

Marine Corps League **Department of North Carolina**



Fall Membership Minutes **15 October 2022**

Hosted by: Northwest District

Host DVC: Tony Summers

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

Meeting start time: 0930

Meeting Location: Holiday Inn Express, Wilkesboro

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A. Colors – outside at flag pole – 0750 muster

B. Commandant's Council - 0815

C. Opening Remarks by Dept. Commandant Ric Ledford

1. Meeting called to order 0930
2. Post Colors – Young Marines
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt-at-Arms – Steve Tracy
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 - Lisa Ciesielski
7. COA for color guard
 - a) Joshua Serrano
 - b) Kenneth Parnell
 - c) Victoria Gacek
 - d) Vince Sothoron

D. Recognition of other Guests by the Host Detachment

1. Thanks, and remarks by Host DVC Tony Summers
 - a) Thank you for coming up to the northwest district.
 - b) The leaves are turning. Worley Worm festival is in Banner Elk and bluegrass festival in Valle Cruces.

E. Guest Speaker

1. Anthony Vivaldi - artist and the founder of the "Save A Vet Now" program
 - a) It is a non-profit focused on suicide prevention with help for the veteran and the family.
 - b) They work with a group at the coast to provide professional help for the veteran and their family.
 - c) We have to be focused on prevention. Getting veterans to ask for and seek help is very hard.
 - d) There are 20 veterans lost every day.

- e) This number hasn't changed in a few decades.
 - f) We need to prepare the veterans better when getting out and change how we think about mental health.
 - g) The stigmas of the process when in service contribute to the resistance of seeking help.
 - h) Veterans are ashamed, self-medicate, fear loss of job, have trust issues with anyone who has not walked in their shoes.
 - i) 60% of veterans with suicide thoughts shun the VA and go it alone.
 - j) National level – change how we look at mental health and how we transition members to the civilian life.
 - k) Local level – we must take on the fight ourselves. We can help in the two main issues 1) transition to civilian life and 2) the loss of the tribe feeling.
 - l) You can step up to be the buddy needed for those transiting into civilian life.
 - m) Veterans Helping Veterans approach.
 - n) Build a detachment with those who will help those transitioning into the civilian life – they will come.
2. Dave Ward – Detachment 750 – Thanksgiving efforts at Camp Lejeune
- a) They are trying to cover meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas from Camp Lejeune to Cherry Point.
 - b) They have bought 5,000 dozen of eggs.
 - c) He has raised \$30,565.26 to buy vegetables.
 - d) He is fundraising for the turkeys.
 - e) October 22nd they will serve 200+ Marines at the Reserve Center for the Change Of Command.
 - f) *(Collected \$530 when passing the hat)*
3. Elliott Shaffer – Ward Black Law – Camp Lejeune water issues
- a) All of us in the VA system are getting emails / flyers about this issue.
 - b) Janet Ward Black, attorney, on behalf of the firm spoke.
 - c) They are a 30-year law firm in Greensboro and military family.
 - d) Their firm has been processing claims for 30 years for multiple systems.
 - e) On August 22, 2022, Congress opened the door to allow lawsuits about Camp Lejeune issues for a 2-year window.
 - f) The issues are connected to four chemicals and how they affect the body.

- g) If a woman drank the water and got pregnant, there is an implication of birth defects of the children.
 - h) The law allows for claims no matter when a person died / got systems.
 - i) Their law firm is charging a 25% fee. Most of the other fees are higher. If you don't get compensation then you don't pay anything.
 - j) December 2nd is the Toys For Tots kickoff in Greensboro which they help support.
4. Denny Mathias – Planning Your Legacy
- a) Everyone will die – is your family ready and do they know what to do.
 - b) A booklet from the VA can assist in that planning.
 - c) Al Pasquale will pass out 2 -5 booklets to each detachment to have for reference for their members.
 - d) It is available online also
https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/docs/factsheets/Planning_Legacy_Booklet.pdf

F. 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. National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms - Charles Minton (absent)
- 4. Mideast Division Sgt at Arms – Jeffrey Jones
- 5. Mideast Division Web Sergeant – Kenny Joyner
- 6. National Youth Physical Fitness Chairman - Devell (Bull) Durham (absent)
- 7. National Historian – Greg Ciesielski
- 8. National Marine 4 Life – Mark Munger (absent)

G. Recognition of the Department MOY/WOY/AOY

- 1. Dennis Fusco - 2022 Department Marine of the Year. (absent)
- 2. Jim Henderson - 2022 Department Associate of the Year.

3. There was no 2022 Department Woman of the Year.
4. Ask all past MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized

H. Recognition of Past Department Commandants

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

I. Recognition of Guests with Invitation to address the membership

1. MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader - Jeremy Barton (absent)
 - a) Keith Shearin – 403lbs of dog food and 93+lbs of cat food.
2. NC MCL Auxiliary President – Barbara Dugan

J. Chapel of Four Chaplains Presentation

1. None were presented.
2. Recognition of all recipients.

1035 - 15-minute break to excuse any guests, Honor Guard, Auxiliary or non-members that may need to leave at this time

1051 - Meeting called to order

K. Installation

1. DoNC appointed positions
 - a) AJ Pitts – Chief of Staff
 - b) Steve Tracy – Sgt-at-Arms
2. MED appointed positions
 - a) Robert Hare – Chapel of Four Chaplains

L. Roll Call of Department Officers

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

3. Commandant – Ric Ledford
4. Sr. Vice Commandant – David Anderson
5. Jr. Vice Commandant – Reggie Sawyer
6. Judge Advocate – Bill Brown

7. Jr. Past Commandant – Rick Thomason
8. Chief of Staff – AJ Pitts
9. Chaplain – Lisa Ciesielski
10. Assistant Chaplain – Marilyn Bower
11. Sgt.-at-Arms – Steve Tracy
12. Assistant Sgt-at-Arms – Jim Pederson (absent)
13. Paymaster – Scott Shermeyer
14. Young Marines Service Officer – Jonathan Henderson
15. Toys For Tots Coordinator– Kevin Ashton
16. VAVS Service Officer – Al Pasquale
17. Legislative Officer – Tom Bates
18. Compliance Officer – Phil Randall
19. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
20. Eagle Scout Coordinator – Charles Minton (absent)
21. Marine For Life Liaison – Mark Munger (absent)
22. Adjutant – Laura Hamilton
23. Web Sergeant – Kenny Joyner
24. Public Relations – Marilyn Bower
25. Historian - Greg Ciesielski
26. Chapel of Four Chaplains – Robert Hare

M. 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 (absent)
 - b) Northwest District – Tony Summers
 - c) Midwest District – Hank Kaczmarek (absent)
 - d) Northcentral District – Mike Clark
 - e) Central District – John Dilday
 - f) Southcentral – Denny Mathias
2. NC East DVC’s
 - a) North District – James Mitchell (absent)
 - b) Northeast District – Leotha Forte
 - c) South District – Howard Boyd
 - d) Southeast District – Alex ‘Gunner’ Nevgloski
 - e) East District – Greg Ciesielski

N. 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)
4. Tar Heel Detachment #733 (Cary) (absent)
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)
16. Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075 (Winston-Salem)
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)
29. Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Forest City) (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.Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 (Spruce Pines) (absent)
- 39.Gold Leaf Detachment #1276 (Wilson)
- 40.Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta)
- 41.Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga)
- 42.Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender)
- 43.Surry County Detachment #1322 (Surry)
- 44.Crossed Rifles Detachment #1346 (Harnett) (absent)
- 45.Waynesborough Detachment #1350 (Wayne) (absent)
- 46.High Country Detachment #1389 (Ashe)
- 47.Swansboro Detachment #1407 (Swansboro)
- 48.Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413 (Oriental)
- 49.Asheville Detachment #1417 (Asheville)
- 50.RDU Detachment #1482 (Durham)

O. Report of Project Leaders

1. Young Marines Program - Jonathan Henderson
 - a) They have a new position.
 - b) There are 8 YM units. 1 unit is closing down (Davidson County and possibly New River). 1 new unit in Cape Fear.
 - c) They have 53YM members and 55 adults.
 - d) Congress removed the funding with the Omnibus Bill (\$4M). Encouraged everyone to reach out to their representative about funding for the next year.
 - e) They teach a drug free healthy lifestyle for the YM. Community service – 4063 hours (\$109,370 value). Leadership school – had 2 YM attend the Advance Leadership School in Maryland.
 - f) If you are close to a YM unit, please reach out them to help out.
 - g) Each unit generates their own funds. Covid has really hurt the fundraising efforts. They are looking at corporate sponsorship.
 - h) Charlotte 750 has donated \$4000 to Mecklenburg. Tarheel 733 donated \$1500 to Capitol City YM. Swansboro 1407 donated to help 3 YM go to leadership school.

