

# Marine Corps League Department of North Carolina



## Minutes of Fall Membership Meeting 28 October 2017

**Hosted by: Carolina Borders Detachment #1036**  
**Host Commandant: Scott Slater**

**Presided by: Commandant Jeffrey Jones**  
**Department of North Carolina**  
**Marine Corps League**

**Meeting start time: 0930**  
**Meeting Location: The Winds Resort and Beach Club**  
**Host Contact: Shirley Rust**  
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**Phone Number: (910) 575-1179**

## **09:30 – 12:00 Business Session**

### **Opening Remarks by Department Commandant Jeffrey Jones**

- Meeting called to order
- Post Colors –
- Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt-at-Arms – Ralph Farthing
- Open Bible and Invocation – Chaplain Bill Boyd [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 Commandants residence since the Department convention.

### **Welcome remarks-**

- Thanks, and remarks to Host Detachment: Carolina Borders Detachment #1036
- Commandants – Scott Slater

### **Guest Speaker**

- Paula Garcia (Gold Star Mom of Shawn Knisley), Admissions Director, North Carolina State Veterans Home, Fayetteville location.
  - There are 4 homes in North Carolina. Fayetteville is the largest home. The others are in Salisbury, Kinston, and Black Mountain.
  - There is approval for 2 other homes, but not yet picked the locations.
  - She went through the requirements to be allowed into a State home.
  - Veteran cannot be more than 65% disability connection.
  - She talked about what the Homes do and how others can help them.

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

- National Marine of the Year 2006 & Navy Cross recipient - Joe Blick (absent)
- Mideast Division Vice Commandant – Bruce Rakfeldt
- Mideast Division Sgt-at-Arms – Jeffrey Jones
- National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms - Charles Minton
- National Youth Physical Fitness Chairman - Devell (Bull) Durham (absent)
- Past Chief Devil Dog PPD Leanna Dietrich

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

- 2017 Department Marine of the Year – Scott Shermeyer (Cherry Point Det #1067)
- 2017 Department Woman of the Year – Ann Clark (PFC Jerry L. McKinney Det #1232)
- Ask all past MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized

## **Recognition of Past Department Commandants**

- Jr. Past Department Commandant Charles Minton
- Ask all the remaining Past Department Commandants to stand and be recognized.

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

- Mideast Division Vice Commandant – Bruce Rakfeldt
  - Mideast Division was well represented.
  - Commandant Jones was nominated as the Kennel Dog of the Year.
  - Mike Mclean, past Mideast DVC is the National Marine of the Year.
  - New Commandant has a 50/50 goal. For 50% over and younger than 50 yrs old.
  - We are renaming some of the national offices to make them more compatible with civilian titles.
  - New Mideast website page for disaster relief/help/preparedness. The Southeast Division has adopted this page too.
  - Membership dues – email sent out. All annual memberships are due August 31<sup>st</sup> each year. As of September 1<sup>st</sup> only 22% had been paid. This is a large shortfall. You do not have to wait to the last minute to pay.
  - Mideast Division Conference, hosted by Maryland. Email has been sent out.
  - National Data Base – a new one will be rolled out soon. The detachment and members will be able to access it to keep up the data. Online payment is being worked on. It is starting now with a small department then a small division to work out the bugs.
- MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader – PDD Charles Minton
  - PDD Minton stated that our next Pack Growl will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1900.

## **Roll Call of the Department Officers (By the Adjutant – “When called, each Officer shall rise and salute the Commandant.”)**

- Commandant – Jeffrey Jones
- Sr. Vice Commandant – Rick Thomason
- Jr. Vice Commandant – Scott Shermeyer
- Judge Advocate – Denny Mathias
- Jr. Past Commandant – Charles Minton
- Aide-De-Camp- John Dilday
- Chaplain – Bill Boyd
- Sgt.-at-Arms - Ralph Farthing
- Paymaster – Lori King
- Young Marines Service Officer – Jeff Petway
- Assistant Young Marines Service Officer – Ralph Farthing
- Toys For Tots Coordinator– Larry Hill (absent)
- VAVS Service Officer – Ken Parker

- Legislative Officer – Keith Shearin
- Assistant Legislative Officer – Phil Randall
- Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
- Eagle Scout Coordinator – Charles Minton
- Adjutant – Laura Hamilton
- Web Sergeant – Robbie Savage (absent)
- Public Relations – Tim Manchester
- Assistant Adjutant– VACANT
- Historian - Greg Ciesielski

