

The following are the minutes of Department of Georgia, Marine Corps League Quarterly Business meeting held on August 28, 2010 at the Delkwood Grill in Marietta, Georgia.

Meeting started at 9:00AM. Colors were posted and the Chaplain led us in an opening prayer.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

All elected and appointed officers were present and/or accounted for.

ROLL CALL OF DETACHMENTS:

Fifteen (15) Detachments were present. Absent were: Currahee Mountain, Dalton, Georgia Black Sheep, Glynco, Kings Bay, North Georgia Mountain, Savannah, Sgt. Major Louis Roundtree, Waycross and West Chatham.

GUESTS:

Recognized guests were: Retired Master Sergeant Rodney Paulin from Albany, Georgia. Bobbie Elmore, former Marine Captain who is the wife of our current Chaplain and Eric Echols who will be sworn in as a new member from the Greater Atlanta Detachment.

MINUTES:

Seeing how the minutes of the previous meeting were published electronically, a motion was made by Bernard Bledsoe to dispense with the reading of these minutes. This motion was seconded by Wally Calderon and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Commandant advised that he had received a letter from The Commandant of the Department of Nevada, which he would discuss later in his Commandant's report.

REPORT OF PAYMASTER:

The balance reported on May 13, 2010 was \$16,254.32. The balance as of today's date is \$17,256.32. A copy of this report will be kept with these minutes. A motion was made by Dalton Hammock to accept this report as read. This motion was seconded by Russ Vermillion and the motion passed.

REPORT OF MEMBERS OR MEMBERS FAMILIES SICK OR IN DISTRESS:

It was reported that Chris Roberts mother is ill, Michael Clark has knee and back problems and that Al Meade is ill and that is why these members could not be present today. George Ripmasters from West Chatham is battling cancer. C.C. Hinton's wife from Major Stephen Pless is in Hospice. Michael Clark's mother is not doing well and

has been transferred to a Warm Springs, Ga. facility. Bonita Johnson from McDonough is undergoing tests and treatments. C.M. Tucker from the DesJardines Det. has cancer. Randy Dollar from LaGrange is not doing well. Unicoi reported that Shirley Redd has dementia and is not getting any better and that Gary Kuchinski has numerous problems. Bill Hall from General Ray Davis is recovering from open hear surgery. Walt Scott advised, that the Department should have a plan in place so that all of our detachments will know when a member dies, especially those who live in a rural area and do not attend meetings on a regular basis.

FALLEN MARINE PROGRAM:

It was announced that John Newport has been appointed to be the Fallen Marine Coordinator for the Department of Georgia. He advised that the Department needs to put a plan in place to be able to get as many of our MCL members to attend the funerals or services of any Marine who has been killed on active duty from the State of Georgia, especially if this Marine lives within the area of one of our Detachments.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Chaplain: Our new Chaplain passed out copies of: "Notice of Death" certificates for those in attendance. He advised that all Detachments are requested to get these certificates to him as soon as possible after the death of one of their members. Remember to keep the back copy for your Detachment records. He advised that his home telephone # is 229-435-2283, his e-mail address is ernieelmore@att.net and his home address is Rev. Ernie Elmore, Chaplain Department of Georgia, 192 Miller Rd. Leesburg, Ga. 31763. In regards to the Fallen Marine Program he advised that he has purchased pins that can be given to the Marine's widow, daughter or son and that he can purchase these for the Department or Detachments if requested.

Judge Advocate: advised that because the Commandant covered the Amendments to the National By-Laws in our Department News letter, he will talk about the National Judge Advocate's report. A copy of this report was passed out to those in attendance and will be kept with these minutes. He advised that if any Detachments have any questions, that are of a concern to their Detachments or the Departments by-laws they can call him at 229-446-2209 or contact him using his e-mail newton1644@live.com.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Provided a copy of his report which will be kept with these minutes. He further advised that he is working on getting two new Detachments on board, one in Newnan, Georgia and the other at Warner Robbins, Georgia.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Had a brief report in the Department News letter, but was asked to talk about "RETENTION" of MCL members. If the Detachment Chaplains are doing their job, there is no reason for a deceased members name to appear on the delinquent list on a Quarterly report issued by National. When the Quarterly report is received from National, check to see whose dues are coming due, contact that person and keep him current so his name does not appear on the next quarterly report. Once they get on the

delinquent list you might never get him/her current again. If it is a financial situation with that member, see if your Detachment can cover this person's dues, until he/she gets back on their feet.

