

# **Minutes of The Marine Corps League Department of North Carolina**



**Quarterly Meeting – Fall Quarter  
19 September 2015**

**Hosted by: Swansboro detachment #1407**

**Host Commandant: Tim Manchester  
Swansboro, NC**

**Presided by: Commandant Charles Minton  
Department of North Carolina  
Marine Corps League**

**Meeting start time: 0930**

**Meeting Location: Econo Lodge Jacksonville, NC 910-347-6111**

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## **09:30 – 12:00 Business Session**

### **Opening Remarks by Department Commandant Charles Minton**

- Meeting called to order
- Post Colors – Lejeune H. S. Marine Corps JROTC
- Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt-at-Arms – Ralph Farthing
- Open Bible and Invocation – Assistant Chaplain Jeff Andre [Uncover]
- 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 Commandant's residence.

### **Certificate of Appreciation presented to the JROTC color guard by The DoNC Commandant.**

### **Welcome remarks by DoNC Commandant-**

- Thanks and remarks to Host Detachments: Swansboro Detachment #1407 and Onslow Detachment 262.
- Commandant Tim Manchester detailed cooperation of Detachments to make the Quarterly meeting a success.

### **Recognition of National Officer's & National Marines of the Year**

- National Marine of the Year 2006 & Navy Cross recipient - Joe Blick
- National Marine of the Year 2001 & 50<sup>th</sup> Chief Devil Dog – George Barrows, Sr.
- National Assistant & Mideast Division Sgt-at-Arms – Jeffrey Jones

### **Recognition of the Department Marine/Woman of the Year**

- 2015 Department Marine of the Year – Sherry Trevinno (Capt. Jeb F Seagle Det.)
- Commandant asked that all past MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized

### **Recognition of Past Department Commandants**

- Jr. Past Department Commandant Gregory Hunt was acknowledged, but absent.
- Commandant asked that all of the remaining Past Department Commandants to stand and be recognized.

## **Recognition of Guests and Invitation to address the membership**

- MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader – PDD Terry Hightower declined to address the meeting. Declined

## **Roll Call of the Department Officers by the Chief of Staff, John Daley - When called, each Officer was instructed to rise and salute the Commandant.**

- Commandant – Charles Minton
- Sr. Vice Commandant - Jeffrey Jones
- Jr. Vice Commandant – Howard Boyd (**excused**)
- Judge Advocate – Scott Shermeyer
- Jr. Past Commandant – Gregory Hunt (**excused**)
- Chief of Staff – John Staley
- Aide-De-Camp- John Dilday
- Chaplain – Bill Boyd (**excused**)
- Assistant Chaplain- Jeff Andre
- Sgt.-at-Arms & Asst Young Marines Service Officer - Ralph Farthing
- Paymaster – James Cox (**excused**)
- Young Marines Service Officer – Ralph Farthing
- Toys For Tots Coordinator – Larry Hill (**excused**)
- VAVS Service Officer – Ken Parker (**excused**)
- Legislative Officer – **Vacant**
- Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
- Eagle Scout Coordinator – John Harding (**excused**)
- Assistant Eagle Scout Coordinator- Larry Hill (**excused**)
- Adjutant – Rick Thomason (**excused**)
- Assistant Adjutant & Web Sergeant– Scott Shermeyer
- Historian - Greg Ciesielski

## **Roll Call of District Vice Commandants by the Chief of Staff, John Daley –When called, each DVC was instructed to rise and salute the Commandant.**

NC West DVC's

1. West District – **VACANT**
2. Northwest District – Chuck Wright
3. Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
4. Northcentral District – **VACANT**
5. Central District – **VACANT**
6. Southcentral – **VACANT**

NC East DVC's

7. North District – John Staley
8. Northeast District – Bryan Balow
9. South District – Richard Rust
10. Southeast District – Owen Smith (**excused**)
11. East District – Steve Tracy

