

FALL CONFERENCE MINUTES

OPENING CEREMONY

-ONE RAP OF GAVEL-

COMMANDANT: SGT at Arms, secure the quarters and satisfy yourself that all present are qualified to be present during the deliberations of this Dept. Session.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Aye, Aye, Sir, the quarters are secured and all present are qualified to remain.

COMMANDANT: (Give two raps of the gavel- all rise)

COMMANDANT: Sgt at Arms, please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Aye, aye, Sir, Present Arms!-Order Arms

COMMANDANT: The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

CHAPLAIN: (uncover) Supreme Commandant, we ask Thy blessing upon all here assembled. We pray for guidance in our deliberations, and that we may here exemplify the principles and purposes of our beloved Marine Corps League. We ask Thy protection and blessing for all Marines and FMF Corpsmen who have died in the service of their Country, and for all our members, both past and present. Grant that the Marine Corps League may grow and prosper in the humane purposes and principles upon which it is founded. Amen. Cover Please.

(Wait for Chaplain to cover and return)

COMMANDANT: Please remain standing for the singing of the Marine Corps Hymn. First verse only please.

(-ONE RAP OF GAVEL-, seat the Mem.)

COMMANDANT: SGT-AT-ARMS, declare this meeting open for the transaction of official business.

SGT-AT-ARMS: By authority of the Commandant of the Dept of Texas, I declare this meeting open for the transaction of official business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

-Call out Names-

First recognize dignitaries then Visitors and Guest

Recognized Past Department Commandants - Marines Chavez, Salmerone, Deck, Ynman, Way, Trevino

Souther Division Vice Marine Gothard, and assistant Marine Neiman

1. Roll call of Dept. Officers (Adjutant/Paymaster)

Commandant – Present

Jr. Past Commandant – Present

Sr. Vice – Present

Jr. Vice – Present

Judge Advocate – Absent (excused)

Sgt at Arms – Present
Chaplain – Present
Adjutant/Paymaster – Present
Web Sgt – Present
District 1 Vice – Absent (Excused) See report – Attachment B
District 2 Vice – Absent (Excused)
District 3 Vice – Present
District 4 Vice – Present
District 5 Vice – Absent
District 6 Vice – Present
District 7 Vice – Present
District 8 Vice – Absent (Excused) See report – Attachment C
District 9 Vice – Present

2.Introduction of new/first time attendees and/or Guest speaker

First time attendee - Marine Espinoza, McLemore Detachment

OLD BUSINESS

COMMANDANT: Adjutant's Report

Adjutant: Minutes of 2018 Convention have post on the web site and copies are on the back table.
Minutes have been approved by vote of Board of Trustees.

COMMANDANT: Paymasters Report

Paymaster: Complete Paymaster report has been provided to the Board of Trustees and a copy is on the back table.

\$ 11,424.55 CD account
\$ 76,462.20 Checking account, includes \$40,000 for natural disaster fund
\$ 23,021.61 Cam Posey savings account
\$110,908.36 Total

COMMANDANT: Chaplains Report

Chaplain:

1. Report of any member or member's family sick
Marine Fisher - Alamo Det - Hospice
Marine Poletti - Lost Pines Det - Mother passed
Marine Bronson – Husband Max had stroke

COMMANDANT: Report of the Officers old business: (Elected Officers and Staff should rise and report; no report not an option).

SR. Vice? Marine Grafflin – less than 50% of Detachments are regularly submitting their Activity Reports.

JR. Vice? Marine Murray’s report - See attachment A

JAG? Absent

Sgt AT Arms? Marine Borel – suggested first time attendees to conferences and conventions be given an indicator on their name tag so everyone know it is their first time.

Web Sgt? Department web site not used as much as would like. Reviewed stats. Asked for Department bulletins, Officer after action reports, pictures, training presentations, updated information for all Detachments and Districts. Full report on the web.

