



Mideast Division



CONFERENCE

Conference Minutes

16 June 2018

Hosted By:



Department of Maryland

2018 MIDEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE

MINUTES

Morning Colors

Mideast Division Sgt.-at-Arms Charles Minton and Department of Maryland Color Guard members

Joint Opening Session MCL & MCLA:

Meeting called to order by Department of Maryland Commandant Evie Remines who gave welcome remarks and turned meeting over to Mideast Division National Vice Commandant Bruce Rakfeldt

NVC Rakfeldt opening comments:

He greeted all in attendance and said how good it was to see everyone that he had grown to know over the years. “It is truly a family reunion. It is a time to meet new members and start friendships as well.” He had everyone stand up and asked them to shake hands with a Marine that they did not know.

He requested all present to share all the good things that they are doing and to take the new ideas and promising practices back to their Departments and Detachments.

NVC Rakfeldt presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Department of Maryland’s Jack Severn and Craig Reeling for posting the Morning Colors for the 2018 MED Conference (with MED Color Guard Streamer).

The **Joint Memorial Service** was conducted by the Mideast Division Chaplain - Lee Taylor with the assistance of Nila Caulder, MCLA. A bell was rung for each Department with the total number deceased since the 2017 Conference. (See the attached Chaplain Report for additional)

MCLA Mideast Division Vice President – Pat Walker spoke briefly about the MCLA and the need for additional members. She recognized MCLA Officers present:

Judy Horensky Past Mideast Division MCLA Vice President

Bernadine Blair President MCLA Department of Maryland

Nila Caulder, Senior Vice MCLA Department of Maryland and Assistant to Pat Walker.

NVC Rakfeldt presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Pat Walker.

Mideast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog – PDD Craig Reeling addressed the meeting and recognize MODD Officers - present.

PDD Reeling said that he would like to see a Devil Dog Pack started in the Department of Delaware.

Kennel Honorary CDD - Jack Severn

Kennel Deputy Police Dog - Jeffrey Jones

Kennel Deputy Police Dog - Mike McLain

Kennel Lucky Dog, Kennel Deputy Police Dog - Evie F Remines

Kennel Mad Dog - Charles Minton

Kennel Veterinarian - Roger Ware

NVC Rakfeldt recognized the following:

MCL National Officers – All Present

1. Johnny Baker – National Junior Vice Commandant
2. Warren Griffin – National Judge Advocate
3. Gerard Devlin - National Parliamentarian, MCL Foundation Vice President/Director Legislative Committee member/MED Judge Advocate
4. Charles Minton - National Boy Scouts Committee member
5. Craig Reeling - National Uniform Committee, Color Guard Flag Bearer member
6. Jack Severn - National Uniform Committee, National Color Guard Sergeant, Resident Agent MHM and Editor National Convention Book, Mid-winter Conference Book, Marine of the Year Society Vice President Mideast Division ADC
7. Greg Ciesieski- National Chairman History and Anniversary Committee
8. Robert Rossi - National Historian Committee Member

Johnny Baker – National Junior Vice Commandant spoke about TAP which the Marine Corps calls Transition Readiness Program. It implements a comprehensive transition and employment assistance program for Marines and their families; the program emphasizes a proactive approach that will enable them to formulate effective post-transition employment, educational, and entrepreneurial goals. For further:

<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/services/career/transition-readiness/>

NJVC Baker also spoke about the Marine for Life Program.

The Marine for Life Network offers Marines and family members connections to military-friendly employment, education, and other Veteran and community resources.

For further: <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/services/career/marine-for-life-network/>

NJA Warren Griffin spoke and mentioned his support for the Marine for Life Program. He spoke about the National Bylaws rewrite and the moving of procedures from the National Bylaws and back to National Procedures. A total of twenty-nine proposed changes have been submitted for the National Convention for a vote.

Greg Ciesieski- National Chairman History and Anniversary Committee spoke about the effort of the Committee to capture the history of all Detachments, Departments and Divisions within the Marine Corps League as the 100th Anniversary approaches.

He encourages all Detachments, Departments and Division to capture their own history and to maintain it for the future.