**District Vice Commandants (By the Adjutant – “When called, each DVC shall rise and salute the Commandant.”)**

NC West DVC’s

1. West District – Larry Thorton (resigned)
2. Northwest District – Chuck Wright
3. Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
4. Northcentral District –Chuck Stotz
5. Central Distrist – John Dilday
6. Southcentral – Denny Mathias

NC East DVC’s

7. North District – John Staley (absent)
8. Northeast District – Mike Black (absent)
9. South District – Howard Boyd
10. Southeast District – Lee Walker
11. East District – Steve Tracy

**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) 6
3. Onslow County Detachment #262 (Jacksonville) 1+1
4. Tar Heel Detachment #733 (Raleigh) 4
5. Charlotte Detachment #750 (Charlotte) 4
6. Blue Ridge Detachment #848 (Asheville) absent
7. Eno River Detachment #872 (Durham) absent
8. PFC Charles D. Hare Detachment #914 (Monroe) absent
9. Smoky Mountain Detachment #973 (Franklin) absent
10. Shawn Knisley Detachment #983 (Fayetteville) 4
11. Sand Hills Area Detachment #1001 (Aberdeen) absent

12. Paul Ray Purgason Detachment #1005 (Shallotte) 1
13. Cherokee County Detachment #1011 (Murphy) absent
14. Stanly County Detachment #1021 (Albemarle) absent
15. Carolina Boarders Detachment #1036 (Calabash) 4+2
16. Cherry Point Detachment #1067 (Havelock) 5+2
17. Cape Fear Detachment #1070 (Wilmington) absent
18. Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075 (Winston-Salem) absent
19. Gen. A Hal Turnage Detachment #1096 (Salisbury) absent
20. Iredell County Detachment #1097 (Troutman) absent
21. Davidson County Detachment #1103 (Lexington) (Charter surrendered)
22. Gen. Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162 (Gastonia) 2
23. Catawba Valley Detachment #1163 (Hickory) absent
24. NC Foothills Detachment #1164 (Shelby) absent
25. Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165 (Asheboro) absent
26. Cabarrus Detachment #1175 (Concord) absent
27. Sgt. WE Plueddemann (formerly Down East) Detachment #1186 (Greenville) 1
28. Brushy Mountain Detachment #1187 (North Wilkesboro) absent
29. PFC. Terry C. Smith Detachment #1193 (High Point) absent
30. Tablerock Detachment #1197 (Morganton) 1
31. John E. Ferguson Detachment #1208 (Lenoir) absent
32. LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 (Burlington) 3
33. Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Spindale) absent
34. Sgt. Doug Myers Detachment #1222 (Sylvia) absent
35. Sanford Detachment #1223 (Sanford) absent
36. PFC. Jerry L. McKinney Detachment #1232 (Wentworth) 2+2
37. Carry-On Detachment #1236 (Clayton) 1
38. PFC. Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 (Huntersville) 2
39. Richmond Leathernecks Detachment #1252 (Rockingham) absent
40. Air, Land, NC Detachment #1257 (Wake Forest) absent
41. Albemarle Detachment #1258 (Edenton) (Charter surrendered)
42. Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262 (Rocky Mount) 4
43. Outer Banks Detachment #1264 (Kitty Hawk) absent
44. Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Detachment #1265 (Lincolnton) 1
45. Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 (Spruce Pines) 1
46. Gold Leaf Detachment #1276 (Wilson) 4
47. Orange County Regulators Detachment #1292 (Hillsboro) absent
48. Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta) 1
49. Northwest Triad Detachment #1314 (Stokesdale) 1
50. Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga) 1+1
51. Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender) 4+1
52. Surry County Detachment #1322 (Surry) 4
53. Crossed Rifles Detachment #1346 (Harnett) 1
54. Waynesborough Detachment #1350 (Wayne) 1
55. High Country Detachment #1389 (Ashe) 1
56. Swansboro Detachment #1407 (Swansboro) 2
57. Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413 (Oriental) 8
58. Asheville Detachment #1417 (Asheville) 4+1

**Adjutant's Report ("The minutes from the Department Convention Meeting. These were sent out via email to all Detachments. 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 don't 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.**

- The most current version of the minutes is posted on the website. There was one correction made in August pertaining to the members of the paymaster audit team.
- The Detachment Quarterly Reports attached to the email announcements for the Quarterly meetings are the most up-to-date versions to be completed. Please do not use older versions as information may have changed from the last version sent. This report asks for information that the Department uses to ensure email communications are properly received by all Detachments, to measure against the goals set for the year and also assists Detachments as reminders for housekeeping items they may not remember to do that are included in this report.

Charles Minton made the motion to approve the minutes as posted. Second by Ralph Farthing. Approved by members present.

