

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA



Fall Membership Meeting

4 October 2025

Hosted by: Department of North Carolina

Host Commandant: Robert Hare

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

Meeting start time: 0837

Meeting Location: VA Medical Center, Salisbury

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DoNC Fall Membership Meeting Agenda – 04 October 2025

A. Colors – outside at flag pole – 0750 muster

1. Colors done inside the meeting

B. Training / Commandants Council – 0825

1. Going over the meeting guidelines before starting.

C. Opening Remarks by Dept. Commandant Robert Hare – 0830

1. Meeting called to order
2. Post Colors – Sgt-at-Arms – Laura Hamilton
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt-at-Arms – Laura Hamilton
4. Open Bible and Invocation – Lisa Ciesielski [Uncover]
5. This Meeting is dedicated to all Marines, FMF Navy Personnel, and Associates who have received PCS Orders to stand guard at the entrance to the Supreme Commandant's residence.
6. At this time, is there anyone who would like to dedicate this membership meeting to any individual? Please come forward.

D. Swearing in of the New Department Jr Vice

1. Steve Tracey was sworn in as the new DoNC Jr Vice Commandant

E. Guest Speaker – up to 10 minutes each

None

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

1. National Judge Advocate – Bruce Rakfeldt
2. MODD 61st Chief Devil Dog – Jeffrey Jones
3. MODD Deputy Police Dog – Rick Thomason
4. National & Kennel Historian – Greg Ciesielski
5. MODD Dog Trainer – Lisa Ciesielski
6. National & MED Boy Scouts Committee & MED Sgt at Arms - Charles Minton
7. National MCL Foundation & National Youth Physical Fitness Committee & National Protocol Officer- Devell (Bull) Durham

8. MODD Kennel Lucky Dog – Reggie Sawyer
9. Mid-East Division Assistant Vice Chief Devil Dog & MED Sgt at Arms – Ric Ledford
10. Mideast Division Compliance Officer – Kenny Joyner
11. MED Chapel of Four Chaplains & Youth Physical Fitness Coordinator – Robert Hare
12. Ask all past National and Division officers to stand.

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

1. Dave Ward - 2025 Department Marine of the Year.
2. Deborah McMorrow - 2025 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. 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 – Bill Dunn
2. 38 Dogs present
3. 780 pounds of pet supplies for operation chow hound collected

J. Chapel of Four Chaplains Presentation

1. Reserved for Department Convention

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

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 - Excused
3. Jr. Vice Commandant – Steve Tracy
4. Judge Advocate – Bill Brown
5. Jr. Past Commandant – Ric Ledford
6. Chief of Staff – Tony Nunez - Excused
7. Chaplain – Lisa Ciesielski
8. Assistant Chaplain – Marilyn Bower
9. Sgt.-at-Arms – Laura Hamilton
10. Assistant Sgt-at-Arms – PJ Hamilton
11. Paymaster – Kevin Ashton
12. Assistant Paymaster – Colin Mayo
13. Young Marines Service Officer – (vacant)
14. Toys For Tots Coordinator– Kevin Ashton
15. VAVS Service Officer – Al Pasquale
16. Legislative Officer – Kenny Joyner
17. Compliance Officer – Phil Randall – Bill Brown (acting)
18. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski
19. Eagle Scout Coordinator – Charles Minton - Excused
20. Marine For Life Liaison – (vacant)
21. Adjutant – Justine Mitchell
22. Web Sergeant – (vacant)
23. Public Relations – Marilyn Bower
24. Historian - Greg Ciesielski
25. Chapel of Four Chaplains – Jeff Mixon

L. District Vice Commandants

(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 – Todd Abbott - Excused
 - c) Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
 - d) Northcentral District – Mike Clark
 - e) Central District – Mike Nelsen
 - f) Southcentral – Shaun Slattery

No Report
2. NC East DVC’s

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

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)

N. Adjutant's Report

1. The minutes are posted on the website.
2. 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).
3. Please make sure that your Quarterly Reports are completed and sent to the adjutant as well as your assigned DVC.
4. An Excel spreadsheet titled "DoNC Quick Reference" has been sent out to all detachments. Please make sure this is shared with all 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. Motion made by Rick Thomosan to accept the adjustments report as posted to the website and agenda. Motion was seconded by Marlyn Bower and approved motion passed.

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

O. Paymaster's Report – Kevin Ashton

1. Kenny Joyner made a motion to accept the Paymaster report pending Audit. Second by Al Pasquale. Motion passed Status of the Department Foundation

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Paymaster Report

Fall Meeting 2025 10/4/2025

Saving Account Beginning Balance of June 1st \$9, 234.27

Interest \$0.32 to September 30, 2025 Ending Balance of \$9,234.59

Savings Account		
6/30/2025	Interest Payment	\$0.08
7/31/2025	Interest Payment	\$0.08
8/29/2025	Interest Payment	\$0.08
9/30/2025	Interest Payment	\$0.08
	TOTAL	\$0.32

Checking Account Beginning Balance of June 1st, 2025 \$110,850.15

Checking Account ending Balance as of September 30th, 2025 \$113,839.50

MCL Checking Account			
Deposit		Withdrawals	
Interest Payment	\$ 3.75	MCL Inc Transmittals Online	\$ 12,266.25
Membership	\$ 14,085.00	Expense Report Commandts	\$ 325.62
Last Year Fund Rasing(\$537.57 Zeffy \$272.50 50/50 check \$300 cash deposit)	\$ 1,110.07	Expense Report Sr Vice	\$ 633.11
National to Detachment Refund	\$ 580.00	Detachment Refund	\$ 580.00
Fall Meeting Donation	\$ 600.00	MOY/AOY Awards	\$ 174.49
Fall Meeting 50/50 rased as 10/3	\$ 570.00	Dept Convention	\$ 200.00
Fall Meeting Membership Registration 88 (81 Early & After)\$950 total owed \$460	\$ 490.00	NC Veteran Council	\$ 150.00
TOTAL	\$ 17,438.82	Fall Meeting Hotel	\$ 120.00
		Total	\$ 14,449.47

Here's a summary of our checking account activity:

- * Beginning balance: \$110,850.15
- * Deposits: \$17,438.82 -* Expenses: \$17,438.82
- * Ending Balance in Checking account: \$113,839.50
- * Allocated funds for Hurricane Helene remaining: \$12,713.81
- * Two Detachment charters: \$13,337.72 (Det. #733 \$12,951.04 Turn over date 8/14/26 of funds
Det. #1036 \$386.68 Turn over date ??? of funds)
- * Total allocated funds: \$26,051.53
- * Checking account balance total of unallocated funds: \$87,797.97
- Profit of \$2,989.38 since the close of the Convention Meeting.**

