

Marine Corps League **Department of North Carolina**



Spring Membership Meeting Minutes **18 March 2023**

Hosted by: Cherry Point Detachment 1067

Host Detachment Commandant: Michael Paul

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

Meeting start time: 0930

Meeting Location: Days Inn, Havelock

Host Contact: Scott Shermeyer

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A. Colors – outside at flag pole – rain out

B. Training – 0822

1. Scott Shermeyer – Paymaster / Adjutant documents
 - a) The unique Profile ID for each member / detachment / department. These must be on each transmittal.
 - b) Show of hands for a document manual was in the desire range.
 - c) We are starting in Google Drive a folder for each detachment to save their documents for any turnover of personnel.
 - d) He has updated some of the forms for ease of use and legible.
 - e) Correct information on the forms is very important.
 - f) Snail mail is OK to use, we just know that this is not fast in any means.
 - g) March 1st started the reduced rate for new members only for national. Department is always \$5.
 - h) Email the transmittals and snail mail the check.
 - i) He is sending out receipts. If you don't get a receipt, there is something going on.
 - j) Use the correct / current applications.
 - k) Do not keep the SSN for any member.
 - l) Transfer forms go through several people to get a member relocated. The member to losing detachment to gaining detachment to department paymaster.
 - m) Notice of Death. A transmittal must also be sent up. This can be emailed. These go to both department chaplain and paymaster.
 - n) ROI. This can be emailed if from a known good email will satisfy signature requirement. Everyone listed must be installed. If they are done at a later date or a person is changed, then a new ROI for that person when installed. The persons must be in good standing with National.
 - o) Please no staples, paperclips.
 - p) There are several free software versions available to use for your computer to operate the forms.
 - q) Email is good for his contact as he works a job during the day.
 - r) ROI's need to be sent to both department paymaster and adjutant. We are working on a shared Drive folder to help make all of our jobs easier.

- s) He wants all snail mail addressed to the Department Paymaster c/o Scott Shermeyer.
- t) DVC's are asked to help the detachments with their paperwork.
- u) If a member is transferring and not paid up, they are not in good standing. If they pay and the transmittal is properly filled out and sent up, they would then be in good standing for the transfer paperwork process. It would be recommended to include a copy of the transmittal to the paperwork showing they are paid.
- v) On the department website are a few training documents which are very helpful.
- w) 990's – do not let them lapse.
- x) PLM (Paid Life Member) audit – do not leave the money on the table. If you do not turn this in, the detachment and department lose money if this is not done.
- y) Training and documents are found online at <http://ncmcl.org/forms.html>

C. Opening Remarks by Dept. Commandant Ric Ledford – 0932

1. Meeting called to order
2. Post Colors – Cherry Point and Swansboro Young Marines
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt-at-Arms – Steve Tracy
4. Open Bible and Invocation – Lisa Ciesielski [Uncover]
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. COA for color guard was presented to:
 - a) Benjamin Dunham
 - b) Isiaha Canada
 - c) Omar Canada
 - d) Anna Schrimsher

D. Recognition of other Guests by the Host Detachment

1. Thank you for attending and being a part this department meeting by Host Commandant Michael Paul / Scott Shermeyer

E. Guest Speaker – up to 10 minutes each

1. Mr Ben Ball, Dr Murphy's district staffer
 - a) They have offices in Jacksonville, New Bern, Greenville, and Manteo.
 - b) VA services is a big portion of what their office helps with.
 - c) Passport work is another issue they can assist with along with any other federal department of need.
2. YM.Sgt Major Drach Gooch (Drake) – Division 2 Young Marine of the Year
 - a) He is with Swansboro YM unit. He is Division 2 YM of the Year.
 - b) There are 6 divisions who will be competing for the National YM of the Year. This person will be the face of Young Marines.
 - c) The unfunding of YM in the omnibus bill has hurt the program to provide large events for the youth, such as national encampments, leadership schools, and space camp. These allow for bonds between the youth more strong than friends at school. This has caused smaller, local events to be created.
 - d) The Marine Corps League created the Young Marines in 1959.
 - e) COA was presented to Drach Gooch.
3. Dave Ward, Det # 750 – food update
 - a) Thank you to all who helped with Thanksgiving and Christmas food drive for the Camp Lejeune area.
 - b) 13,074 mouths were fed during that time.
 - c) We will be kicking off the campaign again soon.
 - d) During Christmas we touched 21,000 lives.
 - e) The need has always been there, we are just a group now able to help out.

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

1. NVC Mid East Division – Rick Thomason (excused)
 - a) Past NVC Mid East Division please stand
2. National Marine of the Year 2020 - Rick Thomason (excused)
 - a) Past National Marine of the Year please stand
3. National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms - Charles Minton (excused)
4. National Uniform Chairman - Craig Reeling

5. Mideast Division Sgt at Arms – Jeffrey Jones (excused)
6. Mideast Division Web Sergeant – Kenny Joyner
7. National Youth Physical Fitness Chairman - Devell (Bull) Durham (absent)
8. National Historian – Greg Ciesielski
9. 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. (absent)
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 (excused)
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)
2. NC MCL Auxiliary President – Barbara Dugan (absent)

J. Chapel of Four Chaplains Presentation

1. None

15-minute break to excuse any guests, Honor Guard, Auxiliary or non-members that may need to leave at this time 1000

Meeting called to order 1016

K. 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 – David Anderson

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

L. 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 – Tony Summers (absent)
 - c) Midwest District – Hank Kaczmarek
 - d) Northcentral District – Mike Clark
 - e) Central District – John Dilday
 - f) Southcentral – Denny Mathias
2. NC East DVC’s
 - a) North District – James Mitchell
 - b) Northeast District – Leotha Forte (excused)
 - c) South District – Howard Boyd

- d) East District – Alex ‘Gunner’ Nevgloski (excused)
- e) Southeast District – Greg Ciesielski

