



**Department of New Jersey
Marine Corps League
Business Meeting
January 15, 2017
Red Bank, NJ**

Commandant's Council

Class was given by Membership Chair Tony Modzelewski on the new membership program for the League beginning at 1000.

Any membership questions should be directed directly to Tony polishtony@optimum.net
<http://www.njmcl.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2017/01/2017-New-Dues-Policy.pdf>

You must email jfoster@mcleague.org to request an up to date roster. National will no longer be sending them out unless requested.

After reviewing the sign in sheets, the attendance breaks down as follows:

61 - Detachment Officers

10 - District Vices

6- Staff

There were seven (7) Detachments not in attendance

**Meeting was called to order at 1200 by ritual by Commandant Harry Prince
Charter draped in honor of Murray Sklar**

Roll Call of Officers – All present and accounted for

Honored Guests and Dignitaries introduced

Department Staff Reports

Commandant - Harry Prince – princesnuffy@aol.com

I hope everyone had enjoyable Holidays and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

We lost our long time member and Department Chaplain Murray Sklar this year. He will be missed.

INSTALLATIONS:

We are approximately half-way through this year's Installations. We had one canceled due to the weather. It is a real pleasure to attend these installations because of the hospitality. For those who have not been installed, please use the Installation Report form on line. It can be filled out very easily and makes reading the information much easier. Please make sure to fill them out completely.

REPORTS:

Please make sure that on all reports you follow the instructions and distribute as stated on each form. Division Vice Reports should include information on your Detachments and what they are

doing to acquire new members and retain existent members. Report any programs that are working to bring members back to our rolls.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL:

Leadership School will be held on April 1, 2017 at Sea Girt in the Museum Building. Please get your applications in promptly. Any questions should be addressed to PDC Tony Modzelewski.

LIFE MEMBERS REPORT:

Thank you to Jr. Vice Commandant Doug Rattazzi, New Jersey is 100% reported.

STATE CONVENTION: Forms for the Convention and Dinner should be on the Web Site. Jr. Vice Doug Rattazzi has been working on getting these finished. Questions on the Convention should be directed to Doug.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| January 15, 2017 | Senior Vice Talk / Detachment Staff Meeting |
| March 2-4 2017 | Mid-Winter Conference, Fredericksburg, VA |
| March 18, 2017 | YPF Colts Neck High School |
| March 19 2017 | MODD Growl & Department Staff Meeting |
| March 23 – 25 | North East Div. Conference, Stockton Seaview Hotel, Galloway Twp. |
| April 1, 2017 | Leadership School, Sea Girt Army Camp |
| June 8 – 10 | State Convention, Stockton Seaview Hotel, Galloway Twp. |

Sr. Vice Commandant - Don Mack – hcbulldogs927@aol.com

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| Nov | 20 | Attended Pack Growl |
| Nov | 20 | Attended Department Officers Staff Meeting |
| Nov | 20 | Attended Department Meeting |
| Dec | 1 | Attended Gooney Bird Detachment Installation |
| Dec | 3 | Attended Bingo Party at Lyons Hospital |
| Dec | 14 | Attended Hunterdon County Bulldogs Monthly Meeting |
| Dec | 15 | Attended Holiday Party at Lyons Hospital Bldg. 143 CN |
| Jan | 3 | Attended Bingo Party at Lyons Hospital |
| Jan | 11 | Attended Slattery Detachment Holiday Social |

Get Detachment 990s in to Senior Vice Rattazzi

Jr Vice Commandant – Doug Rattazzi- drattazzi@comcast.net

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| Nov. 20 | Attended Pack Growl & Dept Meeting in Red Bank |
| Nov. 22 | Pickup toys from Drop Points |
| Nov. 25 | Dropped off Toys for Tots |
| Dec. 2 | Worked T4T Toy Drive in Somers Point with Cape Atlantic |
| Dec. 6 | Set up Computers for Cape Atlantic at T4T Distribution Site |
| Dec. 9 | Started closing out T4T Locations in Southern Ocean County |
| Dec. 9 | Attended T4T Drive at Resorts Casino with Cape Atlantic Detachment |
| Dec. 10 | Represented USMC at Breakfast with Santa at Applebee's – Manahawkin |
| Dec. 11 | Closed out T4T Locations |
| Dec. 13 | Assisted Cape Atlantic Detachment in Hammonton with Toy Pick Up |
| Dec. 15 | Worked Distribution of T4T in Egg Harbor City |
| Dec. 17 | Worked Distribution of T4T in Egg Harbor City |