- i) There is a need for the program. The western area needs help; there is a lot of problems with drugs.
- j) We do not recruit for any branch of service. We build up the kids and teach how to have a work ethic.
- k) We are being pushed on the unit level to get more money. It will be 2024 before we get federal money if it is put back in the budget.

P. Adjutant's Report

- 1. The minutes are posted on the website and were emailed out.
- 2. 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).
- 3. An Excel spreadsheet titled "2022 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.
- 4. Rosters were sent out differently this last time. The individual detachments and the entire department in a zipped file. This went to all regular email groups except general members.
- 5. It is imperative that the Detachment Commandant and Paymaster have emails. There is some data which is only sent to them.
- 6. When data is sent out and a response is requested to be sent to a specific person, please send it to that person. You may always copy me but please do respond to the requested person.
- 7. I am starting to look for a person who is willing to take on the position of Department Adjutant. If you have organizational skills, you can be a candidate. Let's talk! I am not stepping down until the convention if a person can be found.
- 8. DoNC website password was given out. This will give access to things such as the department minutes.

Commandant Ledford asks for a motion to waive reading of the minutes.
Scott Shermeyer made the motion to waive the reading. Greg Ciesielski seconded. – approved by members present.

Q. Paymaster's Report – Scott Shermeyer

- 1. There was an audit in May when he got the books from Randal. The backlog has been worked out from the interim change over.

2. Our FY is June 1st through May 31st. This is the time period we told the IRS we are doing business.
3. The report should be through the last day of the previous month. For this meeting, it is September 30th.
4. Profit/Loss, Balance, Budget, Cash Flows (what you have seen in the past), Trial Balance reports.
5. We have two banking accounts with Wells Fargo – Navigate Business Checking and Business Platinum Savings.
6. Banks are now requiring a corporate resolution letter with a turnover of persons on the accounts along with the ROI.
7. Account information:

12:39 AM Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League
 10/03/22 Profit & Loss
 Accrual Basis June through September 2022

	<u>Jun - Sep 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Investments	
Business Checking Interest	1.34
Business Savings Interest	0.31
Total Investments	<u>1.65</u>
Other Types of Income	
2021/2022 Dept. Raffle	920.00
Gun Raffle	1,800.00
Total Other Types of Income	<u>2,720.00</u>
Program Income	
Membership Dues	2,180.00
Total Program Income	<u>2,180.00</u>
Total Income	<u>4,901.65</u>
Gross Profit	4,901.65
Expense	
Department Officer's Expenses	
Commandant's Expenses	700.26
DVC Expenses	
South	57.54
Total DVC Expenses	<u>57.54</u>
Total Department Officer's Expenses	<u>757.80</u>
Fundraising Expense	3,566.49
Operations	
Free Conference Call / One Numb	15.80
Postage, Mailing Service	30.36
Web Site Expenses	65.13
Total Operations	<u>111.29</u>
Other Types of Expenses	
Awards	286.91
Total Other Types of Expenses	<u>286.91</u>
Total Expense	<u>4,722.49</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>179.16</u>
Net Income	<u><u>179.16</u></u>

12:34 AM
10/06/22
Cash Basis

Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2022

	<u>Sep 30, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Business Platinum Savings	9,193.51
Navigate Business Checking	
Disaster Relief Fund	4,024.89
PLM Distribution - 2022-06-01	2,705.78
PLM Distribution - 2023-06-01	3,234.72
Trust - Def. #1265	1,653.77
Navigate Business Checking - Other	29,064.54
Total Navigate Business Checking	<u>40,683.70</u>
Total Checking/Savings	49,877.21
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Expenses	21.17
Undeposited Funds	25.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>46.17</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>49,923.38</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>49,923.38</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unearned or Deferred Revenue	5.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>5.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>5.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>5.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>5.00</u>

10:20 PM
10/02/22

Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League
Statement of Cash Flows
June through September 2022

	<u>Jun - Sep 22</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	-5,468.34 1
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:	
Prepaid Expenses	-21.17 2
Unearned or Deferred Revenue	5.00 3
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>-5,484.51</u>
Net cash increase for period	-5,484.51
Cash at beginning of period	<u>60,584.97 4</u>
Cash at end of period	<u>55,100.46</u>

10:20 PM

10/02/22

Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League
Statement of Cash Flows
June through September 2022

1. This is net income for this period, taking into account income & expenses from both appropriated (from approved budget items) and non-appropriated (not in the budget) sources.
2. Go Daddy domain name registration was for 2 years, so the part that paid for the next fiscal year is considered a Pre-Paid expense and is an asset, in that we won't have to pay for it again during that fiscal year.
3. This is money that we haven't earned, yet. For instance, when a detachment pays more than required for membership dues transmittal.
4. This may not be entirely accurate, given that the Wells Fargo Account (checking) was not reconciled in Quickbooks since 2018.

MCL, Department of North Carolina Budget Overview Fiscal Year 2023

Line #	Income	June 2022	May 2023	Proposed	Amended	Actual 9/30/22	Delta
1	From Checking	\$	-	\$	614.45		
2	Investments						
3	Business Checking Interest	\$	5.00	\$	5.00	\$	1.34
4	Business Savings Interest	\$	2.75	\$	2.75	\$	0.31
5	Total Investments	\$	7.75	\$	7.75	\$	1.65
6	Other Income						
7	Detachment-1265 Escrow Acct.	\$	1,653.77	\$	1,653.77	\$	-
8		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
9	Total - Other Income	\$	1,653.77	\$	1,653.77	\$	-
10	Other Types of Income						
11	Fundraising Revenue	\$	12,500.00	\$	12,500.00		
12	Last Fiscal Year Raffle					\$	920.00
13	2022/2023 Dept. Raffle					\$	1,600.00
14	Challenge Coins					\$	-
15	Combat Wounded Vet Signs	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
16	Total Other Types of Income	\$	12,500.00	\$	12,500.00	\$	2,720.00
17							\$ 9,760.00 That's a big #
18	Program Income						
19	Humanitarian/Disaster Relief	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
20	Audio/Visual Rental	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
21	Life Member Interest Rebate	\$	2,750.00	\$	2,705.78	\$	-
22	Membership Dues	\$	5,300.00	\$	4,530.00	\$	2,180.00
23	Total Program Income	\$	13,250.00	\$	7,235.78	\$	2,180.00
24	Total Income	\$	25,757.75	\$	20,377.98	\$	4,991.65
25							
26	Expense						
27	Advertising	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	-
28	Department Officer's Expenses						*Convention Ad Books
29	Adjutant Expenses	\$	600.00	\$	600.00	\$	-
30	Chaplain Expenses	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	-
31	Commandant's Expenses	\$	3,754.23	\$	3,092.98	\$	700.26
32	DVC Expenses						
33	Central	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-
34	East	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-
35	Mid West	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-
36	North	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-
37	North Central	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-
38	North East	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-
39	Northwest	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-
40	South	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	57.54
41	South Central	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-
42	South East	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-
43	West	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-
44	Total DVC Expenses	\$	4,400.00	\$	4,400.00	\$	57.54
45							\$ 4,342.46
46	Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	\$	600.00	\$	600.00	\$	-
47	Judge Advocate Expenses	\$	600.00	\$	600.00	\$	-
48	Paymaster Expenses						
49	Postage, Mailing Service	\$	400.00	\$	-	\$	-
50	Printing and Copying	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	-
51	Supplies	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	-
52	Paymaster Expenses - Other	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-
53	Total Paymaster Expenses	\$	1,000.00	\$	600.00	\$	-
54	Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	\$	600.00	\$	600.00	\$	-
55	Total Department Officer's Expenses	\$	12,054.23	\$	10,992.98	\$	757.80
56							\$ 10,296.43
57							
58	Facilities and Equipment						
59	Multi-Media Expense	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	-
60	DoNC Paymaster Laptop	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	-
61	Total Facilities and Equipment	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	-
62							* 4yr accumulation for replacement of Adjutant and Paymaster Laptops = \$1,600
63	Meetings Expenses						
64	Mid-East Divison Conference(s)	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	449.48
65	Convention/Membership Mtg.	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	-
66	Host Detachment Allowance	\$	600.00	\$	600.00	\$	-
67	Total Meetings Expenses	\$	1,250.00	\$	1,250.00	\$	449.48
68							* Hotel charge for 4 guest rooms * Guest Speaker Room & Gift * Fall & Spring DoNC Meetings & DoNC Convention
69	Operations						
70	Bank Fees	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
71	Bank Fees - Business Checks Order	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
72	Books, Subscriptions, Reference	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
73	Free Conference Call / One Number	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	15.80
74	Postage	\$	-	\$	200.00	\$	30.36
75	Square, Inc. Fee	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	-
76	Web Site Expenses	\$	135.00	\$	135.00	\$	65.13
77	Total Operations	\$	235.00	\$	435.00	\$	111.29
78							* Conference Calling * Card Reader * Domain & Hosting

