



## 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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From: Adjutant  
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Subj: MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 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 17 November 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  
Mark Gordillo, Applicant  
Daniel R. Hudson, Judge Advocate

Michael A. Keating, Public Affairs Officer  
Russell E. Laney, Regular Member  
Robert L. Messinger, Paymaster  
Vince Puma, Guest  
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. As our detachment chaplain was not present, Larry Czernik, opened the meeting with a brief prayer.

5. Guest Speaker. Vince Puma spoke to the membership regarding his organization, the Kill Devil Hills Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE). Vince provided an overview of his chapter's activities and the benefits of becoming an FOE member. These benefits included the ability to use the chapter's building for detachment meetings and events, and use of the bar for social activities. He also advised our members that, as veterans, anyone interested in becoming a member of the FOE would have their application fee and first year's dues waived. Following his presentation, Vince provided those interested with FOE membership applications.

6. New Members. One applicant, Mark Gordillo, was present and completed a membership application prior to the meeting. The application was not processed since Mark did not have a method to pay the required dues and fees with him at the meeting. Mark was introduced to the membership and provided a brief biography of his Marine Corps service as an aviation ordnanceman to the membership.

7. Staff Reports

(a) Commandant. None

(b) Senior Vice-Commandant. None

(c) Junior Vice-Commandant. Not Applicable

(d) Judge Advocate. None

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(f) Adjutant. Robert Yanacek reported that, for all intents and purposes, both the National and Department of North Carolina websites are non-functional at this time. Apparently, the National website has been moved to a new domain name and is in the process of being redesigned. Unfortunately, the information currently available is very general and not of much use. Likewise, the Department of North Carolina's website is under redevelopment and offers few resources to the department's detachments.

(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 one minor discrepancy was noted and corrected.

(h) Chaplain. Not Applicable

(i) Sergeant-at-Arms. Not Applicable

(j) Public Affairs Officer. None

## 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. During the past month there was no new placement of recruiting posters at local businesses or other recruiting activities.

(c) Pending Detachment Donations. Robert Yanacek reported that he has completed the required application for the detachment to receive grant money for the second and third quarters from the Walmart Foundation, Voluntarism Always Pays program. The Commandant has authenticated and endorsed both applications, and two checks, totaling \$500 are currently being processed for payment to the detachment by the Walmart Foundation.

(d) Belk Charity Sale. Adjutant, Robert Yanacek reported that the Fall Belk Charity Sale concluded on Saturday 7 November 2015. He reported that although only four members participated in this event, it was both successful and enjoyable. Paymaster, Bob Messinger quantified this campaign, reporting that the effort resulted in collecting a total of \$680.70. Thanks to those who participated in this event was extended by Robert Yanacek.

## 9. New Business

(a) Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots Liaison, Larry Czernik reported that the 2015 Toys for Tots campaign is now underway in Dare County. Larry reported that collection boxes for toy donations are now in place at Walmart, Walgreens, Ace Hardware, Monkey Business, Outer Banks Heating and Cooling, Blue Moon Beach Grill, Lucky 7 Tavern, Manteo High School, Outer Banks Hospital, and a number of other locations. Larry further indicated that toys will be distributed by the Dare County Department of Social Services on 10 December at the Baum Center in Kill Devil Hills, at Manteo High School on 13 December, and in Frisco on 14 December. Regarding the detachment's efforts, adjutant, Robert Yanacek reported that he has submitted to our membership, a listing of dates and times in which we will be soliciting toy and cash donations for this program at the Kitty Hawk Walmart. One solicitation date has already been held on 14 November 2015 and resulted in the collection of toys and \$222.43 in cash donations. The cash donations were counted by the paymaster following the conclusion of our meeting and turned over to Larry who will use it to purchase toys in the near future. Lastly, adjutant, Robert Yanacek urged all members to assist us in this program and passed around a list of dates and times for

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those who are interested to volunteer in the collection of toys and cash donations at Walmart.

(b) Detachment Donations to Charities. A discussion was held regarding which charitable organizations our detachment should contribute to this year, and how much should be donated. The discussion began with Paymaster, Bob Messinger listing those organizations to which we contributed to last year. One of those organizations, the Wounded Warrior Project drew considerable concern when adjutant, Robert Yanacek revealed that his research indicated that only 59.9-percent of this organization's money is applied to veteran's services while 34-percent goes toward fundraising expenses. It was further revealed that the Chief Executive Officer of this organization is paid a salary of \$473,000 per year. In light of that, Robert indicated that he felt that these amounts were outrageous, and that the detachment's money could be better spent elsewhere. As a result of that report, it was decided by vote, to not contribute to the Wounded Warrior Project. It was then decided, by individual vote, to disburse donations to the following organizations in the amounts indicated below:

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

(c) Election of Officers. Judge Advocate, Dan Hudson reminded those present that per our bylaws, it is necessary to prepare a slate of candidates for the elected detachment officers whose term will expire on 31 December 2015. Discussion was held on this matter to solicit interest from those present to determine a slate of candidates to fill these offices. Accordingly, the following members will be running for the indicated offices:

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

Commandant, Tim Gregory requested that the adjutant advise our membership of the slate of those running for offices via e-mail, and to request that if anyone else is interested in running for these offices, to indicate their desire before our elections are held next month.

(d) Appointment of Paymaster. Following nine years of service as our detachment paymaster, Bob Messinger has decided to step down from this position. Commandant, Tim Gregory expressed his thanks to Bob for his faithful service in this critical billet. Tim then appointed member, Jorge L. Diaz as paymaster, effective immediately. Jorge accepted this appointment and will continue to serve at the pleasure of the current and future detachment commandant. Bob will coordinate with Jorge to transfer all records to his custody, and to ensure that Jorge has access to the detachment's bank account, membership and financial records.

10. Acting chaplain, Larry Czernik, closed the meeting with a prayer.

11. The meeting concluded at 2020 with acting Sergeant-at-Arms Frank Draper declaring the meeting closed until the next meeting on 8 December 2015.

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