



Marine Corps League

Department of Massachusetts



Convention Minutes 2009

Hyannis, Ma

June 5-7, 2009

Friday June 5, 2009 in Hyannis, MA.

1530: Meeting called to order by Commandant Robert Delong. The opening colors ceremony was completed and the prayer was given by Chaplain George "Doc" Fregeau.

1533: Roll Call of Officers:

The roll call of officers was complete by the adjutant and the following members were found to be absent: Immediate Junior Past Commandant: Joseph Caterina. The follow members were found to be excused: Financial Officer Bob Gore, Scholarship Officer Mary Crowley and Scholarship Officer David Epps.

1534: Introduction of Distinguish Guest.

National Junior Vice Commandant: James Tuohy

National Judge Advocate: John Kovalcik

New England Division Vice Commandant: Richard Gore

52nd Chief Devil Dog: PDD Laurel Hull

49th Chief Devil Dog/Kennel Executive Secretary: PCDD Doug Fiske

45th Chief Devil Dog: PCDD William Taylor.

44th Chief Devil Dog: PCDD Gary Chartrand

NE Division Vice Chief Devil Dog/ Commandant of the Department of NH: Frank Dietman.

1536: **National Junior Vice Commandant:**

James Tuohy gave a brief speech. James says the past national commandant is down with a bad back.

National Judge Advocate:

John Kovalcik talked about be lost and thank you for the great job in Massachusetts.

New England Division Vice Commandant:

Richard Gore introduced the Marine Week event.

52nd Chief Devil Dog:

Laurel Hull talked about the transportation issues she had and about the ride on the Harley. She is looking forward to the growl later.

15:42: Steve Stefan gave a brief speech on scholarships. There are 11 scholarships to be handed out. Commandant Delong present the distinguished citizens award to Steve.

15:43: Tonight claim back can be eaten anywhere on the cape due to the rain except in the dining room at the VFW.

15:44: There will be a bunch of reports on the back table. Insure to get reports. The proposed by-laws and admin procedures changes will be on the back table also.

15:46: The pack mad dog requested the named Marines to the back off the room. Ensure you get your tickets for the lobster bake.

15:47: The meeting was adjourned till 0900 on Saturday 5 June, 2009

Saturday 5 June 2009.

09:00: Meeting was called to order.

09:01: The roll call of officers was complete. The following officers were absent: Jr. Past Commandant; Legislative Committeeman Matt Boyle; Webmaster, Joe DeAlmeida; VA Liaison Officer and Vietnam Veteran Liaison, Bill Marcelli; Scholarship and Vietnam Veterans Liaison, Stephen Stefan; Vietnam Veterans Liaison Lewis Naple.

The following officers were excused: Financial Officer, Bob Gore; VAVS Chairman Leonard O'Brien; Color Guard Captain, John Rice; Toys-For-Tots Chairman Frank Gileen.

The following Massachusetts District Vice Commandants were absent: North Shore District, Kenneth Oswald; North Middlesex County, Art Enos.

The following Detachments were absent: Merrimack Valley, Metro South, Norfolk County, Pittsfield, Woburn Leathernecks.

09:05: Introduction of Distinguish Guest.

National Junior Vice Commandant: James Tuohy

National Judge Advocate: John Kovalcik

New England Division Vice Commandant: Richard Gore

Assistant New England Division Vice Commandant: JJ Lynch

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Past National Commandant: Bob Becker

09:07: Legislative Chairman: Session just opened up and the economy is bad for budget purposes. Outreach places are getting shut down. He will continue his job as legislative chairman.

09:09: Marine for Life/Wounded Warrior: Marine for Life program is in transition. Five Marines are looking for jobs. Wounded Warrior program is good and the chairperson Jim Hastings talked about a Marine in the program. Motion to revisit the motion for \$250 to a Marine in the program. Motion was approved by the membership.

09:12: Eagle Scout Awards: 54 given out for the year.

William Caddy Award received Certificate of Appreciation

South Central Detachment received Certificate of Appreciation

North Central Detachment received Certificate of Appreciation

Honorable Few Detachment received Certificate of Appreciation

Burlington Detachment received Certificate of Appreciation

Essex County Detachment received Certificate of Appreciation

Jerry Boundrin received a personal Certificate of Appreciation.

