

*Department of Massachusetts  
Marine Corps League*



*Department Convention 2010  
Westover Air Reserve Base  
6/11/2010-6/12/2010*

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Convention 2010

June 11, 2010

- 3:30 PM Commandant Porter spoke briefly about Commandant Joseph Summers. A thank you was given to the convention committee.
- 3:32 PM The Department of Massachusetts Marine Corps League was called to order by Acting Commandant Paul Porter.
- 3:34 PM National Commandant James Laskey, National Jr Vice James Tuohy, National JA John Kovalcik, National Vice Commandant NE Division Richard Gore, National Asst. Vice Commandant Bob De Long, 53th CDD Phil Ruhmshottel, 49<sup>th</sup> PCDD Doug Fisk, 45<sup>th</sup> CDD William Taylor, The Past Commandants of the Department were noted. Lt Col David McCullah, Lt Col Kountz, and SgtMaj Overstreet (12<sup>th</sup> SgtMaj of the Marine Corps).
- 3:37 PM National Commandant spoke that he was happy to be back in Massachusetts. He also spoke about National Judge Advocate John Kovalcik. It's gonna be great to get back with the Department. Thank my brothers from Massachusetts.
- 3:39 PM National Jr Vice, Glad to be in Mass
- 3:40 PM National JA, Glad to be in Mass, same with NE Division Vice Commandant.
- 3:40.30 PM The 53th CDD was very happy to be here. He spoke about the 2011 convention. A broucher was addressed which is a fundraiser for the Convention 2011.
- 3:42 PM 49<sup>th</sup> PCDD Nothing to report
- 3:43 PM 45<sup>th</sup> PCDD Nothing to report.
- 3:43.5 PM 12<sup>th</sup> SgtMaj of the Marine Corps: Nothing to report
- 3:43.8 PM Lt Col McCullah welcomed everyone to Westover. I hope you had a good time at the site. I wish there was more of us around. The same tough training is offered today as it was in the past.
- 3:44 PM Lt Col Kountz: Welcome to Westover. He briefly spoke about the wing and the surge in the Middle East.
- 3:46 PM The raffle for the montage will be drawn tomorrow. Sr Vice Commandant also spoke about the election numbers.

- 3:49 PM Adj/Paymaster De Long spoke about the club and the outstanding service. Respect the property. Meeting starts at 0900. The Commandant asked that the commandant stay after.
- 3:50 PM Fran Curnow talked about the staying out of Springfield after dark.
- 3:51 PM The meeting was recessed until 6/12/2010 at 0900.

## June 12, 2010 Morning Session

9:02 AM – The Meeting of the Department of Massachusetts was re-opened for official business.

9:04 AM – The Roll Call of Officers; Financial Officer (Ricci), VAVS Brockton, VA Liaison Carew and Marcelli, Cape Cod Commandant, Kelly-Sullivan Commandant, Merrimack Valley Commandant, Metro South Commandant, Jennifer Harris Commandant, Plymouth Commandant were noted absent.

9:07 AM- Distinguished guest,

**National Commandant James Laskey**, he is out of words.

**National Jr Vice James Tuohy** reported, he was thankful for the hospitality. Reduced our unpaid nationally by 1,000 but it has flat lined. Congrats to Massachusetts for being up in the numbers. 15 or more members and you are eligible to win 1 of 5 k-bar with writing on it. He is looking forward to see all of you at the National Convention. (The Commandant briefly commented on the recruiting).

**National Judge Advocate John Kovalcik** reported that he was thankful for the invitation. He is very sad about Joe Summers. We are losing a lot of member due to dictatorship.

**National Vice Commandant NE Division Richard Gore** reported about the Boston Police Department Detachment. My challenge to everyone out here, recruit. Without your help, we end up with failure. I am proud to be the NE Division Vice Commandant. The NE Division Vice Commandant presents an acceptance of the Chapel of Four Chaplains award to Marine Roger Hoffeman.

**National Assistance Vice Commandant Delong.**

**53<sup>rd</sup> CDD Phil Ruhmshottel**-Thanks once again. We had a great growl. Woof! Woof!

**49<sup>th</sup> CDD Doug Fisk**- Thank you for your hospitality. Always have a great time.

**45<sup>th</sup> CDD William A Taylor**

**Past Commandants were recognized.**

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** After discussion, the minutes were approved.

**Correspondence:** Mailings for others.

**Reports of Officers:** All report of officers were posted on the back table and on the website.

**Reports of Standing Committee:**

Convention Committee reported that the report will be released at the end of fiscal year. Thank you the convention committee for an outstanding work down. We are expecting about 130 Marines, Family, and Guest tonight. The memorial service will be at 1100 outside. The financial ends of the convention were are currently ahead of budget. You will find that this has been the best year we have had.

