



## 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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1100

From: Adjutant  
To: Distribution List

Subj: MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR OCTOBER 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 13 October 2015 at the Kern Pitts Center, 5375 North Virginia Dare Trail, Southern Shores, North Carolina.

2. Members and guests in attendance were:

Craig T. Clark, Regular Member	Richard Lawrenson, Chaplain
Lawrence C. Czernik, Associate Member	Robert L. Messinger, Paymaster
Timothy G. Gregory, Commandant	Edward P. Riley, Regular Member
Michael A. Keating, Public Affairs Officer	Dennis R. Thompson, Regular Member
Russell E. Laney, Regular Member	Robert J. Yanacek, Adjutant

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

4. Detachment chaplain, Rick Lawrenson, opened the meeting with a brief prayer.

5. Guest Speaker. None

6. New Members. None

7. Staff Reports

(a) Commandant. Tim Gregory reported that there will be a Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon being hosted by Doug Wendling at the Corolla Club on Tuesday, 10 November 2015. All members of the detachment are invited to attend and are asked to inform Doug if they will be attending.

(b) Senior Vice-Commandant. Not Applicable

(c) Junior Vice-Commandant. Not Applicable

(d) Adjutant. Robert Yanacek reported that he and Paymaster, Bob Messinger attended a planning meeting for the Fall Belk Charity Sale on 22 September 2015. Although we generally do not participate in the Fall Sale, we decided to offer it as an additional source to generate funds for our detachment to those who may be interested. Accordingly, we committed to participate on the following dates and times: 27 September from 1200-1400; 4 October from 1200-1600; 11 October from 1400-1600; 18 October from 1400-1600; 25 October from 1400-1600; 31 October from 1200-1400, and; 7 November from 0600 to 1000. So far we have had three members participate on the dates which have already passed and have raised approximately \$200.

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(e) 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 by any members.

(f) Chaplain. None

(g) Sergeant-at-Arms. None

(h) Public Affairs Officer. None

## 8. Old Business

(a) Awards Presentation. Paymaster, Bob Messinger reported that on 3 October 2015, he presented a Good Citizenship award to a newly designated Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor that was held at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church on behalf of the detachment. In addition, he and Adjutant, Robert Yanacek presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Charles Lewis, general manager of the Kill Devil Hills Belk store in recognition of his continued support of our detachment through the Belk Charity Sale Program. The presentation of this award was made on 22 September 2015 at the Fall Charity Day Sale planning meeting.

(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. He also reported that there were a number of members erroneously reported by the National Headquarters as being delinquent. Bob took the necessary steps to report these errors. There were no new detachment membership candidates reported by any members present, nor was there any report of recent placement of recruiting posters.

(c) Pending Detachment Donations. Robert Yanacek reported that he has not yet filed the necessary documents for the detachment to receive grant money for the second and third quarters from the Walmart, Voluntarism Always Pays program. He will be filing the necessary paperwork sometime this month and will advise the Commandant when it has been completed so that it can be authenticated. Once authenticated, two checks for \$250 will be presented to the detachment.

(d) Detachment Donations to Charities. Paymaster, Bob Messinger reminded those present that at the November meeting we typically decide the charities to which we will disburse donations. A previous concern regarding the Wounded Warrior Project was once again raised regarding the percentage of any donation that is used towards assisting veterans. Robert Yanacek reported that the Charity Navigator indicated that slightly less than 60 percent goes towards assisting veterans, while the remaining percentage is used for fundraising, salaries, and administrative costs. Robert added his opinion that he felt that money would be better spent being disbursed to local organizations. For reference, in 2014 we disbursed donations to the following organizations in the amounts indicated:

Blue Star Mothers	\$150
Local Marine in Need	\$200
Outer Banks Public Safety Auxiliary	\$500
Sergeant Mac Foundation National Wreath Project	\$80
U.S. Marine Youth Foundation Tree of Lights	\$60
Wounded Warrior Project	\$1,000

(e) Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots Liaison, Larry Czernik reported that he has contacted the Toys for Tots Coordinator for Dare County and that the program will begin sometime in early November. Larry asked those present to please assist us in this worthwhile effort in bringing the joy of Christmas to the needy children of the county. Upon determination of drop-off locations, Larry will notify the detachment

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as to the locations and times that we will be soliciting for donated toys and cash gifts to be utilized for the program. Adjutant, Robert Yanacek indicated that he had already been in touch with Walmart and would get the necessary signage and drop-boxes in place at Walmart, and that he would set up a schedule there for which we can have members solicit for the program.

9. New Business

(a) Veteran's Day Ceremony. Chaplain, Rick Lawrenson reminded all hands that there will be a Veteran's Day ceremony at 1100 on 11 November 2015 at the Nags Head Municipal Center. Those able to attend were requested to attend to remember our veterans.

(b) Change of Date for November Meeting. Commandant, Tim Gregory advised those present that the meeting for November falls this year on the 10th—the same day as the Birthday celebration in Corolla. Discussion was held as to whether we should forgo a meeting in November, have the meeting on the set date, or schedule it for another day. A motion was made to have the meeting one week earlier on 3 November 2015, provided our facility was available for use. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed without dissent. Accordingly, our meeting next month will be on 3 November 2015, provided Bob Messinger receives approval for that date from the facility manager. Upon disposition, the Adjutant will notify the membership of the change.

(c) Bumper Stickers. Paymaster, Bob Messinger displayed a bumper sticker that he designed displaying the Marine Corps emblem that asked those who see it to "Toot Your Horn Twice if You're a Marine." He then motioned to purchase approximately 30 at a cost of approximately \$1.25 each, so we could offer them for sale at the various events in which we participate. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved without dissent.

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

11. The meeting concluded at 1950 with Sergeant-at-Arms Craig Clark declaring the meeting closed until the next meeting on 3 November 2015.

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