



**Marine Corps League
Mideast Division National Vice Commandant
Michael L. McLain**

Mideast Division Conference Meeting Minutes
24 June 2017

Location: Double Tree Hilton Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park
Durham, NC
Department of North Carolina
Host Commandant: Jeffery Jones

Meeting called to order at 0900 with Dept of NC Commandant - Jeffery Jones presiding.

The Capital City Young Marines advanced and posted the colors. YM member - Hannah Miller sang the "The National Anthem". Sgt-at-Arms Charles Minton led in Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Lee Taylor led the meeting with the opening prayer. NVC Mike McLain presented The Young Marines a Certificate of Appreciation and Mideast Division flag streamer for their assistance in presenting Morning Colors and posting Colors for the opening ceremony. Hannah Miller was presented Certificate of Appreciation.

Commandant Jones gave welcome remarks and turned meeting over to Mideast Div NVC Mike McLain who gave welcome comments

Joint Memorial Service was conducted by Mideast Division Chaplain Lee Taylor.

NVC McLain recognized the following:

Recognition of MCL National Officers

Johnny Baker - National Judge Advocate

Ray Dailey: NVC Mideast Division

Gerard Devlin - National Parliamentarian

Jeffery Jones - National Asst Sgt-at-Arms

Charlie Minton - National Boy Scouts Committee member

Jack Severn - National Uniform Committee, National Color Guard Sergeant,
Editor National Convention Book, Mid-winter Conference Book.

Anthony "Tony" Begeenwaald - Wounded Marines Program of the MCL Coordinator/Director - East Coast

Recognition of MCL National MOY

Joe Blick, 2006 -

Jack Severn 2012 - Present
Roger Ware 2016 - Present

Recognition of Past Mideast Division Commandants

Bud Raines -
Rudy Garcia -
Juan D. "Chief" Graciano -
Stephen T. Wilson -

Division Marine of the Year

Roger Ware - 2012 - Present
Bud Raines - 2013 -
Tony Begenwald - 2014 - Present
Richard Tanner - 2015 - Present
Michael McLain - 2016 - Present

MCLA Mideast Division Vice President Present- Judy Horsenky, who gave welcome comments all members of MCLA in attendance. NVC McLain presented her with Distinguished Service Medal (God, Country and Corps) Certificate.

Asst MCLA Mideast Division Vice President - Nila Caulder - Present

MCLA Past National Presidents

Gloria Lutz - Absent
Cindy Marshall - Absent

MODD:

Kennel Police Dog - Jack Severn - Present
Kennel Deputy Police Dog - Mike McLain - Present
Kennel Veterinarian - Roger Ware - Present
Kennel Deputy Mad Dog - Charles Minton - Present
Kennel Lucky Dog & Deputy Police Dog - Evelyn Remines - Present
Kennel Deputy Watch Dog - Don Benson - Present
Kennel Dog of the Year 2012 - Jack Severn - Present
Kennel Dog of the Year 2015- Mike McLain - Present
Kennel Dog of the Year 2016 - Evelyn Remines - Present

Introduced Joint Opening Guest Speaker - Johnny Baker, National Judge Advocate who gave an overview of events at National HQ and talked about proposed National BL and AP and the importance of bringing our laws in line with IRS corporate laws. He talked about membership eligibility had to have Honorable or General type discharge with honorable conditions only. All others not eligible.

Break 0945 - 1000
Reconvene - Per Ritual

Roll Call of the Mideast Division Officers by Mideast Division Adjutant

M-E Div. Ntnl. Vice Commandant – Mike McLain - Present
M-E Div Asst Nat Vice Commandant - Bruce Rakfeldt - Present
M-E Div: Judge Advocate/Legislative Officer - Gerard Devlin - Present
M-E Div: Jr Past NVC- Bud Raines - Absent
M-E Div: Chief of Staff/Paymaster - R. Frederick Wise - Present
M-E Adjutant/VAVS – Roger Ware - Present