79	Other Types of Expenses						
80	2022/2023 Dept. Raffle: (TBD)	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	3,566.49
81	Awards	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	286.91
82	Blue Collar Scholarship	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00
83	Recipient-1				\$		-
84	Recipient-2				\$		-
85	Recipient-3				\$		-
86	Recipient-4				\$		-
87	Recipient-5				\$		-
88	Combat Veteran Sign Purchase	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
89	Disaster Relief	\$	-	\$	-	\$	8,889.39
90	Wreaths Across America	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	-
91	Gunny Clause	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
92							*501 (C)(3) Update
93	Humanitarian Fund-General Acct	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00		
94	(MARINE IN NEED)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
95	Hunanitarian Fund - General	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
96	Total Humanitarian Relief Fund						

	June 2022/May 2023	Proposed Amended	Actual 9/30/22	Delta
97				
98	New Detachment Allowance	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
99	Total Other Types of Expenses	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 3,853.40
100	Total Expense	\$ 26,239.23	\$ 20,377.98	\$ 5,171.97
at Income	\$ (481.48)	\$ -	\$ (270.32)	

Department Commandant's proposed FY-2023

Item	Flight cost allotment	Hotel night allotment	Total expense cost	Registration amount	Transport amount	Gas allotment	(Receipt supports)
1. Midwest Division Convention - Durham, NC - June 2022	0	1	\$ 115.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$	34.50
2. National Convention - Daytona Beach, FL - Aug. 2022	0	10	\$ 1,200.00	\$	\$ 50.00	\$	14.50
3. DoNC Fall Membership Meeting - Boston - Sept. 2022	0	1	\$ 115.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$	32.75
4. National Mid Winter Conference - Norfolk, VA - February 2023	0	1	\$ 115.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$	25.48
5. DoNC Spring Membership Meeting - (TBD) - March 2023	0	1	\$ 115.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$	33.88
6. Midwest Division Conference - (TBD) - May 2023	0	2	\$ 230.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$	32.20
7. DoNC Annual Convention - Jacksonville - June 2023	0	1	\$ 230.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$	52.08
8. Weighted hotel taxes			\$ 301.70				
9. Additional gas allotment						\$ 500.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR			\$ 3,496.70	\$ 150.00	\$ 210.00	\$	742.48
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 3,794.20				
Comments:							
2020-2020 Approved Budget			\$9,588.70				
Budgeted items/less than previous budget			1,218.20				

8. Randal Rempfer is still on some of the checking information. We are working to get him removed from the accounts.

R. 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

1. Lunch recess at 1158. Reconvened at 1302.
2. Live Auction to be held approximately 1245.

S. Reconvene the DoNC Membership Meeting afternoon session

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

T. Morning follow up

1. Detachment 983 gave a check to Dave Ward for turkeys in the amount of \$1000.
2. Ward Black Law wanted to make sure Marines understand that their VA benefits will not be diminished if they win a lawsuit under the Camp Lejeune Act.

U. Paymaster's Report – Scott Shermeyer- continued.

9. We as a department hosted the MED conference. We had a lot of requests for monies and he did not have a handle on the expenses. We had a slight discrepancy of \$8 that he is aware of (a registration underage).
10. The amount found from the projected to actual is different. Scott went through the numbers of the projected and actual.
11. There were some requests from a couple of members for reimbursements, one of which was paid by the DoNC and one of which was paid by the MED. One of the bills was hotel rooms.
12. Since January, we had only received \$6,894; we spent \$5987.08 on food alone, leaving us with \$906.92. We were being asked to pay for Denny's expense for being there and setting up the A/V equipment and \$1000 to Mecklenburg YM. We had a couple of comp'd rooms for Bob Borka and the guest speaker. We also were comp'd for the hospitality rooms, but we were charged for two nights for the other two rooms where they stored the stuff.
13. Of the amount requested for all expenses for the MED, we would have paid out \$2,644.16. None of this is earmarked in our budget. I was told to write a check for \$1185.98 to MED. He ran the numbers, called the Commandant. We had a BOT meeting the next day. Information was discussed and things were figured out as to what happened.
14. There are couple of items: \$807.98 to MED for their income from the event, \$284 difference unaccounted for, and the \$1000 to YM. If I write these checks, we will be into the MED event for a total of \$2,266.16.

15. Current membership count as of September 30th data shown. If you need a roster pulled at any time, please let him know. He busted it to get the transmittals caught up and to national. He is now sending them on a one to three day basis. The monies we collect now for membership is used toward a future budget. Membership as of October 15th from National:

	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid	Total Paying	% unpaid
Regular	1,156	152	1,308	701	853	82.18%
Associate	127	62	189	231	293	78.84%
Multiple	28	2	30	5	7	71.43%
Total	1,311	216	1,527	937	1,153	81.27%

16. PLM audits are important for the detachment budget and for the department future budget.

17. PLM audit roster question about the ‘eligible – yes / no’. They must be a life member for one year before ‘yes’.

18. Unallocated /non-appropriated means it is a one-off type of money expense which is not part of the approved budget.

19. Mileage, there are posted rates depend on the type of business. Those rates are based on what you use for itemized taxes. We currently are using \$0.14/mile. I would like see us use \$0.50/mile. It must be accountable and documented. We are a business and this is a reasonable and ordinary expense. What we give to you is a re-imbusement for reasonable expense.

Al Pasquale made the motion to accept report subject to audit. Second by Bill Brown. Approved by members present.

V. Chaplain’s Report –Lisa Ciesielski .

1. An email sent to the department is NOT a notice of death. The forms are on the department and national websites.
2. Report of any deceased MCL member since our last meeting.
 - a) Marvin R Lanier – Detachment 1097 on 5/24/22
 - b) Richard A Stone – Detachment 914 on 6/22/22
 - c) Kenneth E Shawver – Detachment 1097 on 6/20/22
 - d) James A Sitterly Jr – Detachment 1265 on 10/26/20
 - e) Patrick K Milligan- Detachment 1262 on 7/12/22
 - f) Raymond J Kress - Detachment 1070 on 8/18/22
 - g) Robert C Peurifoy- Detachment 1320 on 8/10/22
 - h) Lisa M Bouffard - Detachment 1221 on 9/6/22

- i) Mary Jane Perrone - Detachment 1257 on 12/11/21
 - j) William H Young Jr - Detachment 1070 on 8/15/22
 - k) Philip D Sweet - Detachment 1001 on 9/10/22
 - l) Everett Hampton - Detachment 1292 on 5/13/21
3. Please pause for a moment of silence for our fallen Marines.