**Roll Call of Detachments by the Chief of Staff, John Daley – The senior member of each Detachment was instructed to 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)\*
2. Greater Greensboro Detachment #260 (Greensboro)
3. Onslow County Detachment #262 (Jacksonville)
4. Tar Heel Detachment #733 (Raleigh)
5. Charlotte Detachment #750 (Charlotte)
6. Blue Ridge Detachment #848 (Asheville)\*
7. Eno River Detachment #872 (Durham)\*
8. PFC Charles D. Hare Detachment #914 (Monroe)
9. Smoky Mountain Detachment #973 (Franklin)\*
10. Shawn Knisley Detachment #983 (Fayetteville)\*
11. Sand Hills Area Detachment #1001 (Aberdeen)\*
12. Paul Ray Purgason Detachment #1005 (Shalotte)\*
13. Cherokee County Detachment #1011 (Murphy)\*
14. Stanly County Detachment #1021 (Albemarle)\*
15. Carolina Borders Detachment #1036 (Calabash)
16. Cherry Point Detachment #1067 (Havelock)
17. Cape Fear Detachment #1070 (Wilmington)\*
18. Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075 (Winston-Salem)
19. Gen. A Hal Turnage Detachment #1096 (Salisbury)\*
20. Iredell County Detachment #1097 (Troutman)
21. Davidson County Detachment #1103 (Lexington)\*
22. Gen. Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162 (Gastonia)
23. Catawba Valley Detachment #1163 (Hickory)
24. NC Foothills Detachment #1164 (Shelby)\*
25. Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165 (Asheboro)\*
26. Cabarrus Detachment #1175 (Concord)\*
27. Down East Detachment #1186 (Greenville)
28. Brushy Mountain Detachment #1187 (North Wilkesboro)\*
29. PFC. Terry C. Smith Detachment #1193 (High Point)\*
30. Tablerock Detachment #1197 (Morganton)\*
31. John E. Ferguson Detachment #1208 (Lenoir)\*
32. LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 (Burlington)\*
33. Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Spindale)\*
34. Sgt. Doug Myers Detachment #1222 (Sylvia)\*
35. Sanford Detachment #1223 (Sanford)\*
36. PFC. Jerry L. McKinney Detachment #1232 (Wentworth)\*
37. Carry-On Detachment #1236 (Clayton)

38. PFC. Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 (Huntersville)\*
39. Richmond Leathernecks Detachment #1252 (Rockingham)\*
40. Air, Land, and Sea Detachment #1257 (Wake Forest)
41. Albemarle Detachment #1258 (Edenton)\*
42. Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262 (Rocky Mount)
43. Outer Banks Detachment #1264 (Kitty Hawk)\*
44. Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Detachment #1265 (Lincolnton)
45. Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 (Spruce Pines)\*
46. Gold Leaf Detachment #1276 (Wilson)
47. Orange County Regulators Detachment #1292 (Hillsboro)\*
48. Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta)\*
49. Northwest Triad Detachment #1314 (Stokesdale)
50. Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga)
51. Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender)
52. Surry County Detachment #1322 (Surry)
53. Crossed Rifles Detachment #1346 (Harnett)\*
54. Waynesborough Detachment #1350 (Wayne)
55. High Country Detachment #1389 (Ashe)
56. Swansboro Detachment #1407 (Swansboro)
57. Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413 (Oriental)
58. Asheville Detachment #1417 (Asheville)

*\*Denotes Not present at time of roll call.*

**The roll call of detachments resulted in a tabulation of 43.1% of the detachments represented, satisfying the requirements for a quorum.**

**Adjutant's Report – Commandant In absence of the Adjutant.**

- The minutes from the Department Convention Meeting were sent out via email to all Detachments. They were prepared in “Bullet format” and were at his direction. Future minutes will have more “meat” to them. The Commandant reminded the membership that the Minutes do not require a motion and a vote to accept them. The only time a motion and vote is required is if something needs to be changed. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented, but was quickly reminded that a motion to accept was not required.

**Paymaster's Report – Scott Shermeyer in the absence of James Cox**

- A verbal presentation was given as well as displayed via video for all to see.
- As of Aug. 31,2015

Money Market Account	\$3,179.54
Checking Account	<u>\$2,855.09</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,034.63</b>
Income	\$5,553.68
Expenses	<u>\$3,115.42</u>
Net Income	<b>\$2,438.26</b>

- A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's Report, subject to audit. Second was made and discussion followed. SVC Jeffrey Jones advises that the numbers are not correct for the amounts detailed as income for the DoNC raffles. He stated he has the correct numbers and will give them during his report. Scott Shermeyer explained that the numbers were for a specific time period and do not reflect any monies received, or expenses incurred and paid, after that time period. SVC acknowledged that as correct. Question from the floor as to whether or not the monies received included any money from the Past Commandant for the money he owes the Department. SVC, Jeffrey Jones advised the membership that the \$530.00 detailed in the income report was the payment received. He has a copy of a promissory note signed by the Past Commandant and the Paymaster has 20 some odd checks, which he deposits one a month, already made out and signed. SVC Jeffrey Jones stated "Is it legal? No, but it's what we're doing". Commandant Minton asked if there were any other questions. None were submitted. A vote was taken and passed without dissent.