M-E Chaplain – Lee Taylor - Present
M-E Aide-de-Camp/Div. National Aide-de -Camp – Jack Severn - Present
M-E Sgt.-at-Arms – Jeffery Jones - Present
M-E Sgt.-at-Arms/Div - Boy Scout - Charles Minton - Present
M-E Web Sergeant – Robin Kennedy - Absent
M-E Marine For Life, M-E Div W. Warrior - Don Coons - Present
M-E Good Will Ambassador - Guy Hall - Present
M-E Historian - Evelyn Remines - Present
M-E Fund Raising Chairman - James Brady -Present

Roll Call of Department Commandants by Mideast Division Adjutant with name of Department representative and number of delegates present

Department of Delaware - Chuck Landon - Commandant (3)
Department of Maryland - Evelyn Remines - Commandant (20)
Department of North Carolina - Jeffery Jones- Commandant (46)
Department of Virginia - James Barrett - Commandant (7)
Department of West Virginia - Michael McLain - Commandant (2)
District of Columbia - - Commandant - (0)
London, UK; Detachment #1088 - Mark Scher - (0)
Total present - 72

M E Division Conference 2016 Minutes dispersed by Adjutant with no changes or corrections: accepted by Commandant

Adjutant's Report -See copy attached

Chaplain's Report

Report of any member or member's family known to be sick or in distress. Names given
Report of any deceased MCL members: Names to be given to Department Chaplain
Chaplain asked for a moment of silence for fallen members

Department Commandant's Reports: See attached report copies as listed

Department of Delaware - copy attached with original
Department of Maryland - copy attached with original
Department of North Carolina - copy attached with original
Department of Virginia - copy attached with original
Department of West Virginia - copy attached with original
London, UK – No report

M-E Division Commandant McLain gave oral report

Report of Staff Officers - See attached report copies as listed

M-E Div Leg. Officer/Judge Advocate – Gerard Devlin - oral report
M-E Div Paymaster - Fred Wise - Division fund balance \$710.65 plus additional \$120,00 magnet sales
M-E Div Marine For Life/W. Warrior - Don Coons gave oral report
M-E Div Boy Scout - Charles Minton - Mentioned Eagle Scout GCA presented 485 in division
M-E Div Fund Raising Chairman - Jim Brady stated total of \$362.26 made from magnet sales

Old Business

New Business

Craig Reeling asked about division checking account: Adj Ware spoke about emails to Wendell Webb assessing for clarification and questions are waiting for his response.

Site of 2018 Mideast Division Conference - Dept of Maryland- June 22-24, 2018 The Mideast Division Conference approved that the conference must be held on either the 3rd or 4th weekend in June since Department of North Carolina held their Department Convention either the 1st or 2nd week in June. Conference flag streamers presented to all detachments represented

Projected department for hosting Mideast Division Conference

1. West Virginia – 2019
2. Virginia – 2020
3. Delaware – 2021
4. North Carolina – 2022
5. Maryland – 2018

Division MOY Program – Chairman Ware - award will be present at banquet

Division Elections: NVC McLain spoke about NVC nominations with Bruce Rakfeldt and ANVC with Roger Ware. Both spoke and asked for the members to support them. NVC McLain asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. None given for either position. He asked for a motion to confirm both. Motion made, seconded, no comments in discussion. Vote taken motion carried. Charles Minton cast one unanimous vote for Bruce Rakfeldt for NVC and one unanimous vote for Roger Ware for ANVC. Slate confirmed and both will be formally elected and installed at National Convention.

Good of the League

Recognition of Department & Division Staff - list attached to original
Recognition of Host Detachment and Committee Members - is attached to original
Recognition of Host Hotel - list attached with original
2018 National Convention - Buffalo, NY

Collected \$549.00 in floor donation from members to assist Marine family in distress in NC due to medical bills for daughter

NVC McLain spoke about some problems at National HQ and that BOT's were working to correct them and gave overview of some potential areas that need to be addressed

Announcements

2017 National Convention discussion - ensure delegates know whom how to vote on BL, budget and all elections. Submit National Delegate Registration form to National.

