



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OUTER BANKS DETACHMENT 1264

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Subj: MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR DECEMBER 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 8 December 2015 at the Kern Pitts Center, 5375 North Virginia Dare Trail, Southern Shores, North Carolina.

2. Members and guests in attendance were:

Lawrence C. Czernik, Associate Member  
Jorge L. Diaz, Regular Member  
Frank D. Draper, Senior Vice-Commandant  
Timothy G. Gregory, Commandant  
Dustin Gunn, Applicant  
Russell E. Laney, Regular Member

Richard Lawrenson, Chaplain  
Robert L. Messinger, Paymaster  
Edward P. Riley, Regular Member  
Dennis R. Thompson, Regular Member  
Robert J. Yanacek, Adjutant

3. The meeting commenced at 1900 with acting Sergeant-at-Arms Frank Draper securing the quarters, 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 applicant, Dustin Gunn, was present and completed a membership application prior to the meeting. The application was not processed since Dustin did not have verification of honorable Marine Corps service with him at the meeting. Dustin was referred to our detachment by our Toys for Tots Liaison, Larry Czernik.

7. Staff Reports

(a) Commandant. None

(b) Senior Vice-Commandant. None

(c) Junior Vice-Commandant. Not Applicable

(d) Judge Advocate. Not Applicable

(f) Adjutant. Robert Yanacek reported that both the National and Department of North Carolina websites remain devoid of useful information and links. Both sites lack information about specific detachments in the Marine Corps League, and most reports appear to be non-functional. Upon contacting the Department of North Carolina, it was learned that their website is currently undergoing routine redevelopment. More disturbingly, it was learned that the National Marine Corps League website

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is also under redevelopment as a result of the website being taken off-line by national staff members who were removed from office. Apparently, the National Marine Corps League recently removed their executive director and several key staff members. In retaliation for this action, these staff members purged the national website from the server, effectively causing the new national staff to redevelop the entire website. The reason for the removal of these national staff members was presented to, and discussed at great length by those present. As a result of this discussion, a series of questions relating to the removal of the national staff members is being prepared by Jorge Diaz for submission to the Department of North Carolina.

(g) 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. In addition, Bob reported that he has drafted and mailed the donations that were approved by the detachment membership during our November meeting. These were:

Blue Star Mothers	\$150
Outer Banks Public Safety Auxiliary	\$500
Sergeant Mac Foundation National Wreath Project	\$80
U.S. Marine Youth Foundation Tree of Lights	\$60

(h) Chaplain. None

(i) Sergeant-at-Arms. Not Applicable

(j) Public Affairs Officer. Not Applicable

## 8. Old Business

(a) Awards Presentation. None

(b) Recruiting and Retention. Paymaster, Bob Messinger reported that we currently have 33 members on the roles, 31 of which whose dues are paid-in-full, and two of which are delinquent. There is one new membership candidate who was present at the meeting as noted in paragraph 6, above. In addition, one membership candidate from last month, Mark Gordillo, notified the adjutant that he was unable to make this meeting. However, because it is not known whether he has completed the application process, the adjutant will follow-up with Mark to determine his current status. In addition to these two candidates, the adjutant is current working two other leads. Lastly, there was no new placement of recruiting posters at local businesses or other recruiting activities during the past month.

(c) Pending Detachment Grants. Robert Yanacek reported that Walmart has issued two checks, totaling \$500, to the detachment for volunteer service he performed during the second and third quarters. However, neither of these checks have been received as of yet. Robert will follow-up with the Walmart Foundation to determine whether one or both checks were lost in the mail, and if necessary, take appropriate action. Robert also reported that he has submitted an application for an additional \$250 grant from the Walmart Foundation, Voluntarism Always Pays program for service performed during the fourth quarter. This application has been authenticated and is currently being processed for payment to the detachment by the Walmart Foundation.

