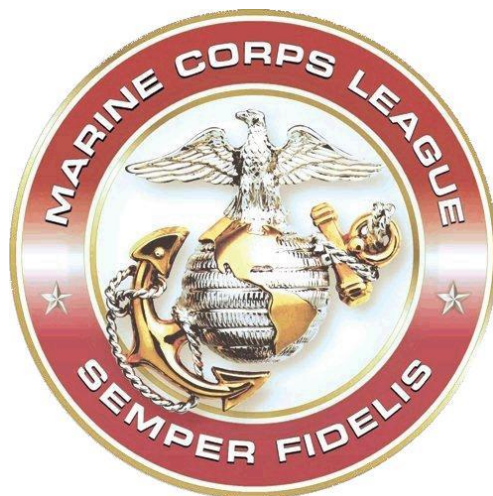


Marine Corps League

Department of North Carolina



Fall Membership Meeting Minutes

14 September 2019

Hosted by: Greater Greensboro Detachment 260
Host Commandant: James Hayes

Presided by: Commandant Rick Thomason
Department of North Carolina
Marine Corps League

Meeting start time: 0930

Meeting Location: Wyndham Garden – Greensboro

Host Contact: Chuck Stotz

E-mail: cstotz@triad.rr.com

Phone Number: 336-681-4435

A. Opening Remarks by Dept. Commandant Rick Thomason

1. Meeting called to order - 0928
2. Post Colors – General Nathaniel Green Young Marines
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt-at-Arms – Ralph Farthing
4. POW/MIA remembrance – Jeffrey Jones
5. Open Bible and Invocation – Assistant Chaplain Bill Boyd
6. 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
7. COA for color guard

B. Recognition of other Guests by the Host Detachment

1. Thanks, and remarks to Host Detachment Commandant: Greater Greensboro Detachment #260 Jim Hayes
 - a) Thank Wyndham Hotels
 - b) DVC Stotz and Jr Vice James Nehlsen were very instrumental in getting everything together.
 - c) Carolina Field of Honor is just off I-40 and would be a great site to visit before you leave.

C. Guest Speaker

1. Paul Berry, SgtMaj Retired, NC Serves Network Director / Programs Manager
 - a) <https://raleigh.americaserves.org/>
 - b) They work with veterans, spouses, widows/widowers.
 - c) There are four networks across North Carolina.
 - d) The Marine Corps League point of contact will be the commandantdonc@gmail.com email since this will be the Commandant email for each future Department commandant to help disseminate information from NC Serves.
2. Greg Ross, Young Marines Regimental Commander for North Carolina
 - a) You can reach out to him if you want to be involved.

- b) These kids are the future of our country.
- c) We need to build up the Young Marines again across the country.
- d) <https://www.youngmarines.com/>

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

- 1. Mideast Division Vice Commandant – Roger Ware (absent)
- 2. Mideast Division Assistant Vice Commandant – Rick Thomason
- 3. Mideast Division Marine of the Year 2019 – Rick Shank (absent)
- 4. National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms - Charles Minton (absent)
- 5. Mideast Division Chapel of Four Chaplains – Jeremy Barton
- 6. National Youth Physical Fitness Chairman - Devell (Bull) Durham
- 7. National Marine of the Year 2018 - Jeffrey Jones
- 8. M.O.D.D. Kennel Dog of the Year 2019 – Roger Ware (absent)
- 9. National Assistant Sgt At Arms – Ken Parker
- 10. National Assistant Sgt At Arms – Rick Thomason
- 11. National Historian – Greg Ciesielski
- 12. National Marine 4 Life – Mark Munger

E. Recognition of the Department Marine/Woman of the Year

- 1. 2019 Department Marine of the Year – Laura Hamilton (Gen Raymond G Davis Det #1162)
- 2. Ask all past MOY & WOY Recipients to stand and be recognized

F. Recognition of Past Department Commandants

- 1. Jr. Past Department Commandant Jeffrey Jones
- 2. Ask all the Past Department Commandants to stand and be recognized.

G. Recognition of Guests with Invitation to address the membership

- 1. Mideast Division National Vice Commandant – Roger Ware (absent)
- 2. MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader –PDD Charles Minton (absent)

- a) MODD NC Pack Sr Vice Greg Ciesielski – The MODD collected 312 pounds of dog food to be given to the Guildford County Animal Shelter.
 - b) We collected \$105.25 for the Children’s Fund to go to National. This year the MODD is hoping to collect \$100,000 nationally.
 - c) If you are not a devil dog, please consider joining.
3. MCL Auxiliary Mideast Vice President – Pat Walker

H. Chapel of Four Chaplains Presentation

1. Jeremy Barton read through an overview of criteria to receive each of the award levels.
2. The new form will be posted on the Department website. The old ones will no longer be accepted.
3. You need a minimum of 2 weeks for processing.