Adjutant's Report

Need E-mail addresses of all Department Commandants and Adjutants. This information needed in order to send out Division news and information to keep everyone up to date on what is going on within the MCL. Please see the Adjutant today with any updates and or business cards so e-mail contact group can be made. There are two things that National focuses on: **Membership and Administration**. National now emails a Quarterly Membership Report to every Detachment and Department Paymaster and Dept Commandant. The last page of this report is a snapshot listing for

administrative accounting for every detachment. It includes: dues info, installation date, EIN, 990 submission date, incorporation date, PLM audit date, Charter date and location, email contact and phone and meeting information.

Adjutant spoke about new 990N filing site, Non profit status, Required reports for detachments, division roster and need for email address for all detachments and departments for more communications, need for all activities to be approved by membership for coverage under corporate status and insurance policy. Including all admin reports into monthly meeting minutes for continuity and reference

Departments need to have a listing for every Commandant and Adjutant/Paymaster in their detachment. This way anything that the division sends out to the Department Commandant is forwarded down to every detachment. Information is currently not being dissimilated and we need to ensure that all communication is forwarded.

Adjutant talked about voting by delegates for the bylaws and elections. All delegates must ensure they vote the wishes of their detachment. Ensure your National BL and AP are current with all changes. A copy of the proposed National BL and AP and Resolutions is included with these minutes. Adjutant gave brief overview and stated that the Division has no voting power as it came down to the individual delegates from each department who would vote on the floor at National. Members are to discuss in their detachments and submit their votes on each to their departments and those who are attending national.

When filing your annual 990 N or EZ, there is a new website;

<https://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Annual-Electronic-Filing-Requirement-for-Small-Exempt-Organizations-Form-990-N-e-Postcard>

Document your professional Development and Leadership training in your monthly minutes as this reminds you to have ongoing training sessions.

Member Dues Update

National has implemented the expiration of all dues paying members to August 31 yearly commencing in 2017. The computers at National HQ are not geared up to post August 31 but rather they will have a post date on 9/1/2017. I was at National HQ 2 weeks ago and here is the status on the dues. Even though all dues are supposed to expire on August 31, National has dated some dues to expire in various months other than 1 September. This is based on when the dues were paid. During this adjustment period some dues might have these different dates. Members can pay their dues based on the date posted on your detachment membership roster of 3/31/2017. Even though National has all dues set to expire on August 31 some adjustments will be made for those who paid their dues and have a date later than Sep 1. When these members pay their dues all dues will automatically expire as of August 31, 2018. After this date there will be no other date posted on your detachment roster other than August 31. During this transition period your detachment will have dates expiring other than August 31. You do not need to contact National and make an inquiry because they will tell you the same thing listed here. It will take until August 31, 2018 to bring all dues in line to expire on that date. Here's an example. I have some members with due dates in October and November 2017. When these members pay their dues they will expire Sept 1, 2018. Now if members have an expiration date of Sept 1, 2017 and pay their dues in November or December 2017, their dues will expire August 31, 2018. If a member has dues expiring Sept 1, 2017 and does not pay until January 2018, their dues will also expire on August 31, 2018.

2017 Proposed National Bylaws and AP changes

Bylaws

1. National Board of Trustees; Section 205 - Power. This bylaw change will enable the Board of Trustees to respond in an appropriate fashion, and with authorized authority to requirements to appoint, organize, direct, control and respond in such a manner Marine Corps League may comply with regulations, laws and requests of regulatory of state and local governments.

2. Section 310 Duties - Staff Officers (P) National: Legislative Officer, Administrative Procedures, Chapter Three, National Staff CH 5-98 (g) National Legislative Committee

This change would allow To chair the National Legislative Committee, in absence the vice chairperson shall chair the Legislative Committee.

Section (2) To attend Congressional VA hearings and meetings with the Armed Service Committees.

Section (3) Keep the Marine Corps League members informed of recent and currently pending actions related to Veterans affairs with the pending legislative action before Congress.

(1) Study all legislation to benefit to the Nation and Veterans.