W. D.V.C.'s - Report of Officers – Commandant Ledford asks for a motion to waive the reading of the DVC reports.
Motion made by Alex Nevglowski to waive the reading of the reports. Second by Dave Ward. Approved by members present.

1. NC West DVC's

a) West District – Denver Grant

- i. Detachment #848 has held normal scheduled face to face business meetings for all of the first part of the 1st quarter. The 1st quarter report is in flux due to the detachment is still gathering 2023 dues and as previous noted not accurate. Det. 848 is in compliance as of this report. As noted in the quarterly report Det. #848 has held multiple fund raising events and has made multiple donations to veteran groups throughout NC and the nation.
- ii. Detachment #1011 has held normal meetings as scheduled. I attended the September business meeting and found 10 members in attendance. The current listed paymaster had resigned and a discussion concerning appointing new a new paymaster was successful in selecting the next paymaster. Det. 1011 1st quarter report is also in flux due to unpaid incoming late dues. The detachment has been asked to double check their info against the national roster and to insure that the 990 and PLM report is completed.
- iii. Detachment #1417 held normal business meetings during the 1st quarter. As previously reported the detachment absorbed most of the Waynesville and Sylva Detachments when the charters for both were pulled. This situation and the continued gathering of dues make this 1st quarter confusing. As of this report I have not received a copy of Det.1417 1st quarter report. I will contact the Detachment Commandant again and assist in getting the report completed.

- iv. Det. 1221 was recently added to the Western Division and I have not attended any meetings. I will attend a meeting in the near future.
- v. Compliance, Recruitment, and the National database is still the emphasis for the near future. None of the national rosters received by any detachment in the West District appears to be correct. All paymasters state that the roster having missing or unpaid members who have paid. All paymasters have been asked compare detachment records with the national rosters to provide information to me concerning these problems.

b) Northwest District – Tony Summer

Quarter: <u>1st</u>	Mountaineer Det. #1320	Mt. Mitchell Det. #1266	High Country Det. #1389	Williams/Canter Det. #1187	Walter Frank Osbourne Jr. Det. #1298
Total Life Members	6	11		10	24
Total Honorary	0	0		0	0
Active Duty Members					
Total Paid Up Regular & Associate Members	18	14		30	12
Total paid up Members	24	25		40	36
Total Unpaid Up Regular & Associate Members	0	11		5	3
Total Detachment Membership	24	36		45	39
% Paying Members Not in Good Standing	0	30.56%		11.11%	7.7%
Volunteer Hours	240	0		97	51

	Updates/Notes/Comments
Mountaineer Det. #1320	Pistol Raffle, Presented Colors at Sugar Grove Music Festival with 24 hr notice Home Detachment; I attended every meeting this quarter.
Mt. Mitchell Det. #1266	Worked booth with Asheville Det, visited vets at Bryans Center, Detachment Beach Day Visited 7/21, 8/13
High Country Det. #1389	Christmas in July

	Tried to attend a meeting in August, but date and time in quick reference were wrong. High Country does not respond to emails.
Williams/Canter Det. #1187	Wilkesboro Peach Festival, Mission 22 Buddy Check walk Visited 8/9
Walter Frank Osbourne Jr. Det. #1298	Town of Sparta 4th of July parade, Osbourn Memorial Church flag and memorial wall dedication, VFW BBQ Visited 9/8

c) Midwest District – Hank Kaczmarek

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period:

1097 Iredell County

1197 Table Rock

1162 Gen Raymond G Davis

1164 NC Foothills

1122 Cpl Chris Ebert (prior to change to West District (numbers not included))

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):

<u>Detachment #</u>	<u>Total Reg & Assoc mbrs</u>	<u>Total unpaid mbrs</u>	<u>Total % unpaid</u>
1097	53	1	1.89
1162	55	6	10.91
1163	64	1	1.56
1164	36	7	19.44
1197	47	0	0

Total unpaid member percentage for this District:

(Add up all of the Total unpaid members and divide that number by all of the above Total Reg. & Assoc. members, to get the total unpaid percentage for your District) 5.9%

How many Detachments are in your District? 5

How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? 2

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)? 40

What Detachments in your District have 19, or less, total members? (Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' in order to be considered an active Detachment) 0

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members?

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) 0

Are there currently any Detachment Charters in your District being held by the Department due to inactivity? 0

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?

d) Northcentral District – Mike Clark

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period: One (1). I was appointed, at my Detachment (Greater Greensboro 260) on 1 AUG 2022, just under 3 weeks prior to the end of the Quarter. A week of that was spent at the National Convention. Upon return, I have visited all but one of the Detachments prior to the report and the last will have been visited prior to the Membership Meeting.

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 30% or less):

<u>Detachment #</u>	<u>Total Reg & Assoc mbrs</u>	<u>Total unpaid mbrs</u>	<u>Total % unpaid</u>
260	159	18	13.85%
1075	89	29	32.58%
1096	38	1	2.78%
1165	42	0	0%
1193	30	6	20%
1314	Surrendering Charter, No Quarterly Report Submitted		
1322	32	5	15.63%

Total unpaid member percentage for this District:

(Add up all of the 59 and divide that number by all of the above 390, to get the total unpaid percentage for your District) 15.12%

How many Detachments are in your District?

How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? Seven (7) Detachments all (7) of which had members in attendance at the Spring Quarterly Meeting 19 MAR 2022

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)? 100% at the Spring Membership Meeting 19 MAR 2022.

What Detachments in your District have 19, or less, total members?

(Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' in order to be considered an active Detachment)

One However, NW Triad DET 1314, as my 1st action upon my appointment was to negotiate the surrender of their charter. The Detachment Commandant had already called a special meeting to discuss and one member showed up. The Department Commandant and I were notified on 1 SEP 2022 via email.

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members?

N/A

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).

None currently. I was informed by the 2 previous DVC's that there were 2 to keep an eye on, and one has nearly completed the process of voluntary surrender their charter. I have been working to ensure that is done according to the Department. The two (2) remaining items are signing for the inventory which is being done 29 SEP 2022, and the Commandant sending the remainder of the Detachment accounts to the Department Paymaster, Scott Sharkey. There is one check that has not cleared that is causing a short delay. The biggest issue has been where to stow their gear. While the Department has to maintain the Detachments inventory and monies for a 12 month period, there is no storage facility for the Department. I learned there are items being stored and maintained by individual officers. I have worked to locate storage unit that can be donated for the purpose of District/Department storage. A couple I have contacted are State or National companies. I cannot imagine this issue is unique to our Department and its officers. NC. As of 29 SEP 2022 it will be listed for the Department of North Carolina, with Mike Clark as contact. It

has been stored in my home for now. As soon as I can find donated storage it will be relocated there.

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?

No. However as of 29 SEP 2022, I will be in possession of the inventory for Northwest Triad Detachment 1314. Upon a day or so of my appointment the Detachment Commandant emailed the Department Commandant to inform of the intent to surrender their charter. I have worked with him to ensure that the requirements are being met to do so.

Special District projects you are involved in at this time: I have made plans to attend and support Detachment 1075 at their table and Raffle ticket sales at the Carolina Classic Fair. I was invited and will attend as able. I will be working with Detachment 260 on 6 OCT for their 15th Military Charity Golf Tournament. I plan on representing the Department with my Detachment. As of the meeting last night I will be assisting with an event called Bush Hill Hometown Jamboree on 8 OCT, I will ensure they have Department Rifle Raffle tickets for the event and spend some time at the event.

New Detachment Recruiting Efforts: Other than those mentioned above and sharing what is working for Detachments current efforts, nothing further.

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

A few of the Detachments I have visited had not seen anyone from Department for some time. I presented an award in my first visit (current 2nd Quarter), that had been in the file and was dated 26 FEB 2021. The visit was Saturday, 10 SEP 2022. The Detachment had no knowledge of the award until that date. I have heard a few from Detachments state that they felt the Detachments were always being asked what they could do for the Department, when the Department is for the support of the Detachments. I could only offer assurance that I would be active in representing the Department for them and to make me aware of any need or area in which I could assist.