I. Roll Call of Department Officers

(By the Adjutant– “When called, each Officer shall rise and salute the Commandant.”)

1. Commandant – Rick Thomason
2. Sr. Vice Commandant – Keith Shearin
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – Ric Ledford
4. Judge Advocate – Denny Mathias
5. Jr. Past Commandant – Jeffrey Jones
6. Aide-De-Camp- John Dilday
7. Chaplain – Jason Hall (absent)
8. Assistant Chaplain – Bill Boyd
9. Sgt.-at-Arms - Ralph Farthing
10. Paymaster – Randal Rempfer
11. Young Marines Service Officer – Jeff Petway (absent)
12. Assistant Young Marines Service Officer – Ryan Siemer
13. Toys For Tots Coordinator– Larry Hill (absent)
14. VAVS Service Officer – Ken Parker
15. Legislative Officer – Phil Randall
16. Assistant Legislative Officer – Thomas Bates (absent)
17. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
18. Eagle Scout Coordinator – Charles Minton (absent)
19. Assistant Eagle Scout Coordinator – Karen Barton (absent)

20. Marine For Life Liaison – Todd Abbott (absent)
21. Adjutant – Laura Hamilton
22. Web Sergeant – Robbie Savage (absent)
23. Public Relations – Tim Manchester
24. Assistant Adjutant– VACANT
25. Historian - Greg Ciesielski
26. Chapel of Four Chaplains – Jeremy Barton

J. District Vice Commandants

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

1. NC West DVC’s
 - a) West District – Harry Schweitzer (absent)
 - b) Northwest District – Chuck Wright
 - c) Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
 - d) Northcentral District – Chuck Stotz
 - e) Central District – John Dilday
 - f) Southcentral – Denny Mathias
2. NC East DVC’s
 - a) North District – John Staley (absent)
 - b) Northeast District – Mike Black (absent)
 - c) South District – Howard Boyd
 - d) Southeast District – Lee Walker
 - e) East District – Tim Manchester

K. 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 (Raleigh)
5. Charlotte Detachment #750 (Charlotte)
6. Blue Ridge Detachment #848 (Asheville)
7. PFC Charles D. Hare Detachment #914 (Monroe) (absent)

8. Smoky Mountain Detachment #973 (Franklin) (absent)
9. Shawn Knisley Detachment #983 (Fayetteville)
10. Sand Hills Area Detachment #1001 (Aberdeen) (absent)
11. Paul Ray Purgason Detachment #1005 (Shallotte)
12. Cherokee County Detachment #1011 (Murphy) (absent)
13. Stanly County Detachment #1021 (Albemarle) (absent)
14. Carolina Borders Detachment #1036 (Calabash) (absent)
15. Cherry Point Detachment #1067 (Havelock)
16. Cape Fear Detachment #1070 (Wilmington) (absent)
17. Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075 (Winston-Salem)
18. Gen. A Hal Turnage Detachment #1096 (Salisbury)
19. Iredell County Detachment #1097 (Troutman)
20. Gen. Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162 (Gastonia)
21. Catawba Valley Detachment #1163 (Hickory)
22. NC Foothills Detachment #1164 (Shelby) (absent)
23. Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165 (Asheboro) (absent)
24. Cabarrus Detachment #1175 (Concord)
25. Sgt WE Plueddemann Detachment #1186 (Greenville) (absent)
26. Brushy Mountain Detachment #1187 (North Wilkesboro) (absent)
27. PFC. Terry C. Smith Detachment #1193 (High Point) (absent)
28. Table Rock Detachment #1197 (Morganton)
29. LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 (Burlington) (absent)
30. Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Spindale) (absent)
31. Sgt. Doug Myers Detachment #1222 (Sylvia) (absent)
32. Sanford Detachment #1223 (Sanford) (absent)
33. PFC. Jerry L. McKinney Detachment #1232 (Wentworth)
34. Carry-On Detachment #1236 (Clayton)
35. PFC. Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 (Huntersville)
36. Richmond Leathernecks Detachment #1252 (Rockingham) (absent)
37. Air, Land, NC Detachment #1257 (Wake Forest)
38. Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262 (Rocky Mount)
39. Outer Banks Detachment #1264 (Kitty Hawk)
40. Capt. Jeb F. Seagle Detachment #1265 (Lincolnton) (absent)
41. Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 (Spruce Pines) (absent)
42. Gold Leaf Detachment #1276 (Wilson)
43. Orange County Regulators Detachment #1292 (Hillsboro)
44. Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta)
45. Northwest Triad Detachment #1314 (Stokesdale)

46. Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga)
47. Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender)
48. Surry County Detachment #1322 (Surry)
49. Crossed Rifles Detachment #1346 (Harnett) (absent)
50. Waynesborough Detachment #1350 (Wayne)
51. High Country Detachment #1389 (Ashe)
52. Swansboro Detachment #1407 (Swansboro)
53. Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413 (Oriental)
54. Asheville Detachment #1417 (Asheville)

L. Adjutant's Report

("The minutes from the Convention are 32 pages long. These were sent out via email to all Detachments. These are available for downloading from the Department Website. 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.")