Dec. 18 Close out T4T at AC Moore in Manahawkin
Dec. 19 Drop off T4T at Distribution Site
Dec. 20 Gather info for 2017 Dept Convention for distribution
Dec. 28 Assist with clean up at T4T Distribution Site
Dec. 29 prepared all paperwork for upcoming Dept Convention for Web Site
Jan. 4 Attended Installation in Toms River
Jan. 11 Meeting at Sea View Hotel re; Dept Convention in June 2017

Note: Constantly updating Dept. Web Site throughout the time periods
We are 100% paid life membership
All convention info on web, and add book forms will be available in about a week

Judge Advocate – Joe DeAngelo – sgtjd2@gmail.com

31 Oct- 18 Nov 2016 Audit of all Detachment By Laws
05 Nov 2016 Attended Governor's USMC Celebration
09 Nov 2016 Attended Toys for Tots luncheon and made contact for Warrior Fund
10 Nov 2016 Attended Jersey Shore Marines USMC Birthday Celebration
11 Nov 2016 Attended Reynolds Detachment USMC Birthday Ball
12 Nov 2016 Guest Speaker at West Hudson Detachment USMC Birthday Ball
28 Nov 2016 Attended Jersey Shore Marines meeting
09 Dec 2016 Attended Tree Lighting Ceremony American Legion Post 348
10-29 Dec 2016 Worked on Issue with Detachment
19 Dec 2016 Attended Jersey Shore Marines Detachment meeting
03 Jan 2017 Contact with Detachment on possible issues
10 Jan 2017 Attended Jersey Shore Marines Social night
15 Jan 2017 Attended Department Staff Meeting

Chief of Staff – Bill Wilson - B162MARDIV@aol.com

NOV 20 SENT YPF INFORMATION OUT TO SCHOOLS IN NJ.
DEC 2-19 COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED TOYS FOR TOYS FOR TOTS.
JAN. 4 ATTENDED TOMS RIVER INSTALLATION.
JAN. 7 ATTENDED SALEM DETACHMENT INSTALLATION
JAN. 9 ATTENDED BURLINGTON COUNTY DETACHMENT MEETING
JAN. 15 ATTENDED STAFF MEETING

Adjutant – Barbara DeAngelo – BADeangelo2@gmail.com

Completed November 2016 minutes. They have been emailed out.

Continuously updating the department Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/njmarinecorpsleague/>

please feel free to submit photos and events from your detachments to the page and I will publish them to the members on Facebook. This is a great way to get everyone involved in your events.

I am asking for anyone with reports that will be given at the Department meetings to email me their reports as well as email all reports to Commandant Prince princesnuffy@aol.com ahead of

time is possible, or at the latest right after the meetings. I appreciate your cooperation in advance. My email is BADeangelo2@gmail.com

Minutes will be emailed out after each department meeting following the approval of the Commandant. As well as being posted to the Department webpage <http://www.njmcl.org/>

Paymaster – Pat Scott – zoomzoomnanny9@verizon.net

Quartermaster – Robert Kubinak

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| Opening Balance: November 20, 2016 | \$810.59 | |
| Total Deposits thru Jan 14, 2017 | \$474.50 | |
| Balance: | \$1285.09 | |
| Total Expenses | \$763.99 | CK#1017 Nov 29, 2016 – MCL order |
| *Account Adjustment | -\$ 14.73 | |
| Ending Balance | \$506.37 | |

