

20 Jan 2007

Marine Corps League, Department of North Carolina
Quarterly Meeting
Wilmington, NC, Hosted by Cape Fear Detachment #1070

Buffet Luncheon: 1200 – 1300
Department Meeting: 1330 – 1600

[Note: These are Detachment Commandant's notes. 'Official' minutes will appear on the Department NC website as the proceedings were recorded.]

Department Commandant, Pete Meletis, conducted meeting in accordance with National meeting Ritual Manual.

Opening comments:

We're all one family! Our purpose is to make a difference in people's lives. If you encounter Marines who aren't yet members of the MCL 'Let them know what they're missing!'

Outer Banks Detachment [awaiting Charter] was recognized as new. [Detachment Commandant got an 'attaboy' for sending Q4 Detachment Action Report tho' not yet chartered.]

Recruiting is every member's job! [We have the largest number of Detachments of any Department. Let's continue to grow.]

Provide Detachment Officers with a Guidebook and hold them accountable to the Membership for showing by example. We're Marines! We get the job done! [Detachment Commandant will ensure that each Detachment Officer has a Guidebook and knows what's in it.]

Department Officer Reports:

Sr. Vice Commandant – Recruit. Carry on the MCL traditions.

Jr. Vice Commandant –

Judge Advocate – Each Detachment must have By-laws approved by Department. Make it a priority and get it done! Sample By-laws are available... [Detachment Commandant acquired Sample and will draft Detachment By-laws for Detachment Judge Advocate and member approval upon receipt of Charter. Will then submit to Department for approval and filing.]

Sergeant-at-Arms –

Adjutant Paymaster – Still some dues in arrears. Find out why and get them paid up. We don't want to lose members at the same rate we're signing up new ones. Recruit! Remember, National dues have increased. Be sure to reflect new Detachment dues schedule on Dues Transmittals to Department. [Detachment Adjutant Paymaster is aware of requirement.]

Chaplain – Reported on passing of Department members in the past quarter. Imperative that Detachment Chaplain notify Department of member's death in a timely manner. [Detachment Commandant obtained official Notice of Death [MCL] forms for use by Detachment Chaplain.]

Other Committee Officers:

PIO – Asked all Detachments to submit newsworthy items for Department Newsletters.

Nominating Committee – Detachment members should submit nominations for Department Officer positions.

MCL License Plates – Have received 114 applications to-date. Need a total of 300 before Department can submit to DMV. Cost is normal plate fee plus \$10. Get it done! [Application on www.obxmarines.com, if interested.]

Department North Carolina Convention:

Ramada Convention Center
Charlotte, NC
22-23 June 2007

Other Inputs – Detachment, etc.:

Eagle Scout Recognition Program. Detachment can obtain certificate from Department and present an MCL certificate to Eagle Scout at a presentation ceremony.

Toys for Tots... Several reports on Detachment activities. Over 150,000 toys collected/distributed for Christmas 2006 in Department NC. Don't

forget the teenagers when acquiring toys as they're sometimes forgotten.

Funeral Homes – Pay a visit. Inform them about the Marine Corps League. Ask them to notify of a Marine's death in your area. They'll do it. Then, follow-up appropriately. Bereavement card to family, offer to have Marines at [as a part of] the service, Funeral detail, etc.

National MCL has a certificate that Detachments can use (or make their own) to present to local businesses displaying correct Flag etiquette. Educate those that don't!

Military Order of the Devil Dogs – Membership available to MCL members. Patch can be attached to shirt and cover per National Uniform Code. [Commandant obtained copy of application and submittal information. No cost to MCL member.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Wendling
Commandant
Outer Banks Detachment

Commandants 'Other Learnings':

- Detachment By-laws should not be submitted to Dept. NC until Charter has been received.
- Dual members may not vote on Detachment business items unless tenure is 'longest' in the Detachment OR primary membership is transferred to this Detachment.
- Recommended that Detachment NOT file for incorporation (as required by National HQ) until Charter received.
- Bonding of Commandant and Adjutant Paymaster is provided at no cost to Detachment by National HQ upon Charter.
- Liability Insurance for Detachment events provided at no cost by National Commercial General Liability Policy.
- The Marine Corps League is an IRS Code 501c(4) organization with a special IRS letter indicating that all donations to this organization and its subordinate Detachments and Departments are tax deductible to the donor.