1. The most current version of the minutes is posted on the website. There were two name corrections.
2. If you would like to emails from me directly, besides through your detachment commandant or adjutant, please get me your Name, Email, Detachment #, and Phone # so I can add you to my email group.
3. Please make sure a copy of your latest ROI is sent to the Adjutant as well as the Paymaster (who gets the original signed hardcopy).
4. An Excel spreadsheet titled "2019 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.
5. Rosters get sent to the DVCs and the Detachment Commandants. If you do not get yours, please go through the DVC. There are usually multiple attachments in addition to the rosters themselves.
6. It is imperative that the Detachment Commandant and Paymaster have emails. There is some data which is only sent to them.

***Commandant Thomason, asks for a motion to waive reading of the minutes.
John Irwin made the motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes.
Second by Jeremy Barton. Approved by members present.***

M. Paymaster's Report – Randal Rempfer

1. Give financial update

Paymaster Report
06/01/2018 – 05/31/2019

- Cash brought forward 03/31/2019
 - Checking \$ 52,940.28
 - Money Market \$ 9,188.96
 - Total \$62,129.24

- Deposits made for the time period
 - Checking \$ 3,085.00
 - Money Market \$ 0.70
 - Total \$ 3,085.70

- Cash disbursed for the time period
 - Checking \$ 6,411.56
 - Money Market \$ 0.00
 - Total \$ 6,411.56

- Balance as of 05/31/2019
 - Checking \$ 49,613.72
 - Money Market \$ 9,189.66
 - Total **\$ 58,803.38**

MCL, Department of North Carolina
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
 Fiscal Year 2018/2019

	Jun '19 - May '20	Actual '19-'20	
Income			
Investments			
Money Market	2.75	0.70	
Total Investments	2.75	0.70	
Other Types of Income			
Fundraising Revenue	30,000.00	1230.00	
Det.-1103 Escrow Account-2016			400.00
2019/2020 Gun Raffle - M1A			470.00
2018/2019 Gun Raffle - Ruger			250.00
2020 Calendar Raffle			0.00
Challenge Coins			10.00
Compat Wounded Vet Signs			100.00
2019 Calendar Raffle			13520.00
Total Other Types of Income	30,000.00	1230.00	* Revenue balance from FY-19
Program Income			
Humanitarian/Disaster Relief	0.00	0.00	
Cmdt Overage Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	
Life Member Interest Rebate	2,200.00	0.00	
Membership Dues	5,825.00	1390.00	
Total Program Income	8,025.00	1390.00	
Total Income	38,027.75	2620.70	
Expense			
Advertising	500.00	0.00	*Convention Ad Books
Department Officer's Expenses			
Adjutant Expenses	600.00	0.00	600.00
Chaplain Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00
Commandant's Expenses	4,007.83	361.06	3646.77
DVC Expenses			
Central	400.00	0.00	400.00
East	400.00	0.00	400.00
Mid West	400.00	0.00	400.00
North	400.00	0.00	400.00
North Central	400.00	0.00	400.00
North East	400.00	0.00	400.00
Northwest	400.00	0.00	400.00
South	400.00	0.00	400.00
South Central	400.00	0.00	400.00
South East	400.00	0.00	400.00
West	400.00	0.00	400.00
Total DVC Expenses	4,400.00	0.00	
Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	600.00	0.00	600.00
Judge Advocate Expenses	600.00	156.48	443.52
Paymaster Expenses			
Postage, Mailing Service	600.00	256.75	343.25
Printing and Copying	100.00	0.00	100.00
Supplies	100.00	297.61	(197.61)
Paymaster Expenses - Other	400.00	246.34	153.66
Total Paymaster Expenses	1,200.00	800.70	
Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	600.00	0.00	600.00
Total Department Officer's Expenses	12,507.83	1318.24	
Meetings Expenses			
Mid-East Divison Host	100.00	0.00	
Mid-East Divison Conference	0.00	0.00	*Hosting Expenses
Convention/Membership Mtg.	250.00	213.17	*Guest Speaker Room & Gift
Host Detachment Allowance	600.00	400.00	* Tri-Annual Meetings
Total Meetings Expenses	950.00	613.17	
Operations			
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00	
Bank Fees - Business Checks Order	0.00	223.65	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	0.00	0.00	
Multi-Media Expense	100.00	20.99	
Web Site Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	* 10 yr Domain & Hosting
Total Operations	1,100.00	244.64	
Other Types of Expenses			
Humanitarian Fund	2,500.00		
Jeremy Tank (FY-19)			1750.00
(Promissary Note: Payback by 09/2020)			
2018 Hurricane Relief	0.00	0.00	889.39
2019 Calendar Winners	0.00	2195.00	11325.00
2020 Calendar Winners	8,500.00	0.00	0.00
2019/2020 Rifle Raffle-M1A	1,830.00	1826.00	(1356.00)
Awards	400.00	161.19	
Mideast Conference Expense	0.00	0.00	
Combat Veteran Sign Purchase	0.00	0.00	100.00
Fundraiser Expense (Purchased Items)	2,000.00	0.00	
Wreaths Across America	1,000.00	0.00	
Gunny Clause	1,000.00	0.00	
New Detachment Allowance	300.00	0.00	
NC Veterans Council	150.00	0.00	
Total Other Types of Expenses	15,180.00	3932.19	
Total Expense	30,237.83	6108.24	
Net Income	7,789.92	-3487.54	