- A great number of quarterly reports have been turned in, 73% The best since we have started keeping tract.

#### **Chaplain's Report – Bill Boyd**

- Report of any member or member's family known to be sick or in distress.
- Report of any deceased MCL member within the last quarter.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
DEPARTMENT of NORTH CAROLINA  
Chaplain's Report, June 1, 2017 - August 31, 2017

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PLM</u>	<u>DETACHMENT</u>	<u>DoD</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>FILED</u>	<u>SENT BY</u>
Jerry D. Wallace	283844	49258	Iredell County Det. 1097	6/10/2017	6/20/2017	6/20/2017	Ch.
David C. Frederick	225511	55413	Paul Ray Purgason [ et. 1005	5/14/2017	6/21/2017	6/21/2017	Comm.
James L. Pope	239919		Waynesborough Det. 1350	6/12/2017	6/21/2017	6/21/2017	Ch.
Michael J. Slane	X317478	48474	Greater Greensboro Det. 260	6/19/2017	6/23/2017	6/23/2017	Ch.
John S. Poandl	196562		Waynesborough Det. 1350	7/26/2016	6/23/2017	6/23/2017	Ch.
Edith M. Skuce	X316981		Tar Heel Det. 733	3/1/2017	6/27/2017	6/27/2017	Ch.
William D. Crosby	220439		Walter F. Osborne Det. 1298	7/7/2017	7/8/2017	7/8/2017	Adj./Pm.
Gerard G. Lyons	200221		Cape Fear Det. 1070	6/24/2017	7/15/2017	7/15/2017	Adj./Pm.
Raymond Carey	103502	36253	Cape Fear Det. 1070	2/11/2008	7/19/2017	7/20/2017	Adj./Pm.
Robert Kimley	151593	19041	Cape Fear Det. 1070	5/8/2010	7/19/2017	7/20/2017	Adj./Pm.
Joseph A. Gasquez	168382	36461	Cape Fear Det. 1070	3/11/2011	7/19/2017	7/20/2017	Adj./Pm.
Joseph Manning	189461	38520	Cape Fear Det. 1070	8/2/2012	7/19/2017	7/20/2017	Adj./Pm.
Joseph Corbin	168367	33781	Cape Fear Det. 1070	1/31/2013	7/19/2017	7/20/2017	Adj./Pm.
Neil H. McNeill	171824	38511	Cape Fear Det. 1070	9/16/2015	7/19/2017	7/20/2017	Adj./Pm.
Daniel J. Jezewski	200967	43703	Cape Fear Det. 1070	4/24/2011	8/3/2017	8/3/2017	Adj./Pm.
William R. Brunelli	131812		Greater Greensboro Det. 260	1/18/2016	8/3/2017	8/3/2017	Ch.
William C. Faison	230307		Greater Greensboro Det. 260	7/23/2017	8/3/2017	8/3/2017	Ch.
Michael Kozakewich	104936		Greater Greensboro Det. 260	6/17/2016	8/3/2017	8/3/2017	Ch.
Herman D. Patterson	X333345		Charlotte Det. 750	6/21/2016	8/7/2017	8/17/2017	Ch.
Leroy M. Hyler	155423		Pfc. Jerry McKinney Det. 1232	7/29/2017	8/9/2017	8/9/2017	Ch.
Michael C. Goodman	172772	40579	Charlotte Det. 750	8/12/2017	8/25/2017	8/26/2017	Ch.
Thomas J. Culkin	25496	6638	Greater Greensboro Det. 260	9/18/2012	8/25/2017	8/25/2017	Ch.
Richard L. Marcum	113808	47033	Greater Greensboro Det. 260	2/9/2013	8/25/2017	8/25/2017	Ch.
Charles G. Monnett	68609	20087	Greater Greensboro Det. 260	10/21/2012	8/25/2017	8/25/2017	Ch.
Paul D. Talbert	174520		Greater Greensboro Det. 260	3/29/2017	8/25/2017	8/25/2017	Ch.
Clayton J. Smith	332758		Charlotte Det. 750	8/23/2017	8/31/2017	8/31/2017	Ch.

This report is the largest in 4.25 years of reporting. It represents the purging of PLM members on Detachment rosters. It covers the actual period from June 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Bill Boyd, Department Chaplain

- Please pause for a moment of silence for our fallen Marines.