(2) Arrive at recommendations to' be submitted to the National Staff and the National Convention concerning advisability of endorsing support or urging rejection of pending legislation affecting Veterans affairs.

(3) Study and develop resolutions, as deemed necessary sponsoring legislation beneficial to the protection of the Nation, the United States Marine Corps and Veterans.

(4) Prepare such resolutions mandated by the National Convention requesting specific legislative action of Congress.

3. Proposed New National Bylaws and Current National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures become National Administrative Procedures

The proposed amendment distills the essential elements of the current National Bylaws into concise new bylaws patterned on the model bylaws in Robert's Rules of Order and requirements of IRS standards. The Amendment which follows is in three parts that are adopted concurrently and would total 24 pages.

Administrative Procedures Enclosure 3 changes - Uniform code

1. Casual Uniform Female - This change would add the medallion for Chapel of 4 Chaplains, Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award or Bronze Medallion Award or National, Division, Department or Detachment MOY Medallion if authorized may be worn with Red Blazer Casual Uniform & Formal Dress Uniform only. The MODD collar may be worn as option.

2. Casual Uniform - This change would add the medallion for Chapel of 4 Chaplains, Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award or Bronze Medallion Award or National, Division, Department or Detachment MOY Medallion if authorized may be worn with Red Blazer Casual Uniform & Formal Dress Uniform only. The MODD collar may be worn as option.

3. Formal Uniform Female - This change would add the medallion for Chapel of 4 Chaplains, Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award or Bronze Medallion Award or National, Division, Department or Detachment MOY Medallion if authorized may be worn with Red Blazer Casual Uniform & Formal Dress Uniform only. The MODD collar may be worn as option.

4. Formal Uniform - This change would add the medallion for Chapel of 4 Chaplains, Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award or Bronze Medallion Award or National, Division, Department or Detachment

MOY Medallion if authorized may be worn with Red Blazer Casual Uniform & Formal Dress Uniform only. The MODD collar may be worn as option.

5. Medal and Ribbons - Would authorize the Miniature Marine Corps League or Miniature Department of Defense Medals may be worn on Casual Uniform - Red Blazer or the Formal Dress Uniform.

6. Shoulder patches and Ceremonial Uniform - Would authorize red t-shirt vice white t shirt when serving on ceremonial functions.

7. Shoulder patches and Ceremonial Uniform - Would authorize Honor Guard patch when serving on ceremonial functions.

8. MCL Cover - Authorization to wear with life member patch on cover to indicate MCL/MODD life membership.

9. MCL Cover - Authorization to add HONORARY CHIEF DEVIL DOG to cover.

10. Label Pins - Would condense Past Department/Detachment Commandant and add Ordained

11. Medallions- The medallion presented by Chapel of 4 Chaplains, Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award or Bronze Medallion Award or National, Division, Department or Detachment MOY Medallion may be worn with Red Blazer Casual or Red Blazer Formal Dress Uniform, The Evening Dress Uniform, The Evening Dress Uniform {Male and Female} Only in lieu of the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar at the Option of the wearer. Only one of these Medallions or Collars, may be worn at any one time.

Enclosure 4

1. MCL Awards - Proposal to add a new section to Enclosure Four(4) Marine Corps League Awards to create ribbons and a medallion for Associate Members of the Year

Resolutions

Resolution No 1

Support legislation to remove the prohibition concurrent receipt for military retired pay and veteran disability compensation for all longevity retired veterans

Resolution No 2

Extend commissary and exchange privileges to service connected disability veterans and their dependents

Resolution No 3

Support legislation to require the Vice President and members of to receive healthcare exclusively from the Department of Veterans Affairs

Resolution No 4

Support legislation to remove the prohibition against concrete receipt of retired pay and veterans disability compensation for all longevity retired veterans

Resolution No 5

Support legislation to remove the offset Survivor Benefits plan payments and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

Resolution No 6

Support legislation to reduce the 10 year rule for Dependency and Indemnity the compensation

Resolution No 7

Consider treatment for a presumption service-connected condition as a claim for Department of Veterans Affairs compensation

Resolution No 8

Amend the law to provide a 10 year production. For service-connected disability evaluations

Resolution No 9

Enhance long-term service and support to service-connected disabled veterans

Announcements:

2017 MCL National Convention will be August 13 - 18, 2017 at the Sheraton Overland Park at the Convention Center, 6100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS, 66211. Book By Phone: 1-866-837-4214 **commencing Monday, August 15, 2016 at 0801 CST.** Room rate: \$115.00 with 18% tax, free parking, free breakfast and free wifi.