In working with the Department and Northwest Triad Detachment 1314 to complete the charter being surrendered I learned that their gear/finances bag to be inventory and maintained for a 12 month period. If the

Department is having the same issues with storage that is being found in the District. I recommend contacting a National Storage company and pursuing an arrangement for donation of storage unit space as needed for the Department, District and even Detachment needs. I am awaiting contact from Public Storage and AAA storage to consider working on an arrangement that will assist the North Central and North West DVC and my Detachment using their individual W 9 and EIN to cover the donation of units. There may be an opportunity to do this for all levels of the League Nationally. I will apprise of what I learn as soon as I hear back.

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why:

At the time of this report, the Greater Greensboro Detachment 260, Guilford County had donated \$60,000 to 2 area programs they support. During the Quarter, One for \$10,000 to Horse Power, Horse Power provides in part horse therapy for PTSD veterans. The second in August was for \$50,000 to the Servant Center, homeless housing project that has about 40% veteran population. More was disbursed in last Quarter of 2022 and more to follow in the 2nd Quarter of 2023 to total \$100,000 by the end of the year. At the time of this report their 15th Military Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for the following week and was on track to meet or exceed the \$100,000 raised in October 2021 that allowed for the recent donations. Detachment 260 was also into the final planning for their 50th Anniversary to be held 8 SEP 2022. Becoming the fourth (4th) Detachment within the Department to celebrate 50 years. Invites were sent to Department Leadership and they were RSVP'd for attendance. I know this from my role as 50th Anniversary Chair months prior to my appointment to the District.

Percy John Fulton Detachment 1075, Forsyth County, had their 12 Annual Mud Run on 4 JUN 2022 and had a successful event. There were 734 registered numbers and funds raised are being distributed to the charities programs they support. This has been an annual event for several years now and continues to grow in popularity and success. They are deep in preparing for the 13th. Over the years at least 1/3rd of the income from this event has gone Wounded Warriors Battalion East. Another sizeable portion goes to the Semper FI Fund who they have authorized to disburse as needed to any Marines in need within North Carolina. Detachment 1075 has invited others to participate or see how the event is being utilized as a fundraiser. More can be found at <https://usmcmudrunnc.com/> I attended their meeting in September after the quarter, it was well attended and the membership was welcoming. Department Senior Vice Commandant David Anderson had asked to join and was present.

Corporal Johnny A. Williamson Detachment 1165, Randolph County was making plans to have a Cruiser Car Show on 17 SEP. Although it was after the Quarter I attended their September Meeting, they had one new member who joined in August. She was an Iraq/Afghanistan veteran and one of the younger members of the Detachment. She had met one of the members at a restaurant earlier in the year and had attended 2 meeting prior to joining. The dinner for the meeting was provided by a member, a vote was taken on providing some reimbursement, approved and donated back to the Detachment. At the end of meeting they asked who may like to provide the next meal and the same member stepped forward. During the meeting they were making plans for Toys for Tots and Marine Corps Birthday.

PFC Terry C. Smith Detachment 1193, Guilford County. Their Quarterly report asked what the Department could do to help them with membership, attendance and fundraising. I attended the meeting on 29 SEP, after the Quarter but prior to sending this report out. The Detachment had not had a Department officer at a meeting for some time. Department Senior Vice Commandant David Anderson asked to join during my visit. In their Quarterly report DET Commandant Tom Richardson had asked what the Department could do to assist the Detachments. Upon my introduction I mentioned some areas where fundraising and community involvement could be made and gave assurance that I will be available to assist with any need from Department. Department Senior Vice Commandant David Anderson was asked the question from the Commandant, I had not given him prior knowledge of the report contents. A point of contention was that the Detachment used to host a Department Quarterly meeting in Salisbury and it stopped about 4 years back, he did not understand why as it was generally a well-attended conference. The Senior Vice mentioned that the Department had dropped down to 2 quarterly meetings per year and the Department convention, that it was no reflection on the Detachment or a slight to their efforts. He invited that if they still had an interest in hosting to contact Department or ask at the next meeting. Due to the small current size of the DET he encouraged them to ask nearby Detachments to join them in hosting. The Department Rifle Raffle was mentioned and we (David Anderson and I) will ensure they have Raffle tickets to sell for an upcoming event on 8 OCT.

Johnny A. Williamson Detachment 1196, Rowan County, has been involved in local efforts to have a flag erected at a local park. The Detachment Commandant sought and was provided a seat on the committee to work towards the Detachment and community goal of having it done. Plans were being made for a rifle raffle, a portion of which will be sold at their display in an upcoming Gun Show. Members of the Detachment spent volunteer time at the Salisbury VA, and Marine Museum. I advised them to track individual hours for VAVS and total hours. Department Senior Vice Commandant David Anderson had been to their meeting in August prior to

my attendance in September. He was the first representative from Department to visit the Detachment in quite a while.

Surry County Detachment 1322, Surry County. Detachment supported the Fourth of July parade and Beautification with trash pick-up in July and August by Detachment members. Selling of rifle raffle tickets for the Department fundraiser. Plans were being made for the Detachment picnic and starting up for Toys for Tots. Their annual Detachment Picnic was held in place of their September meeting. I will have visited them prior to the Fall Membership Meeting, but after this report has been submitted. The Department Senior Vice Commandant David Anderson had joined the Detachment for their breakfast prior to evening meeting, and before my appointment as North Central DVC, in August.

- e) Central District – John Dilday
 - i. The Central District is composed of 5 Detachments in locations where very little military activity is found except for the Shaw Knivsley Detachment which is located in Fayetteville, home of Fort Bragg Army Base. Therefore, each Detachment is small in numbers but none of them is lacking in heart. They continue to be very active in each

respective location. Although, they are continuously doing activities that emphasize recruitment of new members it has been a task that remains very difficult.

- ii. As far as the various activities of the preceding quarter following is a breakdown for each Detachment:
 - Lillington, Crossed Rifles is located in Harnett County and is a very small community. Over the past quarter, hosted by the Commandant Gary Nelson and his wife, they had a family cookout inviting all members and family held at the Commandants home and backyard. These type of events are greatly encouraged to build the camaraderie within the league. They also a special event to highlight the upcoming Toys For Tots drive that is coming up in the next quarter. (More about this at next quarterly report
 - Sanford Detachment is located in Lee County and also deals with the fact that very few Military relocate to this area. This Detachment has to deal with the same issue a number of other Detachments across the state face, in that a large majority of the Members are getting up in age and are limited in being able to get out and work as hard. With that said, they do a great job with what they have to work with. They did a “Christmas in July Fundraiser” at the Walmart in Sanford which turned out to be very successful. They are planning for another successful Toys For Tots campaign and hosting a celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday. (More on that in the next quarterly report).
 - Southern Pines, Sandhills Detachment is located in Moore County and is well received in the entire area. This Detachment is also faced with a numbers issue but this has not hindered them in their community activity. They hosted a cookout at Aberdeen Park and invited all Military personnel and family to attend, which was very successful. They are active in presenting recognition to new Eagle Scouts in the area. They do a quarterly pickup of trash in a designated

highway location. They are in the process, with the assistance of the National Young Marines Organization, in establishing a Young Marine Program in the Sandhills Area. Their meetings have begun to now have a time of building relationships by having a meal before each scheduled meeting.