MCL, Department of North Carolina Budget Overview Fiscal Year 2025-26

Line #	Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget	Approved	Actuals	Notes
1	Income			
2	From Savings	\$ -	\$ -	According to new budget, we will need roughly \$6K to cover expenses due to increase in proposed fundraising expenses.
3	Investments	\$ -	\$ -	
4	Business Checking Interest	\$ -	\$ 3.75	
5	Business Savings Interest	\$ -	\$ 0.32	
6	SubTotal Investments	\$ -	\$ 4.07	
7	Direct Public Support			
8	Detachment Retirement Allowance	\$ -	\$ -	
9	Member Donations Rec'd	\$ -	\$ -	
10	Detachment Donations Rec'd for Allocated Funds	\$ -	\$ -	
11	Public Donations Rec'd	\$ -	\$ 1,090.00	Department Received for Hosting Fall Meeting
12	Total Direct Public Support	\$ -	\$ 1,090.00	
13	Fundraising Revenue			
14	Total Fundraising Revenue	\$ 14,775.00	\$ 1,395.07	\$110.07 from 2024 \$285 from Fall meeting 50/50 split
15	Membership Income			
16	Life Member Interest Rebate	\$ 3,404.00		Figures retrieved from previous payouts
17	Regular Membership Dues	\$ 4,710.00	1010.75	Figures retrieved from previous payouts
18	Total Membership Income	\$ 8,114.00	1010.75	
19	Total Income	\$ 19,889.00	\$ 4,307.89	
20	Expense			
21	DoNC Representative (to Higher Echelon) Expenses			
22	Mid-East Division Conference Representative Allowance			
23	Meeting Registration	\$ 10.00	0	
24	Lodging (max \$125/night 2 nights)	\$ 250.00	249.10	
25	Mileage / Airfare	\$ 150.00	70.44	540 miles paid to commandant
26	Total Mid-East	\$ 410.00	325.62	
27	Mid-Winter Division Conference Representative Allowance			
28	Meeting Registration	\$ 10.00	\$ -	
29	Lodging (max \$125/night 3 nights)	\$ 375.00	\$ -	
30	Mileage / Airfare	\$ 150.00	\$ -	
31	Total Mid-Winter	\$ 535.00	\$ -	
32	National Annual Convention Representative Allowance			
33	Meeting Registration	\$ 10.00	0	
34	Lodging (max \$125/night 6 nights)	\$ 750.00	496.61	paid to service
35	Mileage / Airfare	\$ 500.00	146.30	paid to service 1045 miles
36	Total National	\$ 1,260.00	633.11	
37	Total DoNC Representative Allowance	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 959.73	
38	Department Elected Position Expenses			
39	Commandant	\$ 200.00		
40	Sr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	\$ 200.00		
41	Jr. Vice Commandant's Expenses	\$ 200.00		
42	Judge Advocate's Expenses	\$ 200.00		
43	Total Elected Position Expenses	\$ 800.00	\$ -	
44	DVC Expenses			
45	Central	\$ -		Per Detachment proposal these were deleted to allow for more Fundraising expense
46	East	\$ -		
47	Mid-West	\$ -		
48	North	\$ -		
49	North-Central	\$ -		
50	North-East	\$ -		
51	Northwest	\$ -		
52	South	\$ -		
53	South-Central	\$ -		
54	South-East	\$ -		
55	West	\$ -		
56	Total DVC Expenses	\$ -		
57	Department Appointed Position Expenses			
58	Chaplain's Expenses	\$ -		
59	Adjutant's Expenses	\$ -		
60	Fall meeting expenses	\$ -	\$ 120.00	Meeting rooms at Hotel
61	Total Department Appointed Position Expenses	\$ -	\$ 120.00	
62	Total Department Officer Expenses	\$ 3,005.00	\$ 120.00	
63	Meeting Expenses			
64	Mid-East Division Conference	\$ 100.00		
65	Host Detachment Allowance Fall & Spring Meetings	\$ 400.00		
66	Host Detachment Allowance Convention	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	check cash 6/23
67	Total Meeting Expenses	\$ 700.00	\$ 200.00	
68	Operating Expenses			
69	Fundraising Expense	\$ 10,000.00		Proposal at DoNC convention meeting to increase to \$10K
70	Printing and Copying	\$ 100.00		
71	Supplies	\$ 100.00		
72	Postage	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	bank fee to national
73	Awards	\$ 100.00	\$ 174.49	\$174.49 was 2024 awards
74	Bank Fees	\$ -		
75	Bank Fees - Business Checks Order	\$ 25.00		
76	Square, Inc. Fee Or Stripe?	\$ 75.00		
77	Web Site Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	NC Veterans Council not budget item
78	Chapter 8 Expenses	\$ 1,000.00		
79	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 11,650.00	\$ 354.49	
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 Sempor Fidele Funds	\$ 4,550.00	\$ -	
89	Retained Income			Have no idea what this line item is or for.
90	Total Operations Expense	\$ 19,905.00	\$ 1,833.22	
91	Difference	\$ (15.34)	\$ 2,674.67	This is the overage/shortage that will need to come from savings/previous year rollover.

P. Assistant Paymaster's Report – Colin Mayo

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Department of North Carolina



1 October 2025

From: Assistant Paymaster, Department of North Carolina
To: Commandant, Department of North Carolina

Subj: Paymaster Report for Membership Meeting 4 October 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. Transactions. Since 1 July 2025, 155 transactions were processed.

3. Membership. DoNC Membership numbers as of 1 October 2025 are:

MEDIV MIDEAST DIVISION		Department: NC DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA		
	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid
Regular	1,052	348	1,400	174
Associate	131	147	278	65
Multiple	16	1	17	3
Total	1,199	496	1,695	242
Voting	1,400			

3. Forms. Several Detachments have been using obsolete forms. Current forms were sent out to Commandants and Paymasters. Additionally, all current forms are available for download on the DoNC Department website. Annotated forms were also sent out and placed on the DoNC website.

4. Notices of Death (NOD). A recent change in the Marine Corps League Administrative Procedures Manual states that Transmittals are no longer used to submit NODs. NODs should be emailed to the DoNC Chaplain and the DoNC Assistant Paymaster for submission to National HQ.

5. DoNC Guidelines for Paymasters. The DoNC Guidelines for Paymasters was revised on 2 September 2025. Copies were sent to all Detachment Commandants and Paymasters.

6. Permanent Life Member (PLM) Audits. PLM Lists were sent to all Detachments on 16 July 2025. As of 1 October 2025, 27 Detachments have submitted completed audits.

7. IRS Reporting. As of 1 October 2025, 25 Detachments have submitted copies of their annual IRS confirmation.

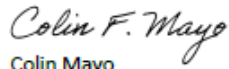
8. Reports of Installation (ROI). As a reminder, ROIs are to be submitted whenever there is a change in an officer position or whenever there is a change in the time, day, or location of the Detachment's

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regular meetings. Notwithstanding installations or changes, ROIs must be submitted annually no later than 30 June.

9. Communicate and Educate. I have continued to work with Detachments to assist them as needed and I urge Commandants and Paymasters to let me know how I can be of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



Colin Mayo
Assistant Paymaster
Department of North Carolina
Marine Corps League

Q. Chaplain's Report –Lisa Ciesielski .

1. Report of any member or member's family known to be sick or in distress.
2. Report of any deceased MCL member since our last meeting.
3. Commandant Hare asks that all detachments check on their members and report deceased members in a timely manner.
4. Please pause for a moment of silence for our fallen Marines.

CHAPLAINS ORAL REPORT OCT 4, 2025

Paul Crowell Jr. of the Onslow County Det 262 answered his final earthly roll call on 5/30/2025

Henry Benavides of the Carry0On Det 1236 answered his final earthly roll call on 6/14/2025

Claude Battle Jr. of the Cpl. Suzi Sannes Det 1262 answered his final earthly roll call on 9/25/2024

Thomas H Deaner of the Cpl. Suzi Sannes Det 1262 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/24/2023

Howard Wilson of the Gen. Raymond G. Davis Det 1162 answered his final earthly roll call on 5/7/2023

Charles W Cardwell of the Catawba Valley Det 1163 answered his final earthly roll call on 8/16/20024

John A Hulin of the Catawba Valley Det 1163 answered his final earthly roll call on 7/1/2014

Elijah B Rasnick of the Catawba Valley Det 1163 answered his final earthly roll call on 11/19/2020

Jacob 'Jay' Walker Jr. of the Cape Fear Det 1070 answered his final earthly roll call on 6/11/2025

Joan R Horton of the Gen Allen Hal Turnage Det 1096 answered her final earthly roll call on 2/1/2018

Marion Desruisseaux, associate member of the Gen Allen Hal Turnage Det 1096 answered her final earthly roll call on 2/18/2021