DoNC Fall Men

Bull Durham made the motion to accept the reports subject to audit.
Second by Bruce Goeden. Approved by members present.

2. PLM Audits and Form 990 submissions.
 - a) Volunteer mileage is still the same at \$.014 per mile.
 - b) Presented a Power Point on the processes of PLM audits and Form 990 submissions. This presentation and the Detachment Paymaster Guide Book can be found on the Department website under Forms.

N. Chaplain's Report – Jason Hall

1. Report of sick and deceased MCL member within the last quarter.

Sickness and Distress:

SgtMaj F. T. McNeive USMC ret. of Jacksonville NC is recovering from a fall related injury. SgtMaj McNeive is a Past Department of North Carolina Commandant.

Chaplain's Oral Report
September 14, 2019

The following Marine Corps League members in the Department of North Carolina have been reported to have answered their final Earthly Roll Call since our last meeting:

John E. Goodrow	Cape Fear Det 1070	6/4/2019
Earl C. Pickett	LCPL Allan D Lam Det 1209	6/12/2019
Richard M. Young	Cherry Point Det 1067	6/27/2019
Robert Leo Ebel	Sandhills Area Det 1001	7/7/2019
John P. Figura	Outer Banks Det 1264	6/22/2019
Jerry Foy	Percy John Fulton Det 1075	6/24/2019
William Kirkman	Greater Greensboro Det 260	6/24/2019
John C. Bailey III	Greater Greensboro Det 260	Not provided
James B. Stinson	Greater Greensboro Det 260	Not provided
Victor H. Faries	Richmond Leathernecks Det 1252	7/2/2019
Peter C. Blinn	Iredell County Det 1097	6/24/2019
Joseph K. Blum Jr.	Walter F. Osborne Jr 1298	7/4/2019
Richard E. Bainbridge	Blue Ridge Det 848	5/29/2019
Robert E. Ackerman	Surry County Det 1322	8/3/2019
Ronald Abraham Base	Sandhills Area Det 1001	4/24/2019
Samuel L. Shore	Walter F. Osborne Jr 1298	8/11/2019
Joseph Robinson	Richmond Leathernecks Det 1252	8/19/2019
John "Jack" Davis	Member at Large	8/7/2019
Harvey Sharpe	Mt. Mitchell Det 1266	8/20/2019
James B.V. Bringe	Tar Heel Det 733	1/1/2019
Kenneth T. Olsen	Carolina Borders Det. 1036	7/29/2018
David Earl Lewis	Waynesborough Det. 1350	8/7/2019
W. O. Turner	Paul Ray Ferguson Det. 1005	9/13/2019
Judson S. Lamphear	Percy John Fulton Det. 1075	9/12/2019

Almighty God, Our Supreme Commandant, we lift our voices and direct our hearts to Thee in thanksgiving for the service rendered by these we have honored here today. We are mindful of the service each gave in both war and peace. We are keenly aware of the hours given to our Marine Corps League in more recent times. Let our hearts be filled with joy as we think upon the closing words of our beloved hymn... "If the Army and the Navy, ever look upon Heaven's scenes, They will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines." Give Closure to both, their physical families and their family of Marines, we pray. Amen.

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

O. 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.

1. NC West DVC's

a) West District – Harry Schweitzer

i. All Detachments have either been visited or contacted with the exception of

ii. Detachment # 1222 Sgt. Doug Meyers. Numerous attempts to make contact by myself and DoNC Jr. Vice Ric Ledford have been unsuccessful.

iii. Detachment #	Total Reg & Assoc mbrs	Total unpaid mbrs	Total % unpaid
#848	85	7	8.24
#973	No Report		
#1011	51	1	1.96
#1222	No Report		
#1417	56	9	16.1

iv. Total of 5 Detachments are in the District and 3 were present at the last Quarterly Meeting.

v. Detachment # 973 is involved to a small degree with the community and attempts to gain new members at each event or meeting.

vi. Detachment # 1222. There has been no communication with anyone from this Detachment. I have made numerous phone calls and emails with no response.

vii. New Detachment Recruiting Efforts:

viii. More community involvement, keep getting the message out as to who we are and what we do for our respective communities.

b) Northwest District – Chuck Wright – report given

c) Midwest District – Glenn Perkins – report given

d) Northcentral District –Chuck Stotz

i. New members reported this period: 6

ii. The Detachments in the Northcentral District are in good shape and conducting the Marine Corps League business with honor. Examples of what we do and can do when we put our best efforts forward.

