# Marine Corps League <u>Department of North Carolina</u>



# Spring Membership Meeting 5 April 2025

**Hosted by: Swansboro Detachment #1407** 

**Host Detachment Commandant: Paul Miethker** 

## Presided by: Commandant Robert Hare Department of North Carolina Marine Corps League

Meeting start time: 0930

Meeting Location: Islander Hotel & Resort, Emerald Isle,

**Host Contact: Al Farrell** 

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## A. Colors – outside at flag pole – 0750 muster

## B. Training / Commandants Council – 0815

- 1. Commandants Council
- 2. Training Detachment Transmittals Colin Mayo

## C. Opening Remarks by Dept. Commandant Robert Hare – 0930

- 1. Meeting called to order
- 2. Post Colors Sgt-at-Arms Steve Tracy
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance Sgt-at-Arms Steve Tracy
- 4. Open Bible and Invocation Lisa Ciesielski [Uncover]
- 5. This Meeting is dedicated to all Marines, Navy Personnel and Associates that have received PCS Orders to stand guard at the entrance to the Supreme Commandants' residence. The meeting was dedicated to John Dilday.

## D. Recognition of other Guests by the Host Detachment

- 1. Thanks, and remarks by Host Commandant Paul Miethker
- 2. Eagle Scout Presentation to Dylan K. Tredwell of Troop 445. He put up a flagpole retaining wall which was dedicated to his grandfather.

## E. Guest Speaker – up to 10 minutes each

1. MajGen Joe Shrader, CEO Carolina Museum of the Marine

## 15-minute break to excuse any guests, Honor Guard, Auxiliary or non-members that may need to leave at this time

Meeting called to order

## F. Recognition of National Officers & National Marines of the Year

- 1. National Judge Advocate Bruce Rakfeldt
- 2. MODD 61<sup>st</sup> Chief Devil Dog Jeffrey Jones

- 3. MODD Kennel Dog Robber & Department of South Carolina Commandant Helen Breen
- 4. MODD Kennel Bits & Bytes Dog & Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Jim Breen
- 5. MODD Kennel Lucky Dog Reggie Sawyer
- 6. MODD Deputy Kennel Barking Dog Mike Maddox
- 7. NVC Mid East Division & MODD Deputy Police Dog Rick Thomason
- 8. National & Kennel Historian Greg Ciesielski
- 9. MODD Dog Trainer Lisa Ciesielski
- 10.National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms Charles Minton
- 11. National MCL Foundation & National Youth Physical Fitness Committee & National Protocol Officer- Devell (Bull) Durham
- 12.Mid-East Division Assistant Vice Chief Devil Dog & MED Sgt at Arms
   Ric Ledford
- 13. Mideast Division Compliance Officer Kenny Joyner
- 14.MED Chapel of Four Chaplains & Youth Physical Fitness Coordinator Robert Hare
- 15. Ask all past National and Division officers to stand.

## G. Recognition of the Department MOY/AOY (WOY)

- 1. Kenny Joyner 2024 Department Marine of the Year.
- 2. Judy Brenner 2024 Department Associate of the Year.
- 3. Ask all past MOY & AOY (WOY) Recipients to stand and be recognized

## H. Recognition of Past Department Commandants

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

## I. Recognition of Guests with Invitation to address the membership

1. MODD NC Pack Worthy Pack Leader - Keith Shearin

## J. Chapel of Four Chaplains Presentation

#### 1. . none

## K. Roll Call of Department Officers

(By the Adjutant—"When called, each Officer shall rise and salute the Commandant.")

- 1. Commandant Robert Hare
- 2. Sr. Vice Commandant James Mitchell
- 3. Jr. Vice Commandant James Crandall
- 4. Judge Advocate Bill Brown
- 5. Jr. Past Commandant Ric Ledford
- 6. Chief of Staff (vacant)
- 7. Chaplain Lisa Ciesielski
- 8. Assistant Chaplain Marilyn Bower
- 9. Sgt.-at-Arms Steve Tracy
- 10. Assistant Sgt-at-Arms Mike Maddox
- 11.Paymaster Kevin Ashton
- 12. Assistant Paymaster Colin Mayo
- 13. Young Marines Service Officer Jon Henderson (absent)
- 14. Toys For Tots Coordinator Kevin Ashton
- 15.VAVS Service Officer Al Pasquale
- 16. Legislative Officer Kenny Joyner
- 17. Compliance Officer Phil Randall/William Brown
- 18.Bylaws Committee Chairman Lisa Ciesielski
- 19. Eagle Scout Coordinator Charles Minton
- 20. Marine For Life Liaison (vacant)
- 21.Adjutant Justine Mitchell
- 22. Web Sergeant Robert Hare
- 23. Public Relations Marilyn Bower
- 24. Historian Greg Ciesielski
- 25. Chapel of Four Chaplains Jeff Mixon
- 26. Youth Physical Fitness Coordinator (vacant)
- 27. Social Media Officer Mike Maddox

## L. <u>District Vice Commandants</u>

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

#### 1. NC West DVC's

- a) West District Denver Grant
- b) Northwest District (vacant)
- c) Midwest District (vacant)
- d) Northcentral District Mike Clark
- e) Central District Mike Nelsen
- f) Southcentral (vacant)

#### 2. NC East DVC's

- a) North District (vacant)
- b) Northeast District Leotha Forte
- c) South District Howard Boyd
- d) East District Ray Randall (absent)
- e) Southeast District Ray Randall (absent)

### M. 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)
- 2. Greater Greensboro Detachment #260 (Greensboro)
- 3. Onslow County Detachment #262 (Jacksonville)
- 4. Charlotte Detachment #750 (Charlotte)
- 5. Blue Ridge Detachment #848 (Asheville)
- 6. PFC Charles D. Hare Detachment #914 (Monroe)
- 7. Shawn Knisley Detachment #983 (Fayetteville)
- 8. Sand Hills Area Detachment #1001 (Aberdeen)
- 9. Paul Ray Purgason Detachment #1005 (Shallotte)
- 10. Stanly County Detachment #1021 (Albemarle)
- 11. Cherry Point Detachment #1067 (Havelock)
- 12. Cape Fear Detachment #1070 (Wilmington)
- 13.Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075 (Winston-Salem)
- 14.Gen. A Hal Turnage Detachment #1096 (Salisbury)
- 15.Iredell County Detachment #1097 (Troutman)
- 16.Gen. Raymond G. Davis Detachment #1162 (Gastonia)
- 17. Catawba Valley Detachment #1163 (Hickory)