Scholarship Committee: There were 9 application and award 3, \$1,000.00 Scholarship.

Legislative Chair: Report is posted online.

Eagle Scout Awards: 45 Eagle Scout.

VAVS: It's on the website.

Public Affairs: Frank Real reported about some of the things that he has reported about.

Webmaster: Outstanding job. Over 10,000 visits.

Marine 4 Life, Wounded warrior, Young Marines: A brief message was presented. Tonight we will present an award for a Young Marines, SgtMaj Jimorez,

Commandant Ledbury talked about their up and coming concert on the Cape.

**Special Committees:** None

The Commandant reported that he is looking for help for special committees.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

A request for to help a Marine out. A motion was made for a \$500.00 to help cut expenses. There was no discussion. It was approved. A note was made to contact the Marine Corps League foundation.

Awards to give out:

James Hastings, Fran Curnow, Paul Porter, Bernie Heanie, Dan Bishop, Matt Knas, Warren Griffin, Don Rivette, Tony Garro

National Commandant Jim Laskey will present awards:

Frank Real, Steve Stephen, Robert De Long, Brian Dupee

**Announcement:**

Sgt at Arms has the streamers for your Flags.

Raffle for stuff.

Lunch will be served in the aft room. Report back at 1300.

10:01 AM The meeting was called to recess till 1300.

### Afternoon Session

1:01 PM The meeting of Department of Massachusetts MCL meeting was called back to order.

1:02 PM Commandant commented on the Memorial Services. Outstanding job!

- 1:03 PM Doc Fregeau noted about 2 members that were not on the list announced. Doc Fregeau talked about getting the death notices to the Department Chaplain.
- 1:04 PM **Report of the Paymaster:**  
Financial Chairman Curnow and Adjutant/Paymaster Bob De Long reported about the donations being down. Department fundraisers are lower. Fran Curnow recommended a thought about finding a better way to raise money. The presentation of the budget was given. There was discussion on income.
- 1:40 PM A motion was made to approve the budget. The motion was passed.
- 1:42 PM 10 minutes intermission.
- 2:00 PM The meeting was called back to order.
- 2:01 PM Good of the League.  
David Brookes from the Shutt Detachment talked about an outreach program.  
  
Bernie Heanie had a thought to thank a couple of detachments. Oakridge, North Central.  
  
18<sup>th</sup> of June, A fundraiser for Bernie Becka.
- 2:05 PM Raffle:  
For the montage: The Winner of the raffle is Donna Summers.  
  
Smith and Wesson raffle was introduced.
- 2:08 PM **Announcements:**  
Commandant Fran Curnow talked about the Pig Roast.  
Committee Chairman, 5 tables will be reserved.  
Frank Real reported that Josh Buschard will be here tonight.  
Doc Fregeau talked about the Canines for Combat Veterans, June 6 Graduation had one Marine.  
Jim Tuohy reported he will be seeking the office of National Senior Vice Commandant.  
John Kovalcik will be running for National Junior Vice Commandant.  
National Commandant stated that he will not be running for anything.  
NE Division Vice Gore reported that he is running for National Judge Advocate.  
Next September (2011) will be a reunion trip to Parris Island.  
Bill before congress HR1082, Import of American Flags. Please contact your congressman.  
National Commandant talked about the Identity Clause.
- 2:20 PM Revert from the Meeting to the Election of Officers.

Total: 1699 Majority 850

Burlington 47, Caddy 165, Essex County 97, Glynn 28, Fortier 59, Norfolk 35, Pittsfield 30, Shutt 180, Ware 48, WRV 131, Woburn 30, Worcester 241, Oak Ridge 35, Blackstone 51, Cape and Islands 138, Metrowest 119, North Central 109, South Central 51, LCpl Van Gyzen 82, Honorable Few 23

Commandant: Paul Porter: 1 unanimous ballot casted

Senior Vice Commandant: Bernie Heanie: 1 unanimous ballot casted.

Junior Vice Commandant: Warren Griffin, 1 unanimous ballot casted.

Judge Advocate: Jim Hastings, 1 unanimous ballot casted.

Financial Officer: Fran Curnow, Jerry Skeeane, Tony Garro, Don Rivette; 1 unanimous ballot casted.

- 2:37 PM The elected officers of the Department of Massachusetts were sworn in by the National Commandant Jim Laskey.
- 2:49 PM National Commandant commented on the choice of officers.
- 2:50 PM Commandant talked about his mission for the department.
- 2:51 PM This meeting was dedicated to Commandant Joseph Summers
- 2:54 PM The meeting of the Department of Massachusetts Marine Corps League was officially closed by direction of the Commandant.

Michael Joseph Burke  
Adjutant/Paymaster  
Department of Massachusetts