### **Chaplain's Report – Assistant Chaplain, Jeff Andre**

- Prayer offered for departed Marines and FMF Corpsmen for the last Quarter  
 Detachment 262 – Walter L. Stull  
 Detachment 1067 – Richard W. Peterson  
 Detachment 757 – James A. St. Clair  
 Detachment 1175 – John M. Thomas  
 Detachment 750 – Terry C. Beaver  
 Detachment 1187 – Robert M. Bryan  
 Detachment 1036 – William P. Coughlin  
 Detachment 1262 – John A. Dinan  
 Detachment 1232 – Wayne M. Carter  
 Detachment 1298 – Jesse T. Pardue  
 Detachment 848 – Paul D. Gordon  
 Detachment 1175 – Frank A. Dusch
- A closing prayer was offered.
- Commandant spoke on having a "Chaplain's Council" at each quarterly meeting. They were planning on having one at this meeting, but it will hopefully happen at the next Quarterly. Please encourage each of your Detachment's Chaplains to plan on attending. Praise was given to the Department Chaplain for his submission of Death Notices in a timely manner and for his follow through on each and every notice.

### **D.V.C.'s Report:**

- NW DVC Chuck Wright – His area comprises 7 detachments and 284 Marines. Membership could be better. Has 4 Assistant DVCs that are aiding him in 4 of the 11 counties he does not have a detachment in. Still having IRS 990 problems with Detachment 1320. Multiple emails with conflicting answers from IRS. Solution is to resubmit as new, and pay the \$60.00 fee.
- MW DVC Glen Perkins – Visited 6 Detachments. Detailed individual detachment accomplishments and events.
- NDVC John Staley – Three Detachments. Detailed individual detachments accomplishments and events.

- NE DVC Brian Balow – Five Detachments. Detailed joint Marine Corps Birthday Ball by Gold Leaf Detachment.
- S DVC Richard Russ – Four Detachments. Detailed status of membership of his individual detachments.

### **Morning Break call for by the Commandant**

- Sergeant at Arms called for all to rise and uncover
- Chaplain closed the bible

### **Morning Session resumes at Commandant's request**

#### **Commandant's Report:**

- Website is in "Skeleton" form right now, but is in process of being developed.
- Request for contact information in August, from the detachments, has not been received. Only 11 of 58 Detachments have responded.
- Change your email contact information on Gregory Hunt's email. Erase his name and insert Charles Minton.
- National is taking an interest in Detachments. Please submit correct information in a timely manner to maintain correct number on the reports submitted. Many emails will be forthcoming from National on what is coming.
- Mentoring program. We need to implement the "Buddy System" and assign a Marine to the new people arriving in the League. Show them how the procedures work, correct uniforms and rituals. Right now they don't have a clue. Get them involved.
- National is implementing a form of N.C.'s Commandant's Council for round table discussion for open and frank discussion in an informal manner of issues affecting the League as a whole. It works.
- Database is being updated in the next four or so months. Detachments will be able to update their own information when the system is up and running. Currently National is 6-7 months behind in Death Notices. Hopefully this will be resolved quickly.
- 2017 National Convention will be in Overland Park, Kansas. 2016 convention will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Pass the word about what you hear while at these meetings. Not all detachments attend every meeting.

#### **Presentation/Remarks**

- Commandant called forward the Sergeant at Arms and presented him with the attendance streamer attained for our Department flag being carried to National this year.
- SVC Jeffrey Jones called forward Sherry Trevino to receive the Department Marine of The Year Award. It was confirmed by George Barrows that she is the first woman to receive this award.
- MCL Distinguished Service Awards were presented by the Commandant to those who attended the EXPOs.
- MCL National JVC Recruitment Award presented to Jerry Jacobs for recruiting 22 new members. Detachment received a plaque and streamer.
- Awards issued by the previous Commandant, but not presented, were awarded to the individual, or handed to the DVC responsible for their area.

