



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OUTER BANKS DETACHMENT 1264

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

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

Encl: (1) Detachment Muster Roll for November 2017

1. In accordance with the references, a detachment general membership meeting was conducted on 14 November 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.

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. In the absence of our chaplain, Larry Czernik opened the meeting with a brief prayer.

5. Guest Speaker. None

6. New Members. None

8. Staff Reports

(a) Commandant. Frank Draper reported that he recently received a letter of thanks from the mother of Sophia Bettancourt for our \$200 donation to assist with her daughter's medical expenses. For those who may not recall, Sophia suffered a serious head injury as a result of a bike-riding accident. Included with the letter was a photograph of Sophia with her dog Tula.

(b) Senior Vice-Commandant. N/A

(c) Junior Vice-Commandant. N/A

(d) Judge Advocate. Russ Laney reported that he attended numerous activities during the week preceding Veteran's Day, including a visit to Cape Hatteras Secondary School with Quartermaster Thompson. Russ continued that he will be working on a proposed 2018 budget for the detachment later this month, and that he will require a line-item breakdown of expenditures from Paymaster Diaz. Paymaster Diaz responded to Russ' request and will ensure he is provided with the necessary information. Russ concluded by offering that participation in local events is vital to our success as exposure increases public awareness of our detachment.

(e) Junior Past-Commandant. N/A

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(f) Adjutant. Robert Yanacek reported that we have 45 members on the rolls at this time, however only 13 of these are current in their dues. In coordination with Paymaster Diaz, Robert will be sending out an e-mail notification this month to encourage those in a delinquent status to continue their membership and bring their dues up-to-date. Paymaster Diaz interjected his thoughts on the term "delinquent," pointing out that term is a bit harsh as most of those in that status are unaware since the National Headquarters ceased sending out renewal notices. Robert concurred with Paymaster Diaz's thoughts, adding that he now has an accurate listing of members needing to bring their dues up-to-date. Concluding, Robert reported that we have had two of our younger members move out of our area to seek better employment opportunities, and one member who has submitted his request to be placed into a Member-at-Large status.

(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. During the past month, two members have brought their yearly dues up-to-date, and the only noted expense being \$11.76 in postage. The report was examined and found to be correct.

(i) Quartermaster. None

(i) Sergeant-at-Arms. Craig Clark reported that he attended the Veteran's Day ceremony in Nags Head. As he was the only detachment member present at the Nags Head ceremony, Commandant Draper added to Craig's report by indicating that he participated in the ceremony in Southern Shores and inquired as to whether any other members participated in the ceremonies of other communities. Judge Advocate Laney stated that both he and Craig also participated at the ceremony in Kill Devil Hills, while Adjutant Yanacek reported his participation in the ceremony at Walmart in Kitty Hawk.

(k) Toys for Tots Liaison. Larry Czernik reported that the 2017 Toys for Tots effort is well underway. As we have assumed the responsibility for Currituck County and Ocracoke, in addition to Dare County, the program has increased by 400 more children over last year. Larry indicated that the program currently had \$7,100 to use for the purchase of toys. That amount, at \$20 per child, equates to enough toys at this point for only a total of 355 children. Accordingly, Larry requested that perhaps the detachment would consider increasing its donation in light of the increased need. Continuing, Larry reported the detachment member Steve Gillis personally raised \$3,600 for the program through his participation in a "womanless beauty pageant" sponsored by Kelly's Restaurant. Further efforts include the Kitty Hawk Police and Fire Departments, and Dare County Emergency Medical Team conducting a "stuff the ambulance" event at the Kitty Hawk Walmart on Friday, 24 November and the Cape Hatteras Secondary School baseball team using funds they generated from a raffle to perform toy shopping at the Kitty Hawk Walmart on Saturday, 2 December. Any member desiring to assist in any of these events is encouraged to contact Larry for further information.

9. Old Business

(a) Awards Presentation. None

(b) Recruiting and Retention. None

(c) Grants and Donations. Adjutant Yanacek reported that he submitted his record of volunteer hours to the Walmart Foundation's "Volunteerism Always Pays" grant program for the third quarter of 2017. This request was approved during the latter half October and payment has been received and deposited by Paymaster Diaz.

