



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OUTER BANKS DETACHMENT 1264

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Subj: MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR MAY 2016

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

1. In accordance with the references, a detachment general membership meeting was conducted on 10 May 2016 at the Kern Pitts Center, 5375 North Virginia Dare Trail, Southern Shores, North Carolina.

2. Members and guests in attendance were:

Ray Bowser, Regular Member	Thomas F. Hurley, Regular Member
Ron Boyce, Regular Member	Michael A. Keating, Junior Vice-Commandant
Craig T. Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms	Russell E. Laney, Judge Advocate
Lawrence C. Czernik, Toys for Tots Liaison	Robert L. Messinger, Regular Member
Jorge L. Diaz, Paymaster	Edward P. Riley, Regular Member
John J. Dozier, Regular Member	Sandy Scarborough, Guest Speaker
Frank D. Draper, Commandant	Dennis R. Thompson, Quartermaster
Timothy G. Gregory, Junior Past-Commandant	Robert J. Yanacek, Adjutant
Daniel R. Hudson, Senior Vice-Commandant	

3. The meeting commenced at 1856 with Sergeant-at-Arms Craig Clark securing the quarters, presenting the national color, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance, and declaring the meeting open for the transaction of official business.

4. Acting in the absence of our chaplain, Larry Czernik opened the meeting with a brief prayer.

5. Guest Speaker. Sandy Scarborough, the Dare County coordinator for the Toys for Tots program addressed the membership regarding the upcoming 2016 Toys for Tots campaign. Sandy, along with our Toys for Tots liaison, Larry Czernik, have been working hard to make the upcoming campaign the best ever. Currently their fundraising events include a bike run on 24 September 2016 and a bowling night that will be held sometime in October. In addition, both Sandy and Larry have been actively soliciting local business for support in establishing drop-off points for toy collection. Sandy also reported that she has pushed back the 2016 toy distribution dates to the 19th, 20th and 21st of December in order to provide us with the greatest amount of time to conduct our efforts. Further information on the 2016 Toys for Tots campaign can be found by visiting the Dare County Toys for Tots Facebook page.

6. New Members. One new member, Ron Boyce, was present and was administered the oath of membership by Commandant Draper. Following the oath, Ron was formally welcomed-aboard by members of the detachment.

7. Staff Reports

(a) Commandant. Commandant Draper thanked everyone present for their support of the detachment and to remind everyone this will be our last meeting until after the tourist season in

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September. Frank also reported that he has tendered his resignation to the Dare County Veteran's Advisory Board and has nominated two of our members, Russ Laney and Mike Keating, to fill vacancies on the board.

(b) Senior Vice-Commandant. None

(c) Junior Vice-Commandant. Mike Keating reported that he and Commandant Draper attended the Dare County Special Olympics on 30 April 2016 and presented a donation on behalf of our detachment of \$300 that was approved during our April meeting. Although the day was unusually cold for the time of year, everyone in attendance had a great time. Mike added that the program's coordinator, Kathleen Morgan, extended her thanks to us for our contribution and indicated that she plans to utilize our gift for the athlete's uniforms at the 2017 games.

(d) Judge Advocate. None

(e) Junior Past-Commandant. None

(f) Adjutant. None

(g) Chaplain. N/A

(h) Paymaster. Jorge Diaz provided a detailed report of the income and expenditures since our last meeting as well as the detachment's current account balance. No discrepancies were noted.

(i) Quartermaster. Dennis Thompson reminded everyone that detachment polo shirts are available for order at \$23 each. Anyone interested should contact him.

(j) Sergeant-at-Arms. None

(k) Toys for Tots Liaison. Larry Czernik's report is contained within paragraph 5, above.

8. Old Business

(a) Awards Presentation. In recognition of his service as detachment commandant from 2014 through 2016, Tim Gregory was presented with a handsome mirrored plaque on behalf of the membership by Bob Messinger. Commandant Draper added his thanks to Tim for a job well done!

(b) Recruiting and Retention. Dues

(c) Grants and Donations. Adjutant Yanacek reported that he is currently recording his service hours for submission at the end of the month to the Walmart Voluntarism Always Pays program for the second quarter of 2016.