- 18.NC Foothills Detachment #1164 (Shelby)
- 19.Cpl. Johnny A. Williamson Detachment #1165 (Asheboro)
- 20. Cabarrus Detachment #1175 (Concord)
- 21.Sgt WE Plueddemann Detachment #1186 (Greenville)
- 22. Williams/Canter Detachment #1187 (North Wilkesboro)
- 23.PFC. Terry C. Smith Detachment #1193 (High Point)
- 24. Table Rock Detachment #1197 (Morganton)
- 25.LCpl. Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 (Burlington)
- 26.Cpl. Chris S. Ebert Detachment #1221 (Forest City)
- 27. Sanford Detachment #1223 (Sanford)
- 28.PFC. Jerry L. McKinney Detachment #1232 (Wentworth)
- 29. Carry-On Detachment #1236 (Clayton)
- 30.PFC. Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 (Huntersville)
- 31. Richmond Leathernecks Detachment #1252 (Rockingham)
- 32. Air, Land, NC Detachment #1257 (Wake Forest)
- 33.Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262 (Rocky Mount)
- 34. Outer Banks Detachment #1264 (Kitty Hawk)
- 35.Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 (Spruce Pines)
- 36.Gold Leaf Detachment #1276 (Wilson)
- 37. Walter Frank Osborne Jr. Detachment #1298 (Sparta)
- 38. Mountaineer Detachment #1320 (Watauga)
- 39. Hampstead Detachment #1321 (Pender)
- 40. Surry County Detachment #1322 (Surry)
- 41. Crossed Rifles Detachment #1346 (Harnett)
- 42. Waynesborough Detachment #1350 (Wayne)
- 43. High Country Detachment #1389 (Ashe)
- 44. Swansboro Detachment #1407 (Swansboro)
- 45. Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413 (Oriental)
- 46. Asheville Detachment #1417 (Asheville)
- 47.RDU Detachment #1482 (Durham)
- 48. A point of order was called by Bruce Rakfeldt for quorum determination.

## N. Adjutant's Report

- 1. The meeting minutes are posted on the website.
- 2. I would encourage all detachments to set up detachment emails for their officers. Emails are bouncing back saying that attachments are too

- large, or the email address is blocked from receiving the emails. Also, by doing it this way when a new officer is elected the email address stays the same.
- 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 copy).
- 4. An Excel spreadsheet titled "DoNC Quick Reference" 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. It is imperative that the Detachment Commandant and Paymaster have emails. There is some data which is only sent to them.
- 6. When data is sent out and a response is requested to be sent to a specific person, please send it to that person. You may always copy me but please do respond to the requested person.
- 7. Please make sure your quarterly reports are completed. Some detachments have not submitted any for several quarters. Also please make sure you cc your DVC when sending the reports.
- 8. Rick Thomason made a motion to accept the Adjutant's Report. Laura Hamilton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Commandant Hare asks for a motion to waive reading of the minutes.

O. Paymaster's Report – Kevin Ashton & Colin Mayo

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## Department Of North Carolina Marine Corp League Paymaster Report

## **Spring Meeting 2025**

Saving Account Beginning Balance of September 28, 2024 \$9, 231.96

Interest of .05% \$2.16 from September 28, 2024 to March,31 2025 ending balance of \$9,234.12

3/31/2025	\$ 0.08	INTEREST PAYMENT
2/28/2025	\$ 0.14	INTEREST PAYMENT
1/31/2025	\$ 0.39	INTEREST PAYMENT
12/31/2024	\$ 0.39	INTEREST PAYMENT
11/29/2024	\$ 0.38	INTEREST PAYMENT
10/31/2024	\$ 0.40	INTEREST PAYMENT
9/30/2024	\$ 0.38	INTEREST PAYMENT
Total	\$ 2.16	

Checking Account Beginning Balance of September 28,2024 \$81,164.84

Checking Account ending Balance as of April 4,2025 \$104,274.72

Deposit		Withdrawls	
Interest Payments	\$ 5.42	Fundrasiser Gun Raffler and Mint Coins	\$ 1,972.95
Fundrasier Stripe	\$ 2,536.78	GoDaddy 3 chargers before switch	\$ 41.95
Fundrasier Zeffy	\$ 1,410.00	Wix.com -2 chargers\$378&13.95	\$ 391.95
Hurricane Helene	\$ 33,017.75	Hurricane Helene	\$ 20,993.94
2 Detachments Charters turn in	\$ 13,337.72	Trip Raffle Winner	\$ 1,454.00
Cash Collected for Holiday Meals CK#21	\$ 604.00	Fall Membership Meeting	\$ 270.00
Membership	\$ 5,345.00	Holiday Meals Check Detachment #1242	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 56,256.67	Holiday Meals Check Detachment #1242	\$ 604.00
		DVC Expenses	\$ 215.71
		Commandant Expense	\$ 1,337.04
		Chapter 9 Filing	\$ 745.50
		NC Veterans Council	\$ 150.00
		Membership National	\$ 3,969.75
		Total	\$ 33,146.79

Here's a summary of our checking account activity:

\* Beginning balance: \$81,164.84

\* Deposits: \$56,256.67 \* Expenses: \$33,146.79

\* Balance in Checking account: \$104,274.72

\* Allocated funds for Hurricane Helene remaining: \$12,023.81

\* Two Detachment charters: \$13,337.72

\* Total allocated funds: \$25,361.53

\* Checking account balance total of unallocated funds: \$78,913.19

This is \$2,251.65 less than our balance at the close of the fall membership meeting.