(d) Sickbay. Commandant Draper reported the Junior Vice-Commandant Keating was once again

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unable to attend this evening's meeting due to illness. In addition, Adjutant Yanacek reported that member Jack Figura has completed his chemotherapy. Please keep these Marines in your thoughts and prayers.

(e) Marine in Need. None

(f) Website and Marketing. None

(g) Social Activity. Adjutant Yanacek reported that on 7 November, nine members and one guest met for the free breakfast social offered to veterans at the Jolly Roger restaurant in Kill Devil Hills. Robert added that everyone in attendance enjoyed both the food and company. Next month's breakfast social will be on 5 December 2017 at 0900. All hands are invited and encouraged to attend.

(h) 2017 Fall Belk Charity Sale. Commandant Draper reported that the 2017 Fall Belk Charity Sale was completed earlier this month. The detachment raised \$1,751.69 and expects to receive an additional amount of \$100 to \$200 for participation at the Charity Sale event on 4 November. Adding to his report, Adjutant Yanacek pointed out that this particular event resulted in the second-best effort in terms of raising funds since the detachment began participating in 2011. Commandant Draper concluded by expressing his thanks to the eleven members who participated in making this effort successful. Those members were: Craig Clark; Frank Draper; Dan Hudson; Ed Holton; Tom Hunley; Russ Laney; Joe Patrick; Sue Patrick; Martha Pedersen; Dennis Thompson, and; Robert Yanacek.

(i) 2017 Outer Banks Seafood Festival. Commandant Draper reported that the Outer Banks Seafood Festival was held on Saturday, 21 October, and although not as successful as last year, the detachment exceeded its goal, raising \$412. Seven of our members participated in this event and he concluded by expressing his thanks. Those who participated were: Steve Anderson; Ray Bowser; Frank Draper; Dan Hudson; Russ Laney; Dennis Thompson, and; Robert Yanacek.

(j) Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon. Commandant Draper reported that a number of members attended the Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon at the Currituck Club in Corolla on 10 November. This event is hosted each year by Doug Wendling, the detachment's first commandant. Approximately 50 Marines and their guests attended this event and everyone enjoyed their lunch, birthday cake, and the company of their fellow Marines.

(k) Manteo Christmas Parade. Commandant Draper reported that the Manteo Christmas Parade will be held on 2 December. The parade begins at 1030 at Manteo High School and the one-mile parade route should take no more than an hour to complete. Commandant Draper and a minimum of one additional member will be needed to that we can lead the parade with our detachment banner. An e-mail requesting support of the membership will be sent out by Adjutant Yanacek once the details are finalized.

10. New Business

(a) Toys for Tots Solicitation Schedule. Adjutant Yanacek reported that he has requested and received approval from the management of the Kitty Hawk Walmart to conduct Toys for Tots solicitation activities at their store on 18 November, 19 November, 2 December, and 3 December. In addition to these dates, the store management has also approved our detachment for the placement of Toys for Tots collection boxes in their customer service area. Commandant Draper questioned as to whether we would be permitted to conduct our solicitation activities inside the store as the cold weather last year resulted in one of our members contracting pneumonia. Unfortunately, Adjutant Yanacek felt that the store's new general manager would adhere to Walmart's corporate policy which prohibits any group from soliciting within the store. Adjutant Yanacek concluded by reporting that this schedule has already been e-mailed to the membership, requesting volunteers to assist at this event.

(b) Election of Detachment Officers. Commandant Draper reminded those present that polling will take place at the December meeting for those seeking elected office in the detachment. Currently, the candidates for these offices are as follows:

| Office | Candidates | |
|------------------------|--------------|--|
| Commandant | Dan Hudson | |
| Senior Vice-Commandant | Mike Keating | |
| Junior Vice-Commandant | Ray Bowser | |
| Judge Advocate | Russ Laney | |

Should any other regular members in good-standing wish to be placed on the ballot for any of these offices, they should notify Commandant Draper without delay. Those elected at the December meeting will be administered the Oath of Office on 9 January 2018. Commandant Draper then questioned each appointed staff member present as to whether they would agree to continue to serve in their current billets. Those present agreed, with the exception of Toys for Tots Liaison Czernik and Sergeant-at-Arms Clark. Larry Czernik's duties will be assumed by Judge Advocate Laney, however a replacement for the Sergeant-at-Arms billet will need to be identified in the near future.