M. 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)
5. Charlotte Detachment #750 (Charlotte)
6. Blue Ridge Detachment #848 (Asheville)
7. PFC Charles D. Hare Detachment #914 (Monroe) (absent)
8. Shawn Knisley Detachment #983 (Fayetteville)
9. Sand Hills Area Detachment #1001 (Aberdeen)
10. Paul Ray Purgason Detachment #1005 (Shalotte)
11. Cherokee County Detachment #1011 (Murphy) (absent)
12. Stanly County Detachment #1021 (Albemarle) (absent)
13. Carolina Borders Detachment #1036 (Calabash) (absent)
14. Cherry Point Detachment #1067 (Havelock)
15. Cape Fear Detachment #1070 (Wilmington) (absent)
16. Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075 (Winston-Salem)
17. Gen. A Hal Turnage Detachment #1096 (Salisbury) (absent)
18. Iredell County Detachment #1097 (Troutman)
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 (Forest City) (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) (absent)
- 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) (absent)
- 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)

N. 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 "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 looking 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!

Commandant Ledford asks for a motion to waive reading of the minutes. Motion by Greg Ciesielski. Second by Jim Mitchell. Approved by members present.

O. Chaplain's Report –Lisa Ciesielski .

1. Report of any member or member's family known to be sick or in distress. – Gunner Ski, Leotha Forte sick.
2. Report of any deceased MCL member since our last meeting.
 - a) Michael D. Cooper of the Iredell County Det. 1097 answered his final earthly roll call on 8/4/2021
 - b) Carl Fendrick of the Asheville Buncombe County Det. 1417 answered his final earthly roll call on 1/15/2021
 - c) Marvin Jaffee of the Asheville Buncombe County Det. 1417 answered his final earthly roll call on 10/5/2017
 - d) Eoghan Kelley of the Tablerock Det. 1197 answered his final earthly roll call on 9/9/2021
 - e) Marion K. Morrison of the Tablerock Det 1197 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/8/2019
 - f) James W. Stedman of the Tablerock Det 1197 answered his final earthly roll call on 11/21/2020
 - g) Carol Louise Pollack of the High Country Det 1389 answered her final earthly roll call on 11/22/2022
 - h) Edwin R. Caldwell of the Asheville Buncombe County Det 1417 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/8/2022
 - i) Patsy Aileen Carswell, Associate member of the Tablerock Det. 1197 answered her final earthly roll call on 12/16/2022
 - j) Joseph A. Blick, Navy Cross Recipient, of the Swansboro Det. 1407 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/20/2022
 - k) James Plummer of the Raymond G. Davis Det. 1162 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/27/2022.
 - l) Daniel J. Buckle Jr. of the Walter F. Osborne Jr. Det 750 answered his final earthly roll call on 1/1/2023
 - m) Charles F. Muller of the Charlotte Det. 750 answered his final earthly roll call on 5/4/2022

- n) Andrew Blizzard of the Tarheel Det 733 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/14/2022
 - o) Gerald Dale Wood of the Bruce Larson Det 1242 answered his final earthly roll call on 1/10/2023
 - p) John Brodie of the Cape Fear Det 1070 answered his final earthly roll call on 11/16/2021
 - q) John Dunn III of the Cape Fear Det 1070 answered his final earthly roll call on 4/11/2022
 - r) William Facello of the Cape Fear Det 1070 answered his final earthly roll call on 10/5/2022
 - s) Richard Sim of the Cape Fear Det 1070 answered his final earthly roll call on 8/21/2016
 - t) Paul Williams of the Cape Fear Det 1070 answered his final earthly roll call on 5/16/2021
 - u) Dennis R. Clary of the Iredell County Det 1097 answered his final earthly roll call on 5/16/2021
 - v) Raymond A. O'Neill of the Air, Land NC Det. 1257 answered his final earthly roll call on 2/8/2023
 - w) Madge Wyatt Irwin associate member of the Walter F. Osborne Jr. Det 750 answered her final earthly roll call on 2/24/2023
 - x) James Niver of the Tarheel Det 733 answered his final earthly roll call on 1/24/2023
 - y) David Sannes of the Cpl. Suzi Sannes Det. 1262 answered his final earthly roll call on 3/2/2023
 - z) Carlyn Naus of the Carry On Det. 1236 answered his final earthly roll call on 1/30/2023
 - aa) Bill Rohleder of the Richmond Leathernecks Det. 1252 answered his final earthly roll call on 3/16/2023
 - bb) Anthony Molnar of the Williams Canter Det. 1187 answered his final earthly roll call on 3/8/2023
3. Please pause for a moment of silence for our fallen Marines.
 4. Please get the NOD turned in in a timely manner as the family members do not want to continue receiving mail in their name

P. Paymaster's Report – Scott Shermeyer

1. Give financial update – PowerPoint presentation
 - a) DoNC fiscal year – 1 June to 31 May.
 - b) Convention is typically in June.

- c) Normally the presentation is only through the end of the quarter. This report is through March 15th.
- d) Balance Sheet = snap shot of the account balances
- e) Profit / Loss = revenue and loss for a period of time.
- f) Trial Balance report = deep dive on particular things.
- g) There was a slight overage on the fundraising expense allowance. The BOT approved taking this from the donations received during the gun shows.
- h) Membership slide shows the amount of monies we should make and don't make from membership dues.
- i) Monies from a dissolved detachment are held for one year after the last member is transferred from their roster.
- j) David Anderson – question about amount raised and the amount spent if all allocated expenses are paid.
- k) Scott Shermeyer – last year versus this year on fundraising, we need to have a sustainable income versus expenses in the budget.
- l) This presentation will be posted on the website secure site. If you do not know the password, please reach out for it.