- iii. Care Packages Sent: Thank you so much for all the packages you sent us here in Afghanistan. They were a hit with the team, as your mixture of food and support items solved a problem for just about everyone!! We really appreciate all that you did for us, and all that you do to support Marines everywhere.
 - iv. One Detachment delivered 10 welcome home baskets to the Partners Ending Homeless Organization
 - v. Another Detachment presented 6 \$1000 scholarships to deserving Eagle Scouts
 - vi. Visits were made to senior citizen homes to perk up the spirits of our veterans.
 - vii. Some of the Detachments in the Northcentral District support the Young Marines Program. I recommend that each Detachment in our Department consider seeking out and supporting this most worth program
 - viii. We conduct Bingo Parties for veterans.
 - ix. We feed the homeless and needy.
 - x. And we now are gearing up for this year's Toys for Tots program which will bring smiles to thousands of children in our District.
- e) Central District – John Dilday
- i. The Central District consist of 5 Detachments to include:
 - o Crossed Rifles Det. #1346 (Harnett County) Lillington
 - o Sanford Det. #1223 Sanford
 - o Sand Hills Area Det. #1001 Aberdeen-Southern Pines
 - o Shawn Knisley Det #983 Fayetteville
 - o Richmond Leathernecks Det. #1252 Rockingham
 - ii. Each of these Detachments has a strong presence in their respective community.
 - iii. Activities that are performed by one or more of these Detachments include many volunteer hours with the VAVS. Other Volunteer Hours including marching in community Parades (4th of July), Road Cleanup, Working with Meals for homeless, Eagle Scout Ceremonies.
 - iv. Several Detachments assisted in funeral services. Hospital Visits. Memorial Day Ceremonies.
 - v. One Detachment had a Christmas in July Toys 4 Tots fundraiser. Several Detachments participated very successfully in the Belks Charity Fundraiser.

- vi. As a lot of the Detachments across the state they are facing a difficult problem with securing new members. but each has set their goals to attract more Marines. One idea is to place a flyer or Detachment business card on all vehicles that display a Marine emblem with invite to visit a meeting.
 - vii. As I have said before, I am very Honored to be associated with each of the Central Districts Detachments and make a concentrated effort to participate not only in the monthly meetings but also in as many of the planned activities as I possibly can
- f) Southcentral – Denny Mathias
- i. Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period:
 - o 750 Charlotte
 - o 914 Pfc. Charles Hare – Monroe
 - o 1021 Stanly County - Albemarle
 - o 1175 Cabarrus County - Concord
 - o 1242 Pfc. Bruce Larson – Huntersville
 - ii.

Detachment #	Total Reg & Assoc mbrs	Total unpaid mbrs	Total % unpaid
750 Charlotte	95	9	9.8% *
914 PFC C D Hare	16	0	0.0% *
1021 Stanly Co	40	7	17.5% *
1175 Cabarrus	44	1	2.3% *
1242 PFC B Larson	47	0	0.0% *
 - iii. The PFC Charles D Hare Detachment 914 in Monroe has maintained its 19 membership count; up from 16 last year. We are keeping visible at community events and seeking out Marines when the occasion arises.
 - iv. I am chairing the 2020 Committee to plan the 2020 Spring Meeting and the 2020 Convention in Charlotte. Both the Charlotte and PFC Bruce Larson Detachments will host both events.
 - v. I will continue to emphasize the need for at least one elected officer attend each Department meeting and that all elected officers attend at least one Department meeting each year. Since the Fall Meeting is in Greensboro, I will follow up with each detachment the week prior to the meeting to get a member attending
 - vi. Pfc Bruce Larson Det (Huntersville) ended their rifle raffle with over \$5,300 in proceeds. Bucket brigades are very

successful, each of these 5-hour brigades results in over \$3,500 average. They are planning four bucket brigades for FY 2020.