(c) Donation to Dare and Currituck Counties Toys for Tots Program. In light of the increased number of children requiring assistance by the addition of Currituck County and Ocracoke to our area of responsibility, Judge Advocate Laney motioned that our yearly donation to the Toys for Tots Program should increase to \$1,500. Following a brief discussion, his motion was seconded by Adjutant Yanacek, then voted-on and passed without dissent. Commandant Draper instructed Paymaster Diaz to prepare the approved draft and present it to Toys for Tots Liaison Czerlik following the meeting.

(d) Donation to the Sergeant Earl Murray Heroes Foundation. Adjutant Yanacek opened for discussion a proposal to donate funds to the Sergeant Earl Murray Heroes Foundation, pointing out that the detachment has donated to this annual Christmastime event in past years. As this possible expenditure was not in our budget, Commandant Draper requested a brief overview of the foundation and its objective. Sergeant-at-Arms Clark indicated that the foundation was formed in the memory of Sergeant Earl Murray, a Nags Head police officer who was killed in the line of duty a number of years ago. To honor his memory, the foundation solicits donations and then, utilizing the assistance of local law enforcement officers, takes needy children Christmas shopping at the Kill Devil Hills KMart. Commonly referred to as the "Shop-with-a-Cop" event, this program has been quite successful in helping children in Dare County and honoring the memory of a fallen police officer, he added. Following Sergeant-at-Arms Clark's comments, Adjutant Yanacek motioned that the detachment provide a \$500 donation to the noted foundation. The motion was duly seconded, vote-on, and passed without dissent. Commandant Draper then instructed Adjutant Yanacek to submit to the paymaster, following the meeting, the mailing address to the foundation so that the approved draft could be sent without delay.

(e) Donation to the U.S. Marines Youth Foundation Tree of Lights. Adjutant Yanacek requested a draft in the amount of \$80, payable to the U.S. Marines Youth Foundation for their annual Tree of Lights Program. This program provides a clear-colored light on the Christmas tree at the Marine Corps League's National Headquarters in Stafford, Virginia in memory of our deceased members. As this donation was included in our annual budget, no further approval was required. Commandant Draper instructed Paymaster Diaz to issue the appropriate draft to Adjutant Yanacek following the conclusion of our meeting, who would in turn submit it along with the necessary paperwork to this organization.

(f) Donation to the Berlin Airlift Candy Bomber. Judge Advocate Laney opened for discussion the idea of making a donation to the Berlin Airlift Candy Bomber. Colonel Gail Halvorsen, a U.S. Air Force pilot, became a national celebrity when he began dropping candy to the children of Berlin during the Soviet Union's blockade of the city in 1948, Russ explained. Following his retirement from the Air Force,

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Colonel Halvorsen began a tradition of reenacting this event by flying a vintage C-54 aircraft and dropping candy to local children in conjunction with the anniversary of the Wright Brother's first flight on 17 December each year. Judge Advocate Laney concluded the discussion by pointing out that this year's upcoming event will likely be the last as Colonel Halvorsen is 97 years of age. Following discussion, Russ motioned to provide a donation of \$200 to the Berlin Airlift Candy Bomber for the purchase of candy for our local children. This motion was seconded by Ray Bowser, voted-on and passed.

11. Acting-Chaplain Czernik closed the meeting with a prayer.

12. The meeting concluded at 2012 with Sergeant-at-Arms Clark retiring the national colors and declaring the meeting closed until 12 December 2017, when the detachment's membership will reconvene for the transaction of official business.

Robert J. Yanacek

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Adjutant

DETACHMENT MUSTER ROLL FOR NOVEMBER 2017

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