Lester Chapman of the Gen Allen Hal Turnage Det 1096 answered his final earthly roll call on 3/1/2021

Donald J Broussard of the Swansboro Det 1407 answered his final earthly roll call on 7/8/2025

John McCall of the Sandhills Det 1001 answered his final earthly roll call on 7/8/2025

David W Davis of the High Country Det 1389 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/27/2021

Susan S. A. Patrick, associate member of the Outer Banks Det 1264 answered her final roll call on 2/2/2022

John Whitley Jr. of the Carry-On Det 1236 answered his final earthly roll call on 2/23/2025

Thomas J Mckenna of the Sandhills Det 1001 answered his final earthly roll call on 7/25/2025

Vernon M Sieg of the Cpl. Johnny A Williamson Det 1165 answered his final earthly roll call on 6/22/2022

Jefferey Roush of the Iredell County Det 1097 answered his final earthly roll call on 2/15/2013

Donald J Pennington of the Gen. Raymond G Davis Det 1162 answered his final earthly roll call on 6/8/2025

Donald King of the Iredell County Det 1097 answered his final earthly roll call on 5/25/2011

James T McCready of the Shawn Knisley Det 983 answered his final earthly roll call on 5/19/2025

John Edwin Cook Sr. of the Onslow Co Det 262 answered his final earthly roll call on 7/13/2022

Sharkis (Sam) H Bogosian of the Cpl. Johnny A Williamson Det 1165 answered his final earthly roll call on 8/22/2025

Robert W Ham of the Williams/Canter Det 1187 answered his final earthly roll call on 6/12/2023

Kelly Harbinson of the NC Foothills Det 1164 answered his final earthly roll call on 12/1/2020

Paul M Helsher of the Mt. Mitchell Det 1266 answered his final earthly roll call on 9/1/2025

Suzanne Mellow Irwin, associate member of the Walter F Osborne Jr. Det 1298 answered her final earthly roll call on 9/15/2025

John Joseph McGovern of the Swansboro Det 1407 answered his final earthly roll call on 9/10/2025

R. D.V.C.'s - Report of Officers

1. NC West DVC's
a) West District – Denver Grant

DVC WESTERN DIVISION 1st QUARTER REPORT

I visited three of five detachments during this quarter. All are in good standing with retention and recruiting the primary goals.

Blue Ridge #848 is in good standing with multiple meetings and luncheons. In May they held their 3rd annual charity golf tournament which tremendously highlighted their participation in community events. The Detachment has also participated in the Henderson County Apple Festival, the Mt Mitchell Crafts Fair, and two-gun shows. The Detachment also planned and executed a two-day trip to the National Marine Museum in Quantico Va in which 12 members and their spouses attended. No Color or Honor Guard events were held. The detachment is currently in review with plans to update their current by-laws and administrative procedures. The current percentage of unpaid members is 1.52%

Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266 is in good standing. They 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 multiple fund-raising events throughout WNC where the money earned is being given back to the local communities. No Color or Honor Guard events were held. They had one meeting in May that did not meet the quorum, so no business was conducted. I attended the September Detachment meeting in which future events were planned. I was impressed by the participation of the members who volunteered to help with events. The current percentage of unpaid members is 6.82%.

Asheville Buncombe County #1417 is also in good standing. Their current unpaid membership percentage is 5.7%. I attended the August Detachment meeting. Multiple ideas were discussed but a quorum was not present, so business was not conducted. They hold meetings and participate in community activities to raise funds and recruit new members. No Color or Honor Guard events were held. The detachment is currently discussing and reviewing their by-laws and administrative procedures

Cpl. Chris Ebert #1221 appears to be in good standing. I could not 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.

I am also in the process of helping the previous Cherokee Detachment #1011 to return the ceremonial M1's they hold to the Army's ceremonial rifle program.

My primary goal during this quarter, as it has been, is to emphasize recruitment and retention. 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.

Respectfully submitted

Denver Grant, DVC Western Division

b) Northwest District – Todd Abbott

North-West DVC report 09-29-2025

DVC- Todd Abbott

This report is based on having visited 5 of the 5 detachments in the Northwest division.

1. Walter Frank Osborne - Detachment # 1298 - Sparta. #1298 Reg & Assoc mem. 32 unpaid mem. 0% Total % unpaid 0%

Their membership rating stands at 100%

For this quarter they have participated in 3 funerals

In this last quarter the Surry Co. Det. 1322 and the Allegheny Co Det. 1298 partnered in a fund raiser at the Sparta fairgrounds that garnered \$1254.50. Per detachment.

The Sparta detachment put out a call for any of the detachments in the NW district to join them in their upcoming birthday ball.

They have awarded 3 scholarships of \$500.00 each to aspiring college students.

They have also made a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the MC portion of the Alleghany Scholarship foundation. I attended 2 of their meetings this quarter.

2. Surry County Det. # 1322 - Mt. Airy

Reg & Assoc Mem 25 unpaid Mem 4 Total % unpaid 13.8%

In this last quarter we had an MC detachment outing at our Winston Salem Dash game.

We worked in concert with the Sparta detachment to collect monies for our treasury.

We presented a basket of collected local items to the host detachment of the June meeting.

On 2 different occasions we prepared spegetti meals for Friends Feeding Friends, a humanitarian effort in our Mount Airy region. We prepare approximately 700 meals during this period.

We made a donation to fund a NASCAR vehicle and to have our name written on the vehicle.

Lastly, Of note 2 bricks were laved at the county seat in recognition of the setting for the Charters for Freedom.

About this setting, let me say that it has been an ongoing project of ours to work with our county representatives along

with the Charters for Freedom organization ever since we had a speaker as a guest of the MCL department at the annual department meeting in Charlotte several years ago. It's a setting depicting the Declaration of Independence- Bill of Rights - United States Constitution and the Rights of man. In looking at the current Charters for Freedom website I noted that there are about 20 counties in NC that have these settings. Kudos to you if the MCL had anything to do with any of these settings.

I attended 2 of their meetings this quarter.

3. Williams-Canter Detachment #1187 Wilkesboro

Reg & Assc Mem 30 unpaid Members 7 Total % unpaid 18.92%

In this last quarter a fund raiser took place by offering a Marine Corps Rose.

2 Board of Trustees meetings were held at the Williams/Canter Headquarters And in August a detachment Recruitment event was held.

Of note, This detachment has the most Marine Corps parafenails outfitting its meeting area then most detachments I have attended. It adds greatly to the

Marine Corps atmosphere.

I attended 2 of their meetings this quarter.

4. High Country Det- 1389 Jefferson NC

Reg & Assoc Mem 50 Unpaid Mem 6 Total unpaid % 10.71

Events this quarter included a Christmas in July Fundraiser, Repairs on a road leading to a member's home, Of note. One of the members of this detachment runs a bar called (The Veterans Bunker) opens at 1300. Every Thirsty is Thirsty Thursday at [the Bunker](#). I attended 1 meeting during this quarter.

5. Mountaineer [Det. #1320](#) Boone NC

Reg & Assoc Mem 10 Unpaid Mem 0 Total unpaid % 0

[In an effort to](#) attract Marines to their detachment they are in the process of raffling off an M-14 rifle. I would commend them for keeping the spirit and faith even though they understand they have fallen into hard times. I attended 1 of their meetings this quarter-

The total unpaid membership of this district is 8.6% (147 divided by 17) As memory serves, 5 of 5 detachments [were](#) represented at the last quarterly meeting.

4 of 5 detachments are in good membership standing.

The one detachment that needs recruitment help will get help to the best of my ability.

As far as I know there are no charters being held by the department in this district due to inactivity.