Additionally, the Mideast Division has requested \$400 for their operational budget. Last year, our department contributed \$100, which was the budgeted amount. The \$400 request is based on our department having 39% of the division's membership.

Marine Corps League Department of North Carolina



3 April 2025

From: Assistant Paymaster, Department of North Carolina

To: Commandant, Department of North Carolina

Subj: Paymaster Report for Membership Meeting 5 April 2025

Ref: Marine Corps League Department of North Carolina Bylaws (2024)

- 1. In accordance with Section 515. Paragraph B of the reference, the following report is submitted.
- 2. <u>Transmittals</u>. During the time since I assumed duties as the Assistant Paymaster on 18 February 2025, eighty-one Transmittals have been processed. Standardized procedures were implemented to track Transmittals and give Detachment Paymasters better visibility of submitted Transmittals. Additionally, Detachment Paymasters have been urged to submit one check to DoNC which includes both Department and National dues, thus allowing for electronic transmission to National Headquarters.
- 3. <u>Troubleshooting</u>. Since February, several Detachment Paymasters have identified problems with previous Transmittals and I have worked with them to solve the problems and will continue to do so as future problems arise. A recurring issue has been having to reinstate Members who were dropped due to nonpayment. Hopefully the fact that Detachments now have access to their rosters will help minimize this issue in the future.
- Guidelines for Paymasters. A document providing information on Detachment Paymaster procedures
  was created and distributed to all Detachment Paymasters.
- 4. <u>Electronic Database Portal</u>. A step-by-step guide to assist Detachment Paymasters on procedures for logging on and using the Database Portal on the Marine Corps League Library website was created and distributed. It was found that a few Detachments were not given access to download their rosters. After contacting National Headquarters, the links were updated.
- 5. Communicate and Educate. Based upon guidance from the Commandant to provide support and assistance to Detachments, I have spoken telephonically with twenty-four Detachment Paymasters. I have had email contact with several others. I attended the MODD Pound #370 Growl on 22 March 2025 and provide information regarding Paymaster Procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin Mayo

Assistant Paymaster

Department of North Carolina

Marine Corps League

## P. <u>Installation of Officers</u>

- 1. Colin Mayo Assistant Paymaster
- 2. Mike Nelsen DVC Central District

## Q. Chaplain's Report -Lisa Ciesielski.

- 1. I have had a total of 32 Notices of Death sent to me since the Fall meeting. 22 of those Marines/Associate members have passed since then. 10 of those are from earlier. I have sent cards from those who have been sent in a timely manner (less than 60 days.
- 2. I have sent cards to those few that I have been told are sick.
- 3. Please pause for a moment of silence for our fallen Marines.

## R. <u>D.V.C.'s - Report of Officers</u> –

1. NC West DVC's

#### a) West District – Denver Grant

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter I visited Blue Ridge #848, Mt. Mitchell #1266, Cherokee #1011 and Asheville Buncombe County #1417 detachments. I did not visit Cpl. Chris Ebert #1221. I received quarterly reports from #848 and #1417. Unfortunately, during this quarter Cherokee Detachment #1011 voted to disband and to turn their Charter in. After multiple attempts were made to keep the detachment together the Commandant submitted 5 transfers to the Blue Ridge Detachment and made twenty-six (26) forced transfers to "members at large."

Blue Ridge #848 is in good standing with multiple meetings and luncheons in spite of the problems that the members had with Tropical Storm Helena. They are in the process of planning and organizing their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual charity golf tournament. The detachment is also in review with plans to update their current by-laws and operational procedures. A 2025/26 Officers election was held on 03/24/2025 with the installation to be held at the April meeting.

Mt Mitchell #1266 is in good standing, which to my delight is outstanding. The detachment members suffered multiple problems and losses due to Tropical Storm Helena. But in true Marine fashion to "adapt and overcome "they held together and helped each other. They have continued to support the community even to the point of retrieving lost detachment property from the flood debris so that it can be reinstalled later. They are also attending fund raising events throughout WNC. On March 27, 2025, they held their first meeting since Helena. A 2025/26 election for officers was held and I performed the installation.

Asheville Buncombe County #1417 is also in good standing. Their membership percentages remined the same from the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report. They hold meetings and participate in community activities to raise funds and recruit new members.

Cpl. Chris Ebert #1221 appears to be in good standing. I was not able to attend any of their functions during this quarter, but I will make it a priority to attend one of their functions during this next quarter.

My primary goal during this quarter was to emphasize recruitment. I discussed objects and plans on how to recruit new members with Blue Ridge and Mt Mitchell. I plan to follow through with this goal in the next quarter.

- b) Northwest District (vacant)
- c) Midwest District (vacant)

#### d) Northcentral District – Mike Clark

1232

#### Reporting Period (Highlight the period below):

- Third quarter 1 December to 28/29 February
- · Convention/Fourth quarter 1 March to 31 May
- First quarter 1 June to 31 August
- Second quarter 1 September to 30 November

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period; FOUR (4) OF SIX (6).

#### Detachment unpaid member status:

For each of your Detachments, list their Detachment number, total regular and Associate members, total unpaid members and their <u>percent</u> of unpaid members. The Department goal is 3%, or less):

Detachment #	Total Reg & Asso	<u>c mbrs Total unpaid mbrs </u>	Total % unpaid
260	124	32	25.80%
1075	84	16	19.05%
1096	36	0	0%
1165	47	0	0%
1193	25	1	4%

I HAVE NOT SEEN THIS DETACHMENT OR GOTTEN A REPORT

Total unpaid member percentage for this District: 13.54%

(Add up <u>all of</u> the <u>59</u> and divide that number by <u>all of</u> the above <u>390</u> to get the total unpaid percentage for your District) THERE IS STILL NO INFORMATION FOR DET 1252

How many Detachments are in your District? SIX (6)
How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting?
THREE (3) OF SIX (6) AT THE DEPARTMENT FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN
WILMINGTON 28 SEP 2024

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)? 50%

What Detachments in your District have 19, or less, total members? (Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' to be considered an active Detachment) NONE

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members? PARTICIPATED IN FUNDRAISING WITH 2 DETACHMENTS. ATTENDED THE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. ATTENDED THE FLAG RAISING AT A LOCAL SHOPPING CENTER FOR THE FOURTH OF VETERANS DAY.