### Paymaster's Report – Lori King

- Give financial update [Current Budget and Current Expenditures DoNC]

Basic Paymaster Report :

## Paymaster Report

6/1/2017-9/30/2017

- Cash brought forward 6/1/2017
  - Checking ..... \$21,549.21
  - Money Market ..... \$9,183.45
  - **Total** ..... **\$30,732.66**
  
- Cash paid out for the time period
  - Checking ..... \$20,000.30
  - Money Market ..... \$0
  - **Total** ..... **\$20,000.30**
  
- Deposits made for the time period
  - Checking ..... **\$27,858.59**
  - Money Market ..... \$0.92
  - **Total** ..... **\$27,859.51**
  
- Balance as of 9/30/2017
  - Checking ..... \$29,407.50
  - Money Market ..... \$9,184.37
  - **Total** ..... **\$38,591.64**

Profit & Loss Statement:



10:33 AM  
 10/28/17  
 Cash Basis

MCL, Department of North Carolina  
**Profit & Loss**  
 June through September 2017

	<u>Jun - Sep 17</u>
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Investments</b>	
Money Market	0.92
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>0.92</u>
<b>Mid-East Convention</b>	
Mid-East Banquet	480.00
Mid-East Lunch Buffet	225.00
Mid-East Registration	843.92
Mid-East Convention - Other	1,935.00
<b>Total Mid-East Convention</b>	<u>3,483.92</u>
<b>Other Types of Income</b>	
Challenge Coins	59.72
Combat Wounded Veteran Sign	-480.00
Gun Raffle- Springfield "Saint"	1,401.09
Gun Raffle - M-1 Grand	880.00
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	
Humanitarian	
Disaster Relief Fnd Hur. Harvey	180.00
Sophia Bettancourt Donation	0.00
Humanitarian - Other	75.00
<b>Total Humanitarian</b>	<u>255.00</u>
<b>Total Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	255.00
Trailer Donations	1,451.37
Unassigned Income	1,075.89
<b>Total Other Types of Income</b>	<u>5,542.87</u>
<b>Program Income</b>	
Life Member Interest Rebate	2,325.05
Membership Dues	2,805.00
<b>Total Program Income</b>	<u>5,130.05</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	14,157.76
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Department Officer's Expenses</b>	
Chaplain Expenses	200.00
Commandant's Expenses	1,810.42
<b>DVC Expenses</b>	
North Central	84.28
South	253.29
<b>Total DVC Expenses</b>	<u>337.57</u>
<b>Paymaster Expenses</b>	
Postage, Mailing Service	170.83
<b>Total Paymaster Expenses</b>	<u>170.83</u>
<b>Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses</b>	<u>137.48</u>
<b>Total Department Officer's Expenses</b>	2,856.08
<b>Meetings Expenses</b>	
Conference, Convention, Meeting	3,807.02
<b>Total Meetings Expenses</b>	<u>3,807.02</u>

10:33 AM  
10/28/17  
Cash Basis

MCL, Department of North Carolina  
Profit & Loss  
June through September 2017

	Jun - Sep 17
<b>Operations</b>	
Bank Fees - NSF Charges	-12.00
Bank Fees - Reversal For NSF Ck	130.00
Bank Fees - Service Charges	21.00
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	75.00
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>214.00</b>
<b>Other Types of Expenses</b>	
Awards	5.00
Dues (Loan to Det.)	25.00
Multi-Media Expense	278.97
Other Costs	73.16
<b>Total Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>382.13</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,058.83</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>7,099.13</b>

- Give financial update on Sophia Bettancourt
  - Every detachment gave something. Over \$8,500 has been given. The Department receives the money, then cuts a check to Sophia's mom.
- Transmittal – a new form has come down from National. Please put your paymaster's phone number on it. This will help her if there are any questions. Please contact her before sending if you have questions. This will help cut down on the wrong amounts sent in.
- The financial report is for June 1 to September 30.
  - It does include monies for the MCL Foundation for hurricane relief.
  - She went over the profit & loss statement.

Scott Shermeyer made the motion to accept the Paymasters report. Second by multiple persons. Approved by members present

**D.V.C.'s - Report of Officers** – Each DVC will be given 3 minutes to give their reports on events and happenings within their District during the quarter.