I like to be aware that under special district projects, the [High Country Det. 1389](#) is reaching out to all the detachments in the NW district to assist in a fund driving effort to obtain monies to be used by the Department of Special Services in Alleghany County to purchase warm weather clothing for children before winter sets in. All detachments in the NW district have been brought up to speed on this and asked to [make a contribution](#) to this request.

Sir Commandant, [This](#) concludes my report.

Recess of the DoNC Membership Meeting

Chaplain to close Bible

Sgt-at-Arms to announce that the meeting will reconvene at 1000

- c) Midwest District – Glenn Perkins
No Report
- d) Northcentral District – Mike Clark

District Vice Commandant Quarterly Report

Name of District Officer: Mike Clark
District: North Central

Date prepared: 3 OCT 2025

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: **FIVE (5) 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 percent of unpaid members. The Department goal is 3%, or less):

Detachment #	Total Reg & Assoc mbrs	Total unpaid mbrs	Total % unpaid
260	127	16	12.59%
1075	81	8	9.87%
1096	36	0	0%
1165	47	0	0%
1193	27	0	0%
1232	I HAVE NOT SEEN THIS DETACHMENT OR GOTTEN A REPORT		

Total unpaid member percentage for this District: **3.74%**

(Add up all of the 59 and divide that number by all of the above 390, 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%**

Routing: Department Senior Vice Commandant, Associated Department NC Area Officer, Department Adjutant for the Commandant's file

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 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION,
AND SEVERAL FLAG RAISING AND JULY 4TH CEREMONIES.**

What Detachments in your District have 14, or less, total members?
(These Detachments are a **PRIORITY** to get back to a level of 'good
standing' or their Charters may be pulled). **ALL HAVE MORE THAN 14
MEMBERS. I STILL DO NOT KNOW THE STATUS OF DET 1232.**

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 CATEGORIZED LIST
HAVING BEEN TURNED OVER TO DEPARTMENT, AND THE ACCOUNT
MONIES ARE BEING HELD BY DONC PAYMASTER. ON SPEAKING WITH
DONC COMMANDANT, HE STATED THERE WERE STILL MEMBERS THAT
HAD NOT BEEN OFF OF THE LIST TO EITHER MAL OR NEW
DETACHMENTS. IT IS TIME TO METE OUT THEIR INVENTORY.**

Special District projects you are involved in currently: **DET 260 HAS
PLACED A FLAG AT A TINY HOME COMMUNITY AND IS CURRENTLY IN
MOVEMENT TO PLACE FLAGS FOR A NEW VETERAN MEMORIAL AT
GUILFORD MILITARY PARK. DET 1075 IS PREPARING FOR THIS YEARS
TOY DRIVE.**

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 FINALLY GETTING TRACTION
FOR ADVERTISING TIME FROM LOCAL RADIO AND TV TO ANNOUNCE
DET FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS.**

Routing: Department Senior Vice Commandant, Associated Department NC
Area Officer, Department Adjutant for the Commandant's file

Detachments deserving special recognition in your District and reasons why:

GREATER GREENSBORO DET 260, GUILFORD COUNTY, CONTINUES TO DISBURSE SEVERAL 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 RECENTLY DONATED \$50,000 TO A LOCAL HOMELESS SHELTER THAT HOUSES VETERANS IN WORKING TO GET THEM INTO A NEW FACILITY.

PERCY JOHN FULTON DETACHMENT DET 1075, FORSYTH COUNTY. HAD A SUCCESSFUL MUD RUN WITH OVER 1,000 PARTICIPANTS. THEY ARE ALREADY GEARING UP FOR THEIR TOY DRIVE. THE JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT ARRANGED SOME SORT OF PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR SEVERAL DETACHMENT MEMBERS.

CPL JOHNNY A WILLIAMSON DET 1165, RANDOLPH COUNTY. PARTICIPATED IN THEIR FOURTH OF JULY PARADE. ALSO, PLACING FLAGS ON VETERAN GRAVES FOR THE HOLIDAY. A GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER WAS A SUCCESS.

GENERAL ALLEN HAL A. TURNAGE DET 1196 CONTINUES TO ASSIST LOCAL VETERANS IN NEED AND ARE INVOLVED IN MANY COMMUNITY EVENTS THAT GET THEM VISABILITY AT THEIR LAST MEETING A RECENT RETIREE HAD FOUND THEIR WEBSITE AND COMPLETED AND APPLICATION. HE CAME TO THAT MEETING, PAID HIS DUES AND WAS EXCITED TO BEGIN BEING ACTIVE WITH THE DETACHMENT

PFC TERRY C SMITH DET 1193 ELECTED A NEW COMMANDANT. THE DETACHMENT CELEBRATED THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY. THE MEETING IATTENDED THIS QUARTER DID NOT HAVE A QUOREM SO WAS MORE OF A DISCUSSION OF PLANS. THEY ARE SET TO ATTEND A LOCAL EVENT THIS MONTH

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. A NEWLY UPDATED QRF WAS PROVIDED THIS WEEK. I WILL ESTABLISH CONTACT AND VISIT THEIR NEXT MEETING

Submitted by: Mike Clark
District: North Central

Routing: Department Senior Vice Commandant, Associated Department NC Area Officer, Department Adjutant for the Commandant's file

- e) Central District – Mike Nelsen
Visited all 5 detachments in his District.
- f) Southcentral – Shaun Slattery
No Report
- 2. NC East DVC's
 - a) North District – (vacant)
 - b) Northeast District – (vacant)
 - c) South District – Howard Boyd

District Vice Commandant Quarterly Report
Fall Quarterly 2025

Name of District Officer: Howard D. Boyd Sr.
District: South District

Date prepared: 6/9/2025

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:

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):

<u>Detachment #</u>	<u>Total Reg & Assoc mbrs</u>	<u>Total unpaid mbrs</u>	<u>Total % unpaid</u>
1005 Paul Ray Purgason	49	1	2.04%*
1070 Cape Fear	68	0	0.00%*
1321 Hampstead	49	6	12.24%

* Reported to me in time to prepare this report. Otherwise, the info is from the 03/08/2025 Detachment Report from National

** Reported numbers are significantly different than the National Report.

Total unpaid member percentage for this District:

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

District Total	166	7	4.21%
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How many Detachments are in your District? 3

How many of these Detachments were
represented at the last Quarterly meeting? 2

What percentage of your District Detachments were represented at the last
Quarterly meeting (The Department goal is 70% or better)? 66.7%

**Routing: Department Senior Vice Commandant, Associated Department NC
Area Officer, Department Adjutant for the Commandant's file**

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 PRIORITY 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:
Both the Shallotte Detachment 1005 and Cape Fear Detachment 1070 have shown membership gains since last report.

Suggestions for the 'Good of the League' as a result of your DVC activities:
All Detachments are active in their communities. Would like Hampstead leadership to submit required reports.

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

Submitted by: Howard D. Boyd Sr.
District: South

- d) East District – Ray Randall
- e) Southeast District – Ray Randall

S. Commandant's Report – Robert Hare



2025 Fall Membership Meeting Department Commandant's Report

First, I would like to thank you for entrusting me to serve as your Department Commandant for another term. Before I get into the state of our Department, I'll briefly go over events since we last met at our Department Convention.

Since June of this year, I have attended the Mideast Division Conference in Virginia. There was not a lot of information provided, except for the new procedures for submitting Division MOY/AOY and updating the Mideast Division Conference guidelines for hosting an event. Unless immediate attention is given, all presentations of reports were waived. Frank Mathers was elected as the new Mideast Division National Vice Commandant, and Scott Kirby was elected as the new Mideast Division Assistant National Vice Commandant.

Afterwards, I attended the 2025 National Convention in Grapevine, Texas. I had the opportunity to attend the Medal of Honor banquet and listen to an amazing guest speaker. There were 48 National Bylaw and Administrative Procedures change requests. The new documents are available on the National website, as well as on the Department's website. Once the Department bylaws are approved by National, they will be placed on the website and emailed to the members. Two detachments also received National awards, for which I will present later today. Overall, it was a great convention, and it was great to see many of our fellow members from all across the country.

