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**Commandant
Les Leamons**

**Sr. Vice Cmdt.
Grace Shields**

**Jr. Vice Cmdt.
Joe Vodenichar**

**Judge Advocate
RV Wakefield**

**Adjutant
Diane Leamons**

**Paymaster
Faye Vodenichar**

**Chaplain
Stan Kowalski**

**Supply Officer
Bob Johnston**

**Historian
Linda Baker**

**Sergeant at Arms
Marshall Blake**

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING

Moose Lodge
1250 E. Mountain
Kernersville, NC

**Mar. 9, 2016
Gather 1800
Meeting 1900**

MARINES HELPING MARINES

Marine Harold Lefler, a charter member of our Detachment, became aware of a Marine in need. It seems this Marine had lost his legs in a post active duty event. He was sleeping on the couch because he could not get up a step to get to his bed in his wheelchair.

Harold contacted us on February 10th, the date of our meeting. We discussed it in the meeting and SVC Grace Shields said that she could make it happen. I figured that it would take me a few days to find people who had ramp experience and that we could get it done within the next couple of weeks. Later that evening, on my way home, I got a call from Department SVC Jeff Jones who was at our meeting. He said that he was not comfortable with this Marine sleeping on the sofa while we located people to help Marine Shields put the ramp together. He said that he could get a crew together and was thinking a completion date of February 13, 2016!



Well, with some quick work behind the scenes, Marine Jones arrived with his team to make it an all Marine crew. Our own Department of North Carolina Commandant Charles Minton and DONC Adjutant Rick Thomason rounded out the team. And on February 13th, one very cold day, four Marines made another Marine's life just a little better.

MINUTES FEBRUARY 2016 MEETING

I. Call to order

Commandant Leamons called to order the regular meeting of the Northwest Triad Detachment 1314 at 1900 on February 10, 2016 at Kernersville Moose Lodge 2181.

II. Roll call

Adjutant conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: **Commandant**, Leamons, **Sr. Vice Comm.**, Sheilds, **Jr. Vice Comm.**, Vodenichar, "Acting" **Judge Advocate**, Wakefield, **Adjutant**, Leamons, **Paymaster**, Vodenichar, **Chaplain**, Kowalski, Excused **Supply Officer**, Johnston, Excused **Historian**, Baker, **Sergeant at Arms**, Blake

Also in attendance: Jeff Jones, DONC SVC and Chuck Stotz, our new DVC

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting as printed in the Never Forget news letter

Motion made by Jr. Vice Comm. Vodenichar to accept the minutes from the last meeting as printed, 2nd by "Acting" Judge Advocate Wakefield. Jeff Jones made a correction regarding the active duty membership from National (hasn't been approved). The minutes were unanimously approved with the correction.

IV. Officers Reports: First order of business, performed the Installation of Stan Kowalski as Chaplain.

Commandant: Correspondence received being passed around, correspondence was also e-mailed to members. Will complete research on flag availability and purchase for the Flag retirement/giveaway.

Sr. Vice Comm: Will have a presentation at the April meeting on "What female recruits go through during the Marine Boot Camp".

Jr. Vice Comm: 20 Marines, 7 Associates, 1 Honorary, 9 Life, 4 delinquent members. Working on Night out with Marines, looking at March at JP Looney's for the first one. More information to come, will send e-mails and will be posted in the newsletter.

"Acting" Judge Advocate: Telephoned members reminding them of upcoming election, slate of officers and the need for members to volunteer for open positions. Sent letter of appreciation to Calipers for their help and contributions to the Conceal Carry Class. Food at the next meeting (March) will be hot dogs and chips for \$2.00. Members in attendance seemed to enjoy the clam chowder at this meeting, several went back for seconds!!

Adjutant: Nothing to report

Paymaster: Nothing to report

Chaplain: Sent out 6 cards

V. Unfinished Business

- a) Raffle discussion, we had several ideas but decided on Electric Smoker/Grill for the spring/summer raffle. The drawing for this will be held at the May 11th meeting just in time for Memorial Day. Motion was made by RV to purchase, 2nd by Mark Brennan. Grill will be purchase from Farmers Hardware, Ken is giving us a good deal, will cost around \$500 including accessories.
- b) Joe is still looking for a place to have our embroidery done for shirts and covers. Has one estimate that is very expensive.