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Cash Basis

Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League

Balance Sheet
As of March 15, 2023

	Mar 15, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Business Platinum Savings	9,200.48
Navigate Business Checking	
Disaster Relief Fund	4,024.89
Membership Dues - 2023-06-01	4,550.00
PLM Distribution - 2022-06-01	2,705.78
PLM Distribution - 2023-06-01	3,234.72
Restricted - Trailer Donations	1,261.37
Trust - Det #1265 - 2023-03-07	1,853.77
Trust - Det #1314	985.18
Navigate Business Checking - Other	40,863.86
Total Navigate Business Checking	59,259.57
Total Checking/Savings	68,480.05
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	10.00
Total Other Current Assets	10.00
Total Current Assets	68,470.05
TOTAL ASSETS	68,470.05
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

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Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League
Statement of Cash Flows
June 1, 2022 through March 15, 2023

	<u>Jun 1, '22 - Mar 15, 23</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	12,964.32
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:	
Prepaid Expenses	-21.17
Unearned or Deferred Revenue	970.18
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>13,913.33</u>
Net cash increase for period	13,913.33
Cash at beginning of period	<u>59,832.97</u>
Cash at end of period	<u><u>73,746.30</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League
Profit & Loss
June 1, 2022 through March 15, 2023

	<u>Jun 1, '22 - Mar 15, 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Cash Donations	1,392.00
Detachment Contributions	2,405.00
Total Direct Public Support	<u>3,797.00</u>
Fundraising	
2021/2022 Dept. Raffle	920.00
Challenge Coins	210.00
Gun Raffle	17,480.00
Total Fundraising	<u>18,610.00</u>
Investments	
Business Checking Interest	8.88
Business Savings Interest	7.28
Total Investments	<u>16.16</u>
Program Income	<u>4,185.00</u>
Total Income	<u>26,608.16</u>
Gross Profit	26,608.16
Expense	
Charitable Donation	1,500.00
Department Officer's Expenses	
Adjutant Expenses	229.00
Commandant's Expenses	854.28
DVC Expenses	
South	57.54
Total DVC Expenses	<u>57.54</u>
Total Department Officer's Expenses	1,140.80

Fundraising Expense	4,098.22
Meetings Expenses	
Host Detachment Allowance	600.00
Total Meetings Expenses	600.00
Operations	
Free Conference Call / One Numb	39.50
Postage, Mailing Service	39.24
Square Inc. Fee	28.81
Web Site Expenses	121.08
Total Operations	228.43
Other Types of Expenses	
Awards	286.91
Total Other Types of Expenses	286.91
Total Expense	7,854.36
Net Ordinary Income	18,753.80

	<u>Jun 1, '22 - Mar 15, 23</u>
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Mid-East Conference	
Mid-East Registration	1,718.00
Total Mid-East Conference	1,718.00
Total Other Income	1,718.00
Net Other Income	1,718.00
Net Income	<u>20,471.80</u>

2. *Al Pasquale made the motion to accept the report subject to audit. Second by Steve Ryan. Approved by members present.*

Q. D.V.C.'s - Report of Officers – *Commandant Ledford asks for a motion to waive the reading of the DVC reports. Motion by David Ward. Second by Jim Mitchell. Approved by members present.*

1. NC West DVC's
 - a) West District – Denver Grant

Due to multiple causes detachment visits were limited.

1. #848 has held two scheduled face to face business meetings for the 3rd quarter. Total paid members 58 with 8 unpaid regular and associate members. Various fund raising events were conducted and more to be done through the Apple Festival. Monetary and material Donations were made to multiple veterans groups. Recruitment is the detachments main goal for the next year.
2. #1011 has held two meetings during this quarter. The detachment has had several job position changes during this reporting period due to member surgeries and illnesses. New members in the judge advocate and paymaster position need to be addressed. The last report submitted indicates 5.45% of members not in good standing. Total paid 52 with 3 unpaid members.
3. #1417 held meetings in December, January, and February. Currently the 3rd quarter report indicates significant improvement over past reports. The report states that Det 1417 has 15.09% unpaid. The last report indicated almost 60% due to the detachments absorbing two other detachments whose charters had been surrender.
4. #1221 is the star of the West Division with a zero percentage of regular and associate members being unpaid. The detachment also posted 1360 total volunteer hours and 48 VAVS hours.
5. Memberships in all West Division detachments are in good standing. All Detachments activities and projects are improving post COVID-19 restrictions. Recruitment, National Database and retention will be the goal for the year.

- b) Northwest District – Tony Summers
- c) Midwest District – Hank Kaczmarek

Reporting Period (Highlight the period below):

- Third quarter - 1 December to 28/29 February
- Convention/Fourth quarter - 1 March to 31 May

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period:

1097 Iredell County
1197 Table Rock
1162 Gen Raymond G Davis
1164 NC Foothills
1163 Catawba Valley

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
1097	56	1	1.8%
1162	53	3	5.36%
1163	71	0	0.0%
1164	36	4	11%
1197	48	0	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) 3.632%

How many Detachments are in your District? 5

How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? Didn't attend due to conflict, I believe, NONE of them.

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

Routing: Department Senior Vice Commandant, Associated Department NC Area Officer, Department Adjutant for the Commandant's file

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?

1265 Capt. Jeb. F Seagle I believe will be turned in this year if not already done so.

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:

New Detachment Recruiting Efforts:

NC Foothills 1164 is planning a recruiting trip to the Lincoln County Apple Festival this year. Goal is to start a Fireteam in Lincolnton and someday revive Detachment 1265.

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

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why: Table Rock, Gen. Ray Davis, and Catawba Valley had **OUTSTANDING** TFT numbers.

d) Northcentral District – Mike Clark

- Convention/Fourth quarter - 1 March to 31 May
- First quarter - 1 June to 31 August
- Second quarter - 1 September to 30 November

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period: THREE (3) OF FIVE (5)

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>
260	163	9	6.67%
1075	82	19	23.00%
1165	42	0	0%
1193	24	0	0%
1314	CHARTERED SURRENDERED		
1322	42	0	0%

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) 7.60% NOT INCLUDING ABSENT INFORMATION

How many Detachments are in your District? FIVE (5)

How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? Three (3) of Five (5) at the Fall Membership Meeting 15 OCT 2022

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)? 60%

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? WORKED WITH DET AND DONC PERSONNEL AT GUN SHOW FOR RIFLE RAFFLE. TICKETS SOLD WENT TO DETACHMENTS REPRESENTED. I PROVIDED NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION ON CONTACTS.