In addition, I have travelled the state, visiting detachments, swearing in newly appointed Department staff, and presenting awards to many deserving members like yourselves. To the Detachment Commandants who responded to my request, thank you. During my travels, I also visited the Carolina Museum of the Marine and got the 2026 Department Convention date set. Visited the Marines of Lima Company at the School of Infantry – East, and I will be talking about that visit more during the new business segment.

Overall, it has been a busy 6 months, and I look forward to visiting the rest of the detachments.

Now, I want to read an email I sent out on June 25th of this year, in case it was either not sent to the detachment membership or wasn't read. I challenge each of you to listen to what it says, then look at not only your detachments, but yourselves as well. Then ask, what are we doing not just in our communities, but within our own walls?

Subj: THE FUTURE OF THE DoNC MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

I would like to thank everyone for the confidence and support you have in me by allowing me to serve you for another year as the Department Commandant. It is a responsibility that I do not take lightly and with our team in place, will continue to move the Department forward. I also want to thank all of you for the outstanding work you are doing in your communities. Trust me when I say it is not going unnoticed.

There are a few items that I want to address in order for the mission to continue pressing forward; 1) Detachments submitting their forms in a timely fashion, 2) The number of unpaid members, 3) Department leadership – both elected and appointed, 4) Where do we go from here.

Detachment leadership needs to focus on getting their forms turned in. This is their ROI's, Notice of Death, 990's, etc. These forms are vitally important to keep each detachment in compliance with all entities. I have pulled the department compliance report from Atlas, and I was shocked to see the number of detachments that have not even submitted an ROI for nearly 5 years. Failure to properly submit those forms can put your detachment at risk of charter suspension. Please get them submitted to Assistant Paymaster Colin Mayo, Adjutant Justine Mitchell, and your District Vice-Commandant.

Currently, we have over two hundred unpaid members across the Department. This does not include the number of members that have been dropped from your rosters. It is the responsibility of detachment leadership to ensure that your members are current in their annual dues. When you install elected or appointed officers in your detachment, one of the questions asked by the Installing Officer is have all dues been paid and forwarded to the proper channels. I have been advised that there are members now holding officer positions

that have not paid their dues. That puts the detachment out of good standing. If those members are current, then the Paymaster needs to contact Colin and find out what happened. If you have unpaid members, find out why they have not paid. Recruitment is important, but retention is vital. What are you doing to keep members in your detachments?

All Department staff represent the members of the Department of North Carolina. Elected staff, the members entrusted us to move the Department forward. The last election was a revelation for me. Granted, we are not going to please everyone, no matter how much we are doing. However, despite my beliefs, I noticed those results that many of our members were not pleased with how the department was lead. I know what started all of that and it began with our Fall Membership meeting when Tropical Storm Helene spread her poison across Western North Carolina. There were members that did not feel valued when they were not recognized for their efforts. I totally understand that, however, the members that were recognized were the ones that came across my email by detachment leadership for recognition. I do not have a problem with recognizing outstanding work, I just need to know who to recognize and why. Appointed staff, you have been asked to lead in the capacity you are currently in. I am going to hold each one of you accountable to your position, especially the District Vice-Commandants (DVC). We are going to hold virtual meetings to go over what is happening across the department. You are my eyes and ears to ensure that we are all in compliance. We have detachments that have no idea what is going on and that is unacceptable. Our job as Department staff is to assist, guide, and support our detachments.

Without our detachments, we have no reason to exist. For the DVC's that are supporting the mission, I thank you. Keep up the magnificent work.

Where do we go from here? The biggest challenge we have is the separation between the detachments and department. In my first year as Department Commandant, I was determined to mend that bridge. I thought we were moving in a positive direction, and I still think we have made tremendous strides. Our last two meetings were proof of that when we had attendance numbers that exceeded previous events. There were changes in our meetings that needed to be changed. That was no longer allowing members to blurt out mistakes being made by elected staff and members, creating disturbances during various segments of our meetings. Not only does that slow our meeting down, but it also causes members, especially new members, to question why they attended. It is okay to disagree and have conversation, but to create a disturbance or single out individuals will no longer be tolerated. I have even been accused of not giving our members a voice and controlling our detachments. For the detachments that I have visited, you know that is false. The only thing I look for when I arrive is three things required to hold meetings: American Flag, Bible, and Charter. It is your detachment, you run it. This animosity has caused friendships to dissolve, uncalled for rumors being spread, and a sense of anxiety at our meetings. We are

a team and need to work together as such. Instead of sitting back in the shadows criticizing what is being done, try stepping up and assist. It says that during the installation of officers: Do not sit back and let the staff do it all. We were also taught in the Corps is to be part of the solution and not the problem.

Finally, we are moving forward into the digital age. That is happening across society, and we need to adapt accordingly. Yes, I understand some of you are not happy with that, but it needs to happen to run things fluently and effectively. That was proven when the Assistant Paymaster position was created. We will be scheduling a Leadership Training Academy shortly after the National Convention. At that academy, we will be training on every form and the responsibilities of every position within the Marine Corps League. Further information is forthcoming.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, I am at your disposal. Please reach out to me. I look forward to the next year.

Semper Fi,

Robert Hare

Commandant

Department of North Carolina

(678) 656-2764

T. Report of Staff Officers

1. Sr. Vice Commandant – James Mitchell

Senior Vice Report

AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

- For the 50/50 fundraising raffle, 550 Dollars raised with 56 personnel buying tickets
- For registration: 660 Dollars for early registration, 100 Dollars for late registration. Total of 71 Marines registered

In July 2025 delivered to the winners the 2025 commemorative coins and the Henry Riffle.

In August 2025 I attended the National Convention in Texas as a representative for the Department of North Carolinas for the Days our commandant trained for his PDD.

Along with the Department Judge Advocate we visited the Holiday inn Express in Salisbury, NC to finalize room prices and get comp room for the Hospitality Room and a Room for the MODD Pack Growl. Further, we visited Salisbury VA, to ensure the room for the meeting on Saturday 4 October was satisfactory. Coordinate with the VA to have 12 Tables with 8 chairs.

I have communicated with the Senior Vice Commandants of each detachment which had a valid email address. This communication was established to ensure they received the same information their Commandants received.

I have been informed that all members did not receive the information about the Fall Membership Meeting. With both the commandants and senior vices receiving the information this should not happen.

James Mitchell

Senior Vice Commandant

2. Jr. Vice Commandant – Steve Tracy

- a) Discuss activities during last quarter
- b) Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the department
- c) Retention and recruiting are my job. Retention comes from leadership and your detachment doing activities in the community.

- d) Work with your DVCs about retention.
- e) I would like to meet with each DVC to discuss what works in their area for retention.
- f) We have 1019 Marines; we should look to increase that by 10%
- g) Keep up the good work with letting them (the community) know who we are and what we do
- h) We should find out why we are losing members. It is leadership or lack of community involvement.
- i) Mike Clark suggested that new members give them a task, so they get involved and meet the members of their detachments.

3. Judge Advocate –Bill Brown



Marine Corps League

Department of North Carolina



William E. "Bill" Brown

Judge Advocate

2 October 2025

From: William E. Brown,
To: Commandant, Department of North Carolinas

Subject: DoNC Judge Advocate Report for Quarter Ending 31 August 2025

I can proudly say that there have been no instances of grievances or disciplinary charges filed during this quarter.

We were remis in completing the annual review for department dues, and as such, there will be no change at this time. We did not complete the required department audit for reporting at the 2025 DoNC Convention and that was not completed until 6 September 2025.