VI. New business

- a) We could use a person to handle PR things for the Detachment, not only occasional articles but also on the State and local levels. Please let RV know if you are interested in helping the Detachment out.
- b) We need to have a program to work with the Boy Scouts that are getting their Eagle Scout award. This would also work with the Girls Scouts getting their Gold Award. We need someone to take the lead in developing this program. This would give the Detachment great visibility in the Community and the awards are a great honor for the recipients.

- c) RV has agreed to do another Conceal Carry Class **IF**, we can find a smoke free place to have the class **AND**, a place to go and shoot after the class. We will try to make this happen the first week in April.
- d) It has been brought to our attention by Marine Lefler that there is a Marine in need of a ramp to be built in his home. Harold will get more information. Marine Sheilds volunteered to help build the ramp. The detachment should be able to help with the material for the ramp. Further details are needed.

VII. **Sickness and distress:** Harold & Sandy, Stan, Grace, Les

VIII. **For the Good of the League :** Stan read us a story from the lighter side

IX. Adjournment

Commandant Leamons adjourned the meeting at 2010.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Leamons

Minutes approved by: Comm. Leamons

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

DETACHMENT BIRTHDAYS

Faye Vodenichar	March 11
Richard Wood	March 20
Gene Feldbauer	March 23

CHOW

HOT DOGS 'N CHIPS MARCH 9 [\$2.00, At the regular meeting – Thanks R.V.]

RV Wakefield, our Judge Advocate, has offered to make **hot dogs 'N chips** for the 3rd meeting in 2016. The cost is \$2.00. Drinks can be gotten from the Moose bar.

If the members are interested [read: buy the food] he could bring in something different each month. He has done some checking and can get everything from Italian to American to Chinese at about \$5.00 per head plus the cost of a drink from the Moose. The cost could be less for special meals. He is making the food as a convenience to us, and especially those who work, in an effort to make it easier to get to the meetings. This is RV's idea and it has a lot of promise.

[[[[[MARK YOUR CALENDARS]]]]]

March 2, Kernersville Moose Lodge, Detachment Staff Meeting- gather 1830, bring your own food for supper/ working meeting.

March 9, Kernersville Moose Lodge, Detachment Meeting- gather 1800, meeting begins at 1900. Enjoy Hot Dogs 'N Chips by RV at the Detachment meeting at the Kernersville Lodge.

March 9, Raffle ticket sales for grill starting date.

March 12, Kernersville Moose Lodge, benefit dinner for Ricky Buchanan, a husband and father who had a stroke and is unable to work. Lodge asks the Marines to come have spaghetti, proceeds go to help with his expenses.

March 18-19 DONC Quarterly meeting, Greensboro Holiday Inn

April 9 Flag collection and raffle ticket table, Subway, Oak Ridge

May 6 & 7 Kernersville Follies- we will have a booth again this year

May 13 & 14 Summerfield Founders Day Celebration

May 21 Farmers Hardware Bake Sale- raffle ticket sales. Drawing at noon at Farmers

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~~ MEMBERS IN SICKNESS AND DISTRESS ~~

Grace Shields, Harold Lefler, Sandy Lefler, Les Leamons and Stan Kowalski.

Please keep these Marines and Associates in your thoughts and Prayers.

Remember Philippians 4:6-7 tells us we need not be anxious if we take our concerns to God in prayer. May God's peace, which surpasses all understanding, give you peace in heart and mind.

Chaplain's Corner



Since we last met there was an event that took place that should get special notice. There was a Marine who had lost his legs, not because of his service but due to health issues. One of our members noted the need and passed it along to us to see if we could help.

The very first to step forward was one of our own- SVC Grace Shields. Given her handiness with the tape measure, this was obviously not her first construction project. While the details were still being worked out on our end Jeffrey Jones, the Department of North Carolina MCL SVC stepped up and said that he wanted to see this happen as soon as possible. His team, consisting of the DONC Commandant and DONC Adjutant, joined Grace at the site and made it happen the very Saturday after our meeting. Four good Marines gave up the better part of their Saturday just to make another Marine's life a little easier.

As a Marine I am quite proud seeing the "Marines helping Marines" motto put into action. But I am also very proud of the Marine Corps League. These 4 Marines prize their time off, down time perhaps, as much as any of us. It would have been easy for the Department officers to say that this was a local problem and that, as State officers, this was not their problem. Grace has a lot going on in her life just now- she could have justifiably passed on this project. But they did not.

That is what separates us from the other branches- once you have earned that title "Marine" you are part of the family. It is also good to see our Department and Detachment elected officers demonstrate the teamwork that our Corps is known for. These Marines took another Marine's problem on as their own simply because he was a Marine in need.

