



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OUTER BANKS DETACHMENT 1264

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From: Adjutant  
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Subj: MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR MARCH 2017

Ref: (a) Marine Corps League National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures  
(b) Outer Banks Detachment Bylaws

Encl: (1) Detachment Muster Roll for March 2017

1. In accordance with the references, a detachment general membership meeting was conducted on 14 March 2017 at the Kern Pitts Center, 5375 North Virginia Dare Trail, Southern Shores, North Carolina.

2. A roll-call of detachment members and staff members was conducted, with those in attendance at the meeting identified as "Present" in the remarks column at the enclosure. In addition, two membership candidates were present at this evening's meeting. They are as follows:

Johnnie Becker, Membership Candidate  
Richard Partin, Membership Candidate

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

4. Chaplain Rick Lawrenson opened the meeting with a brief prayer.

5. Guest Speaker. None

6. New Members. One new member, Steve Anderson was present at the meeting and welcomed aboard by Senior Vice-Commandant Hudson. Steve joined our detachment on 4 March 2017.

8. Staff Reports

(a) Commandant. N/A

(b) Senior Vice-Commandant. None

(c) Junior Vice-Commandant. N/A

(d) Judge Advocate. Russ Laney reported that Dare County Transportation System (DCTS) is now providing transportation within the county free-of-charge to resident veterans. The DCTS provides curb-to-curb service for those requiring transportation within the county, and on selected days, provides transportation for medical appointments to various locations in Hampton Roads as well as Chapel Hill, Greenville, Elizabeth City and Durham. Veterans requiring transportation to locations outside the county for medical appointments will still be charged a fare of \$14 for a round-trip. Those interested in using this service should consult the DCTS website for additional information on how to plan and obtain this service. Russ also reported that Dare County Veteran's Advisory Council has tasked one of its members

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with addressing the issue of homeless veterans within the county. Russ continued, stating that the state currently has a mobile crisis center that is able to respond to emergency situations within two-hours of notification by emergency responders or a person in need, and that many of our local churches and charitable organizations also offer assistance. This initiative will serve to coordinate the efforts of state agencies and local organizations specifically for resident veterans encountering a crisis or who are in need of housing.

(e) Junior Past-Commandant. N/A

(f) Adjutant. Robert Yanacek reported that the Department of North Carolina Quarterly Report was due in early March for the period 1 December 2016 to 28 February 2017 and was prepared and submitted on 1 March 2017. Robert also reported that we currently have 44 members on the rolls, having added one new member since our last meeting. Our newest member, Steve Anderson joined our detachment at our breakfast social on 4 March. Sadly, Robert reported that on 5 March detachment member Donald Murphy Jr. passed away at the age of 69—a few days short of his 42nd wedding anniversary. No other information is known other than a memorial service was conducted this past Saturday for Don in Glen Burnie, Maryland. Commenting on that report Senior Vice-Commandant Hudson asked Adjutant Yanacek to take the necessary action to prepare and submit a sympathy card on behalf of the detachment membership to Don's widow. In concluding his report on a happier note, Robert advised those present that detachment member Cory Lotspeich and his wife Haley are expecting their second child during mid-April.

(g) Chaplain. None

(h) Paymaster. Jorge Diaz thanked Adjutant Yanacek for providing his report at the February meeting and then provided a detailed report of the income and expenditures since our last meeting as well as the detachment's current account balance. Jorge began by reporting that the national headquarters is taking a great deal of time in processing membership payments. He has discussed that concern with the Department of North Carolina paymaster and has learned that this issue was the result of malfunctions in national's computer system. Jorge then briefed each line-item on the balance sheet to those present and no questions were raised, nor discrepancies noted.

(i) Quartermaster. Dennis Thompson reported that the inventory of detachment property that was planned of 21 February was moved to 20 March due to schedule conflicts and will be conducted on that date. Dennis also reminded members that the detachment currently has five polo shirts in stock for purchase by those needing one. We have one medium, two large and two extra-large available for purchase at a cost of \$20 each.