Committee Chairmen? Sean Downey – Convention Committee Chairman – Spoke about their first point of business, was administrative Procedures and guidelines for hosting a Convention or Conference in enclosure six. Explained some of the problems. Need bid for 2019 Fall Conference and 2020 Convention. Bids come through this committee. Can accept bid for as far out as Detachment is interested. The committee is proposing changes to ‘Enclosure Six of the Department of Texas Bylaws’ at the 2019 Convention.

Members? Marine Way stated “In response to the report (Sean Downey’s report) the body needs to know that the Dean Hawkins Detachment had put a bid in for the 2020 (Convention) but based on the last conference that we had on the phone requested that Dean Hawkins Detachment pull its bid for the 2020. That bid is been pulled, so the 2020 bid from Dean Hawkins is no longer void, I mean no longer present, it’s gone. The Dean Hawkins Detachment will not be submitting a new bid for 2020. So everything that was proposed and everything like that is out, so it’s open to anybody that wants to go for 2020. I mean that based upon whats going on in the Administrative Procedures.”

COMMANDANT: Any Unfinished Business? Commandant discussed bylaw procedures for conventions and conferences allowing proposals being made 12 months out. Informal vote shows strong support for two years bid process. Department Committee is responsible to make sure Detachment bids meet the bylaws, procedure and guidelines. Once the bid is accepted, the Detachment Conference/Convention Committee is responsible to pull it all together.

Marines Downey, Salmerone, Ynman, Petka, Weidenkopf, Harper, Murray, Steffek, Tadlock contributed to the discussion.

COMMANDANT: 10 minute recess

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reports, request, information for business consideration

SR.Vice? Get Activity reports in.

JR.Vice? Will be working with Commandant on opening new Detachments. Working with District Vices will help with advertising and recruiting. Will be looking at rosters for Detachments less than 20. Here to help those Detachments also.

JAG? Information covered in training.

PayMaster? Information covered in training.

ADJ? Information covered in training.

Chaplain? Has created a web based form that you can use for Death Notices. Paper form still viable.

Sgt at Arms? 1 - Uniforms – Former Dept officers wear Detachment red covers
2 - Devil Dog remove collar and emblem if not current
3 - Request Detachments send Alamo Det \$50 donation
Marines Heldreth, Ynman, Salmerone, Petka contributed to conversation.

Commandant? Has a proposal for Detachment streamers for Honor Guard, Color Guard and Community Service. Will be posted in the Department Bulletin and web site.
Marine For Life in North Texas supported by Marine Petka and South Texas Marine Mosier.

2. (Ask members) Any items needing to be placed on the agenda or vote on by the Board of Trustee?

Bob Way – discuss one day conference. Fall Conference is an administrative meeting. Don't need banquet, Growl, etc. Commandant, explained the only thing the Department is asking for is Saturday for training and meeting. Anything else is up to hosting Detachment.

Marines Heldreth, Deck, Salmerone, Nelson contributed to conversation.

Marines Salmerone and Murray made a presentation for the 2019 Convention for Captain J. Yancey Detachment in Abileen. June 27, 28, 29 at the El Egante Hotel. Discussed options.

Commandant – anyone placing a bid for 2019 Fall Conference bid? No response.

Commandant – Anyone running for office at the 2019 Convention?

If nominated for Commandant Marine Bones will accept

If nominated for Sr. Vice Marine Grafflin will accept

If nominated for Jr. Vice Marine Murray will accept

If nominated for Adjutant/Paymaster Marine Oeding will accept

If nominated for Chaplain Marine Kepplar will accept

If nominated for Sgt at Arms Marine Borel will accept

Commandant – Anyone placing a bid for 2020 Convention?

Frankcisco Alaniz, Heart of Texas will place a bid

Jim Gulley, Sgt Tijerina will place a bid

COMMANDANT: Recess until 1800 banquet

COMMANDANT: Reopen meeting for official business at banquet

COMMANDANT: SGT at Arms, secure the quarters and satisfy yourself that all present are qualified to be present during the deliberations of this Dept. Session.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Aye, Aye, Sir, the quarters are secured and all present are qualified to remain.