Semper Fi

Stanley Kowalski

CHAPLAIN

HAPPENINGS AT THE MOOSE LODGE

The Lodge is having a benefit for a member on March 12. Ricky Buchanan is a family man whom his family depends on for their support. He had a stroke and cannot work. That is the reason for the benefit dinner- all they ask is that we come by and get a meal to support this worthy cause. Ricky is not a veteran but simply a husband and dad that needs a hand. The \$10 benefit dinner starts at 6PM at the Lodge. Hope to see you there.

The Lodge has many events- if you are interested in darts, NASCAR, pool, good food or karaoke call [336-996-3552] or see the Administrator [Bob Robertson] or the Governor [Ronnie Tucker] at the Lodge.

The Lodge is for members only however you can be signed in as a guest twice. Please check with the Lodge officers, including me as I am a member of the Lodge, for more details if you are interested.

Les



COMMANDANT'S CORNER



Greetings Marines!

We had two special guests at the meeting in February- DONC SVC Jeffrey Jones and DONC DVC Chuck Stotz. It was a pleasure having them and look forward to their next visit.

It is that time of year once more. The election Committee, headed by the R.V., is looking for a minimum of 4 people to fill the positions that can only be filled with Marines. Those Offices are: Commandant, Sr. Vice-Commandant, Jr. Vice-commandant and Judge Advocate. All of the rest of the officers are filled at the Commandant's request and subject to ratification by the Detachment in the April meeting, after the elections.

I would like to commend R.V. as he has taken on this task in earnest- I believe most of you have been contacted by him. Every Marine is encouraged to consider taking one of these four offices to ensure that the Detachment is going the direction you would like to see it go. This is your detachment Marines.

Another big decision has been made- the upcoming raffle. We had some feedback that you wanted something other than a rifle or shotgun this time. The Detachment voted to do a Traeger wood fired grill.. This grill and the grill accessories will be gotten through our friends at Farmers Hardware in Kernersville. We would like to see the raffle net \$1,000. To do this, with the \$500 raffle cost, we need to sell **300** tickets at \$5.00 each. We **need** your support.

We have traditionally sent Valentine's cards to all the veterans at the VA home in Salisbury. The feedback we get is that the cards are anticipated and enjoyed by the men and women at the home. For some, these are the only cards they may get for the year. So, yeah, it is a big deal.

This year Linda Baker took the lead, contacting the school where Associate Laura Brickey's daughter, Lauren, attends. Lauren is Linda's granddaughter. The project suggestion was very well received and Linda collected a heaping bunch of custom made Valentines cards which she got to the veterans at the home. A big thank you to all the children who participated and to Linda for making this happen once more.

In closing, I want to remind you to review the upcoming events posted in this newsletter and the various emails. We hope that you will plan to attend as much as your schedule permits- it will help your Detachment and you will enjoy the camaraderie I am sure.

Semper Fi,

Les Leamons

Commandant

JVC REPORT

Hey Marines & Associates,

We will start meeting the 1st Thursday of each month (which is this coming Thursday, March 3rd) at JP Looneys at 6:30 PM. Please invite any interested Marines you may know. March Madness is here in basketball and it might be a good time to meet other Marines also.

Also, I'm looking for one or more members to meet with me every Thursday at a sports bar in the area during the basketball playoffs. I'm not much of a basket ball fan, but we really need some more members and there not going to knock on our front door so we need to go out there as much as possible. I want our detachment to grow by 12 new members this year and I need some help to achieve this goal.

Let me know if you can help and let's have a good time at JP Looneys !

Semper Fi ! Marines

Joe Vodenichar

JVC



ATTENTION ON DECK!!!! SPECIAL EVENT!!!!

Are you interested in getting a concealed carry permit? This day and age, perhaps more than ever, the safety of our homes and person is challenged by dishonorable elements of society.

Whether it is the intent to carry a weapon for personal security or just a desire to become familiar with firearms should the need arise, we have an answer.

Get a Concealed Carry permit and help families of active duty Marines. The cost is \$50 for the class- covers certificates, targets and other class related costs. The class is designed for women, couples and men- so all are welcome. Our own R. V., an experienced instructor, will teach the class. When you are done you will know how to safely handle and use a pistol and we will dedicate ALL proceeds to the Fisher House at Camp Lejeune.

Want to know more? Contact either R.V. or Les for details.



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