- Fayetteville, Shawn Knisley Detachment is located in Cumberland County and is very active in the community. By their actions over the past several years they are beginning to show growth in their numbers and with there fundraising activities they have grown their bank account which is allowing them to provide funds for more activities that are community oriented, including giving scholarship funds to four seniors at four different high schools in the county. During this past quarter under the leadership of Commandant Kenny Joyner they held a cookout at a community park for all Marines and their families. They are well on their way to establishing A Young Marine Program in the area by already having a location for holding the meetings and finding the leaders to run the program. They are very active with the Gold Star Mothers program and during the past quarter they set up special dedicated parking space in front of a local grocery store to honor Shawn Knivsley, for whom the Detachment is named. This was a store that Shawn worked as a teenager. They also did a ceremony at the home of the Mother of Shaw by installing a Flag Pole and Flag in the front yard including a special ceremony Flag Raising. They are very active with the VA in the area, including giving assistance to the homeless. To continue the idea of building camaraderie, in addition to the regular meeting they gather for breakfast at JK's Restaurant once a month on Saturday morning. This is well attended.
- Rockingham Leathernecks, which is located in Richmond County is another small Detachment that

has had difficulties with numbers but Commandant Wayne Crank is working very diligently to continue the Detachment presence in the area. Continued support is my goal to help them survive. The Toys For Tots program is a very important endeavor by them. More about this in next quarterly report.

iii. It is my honor to be the DVC for this District and I look forward to continuing working with each Detachment.

f) Southcentral – Denny Mathias

2. NC East DVC's

a) North District – James Mitchell

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period: Visited four of six during the Quarter. Unable to visit with PFC McKinney Det #1232 due to cancelled meetings. Bill Brown is assisting members from Orange County Regulators in Hillsborough NC after their voluntary Charter surrender to transfer to nearby Detachments. Unfortunately, we learned that three of #1292's members have passed. Due to my illness and attending National Convention I did not visit all detachments.

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

Detachment#	Total Reg & Assoc mbrs	Total unpaid mbrs	Total % unpaid
733		NO detachment Rot	
1209		NO detachment Rot	
1232		NO detachment Rot	
1236		55	13 25.45
1257		NO detachment Rot	
1482	42	4	9.52
Totals	NA		

15.82%

(Add up all of the Total unpaid members and divide that number by all of the above Total Reg. & Assoc. members, to get the total unpaid percentage for your District)

How many Detachments are in your District? Presently, six, however, one of the six, PFC Jerry McKinney #1232 could be voluntarily surrendering their Charter in the near future as per their Commandant, Phil Randall.

How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? . NO mtg.

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)? No Mtg.

What Detachments in your District have 19, or less, total members? (Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' in order to be considered an active Detachment) None-

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members?

What Detachments in your District have 14, or less, total members? None at this time.
(These Detachments are a PRIORITY to get back to a level of 'good standing' or their Charters may be pulled)

Are there currently any Detachment Charters in your District being held by the Department due to inactivity? Yes.
If so, what Detachment names and numbers are they? Orange County Regulators #1292 surrendered their Charter on 18 Jan 2022 and we are presently working to get remaining members relocated to new Detachments per NBL/NAP.

Per the National By-Laws, do these Charters need to be surrendered and the Detachments dissolved. None

Special District projects you are involved in at this time:

New Detachment Recruiting Efforts:

Suggestions for the 'Good of the League' as a result of your DVC activities:
Need to get more advertisement to the communities.

b) Northeast District – Leotha Forte

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period: five

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 #	Reg & Assoc members	Total unpaid members	Total % unpaid
John V. Berg 257	15+	0	
Plueddemann 1186	15+	0	
Suzi Sannes 1262	15+	0	
Gold Leaf 1276	15+	0	0
Waynesboro 1359	15-	1	

Total unpaid member percentage for this District:
(Add up all of the Total unpaid members and divide that number by all of the above Total Reg. & Assoc. members, to get the total unpaid percentage for your District)

How many Detachments are in your District? Five
How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? Three

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)? **unknown**

What Detachments in your District have 19, or less, total members? (Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' in order to be considered an active Detachment) **Suzi Sappes, Gold Leaf**

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members? **Asking them how can I help to improve their membership**

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) **one has a small membership, but has a heart for the Corps**

Are there currently any Detachment Charters in your District being held by the Department due to inactivity? **No, they all have goals for the good of the MCL**

If so, what Detachment names and numbers are they? **N/A**

Per the National By-Laws, do these Charters need to be surrendered and the Detachments dissolved? **No, they're striving to meet the standard of the SOP**

Special District projects you are involved in at this time: **Bring all the detachments together as one unit working for the same goal: "The Best"**

New Detachment Recruiting Efforts: **N/A**

Suggestions for the 'Good of the League' as a result of your DVC activities: **Not only being seen in the community, but working in the community to be seen**

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why: **John V. Berg #257 is working very hard, By-laws and Corporation, 990, and department meeting**

c) South District – Howard Boyd

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	32	2	6.25%*
1036 Carolina Borders	29	1	3.45%*
1070 Cape Fear	95	25	26.32%*
1321 Hampstead	53	22	42.31%*

* Reported to me in time to prepare this report. Otherwise, the info is from the 07/03/2022 Detachment Report from National

** Reported numbers are significantly different that the National Report.

Total unpaid member percentage for this District:

(Add up all of the Total unpaid members and divide that number by all of the above Total Reg. & Assoc. members. to get the total unpaid percentage for your District)

District Total	209	50	23.92%
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How many Detachments are in your District?4

How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting?2

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)?..... 50%

What Detachments in your District have 19, or less, total members?.....0
(Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' in order to be considered an active Detachment)

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members?
N/A

What Detachments in your District have 14, or less, total members?.....0
(These Detachments are a **PRIORITY** to get back to a level of 'good standing' or their Charters may be pulled)

Are there currently any Detachment Charters in your District being held by the Department due to inactivity?..... NO

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?

Special District projects you are involved in at this time:
Working to get all South Detachments to attend Quarterly Conferences. Hope to have three of the four there in Wilksboro. Detachments have suggested they would like to attend and be recognized as such via zoom hookup. Traveling long distance and housing for a ¾ day conference is not feasible for some detachments.

New Detachment Recruiting Efforts:
All four Detachments have experienced a decline in membership since the offset of the Pandemic however each of the four have also had new members join over this reporting period. Each Detachment are diligently trying to bring back members they lost during the pandemic.

Suggestions for the 'Good of the League' as a result of your DVC activities:
All four Detachments are working actively in their communities. Their quarterly reports have all been submitted and contain many worthy activities. (Please reference their reports). I am pleased with each Detachment's efforts during the last quarter and the energetic Commandants who lead them.

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why:
None

d) Southeast District – Alex Nevglowski

		Swansboro	Onslow	Totals
A.	Total Life Members	27	68	95
B.	Total Honorary Active Duty Members	0	0	0
C.	Total Paid Up Regular & Associate Members	19	11	30
D.	Total Paid Up Members (A+B+C)	46	79	125
E.	Total Unpaid Regular & Associate Members	1	42	43
F.	Total Detachment Membership (D+E)	47	121	168
G.	% Paying Members Not in Good Standing {E/(A+C+E)}	2.13%	34.71%	25.60%
Miscellaneous Information				
Det. #	Detachment events during this quarter.			
1407	Normal monthly meetings			
1407	Friday morning coffee at Lowe's foods			
1407	Luncheon at The Cottages of Swansboro Senior and Assisted Living Facility			
262	There is a Mossberg 535 raffle going on at this time			
	Detachment awards presented during this quarter:			
1407	None			
262	Received a streamer from the DoNC for attending meetings			
	Make general comments here:			
1407	None			
262	The Detachment Commandant is an ordained minister who performed 3 funerals for this quarter. Each funeral was for a Veteran who needed a minister for their service.			

e) East District – Greg Ciesielski

X. Training Presentations

1. None.

Y. Commandant's Report – Ric Ledford

1. He has put on 1750 miles / month on average.
2. We had a very good turnout at National this year.
3. Next year is the 100th anniversary of the MCL. A motion was made and approved that every member in good standing of the MCL will be eligible to get the ribbon whether in attendance or not.

Z. Report of Staff Officers

1. Sr. Vice Commandant – David Anderson
 - a) Fundraising was a priority. The team has worked hard.
 - b) A couple of private donors have approved \$1,000 to the detachment who sells the most tickets. One detachment has sold 386 tickets so far.
 - c) \$4,000 was approved at the convention. We have used \$3,567 used. We have made with all fundraiser items \$4,245 making us \$678 to the good as of today.
 - d) He hopes to announce another fundraiser by the first of the year. It will help our detachments make money too.
2. Jr. Vice Commandant – Reggie Sawyer
 - a) A gentle reminder – The Ritual 2021 manual.
 - b) The Ritual manual needs to be used by the detachments for meetings.
 - c) The department is trying to help the detachments which need help.
 - d) If you have a 2015 version, paste the updated oath of membership and it will be updated.
 - e) The web sergeant will update it on the department website.
 - f) DVCs please visit all of your detachments.