- Denny Mathias, SC DVC:

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

<u>Detachment #</u>	<u>Total Reg &amp; Assoc mbrs</u>	<u>Total unpaid mbrs</u>	<u>Total % unpaid</u>
750 Charlotte	84	5	11.4% *
914 PFC C D Hare	16	0	0.0% *
1021 Stanly Co	42	3	15.8% *
1175 Cabarrus	36	11	29.7% *
1242 PFC B Larson	68	14	26.9% *

\* Reported to me this info in time to prepare this report. Otherwise, the info is from the 09/30/2017 Detachment Report from National

\*\* *Reported numbers are significantly different that the National Report.*

Det 914 has reapplied for nonprofit status but has not been reinstated yet. My attempts to work with the detachment have been unsuccessful. Ideas presented to them have not caused any action. The detachments that are maintaining or increasing membership are very active in their communities. All are continuing their regular activities, both to raise funds and to participate in their community’s activities. The exposure puts them in a favorable light to prospective members and their communities. There are no specific membership drives in the Southcentral district. All detachments are working with the local Boy and Girl Scout units in recognizing their Eagle Scouts and provide Honor Guards when requested.

- John Dilday, C DVC:  
Report was given.

- Chuck Stoltz, NC DVC:

I have visited all the Detachments in the North Central District this past 4 months. 5 Detachments report that we have installed 20 new members during that time.

We continue serving the public and our mission by: Feeding the Homeless; Supporting those who have suffered during the Hurricanes; Setting up booths at various fairs and community gatherings; Preparing for the coming Toys for Tots season with one Detachment already collecting 10,000 toys. Another joyous Christmas for our area children; Presenting citizenship and scholarships to Eagle Scouts and Gold Scout recipients; Presenting an Educational Scholarship to a deserving youth

The Greater Greensboro Detachment 260 also was proud to have Department Officers present the National Recruiter of the Year award to Past Commandant Roger Stockton at the Detachment Picnic. We are alive and well in the North Central District.

- Lee Walker, SE DVC:

He has visited all four of his detachments and all four were at the last quarterly meeting.

<u>Detachment #</u>	<u>Total Reg &amp; Assoc mbrs</u>	<u>Total unpaid mbrs</u>	<u>Total % unpaid</u>
1413	27	3	15.79
1067	113	6	10.34
1407	60	0	0.0
262	148	10	22.22

- Howard Boyd, S DVC:

He has has visited 1005 Paul Ray Purgason Detachment – Shallotte; 1036 Carolina Borders Detachment – Calabash; 1070 Cape Fear Detachment – Wilmington; 1321 Hampstead Detachment – Hampstead.

<u>Detachment #</u>	<u>Total Reg &amp; Assoc mbrs</u>	<u>Total unpaid mbrs</u>	<u>Total % unpaid</u>
1005 Paul Ray Purgason	4	7	63.64% *
1036 Carolina Borders	6	5	45.45% *
1070 Cape Fear	42	4	8.7% *
1321 Hampstead	60	9	13.4% *

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The detachments that are maintaining or increasing membership are very active in their communities. The exposure puts them in a favorable light to prospective members. All detachments are working with the local Boy and Girl Scout units in recognizing their Eagle Scouts and provide Honor Guards when requested. All Detachments are working closely with their communities in various philanthropic endeavors.

- Glenn Perkins, MW DVC:  
Report was given.
- Chuck Wright, NW DVC:  
Report was given.
- Steve Tracy, E DVC:  
Report was given.

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

- I have maintained a busy schedule since the Department Convention in June of this year. As your Commandant I attended the Mid-East Division Conference in Durham, hosted by our own Tarheel Detachment. We had a very enjoyable weekend. I encourage you all to attend the Mid-East Division Conference next year hosted by the Department of Maryland. It will be held @ the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, MD.

I attended two North Carolina Veterans Council meetings. During the second visit Keith Shearin, Gold Leaf Detachment Commandant, was voted in as the Council Commander. At the 94<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Overland Park, Kansas your Department was well represented. We had 15 members in attendance. The Department Judge Advocate Denny Mathias was instrumental in stopping the complete Bylaws rewrite. I was pleasantly surprised when the then National Judge Advocate Johnny Baker accepted responsibility in the Bylaws not being posted as required and offered his resignation. His resignation was not accepted and he was elected as our National Junior Vice Commandant; it was a nice change of pace for someone not to shift the blame. Because of his professional actions and knowledge of the bylaws Denny was appointed to the National Bylaw Committee. We will be voting on a new set of Bylaws at the 95<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Buffalo, New York. I strongly urge as many of you as possible to attend. Your voice and vote does matter and this is where it will be heard.

I was a guest speaker at the Monford Point Marine Association family day in Burlington, NC. I truly believe that our organizations need to link up so we can make a stronger voice in Washington DC. I will continue to attend their meeting as well as the Woman Marine Association meetings. On September 1<sup>st</sup> of next year I have been invited by Dr. Betty Mosley Brown to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Woman Marine Association Convention. We are making advancements.