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. HOWEVER, I HAVE ONE DETACHMENT THAT MISSED TWO MEETINGS IN A ROW. I HAVE OPENED COMMUNICATION WITH THAT COMMANDANT TO ENSURE MEETINGS ARE HELD. A SECOND DETACHMENT HAD ISSUES WITH NOT HAVING COLORS AND CHARTER DISPLAYED AND THEREFORE COULD NOT CONDUCT OFFICIAL BUSINESS. I AM WORKING TO ENSURE THAT THEY OBTAIN A FRAME/STAND FOR CHARTER AND ENSURE ALL ARE PRESENT FOR MEETINGS.

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? NORTHWEST TRIAD DET 1314, DVC HAS PERSONAL POSSESSION OF THE DET PROPERTIES, WITH A CATEGORIZED LIST HAVING BEEN TURNED OVER TO DEPARTMENT, AND THE ACCOUNT MONIES ARE BEING HELD BY DONC PAYMASTER. ADEQUATE STORAGE FOR THIS PROPERTY OUTSIDE OF MY RESIDENCE IS STILL BEING LOCATED.

Special District projects you are involved in at this time: SUPPORTED EFFORTS FOR GREATER GREENSBORO DET 260 IN COORDINATION WITH LOCAL RESERVE UNITS FOR TOYS FOR TOTS. ARRANGED AND CONDUCTED AN EXCHANGE OF BIKES NEEDED IN SURRY COUNTY DETACHMENT 1322 FOR SOME OTHER TOYS NEEDED BY THE LOCAL UNIT. PICKED UP AND DELIVERED AS NEEDED. ATTENDED DET 260

HOLIDAY PARTY (MY DET) WHERE A RECORD NUMBER OF AWARDS (92) WERE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP. AN AWARD FROM THE MONTFORD POINT MARINES PRESENTED A PLAQUE IN THANKS OF A PREVIOUS DONATION. A CHECK FOR \$10,000 WAS DONATED TO HORSEPOWER THERAPUDIC WHERE THE EVENT WAS HELD. WAS PRESENT AS CHECKS WERE PRESENTED TO TRIAD HONOR FLIGHT (\$2,800), COMMUNITY HOUSING SOLUTIONS (\$5,000), AND SOUTHEAST GUILFORD HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC (\$2,500). ASSISTED IN THE DELIVERY OF 16 MATTRESS SETS TO THE SERVANT CENTER IN GREENSBORO. ASSISTED DET 1165 WOUNDED WARRIORS BOWLING FUNDRAISER 18 FEB 2022. ATTENDED THE NATIONAL SPRING CONFERENCE IN NORFOLK, VA.

New Detachment Recruiting Efforts: OTHER THAN THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE AND SHARING WHAT HAS WORKED WITH OTHER DISTRICT DETACHMENTS, NOTHING FURTHER.

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

ALTHOUGH I HAVE VISITED THREE (3) OF THE DETACHMENTS IN THIS TIME PERIOD, THERE ARE STILL SOME ISSUES. ON DETACHMENT DID NOT HAVE A MEETING AT ALL. I ARRIVED WITH THE INTENT TO DELIVER AN AWARD GOTTEN FROM THE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON 15 DEC 2022, TO HAVE A MEMBER ASK ME WHEN THE NEXT MEETING WAS. I TOLD HIM ACCORDING TO MY INFORMATION THAT NIGHT IN ABOUT 20 MINS. HE GATHERED A FEW MEMBERS FROM THAT FRONT AREA, BUT THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH OFFICERS TO HAVE A MEETING OR A QUORUM. IN CONTACTING THE COMMANDANT (WHO WAS NOT PRESENT) I WAS TOLD THAT SOMETHING HAD COME UP, AND THE LEAGUE WAS NOT THE TOP OF WHAT NEEDED DONE. I SUGGESTED THAT AN OPTION WOULD HAVE BEEN TO ASK THE SENIOR VICE TO CONDUCT THE MEETING.

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why:

GREATER GREENSBORO DETACHMENT 260, GUILFORD COUNTY, CONTINUES TO DISBURSE MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO LOCAL ENTITIES THAT SUPPORT MARINE AND VETERAN NEEDS. THE NEW COMMANDANT TOOK THE SUGGESTION THAT THE DETACHMENT AWARDS AVAILABLE TO HIM WERE THERE TO BE USES FOR REWARDING WORK BEING DONE WELL. NINETY-TWO (92) AWARDS WERE PRESENTED.

PERCY JOHN FULTON DETACHMENT 1075, FORSYTH COUNTY, HAD A BANNER YEAR WITH THEIR TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM, COLLECTING OVER SEVENTY THOUSAND-NINE HUNDRED (70,900) HELPING OVER THIRTY THOUSAND (30,000) CHILDREN. HELD THEIR BIRTHDAY BALL ON 10 NOV 2022, TONY BRICCA WAS NAMED MARINE OF THE YEAR FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND AND HIS EFFORTS WITH TOYS FOR TOTS. AN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ON 17 DEC 2022.

CORPORAL JOHNNY A. WILLIAMSON DET 1165, RANDOLPH COUNTY, HELD WOUNDED WARRIOR BOWLING FUNDRAISER, WITH WHICH I ASSISTED, ON 18 FEB 2023 RAISING OVER \$1,400. PRESENTED THE FAMILY SPORTS CENTER, ASHEBORO FOR HOSTING THE BOWLING FUNDRAISER. MAINTAINED 100% PAID MEMBERSHIP FOR THE SECOND QUARTER IN A ROW. THEIR PAYMASTER HAS A SYSTEM IN WHICH HE IS WORKING TOWARD ALL MEMBERS BEING PAID FOR LIFE. AN EXAMPLE COULD BE USED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO IMPROVE THOSE NUMBERS FOR ALL.