(These Detachments are a <u>PRIORITY</u> to get back to a level of 'good standing' or their Charters may be pulled). ALL HAVE MORE THAN 14 MEMBERS, HOWEVER, PENDING. ONE DETACHMENT STILL REMAINS DARK ON COMMUNICATION WITH DAV AND DONC. THEY HAVE ELECTED A NEW COMMANDANT AND I WILL WORK TO GET THEM BACK ON TRACK

Are there currently any Detachment Charters in your District being held by the Department due to inactivity?

If so, what Detachment names and numbers are they?

Per the National By-Laws, do these Charters need to be surrendered and the Detachments dissolved? NORTHWEST TRIAD DET 1314, DVC STILL HAS POSSESSION OF DET PROPERTIES, WITH A CATOGORIZED LIST HAVING BEEN TURNED OVER TO DEPARTMENT, AND THE ACCOUNT MONIES ARE BEING HELD BY DONC PAYMASTER. ADEQUATE STORAGE FOR THIS PROPERTY OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE IS STILL BEING SEARCHED FOR. THEIR COMMANDANT JOE VODENCHAR CAME TO ME REENTLY THINKING THEIR YEAR HAD PASSED AND WE COULD SELL ITEMS OFF AT THE CONVENTION. ION SPEAKING WITH DONC SR VICE/NOW COMMANDANT, HE STATED THERE WERE STILL MEMBERS THAT HAD NOT BEEN OFF OF THE LIST TO EITHER MAL OR NEW DETACHMENTS. HIS THOUGHT WAS THAT THE DETACHMENT EQUIPMENT COULD NOT BE SOLD DURING THE DONC CONVENTION.

PFC TERRY C SMITH DET 1193, GUILFORD COUNTY, HAS ELECTED A NEW COMMANDANT. I HAVE NOT GOTTEN TO A MEETING YET. I WILL WORK TO CORRECT THAT IN THE UPCOMING QUARTER.

Special District projects you are involved in <u>at this time</u>: SUPPORTED EFFORT FOR TOYS FOR TOTS WITH USMCR AND DET 260. <u>ATTENDED THE MARINE CORPS BALL</u> WITH THE USMCR AND MEMBERS FROM DET 260 AND DET 1075. CONCIEVED AND COORDINATED THE INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND SLEEVES TO REPLACE EXISTING PVC PIPE WHERE FLAG RAISINGS ARE DONE AT A LOCAL GREENSBORO SHOPPING CENTER. THE IDEA WAS PROPOSED TO THE MANAGEMENT WHO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED AND PAID FOR THE PROJECT.

New Detachment Recruiting Efforts: DET 1075 CONTINUES TO HAVE GOOD SUCCESS WITH THEIR RECRUITING CARDS AND SET ANOTHER RECORD ON THEIR TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN. DET 260 IS DEVELOPING A NEW VERSION OF RECRUITING CARDS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP. DET'S 1065 AND 1075 HAVE GROWN IN NUMBERS THROUGH THEIR PUBLIC EVENTS AND MEMBERSHIP INVITING MARINES/VETERANS.

Suggestions for the 'Good of the League" as a result of your DVC activities: CONTINUING TO INVOLVE LOCAL JROTC AND MARINE RESERVE UNITS WITH MCL EVENTS. I AM WORKING TO OBTAIN ADVERTISING TIME FROM LOCAL RADIO AND TV TO ANNOUNCE DET FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS.

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why:

GREATER GREENSBORO DET 260, GUILFORD COUNTY, CONTINUES TO DISBURSE MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO LOCAL ENTITIES THAT SUPPORT MARINE AND VETERAN NEEDS. AS WELL AS DELIVER MATTRESSES AND WELCOME BASKETS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS BEING HOUSED. THE DETACHMENT DONATED \$10,000 TOWARD THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDS. SEVERAL DETACHMENT MEMBERS DONATED THEIR TIME TO ASSIST IN EFFORTS PERSONALLY. DET 260 JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT/DEPARTENT COMMANDANT ROBERT HARE WAS AWARDED THE NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS GOLD FOR HIS EFFORTS WITH

THE DETACHMENT/DEPARTMENT. THEIR ANNUAL MCL MILITARY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE 2 OCT 2025.

PERCY JOHN FULTON DETACHMENT DET 1075, FORSYTH COUNTY. HAD ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING YEAR WITH TOYS FOR COLLECTING OVER 96,000 TOYS, SERVING OVER 42,000 CHILDREN. I WROTE A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE DETACHMENT FOR A DEPARTMENT MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION AND THE T4T COORDINATOR FOR A DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN SILVER. CURRENTLY THEY ARE RAMPING UP FOR THEIR MUD RUN WHICH IS THEIR BIGGEST SINGLE FUNDRAISER. DEPARTMENT AND OTHER DETACHMENT MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO COMPETE.

CPL JOHNNY A WILLIAMSON DET 1165, RANDOLPH COUNTY. PARTICIPATED IN VETERANS DAY PARADE. THE DETACHMENT PARTICIPATED IN EVENTS FOR VETERANS DAY, AND WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA. THEY RAISED OVER \$1,200 FOR THE SEMPER FI FUND WITH A BOWLING FUNDRAISER. A GOLF TOURNAMENT IS APPROACHING.

GENERAL ALLEN HAL A. TURNAGE DET 1196 DONATED OVER NEARLY HALF OF THEIR FUNDS TO ASSIST EFFORTS IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA HURRICANE RELIEF. ASSISTANCE IN THOSE EFFORTS CONTINUE WITH CLOTHING DRIVES AND MORE

PFC TERRY C SMITH DET 1193 ELECTED A NEW COMMANDANT. I DID NOT COORIDINATE MY TIME TO MAKE A MEETING THIS QUARTER.