- vii. The Charlotte Detachment’s Honor Guard presented the colors at the Aug 18 Panthers first preseason home game against Buffalo. Too bad it was not televised, but the loss was.
- viii. PFC Charles D Hare – Monroe again leads the District with an average of 28.6 volunteer hours per member

2. NC East DVC’s

a) North District – John Staley

i. Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period: 4

ii. Detachment #	Total Reg & Assoc mbrs	Total unpaid mbrs	Total % unpaid
733	79	15	18.8%
1209	41	6	14.7%
1232	28	2	7.2%
1236	46	1	2.1%
1257	52	10	19.6%
1292	11	1	9.1%

- iii. How many Detachments are in your District? 6
- iv. How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? 4
- v. What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members? Working with Commandant and staff. Note that members of this detachment are life members.
- vi. Special District projects you are involved in at this time: Working to get more detachments involed in Eagle Scout program.
- vii. Detachments could publish an item in local newspaper or tv each month to publicize MCL and local detachment and its accomplishments.
- viii. All detachments continue to do noteworthy accomplishments; one is working with members to become more active both in MCL and local community All detachments are providing numerous VAVS hours. Several participate/lead activities at the local VA hospital. Two detachments continue to be among top Detachments involved in the Eagle Scout program.

b) Northeast District – Mike Black (absent)

c) South District – Howard Boyd

- i. Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period:
- ii. 1005 Paul Ray Purgason Detachment - Shallotte
- iii. 1070 Cape Fear Detachment – Wilmington
- iv.

Detachment #		Total Reg & Assoc mbrs	Total unpaid mbrs	Total % unpaid
1005	Paul Ray Purgason	27	2	7.41%*
1036	Carolina Borders	32	1	3.12%
1070	Cape Fear	106	11	10.4%*
1321	Hampstead	75	6	8.0%*
- v. 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.
- vi. All Detachments are working closely with their communities in various philanthropic endeavors.
- d) Southeast District – Lee Walker
 - i. Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period: 2
 - ii.

Detachment #		Total Reg & Assoc mbrs	Total unpaid mbrs	Total % unpaid
262		40	10	11.7%*
1407		31	6	9.38%
 - v. How many Detachments are in your District? 2
 - vi. How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? 2
- e) East District – Tim Manchester – report given

P. Commandant’s Report – Rick Thomason

1. I do appreciate you elected me. I hope to live up to your expectations. I can’t do anything without a great staff.
2. Welcome Mandy McKinney from South Carolina, came up for our Growl and Meeting.
3. National has purchased a trailer to haul the equipment and ship store items and has saved over \$1000 per year.
4. The National Library has been updated on a regular basis.
5. Our Department has earned 2 streamers – Attendance at MidEast Division and Attendance at National Convention.
6. Presented National Certificates of Appreciation for assisting with Marine South Exposition and National Junior Vice Commandant Citations for exceeding previous year’s membership.
7. Without you, there is no need for us.

Q. Report of Staff Officers

1. Sr. Vice Commandant – Keith Shearin
 - a) Discuss activities during last quarter
 - i. Since being sworn in as Senior Vice Commandant for the Department of North Carolina 13 weeks ago, I have had the pleasure of representing our Department at the Mid-East Division Conference in Princeton, West Virginia and the Marine Corps League National Convention in Billings, Montana. I have also had the pleasure visiting 9 of our Detachments and being welcomed by North Carolina membership present during these meetings.
 - ii. At the Mid-East Division, I had the honor of meeting Hershel “Woody” Williams, a World War II Medal of Honor recipient from the Battle of Iwo Jima. I was also present to see our own Commandant be elected by the Division members to serve as Assistant Vice Commandant of the Mid-East Division. I am happy to report to our Department that the Mid-East Division is doing very well. We are now under the guidance of Roger Ware from the Department of West Virginia, but he has Rick keeping a watchful eye.
 - iii. In Billing, Montana the business of the Marine Corps League was in full swing. We elected a new staff to lead us. Dennis Tobin from the Department of New York now is the National Commandant, with Johnny Baker serving as the Senior and Warren Griffin as the Junior. There were 3 members who were seeking the position of National Judge Advocate. Joe DeAngelo from New Jersey, Ray Dailey from Ohio, and TJ Morgan for Washington State. TJ Morgan was elected by majority vote by the membership present to be sworn into the position.
 - iv. For the members of the M.O.D.D. in the room, Woof Woof, our own Jeffrey Jones is now the Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog.
 - v. As the Detachment members heard when I visited, the Department is really trying to get the largest attendance possible at this year’s Convention in Charlotte. This year is the 50th Anniversary of our Department. Fifty consecutive

years that the Department has held a charter. This is not the first charter granted our Department, it is the third charter we have held. Please do your best to get other members to attend this wonderful Convention for our Department, it will be a great time for all and a wonderful time to connect or possibly reconnect with your Marine brothers and sisters.