COMMANDANT: (Give two raps of the gavel- all rise)

COMMANDANT: Sgt at Arms, please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Aye, aye, Sir, Present Arms!-Order Arms

COMMANDANT: The Chaplain remember our Fallen Members

Chaplain - Deceased Marines remembered.

John C. Murphy	November 17, 2017	Eastex 779
Gordon Thibodeaux	May, 2018	Piney Woods 1189
Don M. Haley	June 15, 2018	Roan Creek 992
Dennis Campbell	July 19, 2018	Longview 959
Wayne DoLive	July 26, 2018	Longview 959
Brett Timothy Norris	July 29, 2018	Longhorn 1069
Donald Haycraft Bunnell	August 20, 2018	Williamson Co. 1022
Georgia Womack	August 21, 2018	Houston Co. 1433
Peter B. San Filippo	September 7, 2018	Comanche Peak 1297
Rex Allen Jack	October 6, 2018	Ellis Co. 1452
William V. Manbeck	September 1, 2018	McLemore 324
David B. Tucker	August 26, 2018	McLemore 324
Richard Thompson	Unknown Date	Comanche Peak 1297
Bill Ereks	Unknown Date	Heart of TX 975

Commandant – Introduced guest speaker Major General Juan Ayala.

Commandant - present “2019 Fall Conference” streamers to Detachment attending.

Alamo Detachment Commandant Tadlock – Recognized Brazoria County Detachment donation for the Alamo Detachment Wounded Marine Program. Lost Pines Leatherneck Detachment for their support with the 2018 Fall Conference and Cen-Tex Detachment, Marine Casey for his hospitality room support.

Commandant – Presented Alamo Detachment the 50/50 winnings to offset cost of meeting. Also gave them a Community Service Award with MCL ribbon.

Div. Vice Gothard presented Sean Downey with the 2018 National Recruiter of the Year award.

Marines Bones and Oeding presented Marine Weidenkopf a framed Marine Corps flag in appreciation for her years of service to the Department of Texas.

Marines Bones and Borel presented Marine O'Dell and his wife Juanita a framed Marine Corps flag in appreciation for their years of service to the Department of Texas.

CLOSING CEREMONY

COMMANDANT: There being no further business, we will proceed to close.

-Two raps of gavel-

All rise

COMMANDANT: SGT-AT-ARMS, retire the Colors after the meeting.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Aye, aye, Sir. Present Arms! Order Arms! (All present that are covered, execute the hand salute; all others not covered, execute the civilian salute)

COMMANDANT: (Uncover) The Detachment will stand silent, in respect for deceased members. And Marines in Harm's way (Chaplain without orders, reads the names of deceased members, Sgt at Arms rings bell, each name, this may also be extended to deceased Marines and Marine families).

COMMANDANT: The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

CHAPLAIN: Supreme Commandant, we humbly beseech Thee to bless what good we have accomplished and forgive that which we have done amiss. As we separate to go our several ways, we commit ourselves to Thy loving care. AMEN. (Cover)

COMMANDANT: Senior Vice Commandant, perform the last duty of your post.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT: Marines, the Department of Texas thanks you for your attendance and requests that you secure new members, and further that you favor us at every future meeting with your presence, so far as your circumstances will permit.

COMMANDANT: SGT-AT-ARMS, declare the Department of Texas Fall Conference meeting, officially closed.

SGT-AT-ARMS: by authority of the Commandant, Department of Texas, Marine Corps League, I declare this meeting officially closed until 2019 Department of Texas Convention when it will be reopened for the transaction of Official Business.

COMMANDANT: One rap of the gavel—

Meeting adjourned.

