



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OUTER BANKS DETACHMENT 1264

The Kern Pitts Center
5375 North Virginia Dare Trail
Southern Shores, North Carolina 27949

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Subj: MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 2015

Ref: (a) Marine Corps League National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures

1. In accordance with the reference, a detachment general membership meeting was conducted on 10 February 2015 at the Kern Pitts Center, 5375 North Virginia Dare Trail, Southern Shores, North Carolina.

2. Members and guests in attendance were:

Craig T. Clark, Regular Member	Richard Lawrenson, Chaplain
Lawrence C. Czernik, Associate Member	Robert L. Messinger, Paymaster
Frank D. Draper, Senior Vice-Commandant	Dennis R. Thompson, Regular Member
Timothy G. Gregory, Commandant	Turner Thompson, Guest
Michael A. Keating, Public Affairs Officer	Robert J. Yanacek, Adjutant

3. The meeting commenced at 1900 with acting Sergeant-at-Arms Craig Clark securing the quarters, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance, and declaring the meeting open for the transaction of official business.

4. Detachment chaplain, Rick Lawrenson, opened the meeting with a brief prayer.

5. Guest Speaker. Turner Thompson, general manager of the Kitty Hawk Walmart store presented the detachment with a \$500 check on behalf of the Wamlart Foundation. Mr. Thompson then briefed the membership on further grant opportunities available through the Walmart Foundation, Walmart's ongoing efforts in hiring veterans, and ways in which members can save money through Walmart's on-line price matching program and "Saving's Catcher" application. Following Mr. Thompson's presentation, he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts as our guest speaker, and for his diligence in ensuring that our nation's flag is properly displayed at his store in Kitty Hawk. Photographs of this event were taken and will be submitted by our public affairs officer, Mike Keating, to the local print media with a suitable press release.

6. New Members. None

7. Staff Reports

(a) Commandant. None

(b) Senior Vice-Commandant. None

(c) Junior Vice-Commandant. Not Applicable

(d) Adjutant. Robert Yanacek reported that he mailed last month's meeting minutes to Leonard Stone with a message for him to provide us with his new phone number and e-mail address. Len responded by e-mail with his new contact information and reported that he is living in an assisted living

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facility in Rockville, MD and, although he is suffering from medical issues, he's "hanging in there." Len added that his wife, Peggy, is living in a home about a block away and that he is able to visit her. He closed by stating that he was pleased to hear from us and looks forward to our future correspondence. Robert also mailed last month's meeting minutes to member Gary Felder as he does not have an e-mail address. Robert then reported that he coordinated and attended a free breakfast event on 3 February at Jolly Roger, adding that it was successful and enjoyable to those present. In attendance, besides himself, were Mike and Pat Keating, Jorge Diaz, Russ Laney, and Leo Leinheiser, a prospective member and Vietnam Marine veteran. The next scheduled free breakfast event will be on 3 March 2015. Robert will notify the membership of the date and time of this event via e-mail, although he will most likely be unable to attend this one due to work-related commitments. Robert concluded his report by noting that the two pots of coffee for the meeting was provided by prospective detachment member Mike Mathison, manager of the Kangaroo store located at West Third Street in Kill Devil Hills.

(e) Paymaster. Bob Messinger provided a detailed report of the income and expenditures since our last meeting as well as the detachment's current account balance. His report was examined and no discrepancies were noted by any members. Bob then brought up the need to add an additional staff member to the detachment's banking records in order to perform fiscal transactions when he is unavailable. Adjutant, Robert Yanacek, volunteered and will coordinate with Bob later this month to have his name added to the detachment account. Bob further reported that of the 33 members currently on our rolls, three are delinquent on their dues at this time. Bob will be sending these three members a letter asking them to remain in the detachment as active members by bringing their dues up to date. Bob also reported receiving a phone call from the wife of former member John Jumet. John was a charter-member of our detachment and performed many hours of volunteer service in support of the detachment. He left us only when he moved to Florida about a year ago. John's wife reported that John recently underwent surgery for colon cancer and would really like to hear from us. Bob Messinger has John's phone number and mailing address for those who would like to contact him to offer encouragement and best wishes.

(f) Chaplain. None

(g) Sergeant-at-Arms. Not applicable

(h) Public Affairs Officer. None

8. Old Business

(a) Detachment Colors. Robert Yanacek reported that he contacted Rachel Patrick, Public Works Manager for the Town of Southern Shores and made arrangements to store our detachments Colors in a secure location within our meeting facility in order to alleviate the issue of having to transport them to each meeting. Ms. Patrick was pleased to assist us in this matter and provided a key to Room 109 in our facility to securely store our detachment Colors. Detachment paymaster, Bob Messinger was provided with the key.

(b) Recruiting. Paymaster, Bob Messinger reported adding a new recruiting poster at Reynolds' Barber Shop in Manteo. Adjutant, Robert Yanacek reported adding new recruiting posters at Kitty Hawk Car Wash and Red's Carolina Outfitters in Kitty Hawk, Make-It-Person, Monkey Business, and Sea-Freeze in Kill Devil Hills, and the Blue Moon Beach Grill in Nags Head. All of these businesses have been listed as "friends" on our website and have an appropriate link posted to each respective business' website. In addition, Robert also reported that during March he expects to be able to add an additional recruiting poster at OBX Frozen Yogurt in Kitty Hawk. Attempts were also made to contact Gene Martin, Jesse Ambrose and Paul Strehan via e-mail, phone calls, and/or personal visits; however no contact was made with any of these former detachment members. During the past month a new prospective member was identified by our adjutant, who invited him to this evening's meeting and added him to our detachment e-

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mail distribution list. At this time we have four new prospects currently being worked as excellent candidates for membership in our detachment.