(j) Sergeant-at-Arms. None

(k) Toys for Tots Liaison. N/A

## 9. Old Business

(a) Awards Presentation. Adjutant Yanacek reported that the two awards authorized at our February meeting have been prepared and are awaiting the signature of Commandant Draper upon his return. Both of these framed certificates are available for review by those present following the conclusion of the meeting. The Certificate of Appreciation to Carol-Ann and the Staff of the Jolly Roger will be made by our commandant at our next breakfast social on 4 April 2017 at the Jolly Roger Restaurant. The Certificate of Honorary Membership to Joanne Sulik will be made by Commandant Draper at our next general membership meeting on 11 April 2017.

(b) Recruiting and Retention. Adjutant Yanacek reported that we are currently working 22

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membership candidates. Each candidate with an e-mail address has been added to our distribution list to keep them informed of upcoming events and meetings. These membership candidates are always welcome to attend our events to learn more about our organization. Addressing retention, Adjutant Yanacek indicated that as of 31 December 2016 we have eight members being carried as delinquent in their dues on the national rolls. It is believed that most of these eight have paid their dues and that their payments may not have posted on national rolls due to the computer system malfunction reported by Paymaster Diaz in his report.

(c) Grants and Donations. Adjutant Yanacek reported that he submitted a request to the Walmart Foundation's "Volunteerism Always Pays" grant program for the first quarter of 2017 during late-February. Unfortunately, that grant request was reviewed and denied as some of the listed activities apparently were not creditable. This request was resubmitted on 10 March 2017, excluding the un-creditable activities, and is currently pending review by the Walmart Foundation.

(d) Sickbay. None

(e) Website and Marketing. Adjutant Yanacek reported that our detachment website and Facebook page are up-to-date. Social media efforts to target the local population with posts about upcoming events on Facebook pages exclusively for locals are continuing and have yielded a number of new membership candidates. In addition to these efforts, Adjutant Yanacek reported that due to recent changes by Google in their application programming interface, he has have replaced the Google Calendar on our website with a similar calendar offered by Zoho. There is no cost associated with this calendar, and it also provides a greater degree of functionality and customer support.

(f) Social Activity. Adjutant Yanacek reported that on 7 March, nine members and one guest met at the Jolly Roger for the free breakfast social. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the good food and company. Our next event will be on Tuesday, 4 April at 0900. This will be a special event as our commandant will be presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Carol Ann and the staff of the Jolly Roger. All members and membership candidates are invited and encouraged to attend.

(g) Endorsement to Open an Outer Banks Navy Federal Credit Union Branch Office. Despite this business item being tabled until our April meeting, Senior Vice-Commandant Hudson opened this item for thoughts from those present. Beginning, he stated that he felt that despite the personal advantage to him, being a member of Navy Federal Credit Union, he opposed the detachment providing an endorsement. Senior Vice-Commandant Hudson stated that doing so for one organization could potentially lead to future requests from similar organizations at our monthly meetings. Entertaining such requests, he stated, detracts from our ability to focus on our detachment's mission of promoting the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, and assisting fellow Marines and their families. Adding his thoughts, Paymaster Diaz indicated that perhaps the use of the term "endorsement" has too strong of a legal connotation, and that a lesser term such as "supports" or "requests" could be used instead. Further comments were offered that perhaps members, acting on their own behalf, could write and submit their own letters in support of establishing a Navy Federal Credit Union branch office in our area. Following the conclusion of discussion, this business item was once-again tabled for further action at our meeting on 11 April 2017.

(h) 2017 Membership Directory. Adjutant Yanacek reported that the 2017 Membership Directory have been delivered to each detachment member, either at last month's meeting or by mail. Adding to that report, Paymaster Diaz indicated that none of the 34 directories that were mailed have been returned as undeliverable.