As Judge Advocate it is my responsibility to ensure that we as a department adhere to all National and Department regulations, IRS, Federal, and State of North Carolina laws, rules and regulations applicable to us as a nonprofit organization. In review of our published guidelines, we have areas where guidance is lacking and/or nonexistent that are germane to our Marine Corps League mission. In particular, we do not have guidance established for handling of humanitarian and disaster relief aid, detailed procedures as to how donations and their related support should be handled, the use of credit/debit cards by members of the Department elected or appointed staff and the level of detail to which audits must be conducted to remain IRS compliant to ensure total transparency to the public.

We sometimes do things we believe to be the right thing but fail to realize that we have omitted critical points in the process. Hurricane Helene brought out the good in our organization and showed how fast we can respond to help in a disaster. Detachments, individuals, departments, and divisions from across the nation began pitching in as soon as the news was broadcast. Although we had no written policy at the time, people took action and began assembling whatever they could get their hands on to what they could contribute to those in need. This was described as an emergency situation. In emergencies we sometimes bend the rules to do whatever is needed if the cause seems righteous. At the same time, we have to make sure that the things we do are in keeping with our responsibilities as nonprofits to account for our actions and that we have an audit trail to justify the actions we take. Key areas that were ignored are the coordination and dissemination of the planned actions taken in providing assistance to those in Western North Carolina. The decision-making process for the department is embodied in its board of trustees, its elected officials and not simply one person. It has now been a year since Hurricane Helene did its devastation and now, we are still holding about \$12K that was donated for that support – we have to take action as there will be need there for some time. The best help is always TIMELY.

Because our DoNC Bylaws do not presently contain instructions and restrictions on how donations are handled, authority for use of credit/debit cards, details for audit of the Departments financial and property records, etc., I have already begun re-writing appropriate sections of those areas where clarity must be provided. I will submit each proposed change so that they can be posted to the DoNC website to give everyone a chance to digest their impact and importance before they are voted on at the 2026 Convention. Those that are operational in nature can be approved by the Executive Board of Trustees and put in place immediately, if approved. Anything approved this way would require a 2/3 majority member vote at the 2026 Convention to repeal.

DoNC JA Report for Quarter Ending 29 Feb 2024

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Marine Corps League Department of North Carolina



William E. "Bill" Brown

Judge Advocate

I believe we need to establish a Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Committee comprised of members from not less than three regions and ideally from all districts to collectively work to support through vetting the need of our detachments, communities and individual Marines and their families when a simple requirement arises, yet alone a serious disaster as we have experienced in the past few years. Whenever a need arises in their respective area, the members will immediately inform the Executive Board of Trustees so that appropriate actions can be taken. This doesn't mean that in a disaster situation that members can't begin assembling items for in-kind donations to be delivered to the needy, but in situations where funds are to be donated, that the closest HDRFC members can quickly identify the best suited organizations to work with to vet and facilitate the best use of the funds. We need to be a conduit in these situations not the banker having to come up with ideas when there are established organizations that do this routinely.

Now that we have established a department level foundation that is a 501 C (3) non-profit, we need to ensure that such efforts as support for disaster relief and humanitarian aid are part of their make-up and they can and will be responsible for the accountability that the IRS and states require in handling donations.

During this past quarter I updated our Department Bylaws as approved by the membership at the 2025 DoNC Convention as well as those NBL/NAP applicable ones approved at the 2025 National Conventions. For those passed at National we can incorporate any such changes that can be mirrored and applied similarly at the Department level without member referral as a result of changes we approved at the 2024 Department Convention.

The Bylaws are a living document that require continuous update and revision/amendment, you are reminded that the deadline for submission of proposed changes to the National Bylaws and National Administrative Procedures (NBL/NAP) is 1 April 2026. The 2026 Proposed DoNC Bylaws changes are due to the DoNC Bylaws Committee and/or Department Judge Advocate NLY sixty (60) days prior to the start of the 2026 Department Convention (which has not yet been established)

They must be in the proper format and be addressed to the National Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer (NED/COO) See NAP Chapter Ten Section 10020 for specific information/instruction. Submission can be sent via Email, Certified U.S. Mail, or by other carriers where certified delivery may be verified, and a return receipt may be requested. If the proposal is mailed, it is recommended that a PDF of the source document be emailed to the NED/COO. Additionally, the source document (MS Word, WordPerfect, etc.) shall be emailed to the NED/COO. Receipt of the email submission(s) will be acknowledged by the NED/COO.

With a few exceptions, you all need to be looking into revising your own detachment bylaws. Most have not been updated in five years or more. I did a search on the changes approved at National conventions since 2020 and found that there have been 116 amendments to the NAP, and 26 amendments to the NBL. Granted a large number are at the National level but enough of those impact both the department and detachments that they should be read for content and then compared to the verbiage you presently have in place. I will also address this in the Compliance Officer report/

If you have not submitted a proposed change before and would like to have yours reviewed prior to actual submission, I will be glad to take a look at them as long as you don't wait to the last minute to do so.



Marine Corps League
Department of North Carolina



William E. "Bill" Brown

Judge Advocate

I also began updating and restructuring the Sample Bylaws as "Bylaws" are addressed and in the same sequence of Articles as in the *Guidebook for Detachment Officers* to reflect the latest NBL/NAP and DBL changes. They should be posted on the Department website after the Fall Membership meeting. I have been reluctant to release the updated Sample Detachment Bylaws only because a number of changes are dependent upon approval of our 2025 DBL by the National Judge Advocate.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Membership meeting.

Respectfully and Semper Fidelis,

William E. Brown
Judge Advocate
Department of North Carolina
Mideast Division
(703) 623-5803

Copy to:
Department Adjutant
Senior Vice Commandant
Junior Vice Commandant
Junior Past Department Commandant
Department Compliance Officer

Recess of the DoNC Membership Meeting morning session

1. Chaplain to close Bible
2. Sgt-at-Arms to announce that the meeting will reconvene at 1300.

Recess for lunch - Reconvene in 1 hour

Plan for lunch recess no later than 1108. Reconvene at 1305

Reconvene the DoNC Membership Meeting afternoon session

1. Sgt-at-Arms to bring meeting to order
2. Chaplain to open the Bible
4. Bylaws Committee Chairman – Lisa Ciesielski / Bill Brown
 - a) Any submission of By-Laws – They are due 60 days prior to the convention. April 1, 2026, is the deadline.
 - b) Discuss activities during the last quarter

5. Sgt.-at-Arms – Laura Hamilton
No Report

6. Web Sergeant/Social Media – Robert Hare

DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

ROBERT HARE

The webpage (ncmcl.org) is continuously being updated and is a work in progress. I am working on getting all of the past minutes and detachment sections completed. As a reminder, the document page is password-protected (do1970nc); however, I will be changing that format to make it a little easier to access.

Since the Department Convention, the webpage has had 836 site sessions with 88% being new visits. Currently, the biggest page access is via desktop, followed by mobile. Once I get the desktop version completed, I will be working on the mobile side. I believe that once accessibility is further improved, we will get more traffic from mobile. By the end of the year, my goal is to “boost” the page on social media so that it can be a potential recruitment avenue for the detachments.

The Facebook page has had 17,531 views, of which 36% came from individuals not following the page. The top-post-viewed is the MODD presentation checks to the Cook Children’s Medical Foundation and Operation Kindness at the 2025 National Convention in Dallas, Texas.

I encourage everyone to post their activities on social media. Once I see it, I do share it on both the Department and National pages. Also, if your detachment has a webpage, email me that link so that it can be linked on the Department website. All events will also go on the website if they are sent.