I attended the Wake County Community College September 11<sup>th</sup> remembrance ceremony. On Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> I had the honor of presenting the National Recruiter of the Year award to Roger Stocton from the Greater Greensboro Detachment # 260. Roger brought 100 new members into the League last year. Senior Vice Commandant Rick Thomason and I preformed the Re-Chartering Ceremony of the Sgt. W.E. Plueddeman Detachment in Greenville. Monday I went to Jacksonville and was present at the memorial service for the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bombing of the Beirut Barracks.

I am making my way around the state again. Since our Department Convention I have attended 31 Detachment meetings, 20 different Detachments. I have represented the Department at 40 different events and traveled a total of 9,767

miles in League affairs. I am now getting ready for the Christmas season by volunteering as a Gunny Claus for our Marines children.

I have been working with Robbie Savage trying to keep our website up to date with Detachment contact info, meeting times and locations. If you change you meeting time or location, please file an installation report so we can make the changes to the web site. We are also working on a different email system that will give us unlimited storage but will not have to change any of our email addresses. This should be rolling out soon.

With your continued help, WE will make the Department of North Carolina the Best Department in the Mid-East Division and the Marine Corps League.

It has been, and will continue to be, my honor to serve as your Commandant for the Department of North Carolina. I salute you all.

- Played a video presentation from National website.
- We as the Marine Corps League do a lot of good. At National they are \$92,000 shortfall. This is causing them to only work 4 days per week.

### **Report of Staff Officers**

- Sr. Vice Commandant – Rick Thomason
  - He went through a slide show of how the Department trailer was upgraded.
  - Marines, Corpsmen and Chaplains of the League, Since my election to the position of Senior Vice Commandant of the Department of North Carolina in June, I have endeavored to make my position as visible as possible at all events of the League or veterans groups. I have represented the DoNC at three Joint Veteran Committee flag raisings, the Mideast Division Conference, the funeral for the Mideast Division National Vice Commandant's brother in West Va., the Fourth of July parade in Sparta, N.C., the National Convention in Overland Park, Ks. And the Montford Point Marine Day event in Burlington, N.C... During this period, I was involved in three Detachment Officer Installations, attended 22 Detachment meetings, two Detachment socials and eight Growls of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs. In total, I have documented over 10,101 miles of travel representing the Department.  
At the Department Convention in June, I volunteered to renovate the enclosed trailer donated to us by the Marine Corps and recruiters of Wake county. Since then, I have rebuilt the rear door frames and added aluminum interior panels, replaced all three tires and rims, relocated and mounted the spare tire, repacked the wheel bearings, rewired the trailer adding interior and exterior lighting,

replaced the trailer jack and added DOT reflector tape to all sides. Interior close-out panels in the corners were replaced with heavy gauge aluminum panels. The remaining wood panels were bleached with Oxalic Acid to remove stains and clean the interior. Tie-down points were recessed into the sides and floor to accept ratchet straps to stabilize the load. Two new wheeled carts were ordered and fitted to the trailer. An overhead shelf was added to accept the DoNC flag and projector screens. It was then sent to Parker Signs and Graphics for the addition of the DoNC logo, MCL logo, QR code and lettering. Upon return it was taken to the NC DMV, License and Theft Division to attain a Vehicle Identification Number. They referred me to the local License Plate agency for receipt of the VIN. Since there was no other vehicle in the system for the DoNC, they would not register it without a copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the DoNC. I returned with a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, and they then wanted a Bill of Sale and insurance information before issuing a tag. They did give me a VIN to stamp into the trailer tongue and axle. I returned to my shop, stamped the tongue and axle, returned to License and Theft and had the Inspector sign off on the stamping. A signed Bill of Sale was attained and a third trip to the DMV was made. We finally have a permanent tag on the trailer.

The winter months will not be as active, but it is my intent to continue to visit Detachments as time allows. Keep me on your distribution lists so I may continue to follow your activities and accomplishments. Thank you and Semper Fi.

- Jr. Vice Commandant – Scott Shermeyer
  - First, you might be wondering why I've got this scruff on my face. I guess I'm just trying to keep up with the Joneses. Unfortunately, due to illness I was not able to attend the National Convention in Overland Park Kansas in August. I was down hard with a sinus infection.

I have been in contact with Civilian Mark Munger who spearheads the Marine for Life program at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (back to basics, it's not Lujurn). Here is a blurb from him:

participating with the Marine for Life Network. I believe that if VSO (Marine Corps Leagues) could inspire a few from each detachment to join our LinkedIn groups, it might be a positive vehicle to not only mentor Marines, but also potentially inspire some younger veterans to join organizations by virtually meeting members.”