2017 Modern Day Marine Expo will be September 19-21, 2017 at Quantico, VA.

2018 Mideast Division Conference will be June 22 - 24, 2018 hosted by Department of Maryland.

2018 MCL National Convention will be August 12-17, 2018 at the Buffalo Hyatt, Two Fountains Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202. Phone: (716) 856-1234. Reservations open 0801 20 August 2017. Buffalo.hyatt.com . Room price \$113 for one and \$130 for 2 people plus room tax.. Free parking, free breakfast and free wifi.

1205: Recess the Mideast Division Conference until 1830 for the evening Banquet Professional Development Training class will be at 1330.

1330 - 1500 Professional Development Training: Adjutant Roger Ware and ANVC Bruce Rakfeldt used laptop and projector to give 1 1/2 hour presentation on new Guidebook for Detachments which is still in review. Department of WV had developed one over past 2 weeks.

Mideast Division Awards 2017

Certificate of Appreciation Capital City Young Marines - Raleigh, NC

For performing Morning Colors and posting the Colors during the opening ceremony of the 2017 Mideast Division Conference.

Certification of Appreciation : Hannah Miller

Singing of National Anthem

The Doubletree by Hilton Raleigh-Durham Airport Hotel , Durham, NC Host Hotel for 2017

Mideast Division Conference_

MajGen. Michael R. Regner, USMC (Ret) - Banquet speaker

Division Level Meritorious Unit Commendation

Department of North Carolina - Host Department for 2017 Mideast Division Conference.

Tar Heel Detachment #733 - Host Detachment for 2017 Mideast Division Conference

Mideast Division “Individual” Meritorious Commendation

Charles Minton - Department Commandant - Department of North Carolina 2017 Mideast Division Conference Chairman

Board of Trustees Commendation (Victor T. Fisher Award)

Department of Delaware	Raymond Snyder
Department of Maryland:	Craig Reeling
Department of North Carolina:	Charles Minton
Department of Virginia:	Don Coons
Department of West Virginia;	Richard Shank
Assistant NVC:	Bruce Rakfeldt

Distinguished Service Medal (God, Country and Corps) Division Staff

Judge Advocate/Legislative: Gerard F. Devlin
Jr Past NVC: Arvel “Bud” Raines
Chief of Staff/Paymaster : R. Frederick Wise
Adjutant/VAVS: Roger Ware
Chaplain: Lee Taylor
Aide-de-Camp: John “Jack” Severn
Sgt-at-Arms: Jeffrey D. Jones
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Web Sergeant: Robin Kennedy
Marine for Life/W Warrior: Don Coons
Good Will Ambassador: Guy Hall
Historian - Evelyn Remines
Fund Raising Chairman: James Brady
Judy Horensky - MCLA Mideast Division Vice President

Banquet 1830-2030

Banquet Summary: Master of Ceremonies: Division Chief of Staff - Fred Wise

Opening Ceremony Per Ritual

POW/MIA Ceremony “Taps”	Lee Taylor, Mideast Division Adjutant Bugler
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Grand Banquet Speaker	Maj. General Michael Regner, USMC (Ret) Remarks:
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NVC Mike McLain	NVC presented gift to Maj. General Michael Regner
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Award: Division MOY	Chairman Roger Ware - 2017 Mideast Division Marine of the Year: Jeffrey Jones
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NVC McLain	Gave closing remarks and thank everyone for attending. Department of Maryland will host 2018 Mideast Division Conference June
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Closing Ceremony Per Ritual

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Ware
Adjutant, Mideast Division