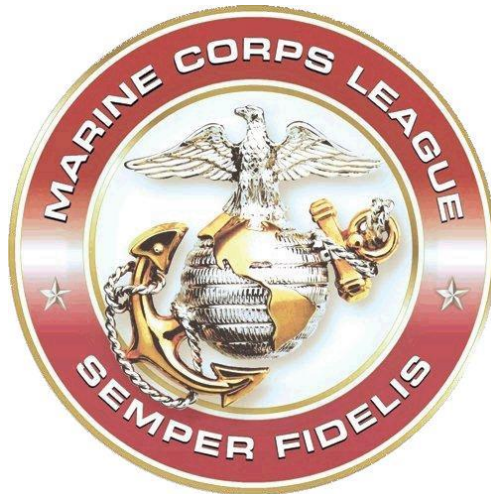


Marine Corps League

Department of North Carolina



Department Convention

12 June – 14 June 2015

Hosted by: Cherry Point Detachment #1067

Host Commandant: Scott Shermeyer

Presided by: Commandant Gregory Hunt
Department of North Carolina
Marine Corps League

Meeting start time: 0930

Meeting Location: Quality Inn, Havelock NC

Location Phone Number: 252-444-1111

Host Contact: Commandant Scott Shermeyer

Opening Remarks given by Dept. Commandant Gregory Hunt

- Welcomed all members and guests to the DoNC's 45th Annual Convention & special thanks to the Cherry Point Detachment for hosting it.
- The meeting was dedicated in the memory of all North Carolina Marine Corps League Members who answered the final call over the past year.
- Colors presented by the Cherry Point Young Marines
- National Anthem play on computer
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Sgt-at-Arms Ralph Farthing
- Retired the Colors
- Presentation of COA's to Color Guard was conducted

ADMIN NOTE (announcement) was given by Commandant Hunt– We have our business meeting this morning. We have a lot to cover in a short period of time, so we will have our Elected Officer, Standard and Special Committee report only. The rest of the reports will be included with the Department minutes for you to read. Lunch will be from 1200 until 1300 and will be on your own. The afternoon session will feature the proposed Department Bylaw changes and any unfinished business, the proposed 2015-2016 Department Budget and Election of new Department Officers.

Welcome remarks & thanks from the Host Detachment Commandant Scott Shermeyer.

Recognition of other Guests by the Host Detachment

Recognition of National Officers

- National Senior Vice Commandant Richard Gore
- Mideast Division National Vice Commandant Mike McLain
- Mideast Division Assistant National Vice Commandant Bruce Rakfeldt
- National Marine of the Year 2006 & Navy Cross recipient - Joe Blick
- National Marine of the Year 2001 & 50th Chief Devil Dog – George Barrows, Sr.
- National Assistant & Mideast Division Sgt-at-Arms – Jeffrey Jones
- National & MED Boy Scouts Committee Chairman & MED S-A-A: Charles Minton

Recognition of the Department Marine/Woman of the Year

- 2014 Department Marine of the Year – Ken Parker (Carry On Detachment)
- 2014 Department Woman of the Year – Margaret (Peg) Hanson (LCpl Alan D Lam Detachment) Absent
- Asked all past MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized

Recognition of Past Department Commandants

- Asked Jr. Past Department Commandant Bruce Rakfeldt to stand and be recognized.
- Asked all of the Past Department Cmdt's to stand and be recognized.

Recognition of Guests and Invitation to address the membership

- National Sr Vice Commandant Richard Gore – Made a brief statement
- Mideast Division National Vice Commandant Mike McLain – announced he would give his address later in the meeting
- MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader –PDD Terry Hightower – made a brief statement

Meeting called to order

Roll Call of the Department Officers (By the Adjutant – “When called, each Officer rose and saluted the Commandant.”)

- Commandant – Gregory Hunt - present
- Sr. Vice Commandant – Charles Minton - present
- Jr. Vice Commandant – Jeffrey Jones - present
- Judge Advocate – Howard Boyd - present
- Jr. Past Commandant – Bruce Rakfeldt - present
- Chief of Staff – John Staley - present
- Chaplain – Bill Boyd – present
- Sgt.-at-Arms & Asst Young Marines Service Officer - Ralph Farthing - present
- Paymaster – James Cox - present
- Young Marines Service Officer – David Wyatt - absent
- Toys For Tots Coordinator – Louis Sandoval - absent
- VAVS Service Officer – Tom Kopetzky - absent
- Legislative Officer – Vacant
- Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski - present
- Eagle Scout Coordinator – Larry Hill - present
- Adjutant – Robin Martin - present

- Assistant Adjutant – Scott Shermeyer - present
- Historian - Greg Ciesielski - present

District Vice Commandants (By the Adjutant – “When called, each DVC rose and saluted the Commandant.”)

NC West DVC’s

1. West District – Glenn Perkins - present
2. Northwest District – Chuck Wright - present
3. Midwest District – Mike Mooney - present
4. Northcentral District – Robert Fulmer - excused
5. Central District – Vacant
6. Southcentral – Dave Ward - absent

NC East DVC’s

7. North District – John Staley - present
8. Northeast District – Bryan Balow - present
9. South District – Mike Baker - absent
10. Southeast District – Owen Smith - present
11. East District – Steve Tracy - present

Roll Call of Detachments (By the Adjutant – “Per our Department Bylaws, a Convention quorum is met by having at least one Delegate from the majority of our Detachments present. As your Detachment is called, a Delegate shall rise, salute the Commandant, state they are a Delegate then state the number of members present.”)