- vi. The Department fundraisers are going great, currently the Department only has 26 Rifle Raffle tickets remaining. If any DVC or Detachment has tickets that they are unable to sell, please return them to me as soon as you feel that you have exhausted your resources and ability to sell the tickets. The intention is have all these tickets sold and stubs returned prior to the Spring Membership Meeting in April, and the drawing will take place then. We will also be passing out the 2020 Department Calendars at the conclusion of the meeting. This year we will be handing out a S.O.P. along with the calendars to assist in better explaining the calendar program to the membership, with the hope of assisting them in selling the calendars.
 - vii. As we leave this Fall meeting, just around the corner is the beginning of Toys for Tots, the many Marine Corps Birthday celebrations, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Before you realize it, the new year has begun new adventures lie ahead. I will not be at the Spring Membership Meeting in Charlotte. My wife and I had already planned a cruise prior to the meeting date being announced. I did receive great news from my daughter that her high school graduation is June 10, the Wednesday before our Convention. I will continue to visit the Detachments of our Department and follow the direction of our Commandant as do as he request.
 - viii. Please remember, if you ever need assistance, have a question, or just want to talk about an idea I am always available and waiting to hear from all of you.
- b) Presented Junior Vice Attendance Awards from last year. 20% of the Detachments did not attend any Department function last year.

2. Jr. Vice Commandant – Ric Ledford

- a) Since the DoNC Conference in June I have been able to attend the social functions for Detachment's 848 and 1163. I also represented the DoNC along with Ryan Siemer at the Young Marines Graduation Ceremony on Asheboro on 8-2-19.
 - b) Moving forward I will continue working to improve communications between the DVC's and Detachments. As far as my circumstances will allow I will be scheduling visits with Detachments in the near future.
 - c) Recruiting can happen through the Eagle Scout program and Young Marines. Family who attend these events see us and may talk to Marines they know.
 - d) Get involved in NC Serves program. It is a great tool for them and us.
3. Judge Advocate – Denny Mathias
- a) Discuss activities during last quarter
 - i. In addition to the required duties of the Judge Advocate as defined in the Department bylaws, I continue to work with detachments to get their bylaws updated. My action items include:
 - ii. Bylaws Hard & Soft Copy – As presented at the Fall Meeting, the status of the updating of the detachment bylaws is: Only three (3) of fifty four (54) detachments have a current, certified copy of the bylaws AND a soft copy (MS Word or WordPerfect) in the Judge Advocate's files. Another sixteen (16) detachments are in the process of updating their bylaws. A spreadsheet, presented at to the membership at the Fall Meeting providing the status of all detachment, will be sent in a separate email for distribution to all detachments. This will include a check list of issues that need to be addressed in order to get detachment bylaws compliant with Department and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.
 - iii. Sample Bylaw – I have created a set of Detachment Bylaws as an aid that includes instructions on optional verbiage detachments may elect to include in their bylaws. The sample can be used as a template or as a reservoir for which detachments can get ideas in their current bylaws. In addition to the Sample Bylaws, I accompany them with a Sample

Conflict of Interest Policy, a Sample Annual Affirmation Form, and an Equal Opportunity Policy. Although not necessary for 501(c)(4) nonprofit organizations, these policies confirm a detachment as a serious nonprofit organization that addresses these issues, just as all 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations must address them in their bylaws.

- iv. Windows & MS Word Quick Reference – I have also created as an aid a document that provides a quick reference when using Microsoft Windows and Word.
 - v. Working on Bylaws - Detachments should contact me prior to working on their bylaws. I will send them the desired aids for them to use when updating their bylaws.
 - vi. Grievances –There have been no departmental grievance hearings in FY 2018, 2019, and to date in FY 2020. With district vice commandants maintaining contacts with their detachments, obtaining department assistance where needed, all potential grievances have been addressed. I commend our detachments' leadership in immediately addressing and resolving issues before elevating them to the grievance stage.
- b) Went through a Power Point presentation and other documents for the above noted information.
 - c) National Bylaws changes adopted – went over the few major ones.
- 4. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
 - a) All submission of By-Laws are due by March 12th
 - 5. Sgt.-at-Arms – Ralph Farthing – nothing to report

R. 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.
- 3. 1145 recessed

Recess for lunch - Reconvene in 1 hour

S. Reconvene the DoNC Membership Meeting afternoon session

1. Sgt-at-Arms to bring meeting to order
2. Chaplain to open the Bible
3. 1300 reconvened

T. Report of Staff Officerscontinued.

6. Aide-De-Camp – John Dilday
 - a) Discuss upcoming Membership meetings and host Detachments for them
 - i. Spring 2020 – joint host Pfc Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 and Charlotte Detachment #750, Hilton Charlotte University Hotel, April 17-18
 - ii. Convention 2020 - Detachments Pfc Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 and Charlotte Detachment #750, Hilton Charlotte University Hotel, June 12-13
 - iii. Fall 2020 – Shawn Knisley Detachment #983, Fayetteville
 - iv. Spring 2021 – have host volunteer – Raleigh
 - v. Convention 2021 – Catawba Valley Detachment #1163, Crowne Plaza, Hickory, June 11-13
 - vi. Fall 2021 - need host volunteer - tentative
 - vii. Spring 2022 - need host volunteer
 - viii. Convention 2022 – to be voted on in 2020
 - ix. Fall 2022 - have host volunteer - Boone