PFC TERRY C. SMITH DETACHMENT 1193, GUILFORD COUNTY HAS 100% PAID MEMBERSHIP

SURRY COUNTY DETACHMENT 1322, HELD A SUCCESSFUL TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM OF WHICH I HAD A BIT OF PARTICIPATION. THEY HAD A LOCAL NATIONAL GUARD SSG RUN A PROGRAM THAT SUPPORTED THEIRS, INCLUDING A FUNDRAISER THAT WENT ON AS EARLY AS MAR 2022. AM WORKING TO HAVE THAT REPLICATED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

- e) Central District – John Dilday
- f) Southcentral – Denny Mathias

Date prepared: 13 March 2023

Reporting Period (Highlight the period below):

- First quarter - 1 June to 31 August
- Second quarter - 1 September to 30 November
- **Third quarter - 1 December to 28/29 February**
- Fourth quarter - 1 March to 31 May

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period:

750 Charlotte
914 Pfc. Charles Hare – Monroe
1021 Stanly County - Albemarle
1175 Cabarrus County - Concord
1242 Pfc. Bruce Larson – Huntersville

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. Department goal: <3%.

Detachment	Total Life, Reg &	Total Unpaid	Total % Unpaid - b
	Assoc Mbrs - a	Mbrs	
750 Charlotte	64 (58)	25 (31)	28.1% (34.8%) c
914 PFC C D Hare	15 (17)	1 (0)	6.3% (0.0%) c
1021 Stanly Co	43 (32)	5 (16)	10.4% (33.3%) c d
1175 Cabarrus	17 (28)	11 (12)	39.3% (30.0%) c
1242 PFC B Larson	36 (42)	6 (25)	14.3% (37.3%) d
Total unpaid member percentage for this District:			
Add up all of the <u>Total unpaid members</u> and divide that number by all of the above <u>Total Life, Reg. & Assoc. members.</u> to get the total unpaid percentage for your District.			
<u>Non-Voting (Multiple) members</u> are included in these members.			
District Total	175 (177)	48 (84)	21.5% (32.2%) d
Annual Members Totals Only	56 (55)	48 (84)	46.2% (60.4%)

(n) From 10/3/2022 National Report

a Includes Honorary Members

b Does not include Honorary Members. Col 2 / (Col 1 + Col 2)

c Reported to me this info in time to prepare this report. Otherwise, the info is from the National Report. % is from the National Report

d Reported total numbers have over 10% variance in UNPAID from the National Report.

How many Detachments are in your District?5
How many of these Detachments were
represented at the last Department meeting? (Convention).....2

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

What Detachments in your District have 19, or less, total members?1
(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?
All attempts at trying to get the detachment to be more visible in the community have not succeeded.
They gain exposure through the TFT program which has them maintaining at the 16-18 range for years.

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:
No detachments have any special projects to report.

New Detachment Recruiting Efforts:
No detachments have any new recruiting efforts to report.

Suggestions for the 'Good of the League' as a result of your DVC activities:
The Southcentral District Commandants' Meeting was on February 11. All 5 detachments were
represented. A report was distributed on Feb 13.

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why:
None have been involved in programs that differ from their regular activities of golf tournaments, Toys
for Tots, and bucket brigades.

2. NC East DVC's
 - a) North District – James Mitchell

Reporting Period (Highlight the period below):

- **Third quarter - 1 December to 28 February**
- Convention/Fourth quarter - 1 March to 31 May
- First quarter - 1 June to 31 August
- Second quarter - 1 September to 30 November

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period: None

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>
733	No report		
1209	No report		
1232	26		0.00
1236	No report		
1257	No report		
1482	46	4	8.16
Totals	N/A		

15.90%

(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 N/A

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)? 83%

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? On 18Jan2022 the Orange County Regulators surrendered their Charter.

Special District projects you are involved in at this time: Working with members from the

New Detachment Recruiting Efforts:

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

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why:

b) Northeast District – Leotha Forte

Date prepared: February 28, 2023

Reporting Period (Highlight the period below):

- First quarter – 1 June to August 31
- Second quarter - 1 September to 30 November
- **Third quarter - 1 December to 28/29 February**
- Fourth quarter - 1 March to 31 May

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 33% 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 1350	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 15, or less, total members? (Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' in order to be considered an active Detachment) **Suzi Sannes, Gold Leaf**

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members? **We're having a conference call next month, and a in person meeting next month, date to be announce.**

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 and working on a state MCL meeting in our district next year 2024. Goldleaf Det. is selling Brunswick ~~Stew~~, this month. I did a funeral committee for the Carry-on Detachment this month.**

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: **Det. 1186(Patsy) is working hard on her transmittal form with Scott. They also have a new Commandant installed this month.**

c) South District – Howard Boyd

Reporting Period (Highlight the period below):

- Third quarter - 1 December to 28/29 February
- Convention/Fourth quarter - 1 March to 31 May
- First quarter - 1 June to 31 August
- Second quarter - 1 September to 30 November

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	30	0	0.00%*
1036 Carolina Borders	27	0	0.00%*
1070 Cape Fear	77	13	16.88%
1321 Hampstead	56	4	07.14%*

* Reported to me in time to prepare this report. Otherwise, the info is from the 12/31/2022 Detachment Report from National

** Reported numbers are significantly different than 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	190	17	08.95%
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How many Detachments are in your District? 4

How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? 3

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)? 75%

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 and to attend the monthly Zoom calls. Two Detachments informed me they were unable to connect to the zoom meeting. 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) East District – Alex Nevgloski
- e) Southeast District – Greg Ciesielski

R. Commandant's Report – Ric Ledford

1. He has done some traveling but due to family / health issues was limited.
2. Mid-winter was a great meeting.
 - a) Challenges every detachment to give \$100 to both the YM, Toys for Tots Foundation and the MCL Foundation.
 - b) YM is our program. We should be helping to support this organization.
 - c) Florida, Texas and North Carolina are three of the largest departments in the nation. Florida and Texas issued a challenge for \$100 for each of these programs.