Sir Commandant, Mr. Munger respectfully requests to be able to address the department during the spring quarterly meeting.

As your department senior Vice commandant recruiting and retention falls under my belt. And from the girth of my belly you can see there's a lot of room under my belt. I'm not going to stand up here this morning and rattle off a bunch of numbers I think we all know that we're suffering the consequences of trying to consolidate our renewals. Needless to say our numbers are little dismal as far as delinquent unpaid Marine Corps League associate and regular members.

I encourage all, Detachment Commandants, senior Vice Commandants, and paymasters to stay engaged, stay positive and let's try to reduce our numbers of unpaid and set a goal to get everybody paid by the end of December.

Detachment Commandants and paymasters you should have already received your Detachment roster for 30 September. As soon as I received our Department roster I broke it down Barney style into separate attachments and sent those to our Department Adjutant who promptly sent those to all the District Vice Commandants. If for some reason you haven't received it then either the adjutant or you're DVC does not have your correct email address. Please make sure that you provide your most recent contact information so we can keep the flow of information flowing.

For those of you that are carrying honorary active-duty members (they show up as HAD) on your roster, you may have noticed that many of them, if not all of them, on your roster are showing up as unpaid now. I've been in touch with JD Foster at National headquarters. His suggestion was for paymaster's who have active duty honorary members to resubmit a transmittal so they can renew their pay dates. At first glance that really doesn't feel like a solid solution. So we're going to continue that conversation higher up and see what we can iron out. But in the meantime my suggestion is, even though it's a lot of extra paperwork, go ahead and submit a transmittal listing your active-duty honorary members and try to list their EAS state if you have it. Short-term, this gets our rosters squared away.

50% under 50 years old (*an initiative instituted by National Junior Vice Commandant Dennis Tobin*)

Plant the seed. I'm living proof of how that seed can eventually sprout. My hometown Detachment brought me on almost 25 years ago, and this year I re-joined First Capitol Detachment #521 in Department of Pennsylvania as a dual member. I attended the Dept of PA Convention and look forward to attending



their 75th anniversary convention next summer. I learned a lot, and can say that they are looking at our department down here for ideas.

Stay in touch with younger Marines, find that one event or activity that really motivates them. Action oriented. Target them for a specific task or project, based on their skill set. Be prepared to listen to new ideas and implement them. If new recruits are looking for something to do, give them something to do and support their efforts.

As your Department Junior Vice Commandant my challenge to each and every member here today is to latch on to one (1) wayward member and bring one new member onboard.

I'll end with this... it's all about building the brand and fostering right relationships and remember Marine take care of their own and we leave no Marines behind!

- Judge Advocate – Denny Mathias
  - He has been going through the National by laws and administrative procedures and noting how the regulations came to be and noting the changes and why. Trying to get this posted to the website in January.
  - Only 2 detachments have submitted new by laws for review.
  - Detachment level by laws – he is keeping a soft copy for future requests. He needs an editable copy sent to him or Phil Randall. He has had several requests by the detachments for a copy of their own by laws.
  - When the bylaws are updated, please send a couple copies, signed by the detachment officers to him for review and approval. He will send a copy back and keep a copy.

### **Recess of the meeting and blessing of the lunch meal by Chaplain Bill Boyd**

**11:40 – 13:00: Lunch Break**

**1300 – 1600: Business Session**

- Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
  - No report to give.
- Sgt.-at-Arms – Ralph Farthing
  - No report to give.
- Aide-De-Camp – John Dilday

- Spring 2018 Membership Meeting – April 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> hosted by Sgt WE Plueddemann (formerly Down East) Detachment #1186, Greenville
- Convention 2018 – June 29<sup>th</sup> -July 1<sup>st</sup> Percy J Fulton Detachment #1075, Winston-Salem
- Fall 2018 – North West District, Boone, date TBD
- Spring 2019 – possible LCPL Alan D Lam Detachment #1209 Burlington
- Convention 2019 – May 31<sup>st</sup> –June 2<sup>nd</sup> Onslow County Detachment #262, Jacksonville
- Fall 2019 – Greater Greensboro Detachment #260, Greensboro

**Report of Project Leaders:**

- Toys For Tots – Larry Hill (absent)
- Eagle Scout Program – Charles Minton
  - DoNC is number 6 in the nation. We usually are in the top 5.
  - There was 61 certificates reported this past quarterly report.
  - Any detachment can provide an Eagle Scout certificate; you do not have to have a special program. He can provide a generic script if needed.
  - The detachment needs to provide the quarterly reporting of Eagle Scout to him so he can compile his report for the Department and National.
  - Communication is key.
- Young Marine Program – Jeff Petway
  - He is working with the units trying to get better communication and to find out if they have any needs.
  - He is also trying to get event information out so the MCL members can attend these events.
- VAVS Program – Ken Parker
  - VAVS hours reported is 1,402 from 41 detachments
- Fund-Raising – Rick Thomason
  - There are 221 tickets available for sale for the Saint rifle. We are in the black on this.
  - The Combat Wounded Sign program has taken off. Our last order was 130 signs.
  - Challenge Coins have been slow on the re-order.