3. Judge Advocate –Bill Brown

- b) In addition to the required duties of the DoNC Judge Advocate as defined in the Department bylaws, I have been working with several detachments to get their bylaws updated. My action items include:
- i. Review and approval of all Detachment Bylaws and Administrative Procedures -- Currently 60% of the 51 Detachments in the Department are 100% compliant with Bylaws that are current and certified. Of that I have soft copies for 52%
 - ii. Grievances & Charges – For the current fiscal year there have been no Departmental grievance hearings
 - iii. There was one instance where a member resigned with prejudice in lieu of going through a Chapter 9 Disciplinary Charge and Hearing. He has been removed from the MCL rolls
 - iv. We have another situation where we have worked with the parties at the Detachment level to mediate a grievance/disciplinary action which is currently still in progress. As a reminder, before any grievance of charges come before the department, they need to be adjudicated at the detachment level.
 - v. As a personal effort I am developing procedural changes to both the Department Bylaws and the National Administrative Procedures. These procedures will show that action to mediate grievances and/or disciplinary charges was taken prior to formally filing Chapter 9 proceedings and whether they proved successful. Additionally, we will work to show what documentation should be required at the Detachment and Department levels. These are not a part of the Chapter 9 process and really needs to be.
 - vi. The changes made at the Department Convention in May have been incorporated into the DoNC Bylaws and are undergoing final review prior to being sent to the National Judge Advocate for approval and subsequent distribution to the Detachments. Unfortunately, our Bylaws had not been updated since 2018 and the 2021 and 2022 NBL/NAP changes still need to be incorporated as well so our work will

continue for some time to add them before the next Department Convention.

- vii. A new change submission will permit any changes approved at a National Convention that mirror or reflect the same language at the Department level to be incorporated therein without having to either be voted on or to have to wait until the next DoNC Convention to become effective. This will also apply to typographical, spelling, formatting and renumbering of paragraphs.

c) During the 2022 DoNC Convention one of the proposed changes that was submitted and ultimately approved was:

- i. **ARTICLE TWO – BOARD OF THRUSTEES Section 200 – COMPOSITION**

- In the previous (2018) edition of the Bylaws it read: The Board of Trustees shall consist of the elected Department Officers, Department Junior Past Commandant or any appointed Past Department Commandant, and all Detachment Commandants. (CH 6-13).
- The proposed change took the language from the National Bylaws Section 840 verbatim: Department Board of Trustees. The elected officers of the department shall be the Department Board of Trustees and a Department Convention is authorized to appoint the outgoing Junior Past Department Commandant or a Past Department Commandant to serve a one-year term as a member of the Department Board of Trustees. No member of the Department shall serve in more than one position on the Department Board of Trustees.

- ii. At the time no one noted that the revision incorporated the additional language for the Past Department Commandant to serve a one-year term and also state that no member of the Department staff shall serve in more than one position on the Department Board of Trustees. However, no one noted or otherwise objected to the removal of “and all Detachment Commandants”.

- iii. Those four words have been a part of the defined composition of the Board of Trustees as far back as 2004 from my research and likely longer.
 - iv. I will propose that we revise the definition of the Board of Trustees as follows:
 - Within the Department Board of Trustees it will be further categorized as the:
 - Consolidated Board of Trustees – Comprised of all elected Department Officers, the Junior Past Department Commandant or any Past Department Commandant selected at the Department Convention to serve as a voting member and all Detachment Commandants to rule on all financial and budget approvals and approval of nominations for vacancies of Elected Department Officers.
 - Executive Board of Trustees – comprised of the Elected Officers and the Junior Past Commandant selected at the Department Convention to rule on all normal day-to-day operations identified within the Department operating budget, and the appointment and approval of staffing assignments and replacements for vacancies of appointed Department Officers.
 - v. When I noted this situation that the elimination of “and all Detachment Commandants”, I began researching how far back the language had been in place and recommended that although it would require a revision of the language to correct the oversight, that we should continue to do business as we have in the past.
 - vi. Unfortunately, to my surprise, when I reviewed Board of Trustee minutes available, they do not reflect that “all Detachment Commandants” were listed as attendees of any of the minutes as far back as when Charles Minton was Department Commandant.
- d) Lastly, the newly published NBLs/NAPs are now posted on the National website. While the DoNC Bylaws are under review for approval at National, you can begin seeing how the newer changes will impact your Detachments, to begin your updates, as well.

4. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski / Bill Brown
 - a) Any submission of By-Laws – They are due 60 days prior to the convention.
 - b) Please do not wait until the deadline date to submit.

5. Sgt.-at-Arms – Steve Tracy – no report.

6. Chief of Staff – AJ Pitts
 - a) Discuss upcoming Membership meetings and host Detachments for them.
 - i. **Spring 2023** – Cherry Point Det #1067, Havelock, date TBD
 - ii. **Convention 2023** – Onslow Det #262, Jacksonville, June 9-11
 - iii. **Fall 2023** – Catawba Valley Det #1163, Hickory
 - iv. **Spring 2024** - Alan D Lam Det #1209
 - v. **Convention 2024** –Greater Greensboro #260
 - vi. **Fall 2024** –Hampstead Det #1321 and Cape Fear Det #1070
 - b) Discussion on hosting of meetings.
 - c) It does take a good number of volunteers to host a meeting. Please make sure you have the commitment before offering to host.
 - d) Bill Brown is working on a Memorandum of Understanding for the future hosting of any and all meetings so everyone knows what is expected of the host and the department.
 - e) Please get the registration and monies sent in as quickly as possible. It is a task on the host detachment when this is not done quickly enough. They have to order food and such.
 - f) A/V team needs to talk to the hotel as soon as it is decided. So they can get the A/V worked out before the meeting.

AA. Report of Project Leaders

(3-5 minutes)

1. Toys For Tots – Kevin Ashton
 - a) 75th anniversary this year.
2. Eagle Scout Program – Charles Minton (absent)
3. Marine For Life Liaison – Mark Munger (absent)
4. Young Marines Program – Jonathan Henderson (AM)

5. VAVS Program – Al Pasquale
6. Fund-Raising – David Anderson (in Senior Vice report)
7. Compliance Officer – Phil Randall
 - a) Less than 10 detachments have submitted all required documents.
 - b) He has a zoom account so he can meet with the detachments and DVCs.
 - c) We are a business. We have to comply with the IRS and the NC Secretary of State.
 - d) You must have 7 years of minutes retained per NC Secretary of State.
8. Scholarship – Ric Ledford (no applications)
9. A/V Equipment – Denny Mathias

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

Greg Ciesielski made the motion to accept the reports. Second by Jesus Vega. Approved by members present.

BB. Awards and Recognition

1. Certificate of Appreciation – Marilyn Bower

2. MUC – Department level to Detachment 1482

Marine Corps League



Meritorious Unit Commendation *(Department Level)*

Presented to

RDU Detachment 1482

*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 in hosting the Department of North
Carolina Convention held May 13 – 14, 2022.*