ATTACHMENT A:

Marine Corps League

Department of Texas

Jr. Vice Commandant Report June 23rd 2018 to Oct 20th 2018

Patrick J Murray

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To all Good Men & Women of the Department of Texas Marine Corps League,

- June 23rd - Installed as Jr. Vice Commandant Department of Texas.
 - June 23rd - Attended Commandants Counsel.
- June 29th - Opened a Facebook to assist with recruiting and advertising of my position as Jr. Vice Commandant within the state of Texas.
- July 6th - Attended Sergeant Major John Brewer's Memorial Service at DFW National Cemetery.
- July 26th - Attended Marine Corps League Detachment 975 Heart of Texas Detachment at Poppa Rollo's in Waco Texas
- August 15th - Donated Marine Corps League T-shirts and bottled water to Dallas Police Department on August 15th to hand out to homeless veterans they encounter while out on patrol.
- August 15th - Met with Life Message and toured facility for a new detachment location in Rowlett.

- Sept 1st - Hosted the first detachment meeting in Rowlett.
 - 3 Marine's and 2 potential associate members showed up.
 - We talked about recruiting efforts, networking opportunities and potential names for the detachment moving forward. Lake Ray Hubbard Detachment was primary, North Tex Detachment was secondary.
- Sept 5th - Attended General Krulak's meet and greet at the Dallas Country Club.
- Sept 5th - Attended an inspirational Dinner with Colonel Tony Wood at Chamberlains Steakhouse in Dallas TX.
- Sept 12th - Opened a Detachment Facebook page for the new Lake Ray Hubbard Detachment in Rowlett.
- Sept 13th - Attended a benefit bike night for the Family of Adrian Serrano, a Brotherhood of Marine Corps Riders BMCR member who sustained devastating injuries during a motorcycle crash and ended up in the ICU with a major TBI. All proceeds went to the family.
- Sept 14th - First Article Published in the newspaper regarding the new Lake Ray Hubbard Detachment in Rowlett.
- Sept 15th - Attended a meeting with Jose Navarez and Chris Borel and several others in Jasper TX with the hopes of opening a detachment to service that area.
 - I instructed Jose as to what he needs to do to apply for a charter with the Department of Texas.
 - Chris Borel and I talked and answered questions about what the Marine Corps League is, the Bylaws, the procedures and more.
- Sept 17th - Notified District 5 Vice Commandant Mark Oldmixon of the possible new detachment in his area and forwarded him all the pertinent info that I had.
 - Sept 22nd Mark notified the detachment Commandants in District 5 of the possible new detachment and asked to give Jose their help and support.
- Sept 22nd - Attended the 22 Kill Gala Fundraiser in Dallas TX.
 - Networked with Hershel Woody Williams, Jacob Schick, Jimmy Mac, the American Infidels, Stephanie Vandergrift and many others.
- Oct 2nd - Attended Semper Fi Fund Dinner at Chuy's in Southlake TX.
- Oct 6th - Hosted the 2nd detachment meeting in Rowlett for the future Lake Ray Hubbard Detachment.

- Six (6) Marines attended and signed the application for charter.
 - (6) Applications for membership was filled out and signed.
 - Dues were collected and are currently being retained by the Jr. Vice Commandant until application for charter is submitted to the department paymaster.
- Oct 6th–Hosted the Top Dogs of Texas Military Order of Devil Dogs Growl at American Legion Post 453.
- Oct 17th–Contacted Jose Navarez to get an update on the possible new detachment in Jasper TX. He said it has been a slow start but he continues to hold meetings and recruit members.
 - I forwarded a brochure/pamphlet to help him with the recruiting.
- Oct 17th–I printed out class handouts and the training and orientation guide for the Jr. Vice Commandant's Class I will be giving during the fall convention

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Jr. Vice Commandant

Department of Texas

Patrick J Murray

ATTACHMENT B:

Department of Texas Marine Corps League

District 1 Report

October 2018

Dist 1 Vice Dennis Thomas

Amarillo – Roan Creek Detachment

Roan Creek Det. is currently working on the Amarillo Veterans Day Parade coming up Saturday Nov. 10, 2018.

Graham – South Plains Detachment

South Plains Det. assisted in an Eagle Scout Award and has also started their work with the Toys for Tots again for the 2018 Christmas Season.