PFC JERRY L MCKINNEY DET 1232. I HAVE DETERMINED THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS. HOWEVER, I HAVE NOT MADE A DETACHMENT MEETING DESPITE MULTIPLE ATTEMPTS THIS QUARTER AND LAST. I HAVE MADE FIVE (5) TRIPS TO EDEN. SEP 2024, I HAD THE WRONG THURSDAY. NOV 2024, APPARENTLY NO MEETING DUE TO MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY/THANKSGIVING. DEC 2024, NO MEETING. JAN 2025 MEETING WAS CANCELLED. FEB 2025, I HAD A CONFLICT ON THE 2ND THURSDAY WITH A PREXISTING EVENT. THE DETACHMENT FACEBOOK PAGE HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED IN YEARS, BUT IT SAYS THE MEETINGS ARE ON THE 2ND THURSDAY MONTHLY, AS DOES THE SIGN IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING.

- e) Central District Mike Nelsen
  - 5 Detachments in his district and will reach out to all.
- a) Southcentral (vacant)
- 2. NC East DVC's
  - a) North District (vacant)

## b) Northeast District – Leotha Forte

Name of District Officer: - PDD Leotha Forte

District: Northeast

Date prepared: March 28, 2025

#### Reporting Period (Highlight the period below):

First quarter – 1 June to August 31

Second quarter - 1 September to 30 November

Third quarter - 1 December to 28/29 February

Fourth quarter - 1 March to 31 May

Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period: five

#### Detachment unpaid member status:

For each of your Detachments, list their Detachment number, total regular and Associate members, total unpaid members and their percent of unpaid members. The Department goal is 3%, or less):

Detachment #	Reg & Assoc members	Total unpaid members	Total % unpaid
John V. Berg 257	15	0	
Plueddemann 1186	30	0	
Suzi Sannes 1262	15	0	
Gold Leaf 1276	25	0	0
Waynesboro1359	10	0	

#### Total unpaid member percentage for this District:

(Add up all of the <u>Total unpaid members</u> and divide that number by all of the above <u>Total Reg. & Assoc. members.</u> to get the total unpaid percentage for your District)

How many Detachments are in your District? <u>Five</u>
How many of these Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting? <u>Five</u>

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)?65%

What Detachments in your District have 19, or less, total members? (Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' in order to be considered an active Detachment) Suzi Sannes, Gold Leaf, John V. Berg and Sgt. W. E. Plueddemann

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members? Asking them how I can help to improve their membership drive.

What Detachments in your District have 14, or less, total members? (These Detachments are a <u>PRIORITY</u> to get back to a level of 'good standing' or their Charters may be pulled) one Waynesboro has a small membership, trying to improve

Are there currently any Detachment Charters in your District being held by the Department due to inactivity? No, they all have goals for the good of the MCL

If so, what Detachment names and numbers are they? N/A
Per the National By-Laws, do these Charters need to be surrendered and
the Detachments dissolved? No, they're striving to meet the standard of
the SOP

Special District projects you are involved in at this time: meet with all 5 Commandants in the Northeast District this quarter

Suggestions for the 'Good of the League' as a result of your DVC activities: Participating in their community affairs, new meeting location VA Hut in Greenville, fundraising events

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why: Plueddemann 1186; Getting new AC system install for Vets, Gold Leaf 1276;3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Brunswick Stew fundraiser in Feb, raising for Gold Leaf. J. V. Berg doing fund raising this quarter

## c) South District - Howard Boyd

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- Third quarter 1 December to 28/29 February
- Convention/Fourth quarter 1 March to 31 May
- First quarter 1 June to 31 August
- Second quarter 1 September to 30 November

#### Detachments visited/contacted during this reporting period:

1005 Paul Ray Purgason Detachment - Shallotte 1070 Cape Fear Detachment - Wilmington

1321 Hampstead Detachment - Hampstead

#### Detachment unpaid member status:

For each of your Detachments, list their Detachment number, total regular and Associate members, total unpaid members and their percent of unpaid members. The Department goal is 3%, or less):

Detac	hment # Total Reg	& Assoc mbrs	Total unpaid mbrs	Total % unpaid
1005	Paul Ray Purgason	45	1	2.22%*
1070	Cape Fear	61	3	4.91%
1321	Hampstead	49	6	7.69%

<sup>\*</sup> Reported to me in time to prepare this report. Otherwise, the info is from the 09/06/2023 Detachment Report from National

#### Total unpaid member percentage for this District:

(Add up all of the <u>Total unpaid members</u> and divide that number by all of the above <u>Total Reg. & Assoc. members</u>, to get the total unpaid percentage for your District)

District Total	155	10	6.45%
How many Detachmen How many of these De represented at t			

<sup>\*\*</sup> Reported numbers are significantly different than the National Report.

What Detachments in your District have 19, or less, total members?........ 0 (Detachments must maintain a minimum of 15 members in 'good standing' in order to be considered an active Detachment)

What are you doing to assist these Detachments to gain a total membership of 20 or more members?

N/A

What Detachments in your District have 14, or less, total members?........... 0 (These Detachments are a <u>PRIORITY</u> to get back to a level of 'good standing' or their Charters may be pulled)

Are there currently any Detachment Charters in your District being held by the Department due to inactivity?.....no

If so, what Detachment names and numbers are they? Per the National By-Laws, do these Charters need to be surrendered and the Detachments dissolved?

Calabash Borders Detachment has surrendered their Charter.

Special District projects you are involved in at this time: none

#### New Detachment Recruiting Efforts:

Shallotte Detachment 1005 continues to grow membership. Cape Fear decreased in membership since last report and Hampstead remaining constant...

Suggestions for the 'Good of the League' as a result of your DVC activities: Detachments are working actively in their communities. Only Shallotte provided me a report this period

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why: None at this time.

- d) East District Ray Randall (absent no report)
- e) Southeast District Ray Randall (absent no report)

## S. Commandant's Report – Robert Hare

- 1. Hurricane Helene occurred at our last membership meeting, and I could not be prouder of our department. A plethora of supplies and toys were delivered.
- 2. Provided a report at Mid-Winter Conference; as a department delivered over \$1M in supplied to Western NC and traveled over 600,000 miles and logged over 400,000 community service hours.
- 3. We created a program called Christmas in the Mountains and delivered over 62,000 toys for Western NC.