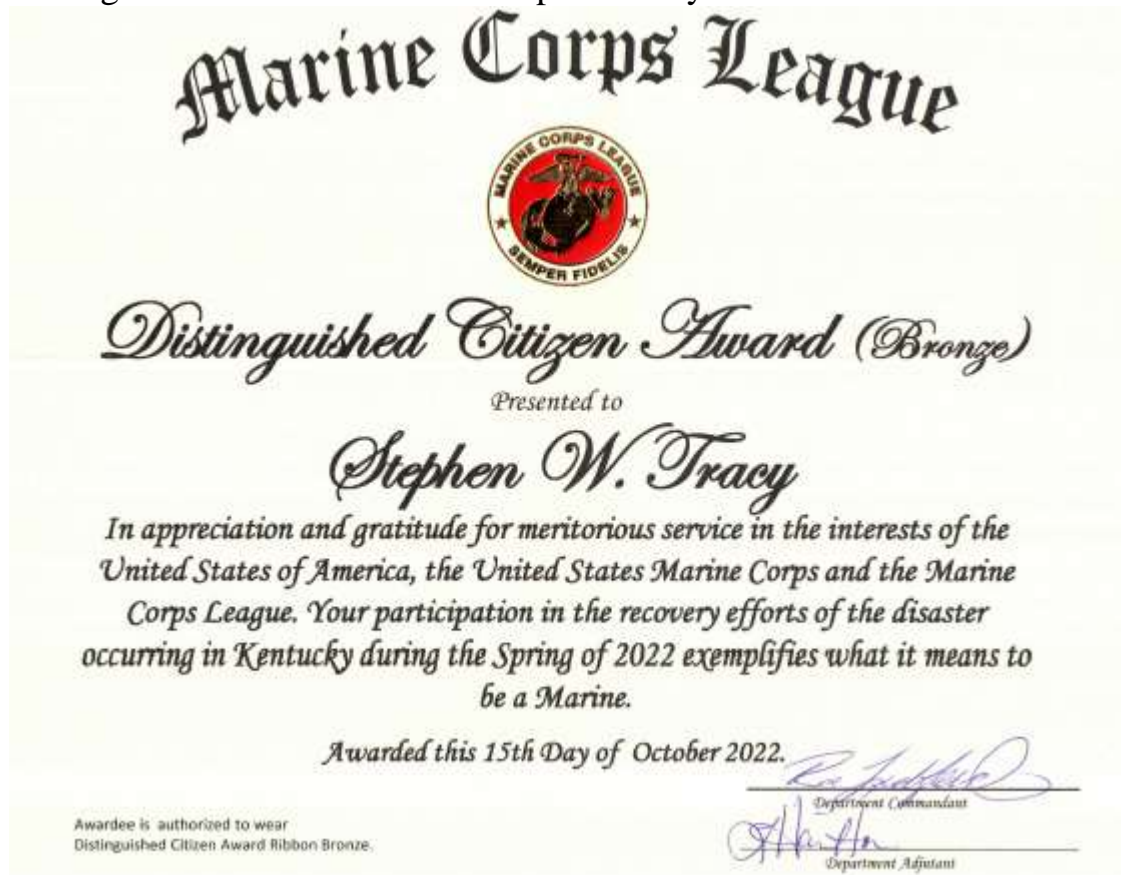
Awarded this 15th Day of October 2022.

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.


Department Commandant

Department Adjutant/Paymaster

3. Distinguished Citizen Bronze – Stephen Tracy



4. National Jr Vice – 100% membership awards.

- a) Detachments: 262, 983, 1001, 1005, 1021, 1036, 1067, 1096, 1165, 1193, 1197, 1262, 1298, 1320, 1413, 1417, 1482

CC. Unfinished Business

- 1. None

DD. New Business

- 1. Ric Ledford - MED funds discussion
 - a. In finding the discrepancies, it was determined that we need to tighten our processes.
 - b. We will create MOU for future meeting hosting.
 - c. There were no misappropriations. There were miscommunications and misunderstandings.
 - d. The guest speaker is a league member but was doing his job of motivational speaker and usually charges \$7500 for speaking as his business. He asked that we give \$1000 to YM of Mecklenburg

- County in lieu of his fee. It was Ledford's misunderstanding of the proper process. He asks that a motion is made to approve the monies.
- e. *Dave Ward made the motion to approve the donation of \$1,000 to the Mecklenburg Young Marines as agreed with the speaker. Second by Gunner Ski. Approved by members present.*
 - i. Discussion was had on this motion....
 - ii. David Anderson stated that we have never had to pay for a guest speaker before. There was money spent without the Board of Trustees approval and is an unappropriated fund. He would like it split to all units.
 - iii. Denny Mathias state when Detachment 750 hosted the Convention, there was an agreement with the speakers to make a donation in lieu of their regular fee.
 - f. The other portion of the money in the \$2,266 was a comp'd room for speaker T-Shane. He had a break in at his house and could not make it the day before. National Johnny Baker and Bob Borka asked for comp'd rooms since their travel had been expended. Ledford thought this was a reasonable request.
 - g. He agrees with David Anderson about being transparent and having an MOU in place so these misunderstandings do not happen in the future. He apologies for what happened.
 - h. Scott Shermeyer has done a great job investigating what has taken place with the monies. There are still some missing pieces of \$242 minus the \$8 known Scott is still trying to figure out.
 - i. *Jeffrey Jones made the motion to pay all outstanding bills for the MED Conference to MED. Second by Phil Randal.*
 - i. Discussion was had on the amount to be paid.
 - ii. Scott Shermeyer stated that everything contractual has been paid except for \$284.80 previously approved by the MED Commandant pending from proceeds they will have received from the Department. The amount I have calculated the actuals \$807.98 if we accept the deficit of the \$242.
 - iii. Ric Ledford stated that he had offered to re-allocate funds from his commandant expense account to cover this, but he is not able to do this. If something were to happen to him, the new person would have to have those funds available.
 - iv. MED Commandant Thomason stated that he has authorized payment of Denny's expenses requested contingent if they

receive payment from DoNC. The MED paymaster is waiting on the payment before writing the check.

- v. Scott Shermeyer stated there are two amounts to consider: \$807.98 or \$971.98, the difference is the \$242.
 - vi. *Jeffrey Jones amended his motion to pay \$971.98. Second by Debi Taylor. Approved by members present.*
2. *Jeffrey Jones made the motion to increase the mileage re-imbursement to \$0.50/mile for department staff. Second by Kenny Joyner. Approved by members present.*
 3. Rick Thomason – DoNC trailer update.
 - a. The department acquired the trailer for free in 2017. It was up fitted and remodeled in 2018.
 - b. The trailer now needs to be repaired. Parts were rusted out. Some things need to be replaced. The wrap is starting to come off.
 - c. He got one quote for \$1600 which was a non-wrap. He got another quote for a wrap of \$3766.
 - d. The trailer has been fixed up. This is just cosmetic. Do we want to spend money to do this? It is the base layer of graphics which is coming off.
 - e. Dave Ward has a member who may be willing to give a quote.
 - f. *John Irwin made the motion to table until a third quote can be obtained. Second by Andrew Gould. Approved by members present.*
 4. Lewis Pleasants appreciate the transparency of the financial reports at this meeting. It is the first of the time the finances have been explained to this depth since he became a member. He issues a challenge to every detachment to put into their budget a donation to the department to help defray expenses of the officer expenses. This can create a growth in the department. Detachment 1075 has decided to donate \$750 to help the department.

EE. Good of the League

1. Steve Tracy – Onslow and Swansboro detachments made donations to Kentucky. They went to Whitesburg Kentucky. They had a 1000-year flood. They had 23 feet of water through their yards.
2. Marilyn Bower – John Van Tassell – health issues. Several detachments had Birthday information in the Sit Rep. On November 5th is the deadline for Sit Rep.

3. Bill Brown – as a former DVC, several detachments have a nice nest egg which could be used to give more support to the community or scholarship. May need to look at re-allocating some monies to savings to grow it more.
4. Denny Mathias – he has been approached by entities outside of the MCL to use the sound equipment for payment. *Denny Mathias made the motion to allow use by other groups under the A/V team control. No second.*
5. *John Irwin made the motion to allow use by other groups under the A/V team control with a MOU. Second by Steve Tracy.*
 - a) Intent was made by the department based on the budget.
 - b) Need to have insurance to cover travel / damage. The MOU would need to include this.
 - c) The team will need to be consistent when it is hard to do this for our own events.
 - d) This equipment was bought for the MCL usage. This would depreciate the equipment.
 - e) The \$5,000 budget item was discussed with MED and National as the user. This could also open us up to liability in fulfilling the contract.
 - f) *Secondary motion made by Scott Shermeyer to set this item aside until a sample contract can be provided. Second by Jesus Vega. Approved by members present.*
 - g) The original motion is set aside until Spring 2023.

FF. Announcements

1. None.

GG. 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 – David Anderson
6. Chaplain – Prayer and close the Bible – Lisa Ciesielski.
7. Meeting adjourned 1548.