(i) Outer Banks Shrimpfest. Adjutant Yanacek reported that no further information is available on the Outer Banks Shrimpfest. The location venue, Festival Park in Manteo, is closed and will not reopen until 1 April 2017. He will continue to monitor the event's Facebook page should further information be

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published prior to 1 April and will provide further information as it becomes available.

(j) 2017 Spring Belk Charity Sale. Adjutant Yanacek reported that the Spring Belk Charity Sale planning meeting was held on Monday, 12 March 2017. He and Judge Advocate Laney were in attendance and established the following schedule for our detachment to sell tickets to this event in the Belk store in Kill Devil Hills:

Weekday	Date	Time
Saturday	25 March 2017	1200 to 1400
Sunday	26 March 2017	1400 to 1600
Saturday	1 April 2017	1200 to 1400
Sunday	2 April 2017	1400 to 1600
Saturday	8 April 2017	1200 to 1400
Sunday	9 April 2017	1400 to 1600
Saturday	15 April 2017	1200 to 1400
Sunday	16 April 2017	Easter: None
Saturday	22 April 2017	1200 to 1400
Sunday	23 April 2017	1400 to 1600
Saturday	29 April 2017	0600 to 1000

This schedule was e-mailed to the membership following the planning meeting. All-hands are asked to volunteer for at least one two-hour shift in support of this important fundraising event.

(k) Adopt-A-Beach Program. Adjutant Yanacek reported that the paperwork for our participation in the "Adopt-A-Beach" program was submitted to the Surfrider Foundation and approved. We are now responsible for the West Third Street Public Estuarine Access and are required to clean and remove the litter from this area a minimum of six times per year, and to submit a report tabulating the litter collected each time a cleanup is performed. An e-mail was sent to the membership in order to establish a cleanup schedule, and based on the input provided, the following schedule was established:

Date	Time
28 March 2017	1000 to 1100
16 May 2017	1000 to 1100
18 July 2017	1000 to 1100
19 September 2017	1000 to 1100
21 November 2017	1000 to 1100
16 January 2018	1000 to 1100

Due to very limited parking at our access, participating members will meet and park at the Avalon Beach Boating Access Area in Kill Devil Hills. This area is located at the intersection of Bay Drive and Dock Street and is about a half-mile north of our assigned access on West Third. Once there, we will transport participating members to our designated access using not more than two vehicles, and return them to the Avalon Beach Boating Access Area once the cleanup has been completed. Participating members are asked to bring with them their own gloves, if necessary, and a leaf rake or a push broom. All other supplies will be provided.

(l) Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The Kelly's Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade was held on Sunday, 12 March 2017. Despite the rather brisk weather, nine detachment members participated—outnumbering the combined participants of the local American Legion and VFW posts combined.

## 10. New Business

(a) Marine in Need. None

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(b) Awards Recommendations. None

(c) Marine Corps Social Media Scandal. Senior Vice-Commandant Hudson addressed the recent Marine Corps social media scandal by reminding detachment members that they are not authorized to respond to media inquiries on behalf of the Marine Corps or the Marine Corps League. With that said, he added that any comments to members of the public regarding this issue should be limited to the fact that an on-going investigation being conducted and that it is inappropriate to offer personal thoughts and opinions until such time that the investigation has been completed.

(d) Detachment Jackets. In light of the recent interest in purchasing detachment polo shirts, Adjutant Yanacek opened for discussion the possibility of obtaining jackets for our members. These jackets would be in red in color and would have the Marine Corps emblem and the name of our detachment in yellow-gold lettering embroidered on the left-breast like our polo shirts. Adjutant Yanacek then displayed and passed around three jacket samples for members to examine and provide comments. The jacket samples included a Harriton fleece-lined nylon jacket, a Harriton nylon staff jacket, and an Augusta nylon coach's jacket. The latter two were lightly lined and more suitable for springtime weather, although it was noted that either could be worn in colder weather with a sweater or sweatshirt underneath. Adjutant Yanacek indicated that he has spoken to Joanne Sulik about the production of these jackets, and the cost to our members would be \$41 for the Harriton fleece-lined nylon jacket, \$29 for the Harriton nylon staff jacket, and \$20 for the Augusta nylon coach's jacket. Paymaster Diaz remarked that the Harriton jackets were noticeably darker than the red of our shirts and that he would prefer a color that more closely matched. Senior Vice-Commandant Hudson agreed, adding that he preferred the lighter Augusta nylon coach's jacket and liked its more robust snap closures. With no further comments, Senior Vice-Commandant Hudson asked Adjutant Yanacek to obtain a sample of the Augusta jacket in red for further examination at a future meeting since the sample of this jacket that was displayed was navy blue.