Larry Rice received a personal Certificate of Appreciation for his work Boy Scouts.

09:16: VAVS Brian Dupee: Nothing is new. All the volunteers were recognized at both hospitals.

09:17: Toys for Tots: Great hard work from across the state. This past year was the best year ever.

09:18: Thank you to the convention committee. Uniform committee put a guideline line on the back table. We have had some problems with people out of uniform. We are not the Marine Corps; we are the Marine Corps League. Question can be asked now.

09:19: National Judge Advocate spoke about the suspension issues, medal issues, and ceremonial uniform issues. The Commandant of the Marine Corps can take away our privilege of the EGA. He then answered questions from the membership about uniform issues.

09:41: National Junior Vice spoke about the membership. As of March 31, there are 75,935 members in the league. Unpaid members of the league: 10,145. Push the unpaid members to pay their dues. We must also talk to the new guys. We need to use the mentoring program. Invite them to all the events. He also talked about checking DD 214s.

09:57: 5 Minute break

10:15: The meeting was called to order by Commandant Delong.

10:16: The New England Division Vice Commandant spoke on Marine week in Chicago, IL. The next one will be next year in Boston, MA. The third one will be on the west coast. This helps bring our image to the public and to help the recruiters. The Marine Corps league is needed to do the hospitality night. We will be looking for sponsors for the event here in Boston, MA. Also, he talked about the uniform issue. "Use your common sense!"

10:26: Commandant Delong like to recognize individuals.
Bruce Aldridge: Recruiter of the year.
Bernie Heaney: Distinguished Citizen Silver Award.
John Rutovich: Distinguished Citizen Silver Award.
Rod Robison: Distinguished Citizen Silver Award.
John Rice: Distinguished Citizen Silver Award.
Phil Sullivan: Distinguished Citizen Silver Award.
Paul Porter: Distinguished Citizen Silver Award.
Alan Ledbury: Distinguished Citizen Silver Award.
Tony Garro: Distinguished Citizen Silver Award.
Francis Curnow: Distinguished Citizen Silver Award.
Richard Gore: Distinguished Citizen Silver Award.
Carlos Mahera: Distinguished Citizen Bronze Award.
Dominic Ricci: Distinguished Citizen Bronze Award.
Bruce Aldridge: Distinguished Citizen Bronze Award.
Roger Beard: Distinguished Citizen Bronze Award.
Richard Broman: Distinguished Citizen Bronze Award.
Joe Cole: Distinguished Citizen Bronze Award.
John McGilbery: Distinguished Individual Commendation Award.
Brian Dupee: Distinguished Service Award.
Frank Real: Distinguished Service Award.
Roger Haufman: Distinguished Service Award.
Tim Harrington: Distinguished Service Award.
Jerry Skiin: Distinguished Service Award.
Lee Codans: Distinguished Service Award.
Robert Harrington: Distinguished Service Award.
Joseph Summers Sr.: Victor T. Fischer Award.
Warren Griffin: Victor T. Fischer Award.
James Hastings: Victor T. Fischer Award.
Paul T O'Reilly: Victor T. Fischer Award.

10:36 Awards from the National Commandant.
Joseph Summers: Distinguished Citizen Silver Award.
James Hastings: Distinguished Citizen Gold Award.
Warren Griffin: Distinguished Citizen Gold Award.
Brian Dupee: Distinguished Citizen Gold Award.
John Vogal: Distinguished Citizen Gold Award.

10:41 Citation from the State House.
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10:43 In recess till 1300. Ceremony to commence at 1100.

13:00 Meeting called to order.

Jr. Vice Commandant gave voting numbers. 21 detachments are represented.

13:02 Final Chairperson present the budgeted number for the next fiscal year. He talked about the general ideas presented. Comments were brought up about the numbers and were discussed.

13:23 The Paymaster presented the money on the Certificate of Deposits and also other expenses for the department. He also talked about PLM money that is not coming in. He called the detachments that have sent in their PLM audits. He also talked about the wounded warrior fund donations. Much discussion was discussed on the budget and a motion from a member at large from the Department of Virginia and it was approved with a 2/3 vote.

13:50 5 minute break

14:01 The Commandant calls meeting to order. By-law changes and admin changes present.