- 4. On the Dog side 12 tons of dog and cat food, trailers full of hay and horse feed.
- 5. Other Departments, detachments and individuals also sent us over \$33,000 in donations with no solicitation from us.
- 6. Next phase with the remaining funds is to get with Home Depot to see what they can do for us.
- 7. We had about 3600 manpower days volunteering in Western NC
- 8. Toured the state and visited detachments and went to Mid-Winter Conference.
- 9. I have tried to enhance communication. Have established EBoT and BoT meetings. Each meeting is held respectively on alternating months

## T. Report of Staff Officers

- 1. Sr. Vice Commandant James Mitchell
  - a) We currently have 3 raffles on the website, and they are located under the fundraiser section.
  - b) Not many tickets have been purchased for either raffle. Worried that the word is not being passed to the membership.
  - c) The department has a donation button on the website if you want to contribute but not partake in the raffles.
  - d) It costs us to attend gun shows. We went to 2 of them and did not make a return on our investment. AT the gun shows we are in competition with local detachments and the VFW.
  - e) Ask the local detachments if you can attend a gun show in their areas. If you are not a member in good standing you cannot collect money for the Marine Corps League.
  - f) Sent an email to every commandant inquiring why they do not attend staff meetings and conventions. Only received 1 reply.
  - g) I cannot help you with your detachment if I do not know what you need help with.
  - h) Update your QRF.
- 2. Recess of the DoNC Membership Meeting morning session
  - a) Chaplain to close Bible
  - b) Sgt-at-Arms to announce that the meeting will reconvene 1 hour from now.

## <u>Recess for lunch - Reconvene in 1 hour</u> lunch recess 1149. Reconvene at 1300

- 3. Reconvene the DoNC Membership Meeting afternoon session
  - a) Sgt-at-Arms to bring meeting to order
  - b) Chaplain to open the Bible
  - 4. Jr. Vice Commandant James Crandall
    - a) We need to make sure we are out actively recruiting new members.
    - b) Showing up for events in your local areas
    - c) Retention. Need to get unpaid dues paid.
    - d) The department has a total of 1907 paid members (1582 regular, 304 associate, and 21 multiple) and 236 unpaid members (153 regular, 80 associate, and 3 Multiple).
    - e) Members should have business/membership cards so they can pass out to potential members.
  - 5. Judge Advocate –Bill Brown

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#### William E. "Bill" Brown

Judge Advocate

31 March 2025

From: William E. Brown,

To Commandant, Department of North Carolina

Subject: Judge Advocate Report for Quarter Ending 28 February 2025

In the past quarter I can proudly report no grievance or disciplinary actions were brought to the department for action. The previously conducted Disciplinary Hearings were adjudicated. The timeframe for both NJA and National Board of Trustees level appeals have lapsed and are now considered final.

Unfortunately, after identifying non-compliance issues that could have been readily corrected, the leadership of a previously very strong detachment chose to defy advice as well as assistance from the department, division and National that ultimately resulted in the subsequent revocation of their charter. Now the actions of a few have impacted on their membership so that almost all will be members-at-large.

I announced that I would review any proposed changes to the Department Bylaws (DBL) and/or National Bylaws (NBL) and National Administration Procedures (NAP) for format and applicability prior to their deadlines. They are NBL/NAP = 1 April 2025 and DBL = 14 April 2025. The 2024 DoNC Bylaws were formally certified by the National Judge Advocate Bruce Rakfeldt in January effective 10 June 2024 as submitted.

I have begun work to separate the Department Bylaws from the Department Administrative Procedures into two separate documents in keeping with the format of the NBL and NAP. When completed I will similarly update the Sample Detachment Bylaws into two documents as well.

If you want to update your bylaws contact me for the latest version of the Sample Detachment Bylaws (SDB) as it will be updated as needed. To date, I have received several detachment bylaws submissions over the quarter and have reviewed and completed a couple of those updates. Using conference calls and Zoom meetings to share documents and discuss recommended changes has worked well and I plan to continue this process. I welcome any members to attend those Zoom meetings to learn the process.

Respectfully and Semper Fidelis,

William E. Brown Judge Advocate

Department of North Carolina

Mideast Division

- 6. Bylaws Committee Chairman Lisa Ciesielski / Bill Brown
  - a) Bylaws have been approved and posted.
  - b) Deadline is 14 April for Detachment Bylaw submissions.
- 7. Sgt.-at-Arms Steve Tracy
  - a) No report
- 8. Web sergeant (vacant) Commandant Hare will be the temporary Web Sgt. until a new person is appointed
- 9. Chief of Staff Report will be made by Commandant Hare

- a) Discuss upcoming Membership meetings and host Detachments for them
  - i. Convention 2025 Air Land NC Det #1257, Double Tree by Hilton RDU Airport 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham
  - ii. Fall 2025 need a volunteer detachment
  - iii. **Spring 2026** Onslow County #262
  - iv. Convention 2026 Museum of the Carolina Marines
  - v. Fall 2026 Ashville #1418 tentative.
  - vi. Spring 2027 need a volunteer detachment

## **U.** Report of Project Leaders

1. Toys For Tots – Kevin Ashton

## **Department of North Carolina**

## Toys For Tots Coordinator Report

In North Carolina alone, 45 coordinators successfully ran campaigns across 87 of the state's 100 counties. While not all were MCL Local Area Coordinators, they distributed an impressive 875,562 toys and supported 416,082 children. Compared to 2023, this represents an increase of 173,830 toys collected and 96,646 more children supported in North Carolina.

In August, several campaigns were kick-started with truckloads of toys from the TFT Foundation. Additionally, on November 2nd, the TFT Foundation sent a truckload to Henderson County, NC, for an event in Western NC hosted by Helene, featuring a drive-through toy and book pickup.