(e) Formation of Detachment Color Guard. Adjutant Yanacek opened for discussion the possibility of forming a detachment color guard. This thought was prompted by some observations he made of the joint-veterans organization color guard at the recent Saint Patrick's Day parade. Adjutant Yanacek remarked that if we wanted to do this, it would require a minimum of four detachment members willing and able to carry our flags in harnesses or to shoulder an M-1 Garand rifle. Judge Advocate Laney pointed out that in addition to the Saint Patrick's Day parade ample opportunities exist locally for a color guard. These include the Hatteras Island and the Manteo Christmas parades, and services for Veterans, Memorial, and Independence Day. Senior Vice-Commandant Hudson agreed that there are indeed opportunities, but cautioned that forming a color guard would most likely require the commitment of some of our younger members. Continuing, he inquired as to the procurement and storage of weapons and other required items. Adjutant Yanacek responded that two M-1 Garand rifles could be obtained at no cost through the U.S. Army's Ceremonial Rifle Program. These weapons, once obtained, would be required to be stored when not in use at an armory in one of our local police stations. In addition to the rifles, additional materiel would be required to be purchased including a pair of rifle slings, a pair of flag harnesses, and possible a pair of 9.5-foot pikes for the flags. Following discussion, this business item was tabled for further discussion in the future.

11. Chaplain Lawrenson closed the meeting with a prayer.

12. The meeting concluded at 1956 with Sergeant-at-Arms Clark retiring the national colors and declaring the meeting closed until 11 April 2017, when we will reconvene for the transaction of official business.

*Robert J. Yanacek*

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Adjutant

## DETACHMENT MUSTER ROLL FOR MARCH 2017

<b>Name</b>	<b>Staff Billet</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Anderson, Stephen E.		Present
Beall, Daniel M.		
Bowser, Oyoma R.		
Boyce Sr., Ronald A.		
Clark, Craig T.	Sergeant-at-Arms	Present
Czernik, Lawrence C.	Toys for Tots Liaison	
Diaz, Jorge L.	Paymaster	Present
Dozier, John J.		Present
Draper, Frank D.	Commandant	
Fearing Jr., Zenas E.		
Felder, Gary L.		
Figura, John P.		
Fillmore, Walter D.		
Gibson, Ron G.		
Gillis, Steven		
Gregory, Timothy G.	Junior Past-Commandant	
Holton, Edward J.		
Hudson, Daniel R.	Senior Vice-Commandant	Present
Hunley, Thomas M.		Present
Hurley, Thomas F.		
Keating, Michael A.	Junior Vice-Commandant	
Laney, Russell E.	Judge Advocate	Present
Lawrenson, Richard	Chaplain	Present
Lotspeich, Cory B.		
Mason, Ronald L.		
McGrath, Kevin J.		
Messinger Sr., Robert L.		
Monroe, James S.		
O'Brien, William W.		
Owens, James W.		Present
Patrick, Joseph J.		
Patrick, Susan S.		
Pedersen, Martha E.		
Riley III, Edward W.		
Russano, Frank G.		

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Staff Billet</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Scarborough, Christopher L.		
Spivey, Elvin L.		
Stone, Leonard J.		
Straub, Charles G.		
Strauss, John O.		
Sulik, Richard		
Thompson, Dennis R.	Quartermaster	Present
Thompson, Stephen D.		
Yanacek, Robert J.	Adjutant	Present