Commandants: Attended his first National Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina. The Department of Georgia had its best showing yet in the number of members who were able to attend. Next years National will be in Boise, Idaho, and the 2012 National will be held in Mobile, Alabama. At this year's National, he got to hear a Navaho Code Talker named Bill Toledo speak and personally got to meet the next Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Amos. If you have Detachment By-laws, make sure you read them, if not you are going to have to rely on the Department and the National By-laws. Once you read these By-laws you have to follow them. You can't have Detachment By-laws that super cede the Departments By-laws and the Departments By-laws can't super cede the National By-laws. You will have a greater degree of control within your Detachment if you have Detachment By-laws. At this year's National Convention, there were 41 proposals presented to the By-laws committee and 23 were approved. No Khaki shirts will be allowed. Delinquent membership is still a problem, which everyone has to work at. The S.E. Division which we are apart of has reduced their delinquency by ½, we have to do better. As reported earlier, he received a letter from the Commandant of the Department of Nevada along with a bank which they will use as a Department fund raiser. The banks come in a case of six and cost \$15.00 apiece with a suggested retail price of \$32.50 each. If you order a case of six it will cost you \$90.00 a case plus shipping, which will come to \$120.00 a case. If you do order a case you can sell them for what you want. These banks are called "The Spirit of Patriotism". Michael Clark has also been appointed The Department's Chief of Staff. The Commandant advised that the Department of Georgia currently has six Young Marine Programs currently active in the state of Georgia and he would like to propose that the Department of Georgia donate \$500.00 to each of these programs. Herb Bradley then made a motion that the Department, donate \$500.00 to each of these six programs. This motion was seconded by Glen Sewell and the motion passed. The commandant also proposed that the Department donate \$1000.00 to the Kenneth Salter burial fund. Salter was a young Marine who had just recently committed suicide. A motion was made by Tom Newton that we donate 1000.00 to this fund. This motion was then seconded by Glen Sewell. Russ Vermillion then made a motion to amend the above motion to make this money available to the funeral home up to \$1000.00 only if needed. This Motion was seconded by John Newport. The first motion was then voted on and accepted to donate the \$1000.00. We then voted on the amended motion to pay up to \$1000.00 if needed only to be done so after checking with the funeral home who had handled the arrangements. The amended motion was voted on and it passed. The Commandant then presented a ribbon to the Department of Georgia which was received from the Department of Alabama for having attended this years S.E. Convention in Mobile and also awarded same to the Jimmie Dyess, McDonough, Sgt. Maj. Louis Roundtree and Jake Puryear Detachments. Awards were also presented from the National Jr. Vice Commandant for increased membership, which went to: The Department of Georgia in the form of a citation and ribbon and also to the following Detachments: Clyde Thomason, Lt.Jimmie Dyess, Major Lawrence

DesJardines, PFC George Eiland, Savannah, Unico, Upper Chattahoochee, Waycross and Woodstock.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

By-Laws: These proposals were made and voted on at the last Department Convention held in Athens, Georgia: Proposal one: Each candidate has to be present to be nominated if running for an elected office. If more than one candidate is running for the same office, each candidate will stand up and give a brief description on what they plan to do if elected to that office. Proposal two dealt with making amendments to submitting the names of the Department Marine and Associate Member of the year awards. The nominations would go to the Department Paymaster rather than the Commandant who would better know if these people so nominated were eligible. The third proposal was a critical events chart to be added to the procedure section, which had a lot of "to be determined items". These proposals will go to our By-laws committee for their concurrence and approval and then forwarded to National for their approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

All Detachments are reminded to file their form 990 to the IRS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Toys for Tots: The Atlanta area is in need of volunteers to help pick up toys within a ten county area. GySgt. Barnett who is the coordinator for this program can be contacted through e-mail santa@atlantatoysfortots.com if you are interested in helping.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Chad Long advised, that the Women Marines Association needs items to be sent to the women Marines who are serving in Afghanistan. See him after the meeting if interested, he has a list of Women Marines who are overseas. He also advised that the Town of Barnsville, Georgia will be celebrating "Buggy Days" on September 18th. The town would like to have as many veterans to attend and participate in the parade that starts at 2:00PM.

The Unicoi Detachment will be holding their 14th Annual Marine Corps League Golf Tournament on Thursday October 7, 2010. If you want to play or be a sponsor see Walt Scott after the meeting.

The Albany Detachment has a flag replacement program. Hope more Detachments are doing the same. Walt Scott said if you go on line to "Going Postal", you can see about getting free replacement flags.

Ron Kirstatter advised that the Fallen Marine Corps pins can be purchased from the Marine Corps Association in bulk. If you buy 50 they can be purchased for \$6.50 a piece.

100 would cost \$6.00 a piece. If we buy more as a Department they would even be less costly. He also advised that if you were interested in obtaining a web site, there is a company in Utah called, bluehost.com and for \$107.00 a year you can have unlimited traffic, storage and a domain name. If you wish to share with another Detachment, they could do so for @10.00 extra and get their own domain name. If more information is needed contact Ron. The Commandant advised that the above two items discussed by Ron should be made on the Detachment level.

The WW11 Wing of the Marine Corps Museum is now open. You can visit the museum on line by going to virtualusmcmuseum.com.

The McDonough Detachment is sponsoring the Beirut Memorial 5k run and 1 mile fun walk on October 23rd at 5:00PMM on the anniversary of the attack.

Remember any Boy Scout in your area, who has earned the rank of Eagle. You can get him a Good Citizenship Award and they only cost \$1.00.

The Greater Atlanta Detachment advised that they have changed their Annual Golf Tournament's name to The General Wayne Johnson Annual Tournament.

Tom Newton advised that the "Battle Color Ceremony" which was to be held in Albany during October has been postponed until March 2011.

Commandant Stollwerck then administered the Oath of Membership to Eric Echols from the Greater Atlanta Detachment # 647.

The Chaplain then read the names of our deceased members, since our last meeting. After a closing prayer and the retiring of the colors the business portion of this meeting was ended at 1:17PM and it was announced that our next meeting would be held in Macon, Georgia on December 4, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett A. Stewart
Adjutant Department of Georgia