



# NEVER FORGET

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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**

**May 11, 2016**  
**Gather 1800**  
**Meeting 1900**

## MARINE STANLEY KOWALSKI



ONE  
FINE  
MAN

DEPARTED  
04/12/2016



It with great sadness that we learned of Stan Kowalski's passing on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Stan was a fine Marine, family man and Chaplain for our Detachment. His Lighter Side readings brought smiles and humor to our meetings. In fact, it was not too long before he passed that he sent me one of his humorous emails. The above pictures are so Stan. The ever present warm smile and obvious appreciation of his wife Donna.

But it was in the memorial service that we learned more about Stan. The glowing tributes from his sons would make any father ever so proud. Stan was quite the involved dad, working with his sons in sports, like hockey. Stan was a referee for Hockey not only for his son's teams but also for semi-pro teams. He was certainly a respected, impartial and fair man at that position.

His family talked about his teaching and playing golf as well. I noted that he taught his sons that golf had its place and that it should not be taken too serious but should be fun. On the other side of that coin, he wanted to give it his best. His attention to the mechanics of the game reflected his engineering career... it was important to him to master the mechanics.

Stan had the faith of a true Christian. He was active in his church and was a participant in that community and its programs as well. You could feel his devotion to God – it was as much a part of his being as in what he said. There were many stories about Stan and his sense of humor. Some of his jokes were a little seasoned but, hey- he was a Marine! He dealt with the ups and downs of this world with a smile to the end.

Overriding all of this was his love of his wife Donna. The son's tributes made it clear that Stan found happiness the last few decades of his life.

Stanley Kowalski was a contented man loved by many and will be missed. The Detachment will have a memorial service in honor of this fine man and our friend. Details will be broadcast as they firm up.

## MINUTES APRIL 2016 MEETING

### I. Call to order

Commandant Leamons called to order the regular meeting of the Northwest Triad Detachment 1314 at 1900 on April 13, 2016 at Kernersville Moose Lodge 2181

### II. Roll call

Adjutant conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: **Commandant, Leamons, Jr. Vice Comm., Vodenichar, Adjutant, Leamons, Paymaster, Vodenichar, Sergeant at Arms, Blake, Supply Officer, Johnston** - Excused: **Sr. Vice Comm. Shields, , Judge Advocate, Wakefield**

- III. **Approval of minutes from last meeting, were read by Commandant Leamons.** Motion made by Jr. Vice Comm Vodenichar to accept the minutes from the last meeting as Commandant read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sergeant at Arms, Marshall Blake. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### IV. Officers Reports:

**Commandant:** Correspondence received forwarded by e-mail. There will be a DONC Annual Convention meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The slate of Officers are the following: Commandant: Les Leamons Jr. Vice Commandant: Joe Vodenichar Sr. Vice Commandant: Bob Johnston Judge Advocate: RV Wakefield. Motion to accept the slate made by Bob Johnston 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marshall.

**Jr. Vice Comm:** Linda Baker needs some decals for the sign, ok for them to be ordered or purchased. Joe would like to focus on recruitment and Toys for Tots, that leaves Color Guard and Fundraising that needs someone to take over.

**Supply Officer:** Nothing to report.

**Adjutant:** Nothing to report

**Paymaster:** Reported on the available balance. RV has another \$250. From last conceal carry class that is not in the above numbers. Bob gave money to Faye from the plastic boxes that are in the stores.

### V. Unfinished Business

- a) Still trying to find flags to purchase for our flag collection efforts. We sell them and we give them away when someone turns in a flag. We may have to table the purchase of new flags until we can find some that are within our budget.
- b) Joe is still looking for a place to have our embroidering done for shirts and covers.

### VI. New business

- a) Bob Johnston made a motion to purchase a new tent for the upcoming fundraisers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe, motion passed. Bob to purchase at Farmers Hardware not to exceed \$150.00

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

### VIII. For the Good of the League :

**Upcoming events:** First weekend in **May** is the Kernersville Follies  
Second weekend in **May** is the Summerfield Founders Day will be held at the Fire Dept.

### IX. Adjournment

Commandant Leamons adjourned the meeting at 2000.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Leamons

Minutes approved by: Comm. Leamons

## **ALERT- PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

**From: Gray SgtMaj Joseph C**  
**Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 3:10 PM**  
**Importance: High**

Good afternoon Leaders,

I want to make you aware of an internet scam that is targeting transitioning Marines... Marines are being told while attending their transition readiness seminar to post their resumes' on "[vets.gov](http://vets.gov)," which is where they are being preyed upon. We have one Marine who is out \$6k... fortunately, she banks with USAA and she should be able to recoup the majority of the money. Please disseminate as you see fit.