Respectively,

7. Chief of Staff – Tony Nunez

a) Discuss upcoming Membership meetings and host Detachments for them

- i. **Fall 2025** – Department of North Carolina
- ii. **Spring 2026** – Onslow County #262 (in discussion with the Gold Leaf Detachment)
- iii. **Convention 2026** – Department of North Carolina – June 6th at Carolina Museum of the Marine, Jacksonville NC
- iv. **Fall 2026** – Sgt WE Plueddemann #1186 (Oct 24th)
- v. **Spring 2027** - need a volunteer detachment

- vi. **Convention 2027** - need a volunteer detachment & vote
- vii. **Fall 2027** - need a volunteer detachment – Possible Salisbury
- viii. **Spring 2028** - need a volunteer detachment
- ix. **Convention 2028** - need a volunteer detachment & vote

- 8. Legislative Officer – Kenny Joyner
 - a. No report – but please read your emails for more legislative emails will be sent.

U. Report of Project Leaders
(3-5 minutes)

- 1. Toys For Tots – Kevin Ashton

Department of North Carolina

Toys For Tots Coordinator Report

In North Carolina alone, has 45 coordinates that covers 87 counties threw out NC. 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.

Kick off Started 3 days ago on October 1st goes for most until December.

Also, please remember the year-round outreach programs once TFT comes to an end. 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 – Jonathan Henderson

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

5. Marine Corps League Detachment support:

Nothing to report at this time.

6. Units needing assistance: If you are interested in starting, volunteering, or assisting a local Young Marine Unit, especially the new units needing help, please contact me.

7. Contact Information: Should anyone have any questions you may contact me at phone number (704) 460-3771 or by email at Jonatan.henderson@youngmarines.org

Jonathan Henderson USMC (Ret)
Dept. N.C. MCL.
Young Marine Service Officer
Carolina Regiment Commander

5. VAVS Program – Al Pasquale

Marines.....

I have been very busy since our convention in June, there are many issues that confront our membership and Vets of other services.

Namely suicide prevention, witch has become my main mission going forward.

In addition their are to many Veterans out there with medical issues, some of witch are Homeless!!!

Every Detachment Chaplain should be made aware of any issues within their respective Detachments.

Remember Marines take care of own !!!!

Respectfully Submitted

Al Pasquale

Dept of NC MCL

Service Officer

SEMPER FIDELIS

6. Fund-Raising – James Mitchell

7. Compliance Officer – Bill Brown (interim)



Marine Corps League Department of North Carolina



William E. "Bill" Brown

Compliance Officer (Interim)

2 October 2025

From: William E. Brown,
To: Commandant, Department of North Carolinas

Subject: DoNC Compliance Officer Report for Quarter Ending 31 August 2025

I have begun compiling information from existing files, the most recent submission of ROIs, PLM audits, and IRS 990 reporting by the detachments. We have not pushed the compliance reporting as we did in the past and I am trying to make it more accessible so that we can assist the detachments, working with the DoNC Assistant Paymaster and respective district vice commandants.

I have created a Compliance/Bylaws Status spreadsheet with tabs for both the Bylaws Status and the Compliance report based on what is required to be reported to the Division annually. As I also reported as the Judge Advocate, we are in serious need of updating the detachment bylaws. All but a small percentage have not been updated since 2020 or prior. I did a search of the NBL/NAP of changes approved at National conventions since 2020 and found that there have been 116 amendments to the NAP, and 26 amendments to the NBL. Granted a large number are at the National level but enough of those impact both the department and detachments compared to the verbiage you presently have in place.

Three of the most crucial elements of compliance reporting are:

submission of the annual IRS 990, 990-EZ or 990-N to make sure you remain as a nonprofit, (see NAP Section 8000); If you fail to submit your IRS 990 (most submit 990-N with annual revenues of less than \$50K) for three years you lose your nonprofit status and it requires some effort to get it back.

certification of Life Members (PLM Audit) which validates your entitlement to benefits earned by you detachment life members (see NAP 7050 and 7055). No funds from the interest on the life member fund will be distributed to a detachment unless the certified listing is received at National Office by the deadline. If a detachment fails to submit the annual Eligible Life Member Audit by the deadline, that detachment's share of the interest distribution shall remain in the Life Member Blocked Fund – at National

the Report of Officer Installation – Detachment forms (ROIs). If you fail to complete and submit the ROI to arrive at the National Headquarters by 30 June annually, you detachment is "NOT IN GOOD STANDING" and such detachment and its officers will not be recognized on the floor of the National Convention per NAP Section 6025.

As soon as I complete reconciling my data for the Compliance/Bylaws Status spreadsheet with the Assistant Paymaster and the most recent DoNC Quick Reference will be posted on the DoNC website. I would like to begin working on a training module for both the compliance reporting and the bylaws updates.

I am willing to arrange meetings online to go through any of your reporting requirements and actually update where needed to bring your detachment into compliance.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Membership meeting.

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Marine Corps League
Department of North Carolina



William E. "Bill" Brown

Compliance Officer (Interim)

Respectfully and Semper Fidelis,

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Compliance Officer (Interim)
Department of North Carolina
Mideast Division
(703) 623-5803

Copy to:
Department Adjutant
Senior Vice Commandant
Junior Vice Commandant
Department Judge Advocate
Junior Past Department Commandant
Department Compliance Officer

8. Scholarship – Ric Ledford
 - a. We have had this scholarship program for 5 years. We focus on technical trades
 - b. Available to Members their children or grandchildren
 - c. The application is located online.

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

V. Awards and Recognition

1. National Junior Vice Commandant Awards – Steve Tracy
 - a. Third Place in the Detachment Membership from 15-50 members.
154.17% increase in membership goes to the RDU Detachment.
2. National Awards (Detachment) – Robert Hare
3. Department Unit Commendation Awards – Robert Hare
4. Individual Awards – Robert Hare

W. Unfinished Business

1. Convention 2026 & announcement of Event Committee – Robert Hare
2. Ask the Floor if there is anything.
3. Audit – Before an audit is done we need to look at the Bylaws. The JA is working on adding language to the Bylaws.
4. 2 Types of donations in kind. One for Emergencies and one that comes in yearly for the long term and needs to be on the balance sheet and needs to have a monetary value placed on those. These are recorded on the monthly statements.
5. Kenny Joyner, Robert Wright and Bob Long were on the financial audit committee and completed the audit.
6. The audit committee says all was in compliance and the audit was successfully completed. They looked at each item and look to see if the items were in the budget or approved via membership, the BoT, or the EBoT. Receipts and bank statements are also looked at. Receipts are needed for travel reimbursements.
7. Audit Report – This was posted on the website. All funds spent were verified with receipts with receipts and/or bank statements. All expenditures previously approved in the budget by membership. The BoT, or the EBot with the exception of the funds spent on the hurricane relief effort which was an emergency situation. The recommendation is to create a by-law that gives specific instructions on approval in an emergency situation. Audit Committee finds all actions were appropriate. A by-law needs to be created for the dealing of balance sheets and general ledgers.
8. Bill Brown says that things were done but not 100% in the correct way.
9. Point of order was called by Kenny Joyner, he was just giving his report. No motion is needed to accept this report.
10. Bill Brown said for the short-term in-kind donations we did not keep the date, time and value of items received.
11. Bill Brown - When we take financial donations, we become a fiduciary. We did not note when money was received and who we donated it to. Why did we buy supplies instead of just giving the monetary donations.
12. Kenny Joyner noted that every cent that came in for the Hurricane Relief has gone to the Hurricane Relief and has been accounted for.
13. For the Hurricane Relief funds the paymaster was in charge and kept track of the funds and reported back on how they were spent.