(d) Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots Liaison, Larry Czernik reported that the 2015 Toys for Tots campaign for Dare County has been a great success! The detachment's solicitation efforts at Walmart resulted in the collection of 162 toys and the raising of \$1166.60 that will be used to purchase toys. Robert Yanacek added his thanks to the six detachment members who supported this collection effort. In addition to these efforts, a large amount of toys have been collected from the 15 drop-box locations in the area and transported to the local distribution centers. The amount of toys collected has exceeded

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800 and continues to rise daily as the end of the campaign nears its completion. Larry commended member, Russ Laney, for his efforts in collecting, tabulating and delivering toys to the distribution locations. Distribution of toys will be conducted by the Dare County Department of Social Services on 10 December at the Baum Center in Kill Devil Hills, at the Dare County Community Center in Manteo on 15 and 16 December, and in Frisco on 17 December. Following Larry's briefing, Senior Vice-Commandant Frank Draper indicated that it would be a good idea to publish the results of this year's campaign in the local media, along with our thanks to the organizations who participated. Adjutant, Robert Yanacek, will contact Larry following the completion of the campaign and collect the necessary data so that an appropriate press release can be prepared and submitted.

9. New Business

(a) Change of 2016 Meeting Dates. Robert Yanacek reported that the monthly meeting dates for the months of March and November 2016 have been changed from the second Tuesday of the month to the fourth Tuesday of the month. This change was effected by Bob Messinger who was notified by our facility's manager that the Kern Pitts Center would be needed on the conflicting dates to conduct town business. Accordingly, the meeting dates for these months have been changed to 22 March and 22 November 2016.

(b) Election of Officers. Robert Yanacek reported that following last month's meeting he notified our membership of the slate of those running for elected offices via e-mail as directed. He further requested notification from any members interested in running for these offices. Robert reported that he received no response to his request for additional candidates. Accordingly, the slate of candidates for the elected offices remains as follows:

Commandant	Frank D. Draper
Senior Vice-Commandant	Daniel R. Hudson
Junior Vice-Commandant	Michael A. Keating
Judge Advocate	Russell E. Laney

In light of that report, Commandant, Tim Gregory motioned that the membership proceed with the election of officers and accept the slate as noted above. Adjutant, Robert Yanacek seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved without dissent. The newly-elected officers will take the oath of office at next month's meeting and will most likely be sworn-in by Steve Tracy from the Department of North Carolina who is planning on visiting us to discuss the Gunny Claus program.

(d) Detachment Mailing Address and Phone Number. Jorge Diaz opened for discussion the need for the detachment to obtain a permanent mailing address and a dedicated phone number for Marine Corps League officials and the general public to contact us. Jorge pointed out that the transition of officers causes paper and digital records containing addresses and contact phone numbers to require updating and editing. To alleviate this problem, Jorge recommended that the detachment procure both a post office box as a mailing address and a dedicated cellular phone with voice mail to alleviate this issue. Adjutant, Robert Yanacek reported that he conducted a cost-assessment at Jorge's request for a post office box in Kitty Hawk, and that it would have an initial cost of \$58 for the first year, and an annual cost of \$56 thereafter. Following this assessment, Jorge motioned that the detachment procure a post office box without delay. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved without dissent. Following the vote, Jorge agreed to complete the necessary PS Form 1093 and procure the post office box before the next meeting. Regarding the issue of obtaining a dedicated cellular phone there was concern over both the need and the cost. Adjutant, Robert Yanacek explained that the need involved concern over continuing to place private phone numbers of members out to the public on the detachment website and on detachment recruiting posters and collateral materials. Robert addressed the concern of cost by indicating that the initial cost to set up a dedicated cellular number for the detachment with Tracfone would be \$16.08 and would cost no more than \$72.27 annually—provided we only use the number

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primarily to record voice-mail messages and not to exceed 120 minutes of airtime each year. Robert added that in order to not use airtime on the account, we would simply retrieve any voice mail messages and return calls on personal land lines or cellular phones. A number of members questioned these figures as being too low, but Robert assured them that the figures were accurate and that his cost-assessment was based following consultation with a trusted cellular phone associate he knows at Walmart. Following the discussion, it was motioned that the detachment obtain a dedicated cellular phone account for a trial period of ninety days. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved. Robert Yanacek agreed to take action to set up this account with Tracfone prior to the next meeting.

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

11. The meeting concluded at 2015 with acting Sergeant-at-Arms Frank Draper declaring the meeting closed until the next meeting on 12 January 2016.

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