Lubbock - North Texas Detachment

North Texas - No Report So Far

Stinnett - Hawthorne Detachment

Hawthorne Det. assisted with their first Eagle Scout Award, they have also conducted their 2nd Annual Breakfast at the Stinnett Annual Birthday Celebration, September 22nd, 2018. Biscuits/Gravy, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Coffee and Drinks.

Hawthorne Det. has begun their work with the Hutchinson County Toys For Tots again for the 2018 Christmas Season, they have also placed advertisements in the local high schools' 2018 football programs. (See attached)



Marine Corps League



Hawthorne Detachment #1349


We, the members of the Hawthorne Detachment wish the West Texas Comanche's another great season! Play your best and you'll always be a winner!



Marvin Dale Hawthorne
Guard, Lettered 4 Yrs
All State 3rd Team
Class of 1966

In memory of PFC Marvin D. Hawthorne and SGT James D. Hawthorne. Both men played football right here, for the Stinnett Rattlers. These young men joined the United States Marines after graduation and served their country with honor and distinction. PFC Marvin D. Hawthorne was KIA on 16, August 1967 in Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam. SGT James D. Hawthorne was KIA on 27, February 1991 in Kuwait in Desert Storm

"Once A Marine, Always A Marine"
Semper Fidelis

 Hawthorne Detachment Marine Corps League
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James Dale Hawthorne
G-NG Lettered 4 Yrs
Class of 1985

Marine Corps League


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Members of the Hawthorne Detachment #1349, wish the Borger Bulldogs a great season! Play your best and you'll always be a winner!

Semper Fidelis

 Hawthorne Detachment Marine Corps League

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District 8

Robert Bell

District 8 Vice-Commandant Report (2018 Department Conference)
San Antonio, Texas

October 16, 2018

District 8 of the Department of Texas has been doing well in all areas Marine Corps League throughout the County communities that we reside. The District includes seventeen counties spanning from just south of Dallas County throughout East Texas to the Louisiana border. The seven detachments included in the District are; the Pineywoods (Nacogdoches) Det. 1189, Rose City (Tyler) Det. 1354, Lufkin Det. 1362, Jacksonville Det. 1362, Houston Co. Det. 1433, Rusk Co. Det. 1450 and the Ellis Co. Det. 1452.

Yearly, in the month of October (before the Department Conference), District 8 and 9 join forces to host a joint Family day event which includes a Pistol competition and a BBQ brisket and beans competition. We just wrapped up our 5th Annual event in Lindale, Texas. The Lindale VFW Post has been generous to allow us to use their facility over the years and allow us to host this event and be able to accomplish all of our goals on their lake front property. A few changes that are in the works for next year is that we will continue the ever growing Pistol competition and do away with the BBQ brisket and beans competition, where instead we will just have one or two cooks still prepare the meat while the other participants bring other food items to round out the meal for all to enjoy. This year we started bringing other food items and it really helped those of us that attended to enjoy a great cooked meal. Additionally, we are considering adding a desert competition to bring the families into the fold and allow them to bring their favorite dishes and highlight their Chef skills. Lastly, we will look into the weekend that we hold the event to allow for all of the detachments to participate, if possible. This year two detachments from each District were already committed to other events, but would have enjoyed participating with us.

Lastly, as I stated before, we have seven detachments in District 8 and I have continued work on creating an additional Detachment in Henderson County, which I took over from my predecessor Larry Barnes. It has been an uphill struggle due to Henderson County being such a long County (West to East), and getting everyone together has been a struggle (as it is with all of us). I am going to continue to push this endeavor with those Marines in Henderson County because they really want to have a Detachment, but they don't want to pursue the Fire Team concept, which I don't blame them. Several Counties in the District without a current Detachment could do well to have one due to the many numbers of Marines in the East Texas area. I have a few areas of interest to look at after Henderson County, but if any members know of an area with a high volume of Marines that could fit this bill please let me know and I will start work into researching and starting the process.

Semper Fidelis,

Robert Bell

District 8 / Vice-Commandant
Department of Texas