Respectfully,

**SgtMaj Joseph Gray**  
**Marine Barracks, 8th&I Streets, SE**  
**Washington, D.C.**  
**(Wk) 202.433.6764**  
**(Cell)760.401.7797**

## **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **DETACHMENT BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Ken Idol</b>	<b>April 20</b>
<b>Marshall Blake</b>	<b>April 26</b>
<b>Bill Aydelette</b>	<b>May 22</b>
<b>Roland Russoli</b>	<b>May24</b>
<b>Michael Brandon</b>	<b>June 12</b>
<b>Phillip Fulton</b>	<b>June 22</b>
<b>RV Wakefield</b>	<b>June 27</b>
<b>Joe Vodenichar</b>	<b>June 30</b>

### **CHOW**

We may have a special meal for the next meeting since it is our installation. We will be working with the officers to have a surprise for you when you get there- a mystery meal. Some mysteries are best solved in person- please join us. Cost? VERY reasonable, as I am sure you will agree!



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

**May 4**, Kernersville Moose Lodge, Detachment Staff Meeting- gather 1830, bring your own food for supper/ working meeting.

**May 6 & 7**, Detachment 1314 booth at the Kernersville Follies. Come support your Detachment.

**May 11**, Kernersville Moose Lodge, Detachment Officer installation and Meeting- gather 1800, meeting begins at 1900. Installation. Enjoy Marine camaraderie at the Detachment and welcome the 2016-17 officers.

**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 and Sandy Lefler.

***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 we have lost a fine Marine, Stan Kowalski. Here is Stan at the Kernersville Follies last year:



Grace, Joe and I were joined at the memorial service by the DVC for our area, Chuck Stotz. We also had our Department Chaplain, Bill Boyd, who presented on behalf of the MCL DONC. Bill, a pastor, spoke on behalf of the Department at the Memorial. As mentioned in the above article, it was a warm, moving tribute to a man who lived a full, rich life. This devoted husband and father will be missed by many.

Joe Vodenichar, speaking on behalf of the 1314, told his friend Donna Kowalski that we are here for her. That is what separates us from the other branches- once you have earned that title "Marine" you are part of the family. Hopefully we may see Donna at some of our functions in the future.

I believe that Stan knew that we are all here to leave this place a little better than we found it, to make a positive difference in other's lives. We can honestly say to Stan "Well Done Marine!"

Still, we move forward as we must. I have accepted Joe's request to serve as interim Chaplain while still serving as JVC until we find another willing to step forward. Joe is working on a Detachment Memorial for Stan which we will have in the next few months.

In closing, if you, or a member you know, has encountered sickness or distress, please let Joe or I know. If we do not know about the issue, we may miss an opportunity to help.

**Semper Fi**

Les Leamons OBO

*Stanley Kowalski*

OUR CHAPLAIN

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## HAPPENINGS AT THE MOOSE LODGE

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!

I want to start by thanking the men and women who have stepped forward to assume an officer role in our Detachment. It takes a team to keep our Detachment moving forward. While they have stepped forward to lead, they need your support. Please help us grow and raise the funds we need to better serve our Marines, their families and North Carolina veterans as a whole. We need you.

I want to apologize for the lack of a newsletter last month- time just got away from me in the busy tax season. This edition has the minutes from both the March and April meetings. Generally producing the newsletter is one of the enjoyable tasks but lately my schedule has become more complex and producing the newsletter more difficult.

This then will be the last edition of the **NEVER FORGET 2**- at least until someone steps up to produce this newsletter. In hopes that someone will step forward I will drop the name **NEVER FORGET** until/ if it is resurrected. In its place will be a more streamlined document. The final product is yet to be determined but will have the minutes of the past detachment meeting, a listing of the upcoming events and the sickness and distress article. It will be one to two pages in length most likely and will be called the **1314 Bulletin**. I will leave open the possibility of adding articles from you, our members, since that will be simply an addition rather than a creation. I will continue to produce the document – it will be a .pdf document and will be mailed to those without email. I expect it will be

supplemented by emails on events of interest to our members so *please look for emails from your Detachment staff and respond as much as possible to let us know you received the information.* .

I am saddened to see the **NEVER FORGET** go but I no longer have the time. If one of you wish to take over the newsletter please let me know. I will contribute so you will not need to write the entire newsletter.

We have our raffle underway. Ticket sales are slow but we have several weeks left. Thank you to those who have sold the tickets and returned the money. We have 2 table events coming- the Kernersville Follies and the Summerfield festival where I hope we will sell the rest of our tickets. If you can help at these or are willing to take more tickets to sell, please let me know. We will draw at noon at the fundraiser at Farmers Hardware in Kernersville,

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,

As a reminder, we are meeting the 1st Thursday of each month ( Thursday, May 5th ) at JP Looneys at 6:30 PM in Oak Ridge. Please invite any interested Marines you may know.

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

**Semper Fi ! Marines**

Joe Vodenichar

JVC



Marine Corps League Northwest Triad Detachment 1314  
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**We work; We have fun; We are the Northwest Triad Detachment 1314**