14. There are Hurricane Relief funds (\$12,713.81) left over, and we need to distribute them. The EBoT discussed the following 2 organizations the Veterans Restoration Quarters and the Mana Food Bank.
15. Lessons were learned via conducting this audit and we as an organization how do we move forward in making things better.
16. A motion was made by Rick Thomason to give the EBoT authority to make the decision on where to disseminate the remaining hurricane relief funds. It was seconded by Mike Shaffer. Motion passed with 1 nay.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

AUDIT OF FINANCIAL RECORDS

Purpose: To audit the financial records of the Department Paymaster

The audit Team will consist of three members in good standing. The results of the audit will be reported to the Department Commandant and membership at a regular business meeting shortly after completion.

DATE OF AUDIT: September 6th 2025 for fiscal year June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025

Wells Fargo BANK - ACCOUNTS AUDITED:

1. Checking Account No. 3538387527 \$78,924.89 (June 1, 2024) \$110,850.15 (May 31, 2025)
2. Savings Account No. 3380841779 \$9,231.18 (June 1, 2024) \$9,234.35 (May 31, 2025)
3. Record(s) checked:
 - a. Check Book: Yes
 - b. Payment vouchers: None
 - c. General Ledgers: None

NAME OF PAYMASTER:

Kevin Ashton

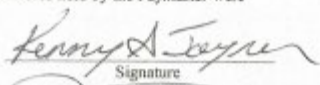
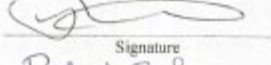
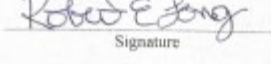
Was the Paymaster present during the audit? ☒ Yes / ☐ No

NARRATIVE OF AUDIT RESULTS:

All funds spent was verified with a receipt and or bank statement. All expenditures were previously approved in the budget, by the membership, BOT, or EBOT with the exceptions of the funds spent for the hurricane relief efforts which was an emergency situation. The recommendation is to create a bylaw that give specific instructions on a approval process under an emergency situations.

The audit committee finds that all actions were appropriate.

The audit Team certifies that the audit was conducted of the Paymaster's records in accordance with generally accepted accounting and audit standards. All Financial records held by the Paymaster were reviewed and audited against invoices, vouchers, etc.

Auditor:	<u>Kenny A. Joyner</u>	
	Name, Printed	Signature
Auditor:	<u>Robert Wright</u>	
	Name, Printed	Signature
Auditor:	<u>Robert Long</u>	
	Name, Printed	Signature

Recess of the DoNC Membership Meeting afternoon session
Chaplain to close Bible

Sgt-at-Arms to announce that the meeting will reconvene at 1447.

X. New Business

1. Motion was made by Rick Thomason and seconded by Keith Sherrin to move \$50,000 by the paymaster into an investment account or CD which ever gains us the most interest.
2. Discussion was held on what we plan on doing with the interest of said money. The money will go to what we are supposed to do with it by sending it out to the community. The checking account has a large amount of money, too much money. The Department is not doing what it needs to do with the funds. The Department should provide donations to veterans and organizations that support veterans. Vote was held and motion passed.
3. Department funds recommendation – Challenge each of the 47 detachments to donate \$100 and the Department will present this to national. The DoNC needs to give funds to the Young Marine Foundation, Youth Physical Fitness, Marine Corps League Foundation.
4. Greg Cileski made motion to donate \$1000 to each of the three organizations and was seconded by Danial Farmer. Discussion was held. Our department has created a foundation and has a decision been made on what the purpose of this foundation is going to be? Are we going to use that foundation to channel funds out to these organizations. It was asked if this is a 1-time donation and done at midwinter. It was noted that there is a line item in the operating budget to donate \$1000 to the Young Marines. Does this motion include another \$1000 to the Young Marines? The motion has been amended to remove the young marines since there is a line item in the budget. It was noted that the Young Marine Line item in the budget was for Young Marines in our area. Was the original motion intended for Young Marines at the National level. The answer was yes. The motion was amended for a second time to put the Young Marines Foundation back into the motion and award at midwinter. seconded by Daniel Framer. It was asked to clarify where the \$1000 per organization was coming from. The \$1000 is coming from the DoNC unallocated funds and it asked that each detachment donate \$100 as well. If the detachment votes that they will take part in the challenge they will send the money to the DoNC Paymaster. Vote taken and motion passed.

5. David Ward – presentation.
 - b. 4th year of doing the food program for Camp LeJeune. Last year 2,182 Turkeys, 92 hams, 3,200 bags of food, and 3000 commissary gift cards vales at \$100 each were given to families in need. Held is needed this year with holiday turkey and ham collection. All detachment commandants have been reached out to. All donations are welcome.
 - c. Christmas – Will take donations of toys and will deliver to the Camp LeJeune/Cherry Point area.
 - d. Chaplain closed the Bible
 - e. Mount Mitchell detachment presented a check to Dave Ward for the Camp LeJeune Food Program.
 - f. Detachment #260 also presented.
 - g. Kenny Joyner asked that we pass the hat for Dave Ward – Det #1242 for the Camp LeJeune Food program. \$738.00 was collected.
 - h. Chaplain reopens the Bible
6. Lima Company School of Infantry East– A Legal and Medical hold Company of Marines waiting to be discharged (medical or legal hold due to bad decisions) and their morale is low. Just because they made bad decisions does not make them less of a Marine. The Company 1StSgt would like to bring in organizations to raise the moral. The DoNC Commandant would like to develop a program to have people go out there and spend time with them, mentorship/support program. They need to know that this is not the end of the world, and these bad decisions do not necessarily define them. Items for donations, umbrellas for the picnic tables and/or BBQ pit. Donated items can be accepted from us since we are a Veteran’s organization but cannot have a value of more than \$3,000.00. The challenge to the detachments is to show them support and let them know they are not alone.
7. The new Sgt-At-Arms with the new Assistant Sgt-AT-Arms brought up the duty belts. There is only 1 duty belt and 2 are needed. Mike Nelson made a motion that the department purchased at least 4 proper duty belts with the proper waist plates. Motion was seconded by Jesus Vega. No discussion. Motion passed.

Y. Good of the League

1. Kenny Joyner asked if we have heard of the Senior Marine Program. Asked them if they had heard of the Marine Corps League and nobody had. We need to reach the active-duty Marines for recruitment.
2. We cannot recruit Marine Corps League members on base.
3. Bruce Rakefelt stated there has been an update to the Marine Corps League ritual. The phrase FMR Navy Corpman and FMF Navy Chaplains and it has been updated to FMF Navy Personal. Make sure you are using the 2025 ritual. The Other of membership is no longer separated.
4. Dave Ward – it would be great to see additional detachments show up the Thursday before Thanksgiving to help participate in the food distribution of the holiday food program. Also asked if a motion could be made for the Department of NC to make a donation to Detachment #1242 for the Holiday Food Program. Denny Mathias made a motion to donate \$1000 to Detachment #1242 for the Marine food program. it was seconded by Jesus Vega. No Discussion, motion passed.
5. Steve Tracy – We lose 22 Veterans a day to suicide. It might be a good idea for the DoNC to put together a committee to think about what we can do as detachments in our communities to help our fellow veterans. The Swansboro detachment has a raffle
6. Rich Thomason say we may not be able to recruit on the base for Marines leaving the Corps. But was can always say MCL.org
7. Beirut Bombing memorial ceremony will be held at Lejeune.
8. Maryln Bower – Will be putting a newsletter out. Please get Marine Corps Birthday celebration to her ASAP so they get in the newsletter.

Z. Announcements

1. Full BoT Teams meeting – November 14, 2025, via Teams (postponed due to MCL Ball celebrations)
2. DVC Teams meeting – October 17, 2025, via Teams
3. Department Leadership Academy – December 13, 2025, will move it till after Jan 2026. Will be at the Salisbury VAMC
4. Announcements from the floor

AA. 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. Sgt at Arms – Close the meeting – Laura Hamilton
8. Meeting adjourned at 1545