

Marine Corps League **Department of North Carolina**



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes **03 Feb 2023**

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

Meeting start time: 1904

Meeting Location: Conference Call

A. BOT attendees

1. Commandant – Ric Ledford
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – David Anderson
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – Reggie Sawyer
4. Judge Advocate – Bill Brown
5. Jr. Past Commandant – Rick Thomason
6. Paymaster – Scott Shermeyer
7. Adjutant – Laura Hamilton
8. DVC Denny Mathias
9. DVC Greg Ciesielski
10. DVC Howard Boyd
11. DVC Jim Mitchell
12. DVC Leatha Forte
13. DVC Hank Kaczmarek
14. DVC Mike Clark
15. DVC John Dilday

B. Subject of discussion

1. David Anderson asked for the 10/19/22 BOT minutes to be updated with the brief conversation about the Kinston charter. Laura Hamilton will listen to the minutes and update accordingly.
2. Bill Brown's big brother is in the hospital in Atlanta. His little brother's wife has severe leg pain from a possible clot.
3. Follow up from the DVC's on getting together with their divisions –
 - John Dilday – had outings for the detachments in his division. Good attendance. The detachments want to continue. The next one is April 23rd. He had 100 % participation.
 - Ric Ledford – had recommended the DVC's have some kind of get together with the detachments. Some DVC's have done so.
 - John Dilday – it has helped the detachment commandants have more comradery and better cohesiveness.
 - Hank Kaczmarek – has not done so. He has felt some resistance on a get together.
 - John Dilday – sent an email to all detachment CO's for the best time schedule.

- Denny Mathias – had a get together one year ago and not another since. It was successful last year. Two members from each detachment showed. Their goal is to meet 2x per year. He had ideas but not a set agenda. Everyone had input.
- Greg Ciesielski – next week he will be in Swansboro for a 10th anniversary dinner and it will be a good time to discuss this with them.
- John Dilday – he lets the CO's have charge of the meeting.
- Bill Brown – the district meetings are similar to the Commandants Council (CC) meetings. He has asked for training needs to provide at the department meetings.
- David Anderson – asked if the training should be at the CC in February? Bill Brown – no at the department meeting in lieu of the CC.
- Howard Boyd – Scott may already know those detachments who need the training. Those who show at the department meetings may have the knowledge.
- Scott Shermeyer – concurs but we need a refresher across the board.
- Howard Boyd – if we could have a zoom at the department meeting for the training?
- David Anderson – asked if the detachments think they are correct but are really not correct?
- Scott Shermeyer – that is correct. The ones who attend the department meetings are not as bad.
- Laura Hamilton – offered that we have high level training at the department meetings and more in depth at the CC.
- David Anderson – are all of the DVC's comfortable with all of the paperwork to be done? Mixed responses.
- Denny Mathias – can Scott provide feedback to the DVC's on which detachments are doing good / bad.
- David Anderson – he has issues with the quarterly report roster numbers.
- Laura Hamilton – there may always be a difference due to nationals processing.
- Rick Thomason – delinquents should be dropped at 380 days, not 2 years.

- Hank Kaczmarek – he takes a roster and sits with the paymaster to look at the transmittals.
- Jim Mitchell – he doesn't know all of the reports. It would be good to have training.
- Laura Hamilton – the QRF has a tab with the report requirements / to whom they are sent.
- Denny Mathias – compliance report. David Anderson said this is on hold.
- Laura Hamilton – will send out an updated QRF this weekend.

4. Department bylaws

- Bill Brown – the current department bylaws are at national for approval. They have not yet been posted to the website.
- Scott Shermeyer – the bylaws become effective immediately. The review should not cause us to wait to post.
- Laura Hamilton – suggested they get posted before the April 19th change deadline.
- Bill Brown – has a proposal for allowing national changes to be reflected in the department without an official change. He will get with Kenny to get them posted.
- *David Anderson made motion to get them posted. Second by Bill Brown. Approved.*

5. Training information

- Ric Ledford – suggested a series of videos to be posted on the website. An individual one for each form.
- Scott Shermeyer – suggested starting with paper and binder and maybe a PowerPoint. Prosecute for not turning over the assigned documents.
- Ric Ledford – both formats would be useful.
- Discussion on the different types of formats.
- Suggested this be discussed at the next CC.

No other topics discussed. Meeting was adjourned. 2030