\*Commandant Jones “At this time I ask for a motion from the Floor to accept the Officer and Committee reports as given or submitted.” Charles Minton made the motion to accept the reports as given. Second by Scott Shermeyer. Approved by members present.

**Unfinished Business**

- FYI....George Burrows left us on January 13<sup>th</sup> this year. On the one year anniversary, January 13, 2018, the Staff Sargent George M. Burrows Detachment will be stood up in Beulaville, NC.

**Presentation/Remarks,** Certificates from National, presented by Commandant Jones.

- DoNC color streamer for attendance of the National Convention

- Jr Vice Membership streamer – Det 257; Det 260; Det 262; 750; Det 914; Det 1070; Det 1097; Det 1162; Det 1186; Det 1193; Det 1208; Det 1232; Det 1242; Det 1264; Det 1298; Det 1321; Det 1389; Det 1407; Det 1413
- Newsletter submission recognition – Det 1162; Det 1232; Det 1407; Det 1417; Det 1298; Det 1209
- Girl Scout Award Recognition – MCL Auxiliary to Det 260 (the Girl Scout Award is only through the Auxiliary, a local MCL detachment can present on behalf of the Auxiliary from the Department Auxiliary)
- Distinguished Service Awards (for helping with Marine South) – Glenn Perkins; David Jackson; Charles Minton; Lisa Ciesielski; Greg Ciesielski; Lee Walker; Larry Hill; Gunner Ski; Tim Manchester; Juliane Brosnick
- Distinguished Citizen, Gold – Scott Shermeyer

### **New Business**

- Brandon Wilson from NC Serves which operates under America Serves.
  - They help to coordinate services in the community for the family so they don't have to hunt down the services; not provide them.
  - They are funded by companies and not governed by the federal government.
  - They have been vetted by the VA and DOD with an MOU so there is security in the system.
  - They help with the needs of the veterans and their family.
  - They can provide real time needs data vs. what the VA can provide which is 18 months old.
  - There are 12 networks across the nation; with 4 in North Carolina.
  - They can help locally funnel the veteran with getting help and get more exposure for the local detachment as a side benefit.
  - [www.NCServes.org](http://www.NCServes.org)
  - Presented Detachment 1417 Outstanding Leadership and Superior Performance Award.
- Cherry Point Detachment requests a partial refund of the trailer donation \$200 of the \$300. Scott Shermeyer made the motion in favor of the request. Second by unknown name. Discussion about the trailer fund. There is currently \$1,451 in the fund. The surplus was to be kept for maintenance for upkeep. The vote was 0 in favor, rest in opposition. The motion failed.
- Gunny Claus, Chuck Wright
  - First Reindeer Division is the name on the charter.
  - As of 2016 they helped 14,000 children.
  - They are looking at 16,000 children this year.
  - Thirty-One is a corporate sponsor.
  - They project that in 3 years they will see 50,000 children.
  - They need to buy 5 new uniforms, each approximately \$1,600. The Gunny Claus provides the rest of the uniform.
  - DoNC presented a check for \$1,000 to Chuck for Gunny Claus.

### **Good of the League**

- Cmdt Jones – USO on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 0830-1300 is hosting a clay shoot. Cost is \$100 which covers the day.
- Scott Shermeyer – there was a camera bag left at the Department Convention.
- Dennis Brockman – June 6, 2018 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Belleau Woods.
- Steve Tracy – showed a 1942 picture of 1<sup>st</sup> MARDIV from ‘House in the Woods’ in Maine. It is a free retreat for veterans and their family. They can hunt for a couple days.
- Rick Thomas was recognized for fixing up the trailer.

### **Announcements**

- Any other announcements?

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

- Closing remarks by Cmdt. Jones
- Singing of the Marines Hymn
- “Good Night Chesty, wherever you are!”
- Retire the Colors
- Sr. Vice Cmdt.’s last duty – Rick Thomason
- Chaplain – Prayer and close the Bible – Bill Boyd
- Meeting adjourned approximately 1435