(d) Sickbay. None

(e) Website and Marketing. Adjutant Yanacek reported that the annual fee to host our detachment website is due in the amount of \$119.88 later this month. Although he has personally paid this annual expense in the past, Robert motioned for the detachment to pay for this expense this year. Robert's motion was seconded, voted on, and passed without dissent. Following the meeting, the detachment paymaster will issue a draft in the amount of \$119.88 to Robert for the approved expense.

(f) Social Activity. Adjutant Yanacek reported that on 3 May, three members and two guests attended the free breakfast social offered to veterans at the Jolly Roger restaurant in Kill Devil Hills. Due

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to the heavy tourist traffic volume in our area, there will be no breakfast socials in June, July, or August. The next breakfast social will not be until 6 September 2016 at 0900. All hands are invited and encouraged to attend.

(g) Detachment Picnic. Quartermaster Thompson's tabled inquiry from our April meeting concerning holding a detachment picnic was revisited by the membership. In the past we have held a picnic for members and their families at the end of May. Discussion was held by the membership, however the result was that there was little interest in pursuing a picnic at this time. Accordingly, there will be no detachment picnic this year.

(h) Outer Banks Seafood Festival. Commandant Draper informed everyone that the Outer Banks Detachment has been approved and will be participating in the 2016 Outer Banks Seafood Festival. This event will be held in Nags Head on 15 October 2016 and will require our membership to setup and staff a booth from 1000 to 1800. This well-attended event will raise local awareness in our community of our detachment and its activities, and permit us to recruit new members and solicit donations from the general public to further our mission. The event's requirement to provide evidence of general liability insurance coverage has been requested by Commandant Draper from the Rust Insurance Agency.

(i) Spring Belk Charity Sale. Commandant Draper reported that our 2016 Spring Belk Charity Sale has been completed and was a great success. Ten detachment members participated and raised a total of \$1,437.17 during its seven week period. Commandant Draper illustrated the importance of this bi-annual event by pointing out that the detachment has raised in excess of \$10,000 since we began participating in 2011.

9. New Business

(a) Marine in Need. None

(b) Upcoming Events. Robert Yanacek reminded everyone that there will be a Memorial Day ceremony on 30 May 2016 at 1100 at the Nags Head Municipal Center. All detachment members are encouraged to attend.

(c) Eagle Scout Recognition Program. Bob Messinger reported that he has received a request to present a Good Citizenship Award to a young man who recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout. In accordance with the detachment's prior practice, Junior Past-Commandant Gregory made a motion for the detachment to present a \$50 donation to this new Eagle Scout. This motion was seconded by Senior Vice-Commandant Hudson, voted on and passed without dissent. Following the meeting, the detachment paymaster will issue a draft in the amount of \$50 to Bob for presentation to this new Eagle Scout.

(d) Flag Display Recognition Program. Prior to the meeting, Robert Yanacek presented Bob Messinger with five American flags that were donated to the detachment from the Kitty Hawk Walmart. In light of that, Bob opened for discussion as to who we should present flags to. Discussion ensued and it was a consensus that they could be presented to any person or business, provided that they were not a federal, state or local government entity. Bob is hereby tasked with presenting these flags and Certificates of Appreciation for displaying our nation's flag as deemed appropriate.

(e) Worthy Causes. Commandant Draper asked all members to be on the lookout for worthy causes that our detachment could support in the future. Tim Gregroy, Bob Messinger and Larry Czernik offered a number of recommendations. These included:

- Donating to the Military Order of the Purple Heart;
- Volunteering as coach for the Special Olympics;
- Volunteering or donating to the Boy and Girl Scouts of America;

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- Volunteering to the county's Adopt-a-Beach program, and;
- Obtaining a memorial brick at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

(f) Meeting Snacks and Refreshments. The coffee served at the meeting was provided courtesy of Kangaroo Express Store 3853 in Kill Devil Hills.

10. Acting-chaplain Czernik closed the meeting with a prayer.

11. The meeting concluded at 2004 with Sergeant-at-Arms Craig Clark retiring the national color and declaring the meeting closed until 13 September 2016, when we will reconvene for the transaction of official business.

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