If you're interested in becoming a Local Community Coordinator (LCO), now is the time to act! Visit toysfortots.org and click on "Start a Local Charter" to begin.

Also, please remember the year-round outreach programs that support children and families in need. The foundation offers foster care, Native American, Youth Ambassador, and literacy programs throughout the year. If your local campaign would like to support any of these initiatives, please contact Jennifer for more information.

Thank you all for your continued support of Toys for Tots, and keep up the great teamwork!

Best regards,

Kevin

tft.donc@gmail.com

2. Eagle Scout Program – Charles Minton a) No Report

- 3. Marine For Life Liaison (vacant)
- 4. Young Marines Program Jon Henderson

Jonathan Henderson Department of N.C. Young Marine Service Officer 704-460-3771

March 31 2025

From: Young Marine Service Officer, Department of N.C. Marine Corps League

To: Robert Hare, Commandant Department of N.C. Marine Corps League

#### SUBJ: YOUNG MARINE REPORT 3rd QUARTER (2023)

- Status: The State of North Carolina has One (1) Regiment, and (8) Young Marine Units Out of the (8) units, (4) units are in limbo due the lack of youth members and adult volunteers. Units in limbo are listed here.
  - a. Cape Fear YM's in Wilmington
  - b. Cherry Point YM's in Havelock
  - Gen. Nathaniel Green in Greensboro
- 2. The NC Regiment has (38) Young Marines and (32) registered adults.
- Drug Demand Reduction (DDR): The N.C. Regiment continues to pave the way in being drug free. The Young Marines received 103 hours of Drug Demand Reduction Training for the period 1 Oct 2024 through 31 March 2025.
- Community Service/Veterans: The N.C. Regiment continues to being active in their community and supporting veterans. The Young Marines performed 1283 hours of community service for the period 1 Oct 2024 through 31 March 2025.
- Marine Corps League Detachment support: The Young Marines program has received assistance and support.
- Units needing assistance: If you are interested in starting, volunteering, or assisting a local Young Marine Unit, please contact me.
- Contact Information: Should anyone have any questions may contact me at phone number (704) 460-3771 or by email at Jonatan.henderson@youngmarines.org

Jonathan Henderson USMC (Ret) Dept. N.C. M.CL. Young Marine Service Officer

5. VAVS Program – Al Pasquale

Al Pasquale <pasqualeusmc@yahoo,com>
To: MCL DoNC Adjutant <doncmcla@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 2, 2025 at 11:32 AM

Marines....

This report is in addition to the Defense Health Agency info i sent on 5 Feb 2025. there will be further info in my report for our June Convention in Durham. unfortunately, there is still the issue of Veterans Suicide.

#### MORE THAN 20 VETERANS SOULS ARE LOST TO SUICIDE EVERY DAY

#### INSTEAD OF GETTING BETTER .... THINGS ARE GETTING WORSE !!!!

If there are questions......comments etc etc reach out to me !!!
On a personal note, I am the Chaplan for the Air Land NC Det 1257
our Supreme Commandant ordered two of our Detachment Marines to Report.

14 January 2025 Sgt Maj Jim Vasilko USMC RET

14 February 2025 Marine Terry Shachelton

Remember the three words that makes our Corps Strong. IMPROVISE-ADAPT-OVERCOME

Respectfully Submitted Al Pasquale Dept of NC MCL Service Offecer..

- 6. Fund-Raising James Mitchell
- 7. Compliance Officer Phil Randall/William Brown





William E. "Bill" Brown

Judge Advocate

31 March 2025

From: William E. Brown,

To Commandant, Department of North Carolina

Subject: Compliance Officer Report for Quarter Ending 28 February 2025

In the absence of Phil Randall, DoNC Compliance Officer due to ongoing medical issues I agreed to serve in his stead for Compliance issues for the detachment. As no formal guidance has been issued for its maintenance I have worked with the previous reports in updating the Division Compliance Officer and began reconstructing a more comprehensive Compliance Status report. I have validated a number of issues: the actual dates of recording of Articles of Incorporation with the North Carolina Secretary of State, validation of SOSID numbers therefrom, EIN numbers when obtained from the IRS, and am working to ensure that all detachments are either current or no more than two years behind in submission of their 990 or 990N, as appropriate, to remain IRS compliant. I hope to have the report ready to distribute to all detachments later this month. I am ready to help answer questions or work via Zoom calls to share your documents and update your data.

Many detachments are delinquent in providing their Report of Officer Installations documentation and as such could risk not being eligible for delegate representation at the DoNC Convention if not received on time. This information is critical for communication and should be current in the Quarterly DoNC Quarterly Reference spreadsheet distributed to all detachment Commandants, Adjutants and Paymasters or Adjutant/Paymasters.

Respectfully and Semper Fidelis,

William E. Brown Compliance Officer (Acting) Department of North Carolina Mideast Division (703) 623-5803

Copy to:

Department Adjutant
Senior Vice Commandant
Junior Vice Commandant
Judge Advocate
Junior Past Department Commandant
Department Compliance Officer

- 8. Scholarship Ric Ledford
  - a) No report
- 9. Budget & Finance Committee Keith Shearin/Betty Kramer
  - Budget Proposal presentation