## Report of Staff Officers

### **Sr. Vice Commandant Jeffrey Jones**

- Stated, first of all let me tell you that this information is coming from my memory I hope I leave nothing out. This happened during the Commandant's council at the National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ
- Marines the League is headed in the right direction again. The Blum's are no longer employed by the Marine Corps League. Mike was fired as Executive Director and in turn resigned from the League. Both of his sons were also fired. We are currently under litigation from all three of them. Mike said that he would drop his case if we would settle for \$480,000. Don't worry. That is not going to happen. We were told Mike has 5 Lawyers, Jason has 3 lawyers and the other son has 2. There are multiple things that they are suing over and I don't have information on what they are. None of the National Officers would talk about particulars because of the gag order. However the League's lawyer did get up and speak. We have a very successful attorney. He is a regular Marine Corps League member and runs a practice for non-profits. He received his law degree from Harvard and is actually a sitting bench judge. After he finished speaking I don't believe that there was a Blum supporter left in the room. I will touch on some of the highlights. First of all the national web page is back up and working. After it was shut down we were up and working within 3 weeks at some degree and it is being updated daily. When it is finished it will be a very user friendly and live site. The address is [www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org) The main reason for shutting down the site originally was to try and hurt the League before the National Convention.
- Jason, the son that actually worked in the Headquarters and was in charge of setting up all the computers. He would typically show in around 3:00pm and leave to go home at 5:00pm 4 days a week. A lot of time would not even show up on Fridays. He was making around \$60,000 a year. (Grumbling from the floor) This is the biggest reason the computers were laying around in the hallways for over a year. The computers were purchased from a clearing house out of Florida. (Which Mike is part owner.) We own a 10-server rack loaded with 3 servers. The computers we own are top of the line. It is said with what we have we could run the country of Poland. The hosting company we were using was charging the League \$1,270. a month for hosting our web page. Some investigation was done and found that the hosting company was hosting another site with a comparable amount of traffic for a total of \$12.70 a month. All they did was move the decimal point over 2 places. (That company was also owned by Mike Blum)
- We will get our old web site addresses back. When those addresses were purchased they were bought with MCL monies so they are owned by the League. When they were purchased they were registered under the name of Jeremy Blum. So he has control of our web addresses. Since we own the addresses he cannot use them and they have been shut down and suspended. After the litigation is over the addresses will be returned back to us. If they have been used for anything the FBI will be taking over investigation



- As far as our Executive Director position goes, the Board of Director has started taking applications. The contract for that position has changed. The position will be a year-to-year contract renewable up to 4 times. At the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> year, the person will be replaced. The Executive Director handles the day to day responsibilities of the League but cannot make any decisions without the Board of Trustees say so.
- All contracts for the MCL business will be set out for bid. There will be no contract awarded without complete bids. Such as the contract for the hotel at Fairfax Va. where we held the Mid-East Convention. One of the most highly priced hotels in the area. Not much negotiation being done then. All is out for bid now.
- The bylaw dealing with life membership's funds was approved. It failed under the first vote but when it was explained that without ½ of the life membership dues going to the headquarters the league would not exist. All accounts had been depleted. We had no funds. Second vote approved the proposal. This is a 3-year program that is not renewable.
- The brick and mortar store has been shut down. Everything you get from the Semper Fi Store you will get online now. Last year the store produced \$41,000. Most of which happens during the Mid-Winter Conference. Why pay salaries and rent for the other 51 ½ weeks a year. The store space will be rented out and that monies will be going to the budget. All your Semper Fi merchandise is now available on the National Web Page. It is a very detailed section with everything having its own sku.
- Question from the floor. How much longer is the lease on the building ? SVC explained we own the building and the Semper Fi store rented it from the League. It will now be rented out for income.
- Question from the floor. Did we have a National Board of Directors while the money was misused and did they authorize misuse of the money? Can we hold them liable? Is there any recourse? SCV explains. Don't know that. Part of the problem is that money spent is that the Executive Director told them that the price quoted was the best price. The board accepted it as true. Nothing was ever put for bid. The Board meetings will now be open meetings where you can observe and take notes. You cannot vote, but you can observe.
- Question from the floor. What will be the effect on Detachment members as a result of the Life Membership change ? SCV advised that we will see nothing at the Detachment level because the change does not have any effect on the income on what you currently have coming in. Only new Life Member applications will be affected.
- Question from the floor. Will this have any effect on the Semper Fi magazine? SVC states that the magazine is still a bimonthly magazine and that the publication will also be put out for bid just like any other contract. It needs more MCL articles and less USMC article. The USMC has their own Leatherneck magazine and we do not need to promote them. We need to promote the MCL. Document and submit events.
- JA asked if when the email servers went offline, we lost all emails. Is that a correct statement? SVC stated he was not a computer guru, but his understanding is that unless

it was physical removed intentionally and destroyed, it is still there. If it is not, then it was an intentional act to destroy the files.