1. Proposed Change- Department by law Sections 120, 130, 200, 205(a)(7), 205(g), and 310 amendments. The proposal was revised and accepted by a voice vote.
2. Proposed Change- Department by law Section 800. The proposal was rejected by a voice vote.
3. Proposed Change- Department by law and admin proc by Laws Cover and Index and Admin Procs Cover & Index. The proposal was revised and accepted by a voice vote.
4. Proposed Change- Department administrative procedure Section 100 name and purpose. The proposal was approved by voice vote.
5. Proposed Change- Department administrative procedure Section 205 time and place (of the Convention). The proposal was approved by voice vote.
6. Proposed Change- Department administrative procedure Section 220 registration (at the Dept Convention). The proposal was approved by voice vote.
7. Proposed Change- Department administrative procedure Section 240 convention committee. The proposal was amended by removing sections e1 and e2 of the proposed change and was approved by a voice vote.
8. Proposed Change- Department administrative procedure Section 300(a) Marine of the Year Committee. The proposal was rejected by the membership by a voice vote.
9. Proposed Change- Department administrative procedure Section 410 district alignment. The proposed change was accepted. The proposal was reconsidered and voted having amending correcting the name of the misspelled detachment. The proposed change was passed by a voice vote.
10. Proposed Change- Department administrative procedure Section 600 detachments. The proposed change was approved by a voice vote.
11. Proposed Change- Department administrative procedure Section 720 Registration (at the Dept Convention). The proposed change was approved by a voice vote.
12. Proposed Change- Department administrative procedure Section 800 & 820 subsidiaries and subordinates. The proposed change was approved by a voice vote.
13. Proposed Change- Department administrative procedure Section 1010. The proposed change was approved by a voice vote.

15:11 Resolution presented that it be the policy of the department of Massachusetts that the US flags purchased in the United States only and that it would be presented to the national convention. The resolution was approved by a voice vote.

15:20 5 minute break

- 15:30 The meeting was called to order by Commandant DeLong. Junior Vice Tuohy talked about the future department of the Marine Corps. He asked to for every member to contact there congressman to co-sponsor the bill.
- 15:32 The Commandant talked about the bids for the 2011 convention. The possible sites that were present were Worcester, Hyannis, and Lowell. The member voted by a hand ballet vote to choose Lowell for the convention in 2011. The count was -1 for Hyannis. The count was 11 for Worcester. The count for Lowell was more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the membership. The commandant then talked more about the convention in 2010 at Westover Air Force Base. It was proposed to give an opportunity for Worcester for 2012.
- 15:54 Commandant says thank you to all Marines of the Department
- 15:55 Election of officers was held by John Vogal:
Nominations: Commandant: Joseph Summers
Sr. Vice Commandant: Paul Porter
Jr. Vice Commandant: Bernie Heaney
Judge Advocate: Warren Griffin
Finance Committee: Phil Sullivan, John Rutovich, Dominic Ricci, Francis Curnow
The adjutant casted one ballet for each officer that was nominated by the membership.
- 16:05 The oath of office was given for the elected officers of the Department of Massachusetts.
The installation of officer was performed by the National Jr. Vice.
- 16:16 The officers were present to the Department of Massachusetts by the National Jr. Vice.
- 16:18 Good of the League: "I love you Joe!"
Commandant Summers ask for all officers at 0900 for a meeting
One member introduced the PI trip. There are still tickets available.
Marine Ledbury talked about the battle colors ceremony.
- 16:23 Announcements:
Marine Rutovich of the Flag Ship Detachment (Westfield River Valley), talked about the pig roast.
- 16:24 The National Judge advocate put a bid to run again for his position.
- 16:25 The National Commandant, National Sr. Vice, and National Jr. Vice will be running again.
- 16:26 The Department Chaplain talked about the Canine for Combat vets.
- 16:27 Please sell you tickets for the collage.
- 16:28 Motion made to adjourn the meeting. The Department of Massachusetts, Marine Corps League Convention meeting was adjourned by order of Commandant Joseph Summers for a date TBD. Congrats to Commandant Joseph Summers who was named Dog of the Year for the Pack and Marine of the Year for the Department.

Robert DeLong
Adjutant/Paymaster

Michael Burke
Deputy Adjutant/Paymaster