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 (Shallotte) (Was “Central Brunswick Det”)
13. Cherokee County Detachment #1011 (Murphy)
14. Stanly County Detachment #1021 (Albemarle)
15. Carolina Boarders Detachment #1036 #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, NC Detachment #1257 (Wake Forest)
41. Albemarle Detachment #1258 (Edenton)*
42. Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262 (Rocky Mount) (Was "Tri-County Det")
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)

Adjutant's Report ("The minutes from the Spring Quarterly meeting are 7 pages long. These are available for downloading from the Department Website and have been sent to each Detachment Commandant. In the interest of time, I would like to request waiving the reading of the minutes and will gladly accept any corrections you may have concerning them.") Remember, the minutes are a synopsis of the meeting and do not contain word for word of the events and 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. Commandant Hunt announced that since several Detachment Commandants had informed him they did not receive the minutes in advance due to email errors, the

minutes would be considered at the Fall Quarterly meeting in addition to the Convention Minutes.

Paymaster's Report

- Gave current financial update
 - Ask for motion to accept the Paymaster's report as given, subject to audit. Motion was made and Second
 - Later in the meeting a motion was made and seconded to reopen the Paymaster Report for consideration, a vote was taken and the report was reopened to discuss the Commandant's Budget and overages. A full discussion took place with everyone having a chance to voice their opinions and thoughts on the Commandant overages. Commandant Hunt explained the overages and why they existed. The question was asked as to was the money repaid as stated earlier, and it was confirmed that Commandant Hunt had given the Paymaster checks to cover the overages and the repayment of them would be in monthly payments until the complete amount was repaid. After a full discussion period and everyone had their say, the Paymaster's Report was again motioned and seconded and acceptance passed.
- 2015-2016 budget was discussed and voted on in the afternoon session

Chaplain's Report

- Reported of any member or member's family known to be sick or in distress.
- Reported of any deceased MCL member within the last quarter. (Brass Bell)
- Asked for a moment of silence for our fallen Marines.

D.V.C.'s - Report of Officers – DVC's reports will be included with the published minutes.

Commandant's Report

- Gave accounting of work since Spring Quarterly Meeting
- Thanked the membership and Department Officers for the past two years

Report of Staff Officers

- **Sr. Vice Commandant** Charles Minton
 - Reported on activities since Spring Quarterly

- **Jr. Vice Commandant Jeffrey Jones**
 - Reported on the Recruitment/Retention & unpaid members
 - Presented the JVC R&R Awards
- **Judge Advocate Howard Boyd**
 - Stated that after lunch we will vote on the proposed By-Law proposals

Report of Project Leaders – Reports will be published with the minutes of this meeting.

- Toys For Tots – Louis Sandoval - absent
- Young Marine Program – David Wyatt - absent
- VAVS Program – Tom Kopetzky - absent
- Eagle Scout Program – Larry Hill
- Fund-Raising – Charles Minton; DoNC Challenge Coin, \$1,000 Cruise Voucher or Cash raffle

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

Unfinished Business

- None aware of at this time. Ask the Floor if there is anything.

New Business

- Jr Vice Jones made a motion to give the Department Commandant a prepaid debit card for expenses and once the funds ran out, all costs would come out of the Commandant’s pocket, it was seconded, after a discussion period, it was voted against, therefore it failed.

Good of the League

- **Upcoming meetings and events;**

Mid-east Conference – Fredericksburg, VA - 26-28 June 2015
 National Convention – Scottsdale, AZ – 8-15 August 2015
 Donc Fall Quarterly – Swansboro, NC – TBD

- WOY Committee to meet at the business session in the afternoon and there was still time to get submissions in.
- Any other Good of the League

Awards

Commandant Hunt assisted by Adjutant Robin Martin

- COA's
- Distinguished Citizen Award
- Jr Vice Jones presented Attendance Streamers to Detachments on behalf of Sr Vice Commandant Minton

Recess of the DoNC Convention morning meeting

- Chaplin closed Bible
- Sgt-at-Arms announced that the meeting will reconvene at 1315 in the same place.

Recess for lunch at 1215 (Reconvene at 1315)

Reconvened the afternoon DoNC Convention meeting

- Sgt-at-Arms brought meeting to order
- Chaplain opened the Bible

Voting on By-Laws Proposals and Motions – Lisa Ciesielski

- Proposal presented that needed to be discussed. A motion was made to accept the proposal, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

2015-2016 Budget was presented by Paymaster Cox, a motion was made, seconded and it passed.

Fundraiser was proposed by Jr Vice Jones to sell raffle tickets on a rifle, a motion was made in favor, and it was seconded and passed.

Col Brown and SgtMaj Houle – Museum of the Marine Presentation

Midwest Division NVC Mike McLain held a question and answer session regarding issues surrounding emails, rumors, and talk concerning the MCL National Headquarters. This discussion was assisted by National Sr Vice Commandant Richard Gore. A full discussion took place with questions and answers from the membership.

Election of Officers for the 2015-2016 year

- Election Chairperson will be Jr Past Cmdt Bruce Rakfeldt assisted by the Credentials Committee.
- Credentials Committee – Larry Hill. If necessary, they will report on voting strength of each Detachment and the registered Delegates from each Detachment.
- Elected officers were:

Department Commandant – Charles Minton
Department Sr Vice Commandant – Jeffrey Jones
Department Jr Vice Commandant – Howard Boyd
Department Judge Advocate – Scott Shermeyer

Announcements

- National Convention registration – ASAP (bring a copy to show)
- WOY Selection Board would not be meeting since there were no submissions.
- Other announcement were made

Recessed the Meeting per Ritual until the Banquet at 1800

- Remarks given by Cmdt. Hunt
- Singing of the Marines Hymn
- “Good night Chesty, wherever you are!”
- Retired the Colors
- Chaplain – Prayer and close the Bible – Bill Boyd