- Statement from the floor – Create a position of Public Relations Officer. It has worked for them for the last three months. – SVC states to make sure what you submit to Semper Fi magazine is correct. Uniform use should be correct.
- Question from the floor. Do two Semper Fi magazines still go to one address if two Marines live there. SVC advises they will be changing the database to search by address only to send out one copy only.
- Question from the floor. Do the Blums have five lawyers and we only one? SVC clarifies previous statement in that Mike Blum has five, Richard has three and Jason has two. We have a law firm. Larry Herman, who is currently representing the current Board of Directors. He is donating his service.
- JA asks what has changed this year over last year regarding the budget and expense reports. SVC advises the budgets and reports will be a lot more open and subject to question. It will be a much more informative budget. Use to be there were no questions asked about the budget. When someone did, the person who questioned the budget, they were pressured into backing down.
- Question from the floor. We have only one lawyer? SVC restated the position of the Larry Herman Law Firm. They are representing the new Board of Directors. The Board is being named in the suit by the Blum family. Court date is not decided yet.
- Question from the floor? How much media coverage is there on this? SVC To my knowledge there is not much. It has been kept quiet and hopefully will stay that way.
- SVC gave a listing of the events he attended this quarter.
- SVC gave a report on the status of the raffle. 208 of the 600 tickets printed remain. Funds received for 158 tickets. 121 tickets given out without funds turned in yet. If you have tick money, please get it to him. He has names and signatures of who has tickets. We are in the + over \$1500.00 for this raffle. Drawing in Salisbury. Next raffle will be a M1 Grande. He will have it at Salisbury.

**Jr. Vice Commandant Howard Boyd** was absent – SVC Jeffrey Jones read his report.

- Family medical commitments are preventing his presence.
- Most valuable asset to any organization is its members. We must maintain our membership base.
- What is the purpose of our organization and its membership? If we cannot answer this question, how can we convince anyone to join?
- How do we encourage potential members to join? Personal contact. Ask someone. Short and concise information. About the length of time it takes to ride an elevator.
- How do we retain our membership? It is just as important to retain our membership and is much less expensive. Let them know they are a valuable asset.
- Will recognize Districts and detachments each quarter for membership and low delinquency rates. Detailed various detachments delinquency rates.
- Set goals at less than 10% delinquency rate. 0% would be better.
- SVC explained why we measure the delinquency rate with and without the Life Member information.

**Judge Advocate Scott Shermeyer**

- Provided overview of his responsibilities as DoNC Judge Advocate and responsibilities of the Detachments. Especially in representing or endorsing any labor or political dispute while in the uniform of the League whether as an individual or as a group. Do not get involved while representing the League.
- The new 2015 DoNC Bylaws have been approved and signed. Commandant has received the signed copy.

**Break for chow** – Chaplain offered prayer and the bible was closed.

**Afternoon session resumes at Commandant's request**

**SVC Jeffrey Jones** – The upcoming 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual MCL Convention in Tulsa promises to be an event to remember.

- 7-12 August, 2016
- <http://www.mclnational.org/> for details and reservations.
- Once you ever go, you're hooked for life.

**Bylaws Committee Chairman Lisa Ciesielski**

- Nothing to report at this time.

**Sgt.-at-Arms Ralph Farthing**

- Nothing to report at this time

**Aide-De-Camp John Dilday**

- Detailed responsibility of his position
- Looking for volunteer detachments for hosting Quarterly meetings.
- Hopefully we will be able to plan in two year increments so everyone knows well in advance where the meeting will be and can make their schedules accordingly.
- 2016 State Convention to be held in Gastonia, N.C.
- 2017 State Convention to be held in Raleigh, N.C.
- From the floor – NW District will host the 2016 Fall Quarterly. He will put together a package and forward it to the Aid De Camp.
- From the floor – Greensboro will look at the possibility of hosting the Spring Quarterly.
- Offered thanks to the host Detachments for hosting this Quarterly
- From the floor – George Barrows asks that the Quarterly meetings be spaced West, Middle and East, regardless of where they are held.