3. Convention in Jacksonville – expect to have fun.
4. Thank you to the fundraising team on their hard work on this program.
5. Membership dues are a big issue. All annual dues expire August 31st. Since the National Convention is in August, all national staff is at the convention. DO NOT wait until August to pay. We are asking that you pay in June.
 - a) Todd Abbott – question about a member in the middle of the year. Recommended having them pay for this and next year at one time.
 - b) Autopay? No not at this time.
 - c) Craig Reeling – suggested the detachment create a ½ year due amount so the person will basically have the partial and whole year paid at one time. There are a lot of payment options available.
 - d) Bill Brown – if you are an elected or appointed officer and you become delinquent on dues, and then you must vacate your office.

S. Report of Staff Officers

1. Sr. Vice Commandant – David Anderson
 - a) Teamwork versus a committee. Several folks who have helped are Keith Shearin, Tammy Anderson, Reggie Sawyer, Kevin Ashton, Mike Clark, and Donald Johnson.
 - b) Kevin Ashton donated a table cover for the fundraising. It has been a big help.
 - c) Scott Shermeyer helped to set up a card reader and have earned \$850 so far.
 - d) Thank you to the detachments. You are a huge part of the fundraising team. We as a group have done this. 4,015 rifle tickets sold so far with \$17,105 collected with an average price per ticket of \$4.26.
 - e) Coin sales so far \$590 of the coins we have left from last year.
 - f) \$1,402 in donations instead of buying a rifle ticket.
 - g) Total fundraising efforts is \$19,097.
 - h) Need any non-sold tickets turned in and the money turned in before May 31st.
 - i) There are a lot of veteran organizations at the gun shows so there is competition. Consider locations where there is less competition.

2. Jr. Vice Commandant – Reggie Sawyer
 - a) We are doing OK on the membership, but we can do better.
 - b) Paid members are 1,160, unpaid members are 190.
 - c) When we join new members, do we get them involved or continue our ‘clicks’. Unfortunately too many of us keep the ‘clicks’.
 - d) Commandant positions are term limited.
 - e) No one is more powerful than anyone else.
 - f) The first impression will determine if the new member will return or not.
 - g) The ritual is very important. Everything we need is in it. It can be somewhat abbreviated, but do not change it.

T. 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. Recessed at 1141. Reconvene at 1302.
2. There were 81 members present for the morning session.

U. Reconvene the DoNC Membership Meeting afternoon session

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

V. Guest speaker continued....

1. Video from Dr. Greg Murphy, Congressman

W. Report of Staff Officers continued....

3. Judge Advocate –Bill Brown
 - a)

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:

- Review and approval of all Detachment Bylaws (DBL) and Administrative Procedures (DAP) -- Currently 28 or 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 53%.
- Grievances & Charges – For this report period there have been no Departmental grievance hearings. I am hopeful that indicates that the Detachments are doing everything in their power to adjudicate or mitigate instances at their level
- I continue my work in developing procedural changes to both the DBL and NBL/NAP that 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 but really needs to be.

I incorporated and forwarded our changes from the Department Convention in May and forwarded them to the National Judge Advocate (NJA) for review and certification in November. The NJA completed his review and responded with further recommended changes. The majority of which were clerical in nature and updated paragraph references in the NBL and NAP which do not require approval by the Department membership. All the noted administrative changes have been made and will be annotated with “NRev” at the end of the applicable Bylaws section to indicate that they were identified as needing update upon National Review (i.e., (CH 5-22 NRev). This would mean a revision was made at the DoNC Convention in May 2022 and a reference update was provided by the National JA.

The remainder were

- (1) Section 101 CREDENTIALS, DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES removal of language restricting a newly formed Detachment (minimum 20 members to request Charter) to only 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate if they were formed too late to appear on the 31 March roster provided by National This is in conflict with NBL Article V, Section 505
- (2) Section 620 – DELINQUENT MEMBERS-a need to include provisions to permit rejoining as a new member (R/I) via re-instatement and paying only current year dues. (This means a restart of the tenure date and its impact will likely require further discussion and/or revision).
- (3) Section 705—INCORPORATION a need to delete outdated references,
- (4) AP Chapter One-- DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR need to update the Marine of the Year Award of Distinguished Citizen Award (Silver) to the Department Marine of the Year Medallion and Ribbon,
- (5) AP Chapter One-- DEPARTMENT WOMAN OF THE YEAR (3) need to determine the fate of this award

I have already prepared change recommendations for all of those listed above with the exception of the Department Woman of the Year Award. Should we retain this or discontinue it altogether or create a new award for Associate Member of the Year award. It may be simpler to change the Woman of the Year Award AP to be Associate Member of the Year Award. I will include this as New Business in the Afternoon session.

There have been previous winners and we need to consider whether we wish to simply rename the award to Associate Member of the Year or not. Hopefully we will resolve this at the Spring Membership meeting.

Unfortunately, as I previously noted, except for what was approved in last May's Convention, our Bylaws had not been updated since 2018 and did not include all of the 2021 and 2022 NBL/NAP changes. This work will continue for some time to add them before the next Department Convention. I have identified the changes and continue to draft the needed changes to update them.

I have personally written over a dozen of those changes to comply with National's updates.

➤ 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. I will categorize them into two groups –Nationally Implemented and Department Member Approved

I have gone through all of the Detachment folders passed on to me when elected as Judge Advocate and compared them to the last Bylaws Status spreadsheet to determine what stage of completion each Detachment is. I wanted to confirm that we have the most recent Bylaws on hand, and if not, what would need to be done to get them completed.

I believe DoNC must be up to date before I can require that every Detachment is current with DoNC and National.

I remind everyone that the Deadline for Submission of Changes to the 2023 DoNC Bylaws is 9 April 2023 – sixty (60) days before the Department Convention. The 19th was misquoted in the Agenda.

Similarly, the Deadline for Submission of Changes to the 2023 National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures is 16 May 2023 – ninety (90) days before the National Convention.