U. Report of Project Leaders

(3-5 minutes)

1. Toys For Tots – Larry Hill (absent)
2. Eagle Scout Program – Charles Minton (absent)
 - a) This is where the Department Stands from The 2019 National Convention and what we have done in the first quarter of 2019-2020.
 - b) I'm Happy to report that Detachments within the Department have been actively presenting the Good Citizenship Awards to the Boy Scouts who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

- c) This program is one of the simplest ones that we have in the Marine Corps League that a Detachment can do to get recognition within their communities. The hardest thing is getting our Detachments to report their numbers to the Department coordinator so that their reports can be compiled and sent to the Division coordinator who in turns reports the numbers to the National Boy Scout Committee.
- d) As the Department Committee Chairman I am required to turn in three reports per year they are the Mid-Winter Conference, the Mideast Division Conference and the National Convention. The reports are based on the Department quarterly meetings. The first two quarters are used for the Mid-Winter conference report and they are combined with the last two Quarters which is what is reported at the Mideast Division Conference and National convention
- e) I am asking that each Detachment Commandant go back and talk to your Detachments about the benefits of this program and to get more of them involved.
- f) During the first quarter the Department has presented 47 Good Citizenship Awards for Eagle Scouts.
- g) Below is our current standing with in the Mideast Division and at the National level.

Department	National 2018-19	Standing Div/ Nat	Mid Winter	Standing Div/Nat	Division/National 2018-19	Standing Division
North Carolina	357	1 / 3				
Maryland	120	2 /				
Virginia	44	4 /				
West Virginia	73	3 /				
Delaware	9	5 /				
Total	603					

- 3. Marine For Life Liaison – Todd Abbott (absent) – Mark Munger
 - a) This is not a recruitment program.
 - b) This is a help contact / networking program.
 - c) LinkedIn is important.
- 4. Young Marine Program – Jeff Petway (absent) – Ryan Siemer
 - a) There is a possibility of having two more Young Marine units this year.
 - b) They are trying to revive the program nationwide.
- 5. VAVS Program – Ken Parker
 - a) He had 990 hours reported to him.
- 6. Fund-Raising – Keith Shearin
 - a) He has a few rifle tickets to re-distribute.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Fund raising update. – Keith Shearin – Calendar Program
 - a) He has the calendars today.
 - b) There is a sign out sheet to help track the calendars location
 - c) He has an SOP sheet to help with questions on the program
 - d) We will allow sales / registration up to the Spring Meeting.

W. New Business

1. None

X. Good of the League

1. Lewis Pleasants –
 - a) Their Mud Run was a success. They were able to adopt two new charities this year. Pictures can be seen at <http://usmcmudrunnc.com/>
 - b) He also passed out information about Franklin Graham's tour.
2. Detachment 1096 is having a raffle for a couples get away to Asheville for two nights. Drawing is December 7th. Tickets are \$5 each. Every 4 tickets bought equals 1 free ticket for a rifle.
3. John Irwin –
 - a) Gunny Claus – gives an ornament to each child. They are short money to purchase them. They need about \$8,000. They also need another Gunny. <http://gunnyclaus.org/>
 - b) Also, the Legacy Program at Parris Island needs volunteers.
 - c) Both programs are you pay your own expenses.
 - d) Ralph Farthing made the motion to issue the \$1,000 to Gunny Claus. Second by Jeremy Barton. Approved by members present.
4. Bill Boyd – He had the chance to sit with a China Marine. It was a wonderful visit.
5. Jeffrey Jones – gave an update from Billings National Convention.
6. Bull Durham – US Marines Youth Foundation – Tree of Lights programs helps to raise the funds for the program. You can use this to recognize a loved one or friend. More information is available on their website. <https://usmarinesyouthfoundation.org/>
7. Tarheel Detachment in Cary – will be hosting the Birthday Ball, with a ticket cost of \$50.

8. Denny Mathias –
 - a) The 2020 Spring and Convention will be hosted in Charlotte.
 - b) The coins – had Bob Borka at National look at it first and approved it. Now the USMC must approve it too.
 - c) The hotel – must make reservations minimum 4 weeks prior to guarantee a room and rate. You can register now by calling the hotel. They are working on the website.
 - d) The MCL library – what is in it and the passwords needed to access member only areas.

Y. Announcements

1. None

Z. Closing of the Meeting per Ritual

1. Remarks by Cmdt. Thomason
2. Singing of the Marines Hymn
3. “Good night Chesty, wherever you are!”
4. Retire the Colors
5. Sr. Vice Cmdt.’s last duty – Keith Shearin
6. Chaplain – Prayer and close the Bible – Jason Hall
7. Meeting adjourned - 1420