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	Income From Souings	•		To source emonges due to look of exelite from fundacione	
	From Savings	\$ -		To cover expenses due to lack of profits from fundraising	
	Investments  Business Checking Interest	\$ -			
	Business Checking Interest Business Savings Interest	\$ -			
	SubTotal Investments	\$ -			
	Direct Public Support Detachment Retirement Escrow	\$ -			
	Member Donations Rec'd				
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	Detachment Donations Rec'd for Allocated Funds	\$ -			
	Public Donations Rec'd	\$ -			
	Total Direct Public Support	<b>\$</b> -			
	Fundraising Revenue	A C 500 00	_	Facinated and an extension to the substitution of the said of the state of the said of the	
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	Regular Membership Dues	\$ 3,404.66 \$ 4,710.00		Figures retrieved from previous payouts Figures retrieved from previous payouts	
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		\$ 14,014.00			
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	Meeting Registration				
	Lodging (max \$125/night 2 nights)				
	Mileage / Airfare			-	
•	Total Mid-East	\$ 410.00			
	Mid-Vinter Division Conference Representative Allow				
	Meeting Registration				
)	Lodging (max \$125/night 3 nights)	\$ 375.00			
	Mileage / Airfare	\$ 150.00			
	Total Mid-Vinter				
	National Annual Convention Representative Allowand				
	Meeting Registration	\$ 10.00			
	Lodging (max \$125/night 6 nights)	\$ 750.00			
•	Mileage / Airfare	\$ 500.00			
•	Total National				
_	Total DoNC Representative Allowance	\$ 2,205.00			
	Department Elected Position Expenses				
1	Commandant	\$ 200.00			
)	Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	\$ 200.00			
	Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	\$ 200.00			
:	Judge Advocate's Expenses	\$ 200.00			
:	Total Elected Position Expenses	\$ 800.00			
	DVC Expenses				
	Central	\$ 200.00			
	East	\$ 200.00			
_	Mid Vest	\$ 200.00			
	North	\$ 200.00			
	North Central	\$ 200.00			
_	North East	\$ 200.00			
	Northwest	\$ 200.00			
•	South	\$ 200.00			
	South Central	\$ 200.00			
	South East	\$ 200.00			
	Vest	\$ 200.00			
	Total DVC Expenses	\$ 2,200.00			
	Department Appointed Position Expenses				
	Chaplain's Expenses	\$ -			
	Adjutant's Espenses	\$			
	Pagmaster Expenses	\$ -			
	Total Department Appointed Position Expenses	<b>\$</b> -			
	Total Department Officer Expenses	\$ 5,205.00			
	Meeting Expenses				
	Mid-East Divison Conference	\$ 100.00			
	Host Detachment Allowance Fall & Spring Meeting:	\$ 400.00			
;	Host Detachment Allowance Convention	\$ 200.00			
7	Total Meeting Expenses	\$ 700.00			

68	Operating Expenses		
69	Fundraising Expense	\$ 2,000.00	
70	Printing and Copying	\$ 100.00	
71	Supplies	\$ 100.00	
72	Postage	\$ 100.00	
73	Awards	\$ 100.00	
74	Bank Fees	\$ -	
75	Bank Fees - Business Checks Order	\$ 25.00	Check Order/Reorder divided by # of years until reorder (estimated \$100 every 4 years)
76	Square, Inc. Fee Or Stripe?	\$ 75.00	How much did we lose in previous year?
77	Veb Site Expenses	\$ 150.00	
78	Chapter 9 Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	Estimated. Actual amount from previous year not available.
79	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,150.00	
80	Outside Charitable Donations		
81	Marines Needing Assistance	\$ 1,000.00	
82	New Detachment Allowance	\$ 300.00	
83	Emergency Relief Aid	\$ 500.00	
84	Allocated Funds		
85	Young Marines	\$ 1,000.00	
86	Toys for Tots	\$ 750.00	
87	Scholarship Funds	\$ 1,000.00	
88	Total Semper Fidelis Funds	\$ 4,550.00	
89	Retained Income		This should probably be in Income as it is not an expense, unless it is to show shortage/left over from approved and actuals at year end. If so, it should be part of the income on the next budget.
90	Total Operations Expense	\$ 14,605.00	
91	Difference	\$ 9.66	This is the overage/shortage that will need to come from saving/previous

Commandant Hare "At this time I ask for a motion from the Floor to accept the Officer and Committee reports as given or submitted." Dave Ward made a motion, and it was seconded by Denver Grant. Motion passed.

## V. Reconvene the DoNC Membership Meeting afternoon session

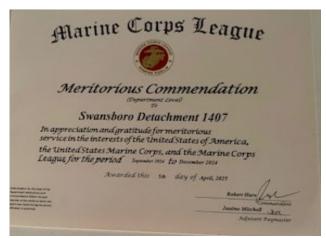
- 1. Sgt-at-Arms to bring meeting to order
- 2. Chaplain to open the Bible

## W. Awards and Recognition

1. 1 Certificate of Appreciation, 4 Meritorious Commendations, 1 Distinguished Citizen Award,















#### X. <u>Unfinished Business</u>

- 1. Department Foundation Creation. A motion was made by Kenny Joyner. Seconded by Dave Ward. Motion passed.
- 2. Discussion on centralizing the convention

## Y. New Business

- 1. Make John Dilday an Honorary Commandant, posthumously. A Motion was made by Bill Brown and seconded by Jim Mitchell. Motion Passed.
- 2. VSO Program and VSO Coordinator. Motion was made to table the discussion, seconded by Kenny Joyner. Motion passed

3. Increase the budget line-item for Mid-East Division. NC makes up 41% of the members. A motion was made by Betty Kramer, seconded by Reggie Sawyer. Motion passed.

## Z. Good of the League

- 1. Dave Ward from Detachment #1407 thanked the body for all the turkeys and ham.
- 2. Detachment #1070 Meritorious Toys for Tots over 90,000 toys
- 3. Detachment 1075 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Mudd Run 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June
- 4. James Mitchell donated to the ladies of the Swansboro detachments for their hard work during the meeting.
- 5. Ric Ledford, Bob Click and Marilyn thanked the body for their support during Hurricane Helene
- 6. PFC Sean Knisley Detachment present Ric Ledford a check for Hurricane Helene assistance
- 7. Rick Thomason announced that the Mid East Convention is June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Bob Borka will be speaking.

## AA. Announcements

1. Intent to run for office: Robert Hare – Commandant; James Mitchell Sr Vice Commandant; James Crandall Jr Vice Commandant.

## BB. Closing of the Meeting per Ritual

- 1. Remarks by Cmdt. Hare
- 2. Singing of the Marines Hymn
- 3. "Good night Chesty, wherever you are!"
- 4. Retire the Colors
- 5. Sr. Vice Commandant's last duty James Mitchell
- 6. Chaplain Prayer and close the Bible Lisa Ciesielski.
- 7. Meeting adjourned