I will be reaching out to each Detachment Judge Advocate and Bylaws Committee to discuss their Bylaws status and how to best resolve bringing them current with DoNC and National. This is not a punishment to the Detachments but a means to inform and assist the members of all Detachments to the requirements and procedures under which we operate day-to-day.

I have a Zoom account and am willing to work with individual Detachments, the JA and the Bylaws Committees to update their documents. Zoom allows us to share screens and collectively update the documents (Bylaws, Admin procedures, SOPs, etc.) that make the transition for newly elected and appointed officers or committee members a much shorter learning curve.

I have been working with the Sr. Vice Commandant, David Anderson, through the Commandant's Council to reestablish more involvement of the Detachments in Department activities and decision making.

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

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).

I have re-written the definition of the Board of Trustees as follows:

Within the Department Board of Trustees it will be further categorized as the

1 – 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.

2 -- 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.

➤ Lastly, the newly published NBLs/NAPs are now posted on the National website. While we make the changes required by National, you can begin seeing how the newer changes will impact your Detachments, to begin your updates, as well.

- b) Commandant Council meetings have started getting more detachment commandants involved.
 - i. Howard Boyd offered an option which should be included called Absolute Demit (sabbatical). This could assist members when they have a hardship and they need to take a sabbatical.
- 4. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski / Bill Brown
 - a) Any submission of By-Laws – They are due 60 days prior to the convention. April 9, 2023 is the deadline.
 - b) Please do not send them at the last minute.
 - c) National changes must be on the website by 1 May 2023 (90 days prior to convention).
- 5. Sgt.-at-Arms – Steve Tracy
 - a) Gunny Clause is back up and running. About 2,000 children served.

- b) Had a handicap ramp request. A few organizations we were able to build the ramp.
6. Chief of Staff – AJ Pitts
- a) Discuss upcoming Membership meetings and host Detachments for them
 - i. **Convention 2023** – Onslow Det #262, Jacksonville, June 9-11, Hilton Garden Inn
 - ii. **Fall 2023** – Catawba Valley Det #1163, Hickory, October 27-28, Crown Plaza, Halloween theme.
 - iii. **Spring 2024** - Alan D Lam Det #1209, March 15-16, Best Western, Burlington
 - iv. **Convention 2024** –Greater Greensboro #260, June 7-9, Wyndam Garden
 - v. **Fall 2024** –Hampstead Det #1321 and Cape Fear Det #1070
 - vi. **Spring 2025** – need volunteer host
7. MODD – Keith Shearin, Sr Vice Pack Leader
- a) There were 48 dogs present. All six packs were present.
 - b) There were several dogs advanced.
 - c) They collected 750.5 pounds of dogfood, 34 pounds of cat food and other bones and toys.
 - d) We also collected \$271 for the children’s hospital fund.

X. Report of Project Leaders

(3-5 minutes)

- 1. Toys For Tots – Kevin Ashton

Just within North Carolina there was 46 Coordinators that ran campaigns all successful within 92 counties out of 100 statewide. Not all are MCL Local Area Coordinators. They were able to distribute 674,127 toys and supported 260,650 children. That was up from 32,510 more children you were able to support just in North Carolina than previous year. Keep in mind that's total toys distributed not collected as many campaigns keep small storage spaces of toys. Them toys are kept to help kick off next year campaigns. But also to assist any families in need threw out the year from displacement of fire, flood, hurricane etc. Also local emergency services do reach out to coordinators to keep plush and toys on hand in vehicles to help as they interact with kids on emergency calls. Toys For Tots helps threw out communities beside just Christmas times in the summer the foundation sponsors a Literacy Program since 2008. Click below for more information. March is also National Reading month so please help by donating Toys for Tots Literacy Program.

<https://www.toysfortots.org/literacy/test-faq.aspx>

Thank You All for Your Support Towards Toys For Tots! Keep Up the Great Teamwork.

2. Eagle Scout Program – Charles Minton (excused)
3. Marine For Life Liaison – Mark Munger (excused)
4. Young Marines Program – Jonathan Henderson

1. **Status:** The State of North Carolina has One (1) Regiment, (1) Regional Support Officers, and (8) Young Marine Units with Davidson County closed and merged with Gen. Nathaniel Greene. The New River unit is in the process of shutting down, The NC Regiment has (65) Young Marines and (56) registered adults. Congress did not fund the National Young Marines Program for 2023 and 2024. Please write your congressman and encourage them to add the Young Marines back in the budget.
2. **Drug Demand Reduction (DDR):** The N.C. Regiment continues to pave the way in being drug free. The Young Marines received 36.25 hours of Drug Demand Reduction Training for the period 1 Dec 2022 through 28 Feb 2023.
3. **Community Service/Veterans:** The N.C. Regiment continues to being active in their community and supporting veterans. The Young Marines performed 1283 hours of community service for the period 1 Dec 2022 through 28 Feb 2023.
4. **Young Marines of the Year: (YMOY)**
 YM/MSgt Drache Gooch, Swansboro (Division 2)
 YM/GySgt Thomas Sapp, Mecklenburg County (N.C Regiment -Senior)
 YM/Sgt Vince Sothoron, Mecklenburg County (N.C Regiment -Junior)
 YM/SSgt Dominic Austin, Capitol City (Unit)
 YM/PFC Rollyson, Mecklenburg County (Unit)
 YM/LCpl Benjamin Dunham, Swansboro (Unit)
5. **Adult Volunteer of the Year: (AVOY)**
 Ms. Cheryl Alston, Capitol City
 Mr. John Norton, Mecklenburg County
 Mr. Steve Duncan, Swansboro
6. **Marine Corps League Detachment support:** The Young Marines program has received assistance and support.
 - a. **Support:** Considering NYMHQs not receiving monetary support from Congress, I ask that each Detachment look at supporting a Young Marine Unit in North Carolina. I am available to help you make a connection to a YM Unit near you.
 - b. **Donations by Detachment:**
None reported during this quarter.
 - c. **New Units:**
None at this time.
 - d. **Units needing assistance:** If you are interested in starting, volunteering, or assisting a local Young Marine Unit, please contact me.
9. **Contact Information:** Should anyone have any questions may contact me at phone number (704) 460-3771 or by email at doncmclymso@gmail.com

5. VAVS Program – Al Pasquale (absent)

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Department Service officer, since being appointed at our Convention Last May 2022.