(c) Update of Corporate Records. Robert Yanacek reported that the form submitted to the North Carolina Corporation Commission has been processed and that all corporate records with the North Carolina Secretary of State are now up-to-date.

(d) Uniform Items. Robert Yanacek reported assisting five members in obtaining detachment polo shirts by placing an order with Joanne Sulik of SJSews. All the shirts were completed very quickly and delivered to those members who placed orders. Joanne did a great job once again and looks forward to meeting our future needs. Joanne's prices, including tax, are as follows:

Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	\$23
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	\$25
Detachment Name Embroidered to Cover	\$ 9

Those interested in obtaining any of these items, or items from the Marine Corps League Ship's Store, may contact Robert for further assistance.

(e) Belk Charity Sale. Adjutant, Robert Yanacek reported that he spoke with Deborah Davis, office manager at the Kill Devil Hills Belk store regarding the upcoming Belk Charity Sale event. Ms. Davis indicated that the event would be held and that a planning meeting will be held in late February or early March. Ms. Davis also indicated that the actual sale will occur on Saturday, 2 May 2015 from 0600 to 1100.

(f) Visit to the Museum of the Marine Corps. At the suggestion of some members at last month's meeting, adjutant, Robert Yanacek completed a cost-assessment of a trip to the Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia. Robert contacted Enterprise Rent-a-Car and presented the following figures, based on a figure of fifteen members making the trip:

Fifteen passenger van rental (including taxes)	\$86
Insurance	\$20
Fuel (390 total miles / 14 miles per gallon X \$2.31 per gallon)	\$65
Total	\$171

Based on that assessment, a one-day trip would cost each of the fifteen persons riding \$12. Robert also recommended making the trip during either the 9 or 16 May as to not interfere with the Belk Charity Sale or Memorial Day weekend. Comments regarding this trip were favorable, and paymaster Bob Messinger asked if it would be possible to stay overnight to make this a two-day weekend visit. Robert indicated that he would contact the base to see if overnight accommodations were possible, and if so, what the cost would be. By making this a two day trip, we would also double the cost for the van rental and insurance, as the presented assessment was based on a one-day visit. Bob Messenger then mentioned that he had a contact that had a large vehicle that we could possibly rent for less, and that he would report at the next meeting as to the feasibility and cost. Commandant Gregory then directed the adjutant to solicit our membership to see who would like to go, and what date they would prefer.

(g) Rose Program. At last month's meeting it was reported that roses for the Marine Corps League Rose Program may no longer be available. However following contact with the Marine Corps League Ship's Store it was discovered that although they are no longer available for on-line order, limited quantities are available by phone order—although the price has gone up to \$35 per gross (144). As this program proved to be useful in raising funds, Paymaster, Bob Messinger motioned that the detachment purchase two gross. His motion was seconded and then approved by a unanimous vote. Accordingly, Bob will contact the Marine Corps League Ship's Store at (703) 207-9588 and place the approved order.

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9. New Business

(a) Detachment Certificate for Displaying the Flag. Paymaster, Bob Messinger, inquired as to the feasibility of creating a detachment certificate to recognize those who properly display the American flag. Such recognition would serve to recognize the efforts of those displaying our flag and would also serve to make our detachment more visible to the general public. Adjutant, Robert Yanacek responded that it could be implemented easily, with the only cost being what would be required to print it on suitable paper. Robert then indicated that he would prepare a sample certificate and present it to the membership at next month's meeting for review.

(b) Detachment Note Cards. Paymaster, Bob Messinger, brought up the need for official stationary items that could be used to send birthday wishes and various notes to detachment members. Like the previous discussion item, this too could be implemented at minimal cost. Adjutant, Robert Yanacek will also work on this item by preparing some sample stationary items and presenting them for review at the March membership meeting.

(c) Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Commandant Gregory informed those present that the Kelly's Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be on Sunday, 15 March 2015 at 1300. He will be taking care of the details to ensure that we are included as participants. As we have for the past few years, we will be marching in a consolidated group along with the other local veteran's organizations.

(d) Toys for Tots Liaison. Associate member Larry Czernik volunteered to take the lead for the detachment's 2015 Toys for Tots program. Larry is the owner of Monkey Business, a local toy store, and will be an asset to our detachment's effort in this program.

(e) Billet Vacancies. Addressing the need to fill the billet of Sergeant-at-Arms, Commandant Gregory solicited those present for a volunteer to fill this key billet. Member, Craig Clark volunteered, and was duly appointed by Commandant Gregory. The elected billet of Junior Vice-Commandant remains vacant at this time and will need to be filled in the future. Anyone interested should contact Commandant Gregory for further information.

10. Chaplain, Rick Lawrenson, closed the meeting with a prayer.

11. The meeting concluded at 2010 with newly-appointed Sergeant-at-Arms Craig Clark declaring the meeting closed until the next meeting on 10 March 2015.

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