**Report of Project Leaders:**

**Toys for Tots Larry Hill** was absent and submitted no written report.

**Young Marine Program Ralph Farthing**

- Still waiting for information. Will have at the next meeting.

**VAVS Program Ken Parker** was absent and submitted no written report.

**Eagle Scout Program John Harding, reported by Commandant**

- John Harding primary contact now. His report indicated that 40 Eagle Scouts have been recognized. Please submit the reports for documentation and credit. Commandant will send out contact information for the Coordinator.

**George Barrows addressed the General Membership**

- 1988 thru 1993 he was the DoNC Commandant. In 1989 he developed the WMoY award. He detailed the requirements and application details for becoming the Department WMoY. Lady Marines can only become MoY as per your own detachment bylaws. Associates can be recognized by the Detachments as Associates of the Year only if their Bylaws reflect the position is available.

**Historian Greg Ciesielski addressed the General Membership**

- Request to all detachment to provide him with documentation of their history in the form of photos, with names of individuals, and historical information about their detachment.
- Request a copy of their Charter be submitted to him for addition to the historical archives.

**Commandant calls for a motion to approve the Officer reports as given. Motion made and seconded. Vote by the General Membership approved the motion unanimously.**

**Lt. Col Dave Brown (USMC Retired) addresses the membership.**

- Museum of the Marine has almost completed the 1.6 Million dollar Phase 1. Eagle, Globe and Anchor built on a reflecting pool in the middle of 27 acres.
- Detailed donation request and how to contact potential donors to the museum.
- Information available at the back of the room in pamphlet form.
- December 12<sup>th</sup>. 2015 will be the ceremony for the unveiling of the EGA/Phase 1. All are invited to attend.

**Commandant asks if there was any further Old Business. None being brought forward, we moved on to the New Business.**

**New Business**

**SVC Jeffrey Jones**

- A motion for the number of tickets to be printed for the upcoming raffle was sought. Motion from the floor made to print 1000 tickets made and seconded. Amendment to reduce quantity to 600 tickets made. Discussion on AR-15 verse M1 selling ability. M1 can be purchased for \$1,000.00. Amended motion passed.

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**George Barrows addressed the General Membership**

- Requests you submit letters for MoY. He has already discussed WMoY and will not do it again.

### **From the floor (Jack Jackson)**

- Offer to aid any Detachment in preparation of articles to be submitted. He has 20+ years of experience and is willing to help anyone. See him after the meeting.

### **From the floor – Chuck Wright**

- Failed to hear the call to end “Old Business”. Commandant advised him it can be revisited. We don’t have a website that is up and running. When is it going to be going?
- Commandant deferred to the **Web Sergeant Scott Shermeyer**.
- Web Sergeant advises the [WWW.ncmcl.org](http://WWW.ncmcl.org) is our website and the information needed is not to report the DVCs is not available yet. Information for the Officers is available and he will update it tonight.
- Information is available on the website to contact the Web Sergeant with new information.
- Anyone who wants to help with the website is welcome to come to his aid. All help is welcomed.
- **From the floor** – Why can we not back this up to a USB drive from Wal Mart of some other way to keep from losing this information? If the Web Sergeant quits or resigns, what keeps this from happening again?
- **Web Sgt. Responds** – A technical response was provided detailing how this is protected by multiple parties as having access. He will address this specifically at the next meeting. **SVC** asks whether we would be better off paying for service. **Web Sgt.** replied that access through the servers is the most important aspect of this process. He will make a recommendation on this later in the event of a catastrophic situation.

### **Announcements**

- 2016 Convention is moving right along. Three facilities are bidding on it right now. June 10-12, 2016
- National Convention detailed the National Vietnam Veteran Program. [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com) details what program entails. Honoring those who fought in Vietnam both living and dead. This will be a good program for all detachment to be involved in. Combine with VFW and American Legions.

### **Closing of the Meeting per Ritual**

- Retired the Colors – Sgt. At Arms
- Prayer and closes the Bible - Asst. Chaplain
- Sr. Vice Cmdt.’s last duty performed
- Sgt. At Arms - Meeting adjourned - Sgt. At Arms
- All - Singing of the Marines Hymn

**Minutes reviewed by Commandant Charles Minton and respectfully submitted by Adjutant Rick Thomason for discussion, revision and/or acceptance as written.**