Marine Corps League National Marine of the Year-All Present

Mike McLain 2017

Roger Ware 2016

Jack Severn 2012

Past Mideast Division Commandants-Present

Mike McLain, Jr. Past NVC

Past Division Marine of the Year-All Present

Jeffery Jones 2017

Mike McLain 2016

Roger Ware 2012

NVC Rakfeldt recognized the following:

Mideast Division Officers: All Present

M-E Div. Asst. Division Vice Commandant - Roger Ware

M-E Div. Judge Advocate - Gerard Devlin

M-E Div. Chief of Staff, M-E Paymaster - Fred Wise

M-E Adjutant - Frank Mathers

M-E Chaplain – Lee Taylor

M-E Aide-de-Camp, M-E Div. National Aide-de -Camp - Jack
Severn

M-E Sgt.-at-Arms – Jeffrey Jones

M-E Sgt.-at-Arms, M-E Div - Boy Scout Chairman - Charles
Minton

M-E Historian/Bulletin Editor - Evie Remines

Roll Call of Department Commandants:

Department of Maryland - Evie Remines- Present

Department of Delaware - Chuck Landon- Present

Department of North Carolina - Jeffrey Jones- Present

Department of Virginia – Don “Doc” Coons- Present

Department of West Virginia – Scott Kirby – Mike Mclain present (Kirby was an excused absentee)

Department Commandant’s Reports:

Department of Maryland - Evelyn F Remines – Presented/Attached

Department of Delaware - Chuck Landon- Presented/Attached

Department of North Carolina - Jeffrey Jones- Presented/Attached

Department of Virginia – Don “Doc” Coons-Presented/Attached

Department of West Virginia – Scott Kirby – Mike McLain Presented/Attached

Report of Mideast Division Staff Officers:

M-E Div. NVC Bruce Rakfeldt – Presented/Attached

M-E Div. ANVC Roger Ware – Presented/Attached

M-E Div. Judge Advocate, Gerard Devlin- Oral

M-E Div. Chief of Staff, M-E Paymaster - Fred Wise –
Presented/Attached

M-E Adjutant, Frank Mathers –Presented/Attached

M-E Chaplain – Lee Taylor-Presented/Attached

M-E Aide-de-Camp, M-E Div. National Aide-de -Camp - Jack
Severn -Present

M-E Sgt.-at-Arms – Jeffrey Jones-Present

M-E Sgt.-at-Arms, M-E Div - Boy Scout Chairman - Charles
Minton-Presented/Attached

M-E Web Sergeant - Robin Kennedy- Excused Absentee/
Report Attached

M-E Historian/Bulletin Editor - Evie Remines-
Presented/Attached

New Business:

ANVC Roger Ware spoke about the proposed 2018 National
Bylaw changes coming up for a vote at the National Convention
(all proposed bylaw changes may be found on the MCL Library
website <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/> under BY-LAWS
AND ADMIN PROCEDURES – RECOMMENDED
CHANGES 2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The votes have to come from the Detachment members. Please
review and be informed especially the delegates that will be
attending the 2018 National Convention.

(Please review the attached summary of proposed Bylaw changes)

NVC Rakfeldt presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD Host Hotel for 2018 Mideast Division Conference.

ANVC Roger Ware also spoke about the 2019 Mideast Division Conference that is to be hosted by the Department of West Virginia in Princeton, WV at the Comfort Inn Hotel. More information will be available by January 2019 and check <http://mcleaguedeptofwv.org/> for updates.

Calendar of future Hosts for the Mideast Division Conference

1. West Virginia – 2019
2. Virginia – 2020
3. Delaware – 2021
4. North Carolina – 2022
5. Maryland – 2023

Division MOY Program – Chairman Roger Ware said that he would like to see more nominations from the Detachments in the Mideast Division in the future.

The 2018 Mideast Division Marine of the Year would be presented at the Banquet.

Announcements – Mark Your Calendar

2018 National Convention will be 12-18 August 2018 at the Buffalo Hyatt, Two Fountains Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202. Phone: (716) 856-1234. <http://2018mclnationalconvention.com/>

2018 Modern Day Marine Expo will be September 25-27, 2018 at Quantico, VA.

2019 National Mid-Winter Conference will be in Fredericksburg, VA on 28 February 2019 – 2 March 2019.

2019 National Convention will be August 4-9, 2019 in Billings, Montana. Please note that hotel reservations for the 2019 National Convention cannot be made until the 2018 National Convention close.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Mathers, Adjutant

Mideast Division

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