I have reached out to all 51 Detachments in the Dept of NC, with reference to having each Detachment Commandant of our Department appoint a service officer or at least have Each Detachment Chaplain serve in dual roll.

There are to many Marines in our State and Country that Require various medical services.

My mission should be your mission, to help those,

That cannot or in some cases will not help them selves.

There are Marines/Vets of all services that are homeless

With families living in their vehicles.

6. Fund-Raising – David Anderson (no new report information)

7. Compliance Officer – Phil Randall (absent)

8. Scholarship – Ric Ledford

a) No applications submitted.

b) The application is on the website.

c) It is open to the member and their family. It is targeted to 2-year / trade education.

9. A/V Equipment – Denny Mathias

a) There are some A/V issues.

b) Help is needed. A consist group of volunteers helps too. Thank you to all who helped setup on Friday.

c) It takes about 10-man hours to fully setup the system.

d) It would ideal to have 7 to 10 person committee members to help setup and tear down so it is organized.

e) Several of us were IT people and tried to apply it to A/V which is slightly different.

- f) Things that were working last night were not working this morning.
- g) Host detachment
- h) Hindsight things may have been done differently.
 - i. David Anderson – where is the A/V equipment stored? It is in the trailer. It is subject to weather affect. Was any of our equipment used at Mid-Winter? No. they are improving their equipment. Asked for a list of all A/V equipment? It was emailed to him.
 - ii. Patrick Melton – this equipment is about two years old and now talking about configuration changes and equipment changes. As a department we spent approximately \$23K on. In fundraising we have raised \$18,000 this year. We haven't broken even yet on the money spent. Some hotels will include A/V for free. (Some do not).
 - iii. Denny Mathias – A/V is not a money making item. 3 years ago we wanted screens, speakers, online. A motion was made at that time to spend up to \$10,000. Some hotels have nothing. Some have one screen up front. It depends where you and what you want. If he had known what would be involved he would not have stood up and taken it on.
 - iv. Patrick Melton – IT hardware depreciates. It has to be replaced every 3 to 5 years.

Commandant Ledford "At this time I ask for a motion from the Floor to accept the Officer and Committee reports as given or submitted."
Motion by Greg Ciesielski. Second by Todd Abbott. Approved by members present.

15-minute break - 1401

Meeting called to order - 1416

Y. Unfinished Business

- 1. DoNC trailer update. Tabled from the Fall Membership Meeting (item DD3) for a third quote.
 - a. Commandant has not received any word at this time.
 - b. David Anderson – made a motion to not re-wrap the trailer and sell it. Second by Daniel Farmer. Withdrawn.

- c. Steven Ryan made the motion to table this to convention in June until more information can be provided. Second by Todd Carpenter.
Approved by members present.
- 2. A/V usage MOU update. Set aside from the Fall Membership Meeting (item EE5) for the MOU to be worked up.
 - a. Bob Lenz made the motion to dismiss this item. Second by Patrick Melton. Approved by members present.

Z. New Business

- 1. Bill Brown – the wording for Woman of the Year needs to be changed. We should recognize any previous awards will be recognized as AOY. This will need to be a bylaw change for the AP.
- 2. Denny Mathias made the motion to disband a/v team and sell the equipment. Mike Clark seconded this motion.
 - a. Is it an option to lease? No, it is still getting weathered.
 - b. Where would the money go back? Could it go to a line item for future use? It came from unallocated funds. It would need to go back, and then we can look at a budget item for it.
 - c. Do we want to get rid of the speakers too? We need a committee to look at selling for best price and keeping what would be needed.
 - d. Committee members - Jim Mitchell, Patrick Melton, Bill Brown, Denny Mathias, Mike Clark
 - e. Motion approved by members present.

AA. Good of the League

- 1. Percy John Fulton Mud Run June 3rd. Registration is open.
- 2. Laura Hamilton – has OKC room reservations for sale.
- 3. Craig Reeling – Uniforms
 - a) Officially the uniform is the cover. Embroider it correctly. Enclosure 3 has instruction. Detachment name is important to have on it.
 - b) Everything other than the cover, it is optional.
 - c) Detachment shirts should have your name in some form.
 - d) Stop asking female marines when their spouse was in the Corps. Don't discount them. Marine moms are invaluable to the league too. People don't realize the Associate emblem is different from the Regular emblem.
 - e) Address uniform violations to the side and after the event is done.

- f) When we joined, we swore to uphold the bylaws. The AP is part of the bylaws.
- g) Don't post any picture out of uniform.
- 4. Steve Tracy –
 - a) Had a successful celebration of their detachment anniversary.
 - b) Hero quilts. Their quilter is 103 years old.
 - c) Swansboro is holding a kayak raffle.
- 5. Margaret Grey (associate) Detachment 1298 – VSO for Allegany County, Vets life events March 23 -25- Cary. There will be raters at that location.
- 6. Mike Nelsen – Sandhills Detachment – raffling a pistol.
- 7. John Dilday – Vietnam 50th anniversary recognition. March 29th is the annual date.
- 8. Kenny Joyner – OKC room reservations for sale.
- 9. Michael Paul – thank you for coming out and supporting. Havelock will be hosting the traveling wall the weekend before Veterans Day.

BB. Announcements

- 1. Intentions to run for Department officer positions.
 - a) Ric Ledford – CO
 - b) David Anderson – CO
 - c) Jim Mitchell – Jr Vice
 - d) Reggie Sawyer – Sr Vice
 - e) Robert Hare – Sr Vice
 - f) Bill Brown – JA
 - g) AJ Pitts – Jr Vice
- 2. Mid East Division officer intention
 - a) Craig Reeling – MED ANVDC

CC. 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 - 1502