quorum of return votes.
 - e) Vote return date is June 15th.
 - f) The amount in the past for fundraiser cost has been set at \$2,500. *David Anderson made the motion to increase this amount to \$4,000, Second by Jeffrey Jones. Approved by members present.*

AA. New Business

BB. Election of Officers for the 2022-2023 year

1. Election Chairperson will be Past Cmdt Bruce Rakfeldt assisted by the Credentials Committee.
2. Credentials Committee – TBD. If necessary, they will report on voting strength of each Detachment and the registered Delegates from each Detachment.
3. The only position which had more than one candidate was commandant – Keith Shearin and Ric Ledford.
4. The voting provided the following new officers:

- a) CO- Ric Ledford
- b) SrV- David Anderson
- c) JrV- Reggie Sawyer
- d) JA- Bill Brown

CC. Good of the League

1. John Owens – Mt Mitchell – anyone in the western part of the state need conceal carry, let he know.
2. Laura Hamilton announced any Good of the League announcements to be sent out, email them by the end of the weekend to be included.

DD. Announcements

1. National Convention registration – Register ASAP (bring a copy to confirm registration) details at <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/> for events and pricing.
2. WOY Selection Board to meet immediately after adjournment.

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

1. Remarks by Cmdt. Ledford
2. Singing of the Marines Hymn
3. Sgt. at Arms - Retire the Colors
4. Chaplain – Closing Prayer and closes the Bible – Lisa Ciesielski

At 1536 Sgt. at Arms declare this meeting in recess until the opening ceremony of the Department Banquet tonight.

**Note: detachment who sent in MOY/AOY packages are:

MOY – 983, 1162, 1164, 1276, 1321

AOY – 983, 1162