

Marine Corps League **Department of North Carolina**



Executive Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes **06 September 2023**

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

Meeting start time: 1905
Meeting Location: zoom Call

A. EBOT attendees

1. Commandant – Ric Ledford
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – Robert Hare
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – AJ Pitts
4. Judge Advocate – Bill Brown
5. Jr Past – Rick Thomason
6. Adjutant – Laura Hamilton

B. Subject of discussion

1. Pressing issues to be addressed since the July EBOT meeting
 - a. AV equipment liquidation – Patrick Melton sent out updated email. Ric Ledford needs to have a conversation with Denny Mathias and others. He feels there are some missing pieces. There may have been some items returns which were not recorded. We may need to change the firm date to end of October. Laura Hamilton needs the POC for the email. Patrick Melton will be the POC. We will be offering it to the MED and to the SED. If no one from the League responds then maybe FB Marketplace.
 - b. Trailer – this will need to be discussed at the Fall Meeting. Maintenance must be done on things like this. We may be bringing this for consideration for sale. Sgt of Arms needs to be consulted for the things they must haul. There are large back drops.
 - c. Life membership snafu's – Ric Leford to get with National on some which were done wrong and routed wrong.
2. Robert Hare - Sr. Vice updates on fundraising activities
 - a. Is there anything that is causing issues? – it is not going as well as he would like. We are in the black. We now have the pistol. He is considering going to the swap meets and livestock shows. He found 5 so far and trying to get response back on setting up a table.
 - b. He sent out emails to all of the detachment commandants and he had nine come back undeliverable.
 - c. Details on second round of fundraising following the Fall membership meeting. He is looking at a trip. He is working with a company to put together the trip. Something different from just

weapons. He is considering a trip to National 2024 – hotel cost and some spending money, not travel (name would have to be attached to the room 30 days prior). Could draw in June at the convention – this would give us more time for fundraising and nearly 2 months before the convention.

- d. He is getting with Scott for the Square login information. He has Square on his phone and just needs the login. Check with David Anderson.
3. There are few detachments we will need to have hard conversations with to get squared away. This also brings up rosters. Robert Hare talked to National about a couple of the detachments who surrendered their charters and the membership has not been transferred. If the detachment commandant doesn't do this, then the department must do this. We need to send letters to give chance to voluntary move or we do a force transfer.
 4. AJ Pitts - Jr. Vice updates on Department Staff polo shirts.
 - a. Reminder that the polo shirt option is only for regular membership meetings and not for the Annual Convention. Convention should still have a higher precedence for appearance.
 - b. The idea for the polo shirts is to give a more relaxed feel for the Spring and Fall Membership Meetings and hopefully encourage more members to attend.
 - c. Appearance of leadership is still a big thing for many members.
 - d. The shirts will be \$25 each. We need to finalize the logo and color.
 - e. A fundraising idea is to raffle off a complete uniform for folks.
 - f. Instagram is up and running. We are getting a lot of views and followers. It is growing quick. We need to get more hashtags on it for the things we do on the department and detachment levels. Robert Hare is trying to get Admin for FB. Tom Bates is listed as lead. Keith Shearin is an Admin. Also Denny Mathias.
 - g. Electronic Billboards – we are a c4 so we cannot get a discount. They only do c3. Lamar advertising has worked on the local level for

Asheville for free for one month. If we consider / look into creating Foundation which would be a c3.

- h. A recruitment drive like what the VFW and Legion do. He would be willing to give up his budgeted funds. There is an issue for redistribution of the funds. There are ways to be creative on the budgeting.
5. Staff appointments
- a. North West District DVC
 - i. Only David Anderson has been nominated
 - ii. Discussion/Decision – All officers are in favor. Robert Hare will swear him in next week.
 - b. There will be other positions that need to be filled soon:
 - i. Young Marines Liaison – Ric is not in favor of the person recommended for several reasons. Bruce Goeden would be a good candidate as he puts in his own time to work with the YMs – All officer are in favor. If Bruce is interested, then AJ Pitts can swear him in next week.
 - ii. Asst. Sgt at Arms – Ric Ledford needs to talk to Pederson.
 - c. Discussion: DoNC to host 2027 National Convention – Ric Ledford
 - i. Several members have already volunteered to be part of the Committee
 - ii. David Anderson has volunteered to head up the committee/team
 - iii. I will set up a meeting with preliminary committee and others interested next week if we are in agreement to start the process of doing this.
6. Staff visits to Detachments:
- a. Thank you to those of you who have been getting out to visit or have started arranging to do so.
 - b. Ric Ledford - At this time it appears that mid October I should be healed enough to travel more than 30 minutes away from my home to conduct visits.

No other topics discussed. Meeting was adjourned. 2030.