Chaplin's Report – Rich Basile

57 Deceased members since July 2016

Members sick or in distress –

Al Schwarz had a stroke, currently in the hospital

Jeb Barker past commandant passed away. Detail for funeral will be on their web site and FB page

District 1 – Mike Waluk – mwaluk@aol.com

Assistant – Larry Markiewicz

New member: Active Duty Marine, SSgt. Joshua Hedburg

Two members sick in distress:

Manny Simoes

Ray Sherman

Preparing for upcoming events for April and May

Reminder of the procedures for selection of Marine of the Year

Discussed possession of MCL Plates and Dues

Had a presentation from R.O.K. to Sgt. Joseph Ruiz

Mentioned Department of NJ MCL Convention preparations

Tax Deduction of \$3000.00/NJ Veteran.

Central Jersey Leathernecks Detachment

1 Member sick and distressed: Marine Ray Lynch

Installed 5 new members, 2 Marines, 3 Associate Members

Participated in:

Holiday Parade on 4 December 2016

Wreaths Across America Dec. 17, 2016

Attended 5 Applebees eateries for Toys for Tots Program and L'Oreal

Attended the Abraham Clark HS MCJROTC Birthday Ball Dinner

Received a Thank You note for the Color Guard Service performed at a funeral

Made a donation to Vets for Warriors toward the purchase of a Service Dog.

Provided new information regarding change of command in the Scouting Program

Will be holding a Red Shirt Night (Snowball Fight Night) on 27 January 2017

Held their first Rose Program Fund Raiser at the ACME in Clark with great success

J.J. Gardner Detachment

Participated in Toys for Tots program at two Applebee eatery locations

Danowski Detachment

One member sick and distressed: Marine Ed Steinheim

Participated in:

Toys for Tots Program at two Applebee Eateries in Linden & Elizabeth

Wreaths Across America

Made a donation to Vets for Warriors towards the purchase of a service dog

District 2 – Al Frater – teanal@optonline.net

Assistant – Joe White

Lakeland Detachment

All there members are involved in recruiting and retaining members

Several Eagle Scout Court of Honors

Held their monthly Breakfasts

Attended Mission of honor Ceremony at Vanderplatt Funeral home in Wycoff

Gooney Bird Detachment

Have a program for retaining new members

Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Dumont NJ

Welcomed 2 new members

Bingo at Paramus Veterans home

Participated in Toys for Tots program

Paramus Applebee's for Toys for Tots

Donate \$1000 to Bergen School for children with learning disabilities for this Holiday Party

Passaic Detachment

No activities

District 3 – John Cleary- colonel.whd209@gmail.com

Assistant – Dan

In response to National Jr. Vice Commandant Dennis Tobin's instructions for Three-Step Recruitment Drive, the detachments will attack this mandate collectively as a district rather than individually as detachments.

Step #1: Due to recent membership expiration changes adopted at 2016 National convention, a mass membership-wide communication will be sent by each detachment to its members advising of the change. This message will be distributed by traditional letter and email communications. The results should reduce the number of delinquent members shortly after distribution. An example of this letter is attached to this report.

To address those members who have been dropped from our membership rolls, I have drafted a letter that will be sent to all known dropped members in an attempt to illicit their interest to again join our ranks. Our letter contains certain points of interest suggested by National JVC Tobin, but designed to appear more personable, coming from the former member's local Marine Family rather than a nationally distributed form letter. Our letter communicates recent changes with

our national level leadership and more importantly, recognizes that at some point, the detachment, department or League itself had disappointed or disenfranchised for one reason or another and we want to know those reasons. In an attempt to gather this much needed information, our letter includes, direct questions along with a fill in the blank portion where the reader can list anything that is not covered by the direct questions.

The letter also request their response be made either by traditional mail or email to by attention. The reader do so either anonymously or provide their contact information if desired. The results of received responses will be used to formulate future reports submitted to the Department and National.

Step #2: We are still considering options for motivating our members to increase their recruiting efforts. Ideas include a district wide contest whereas losing detachments host a luncheon for the winning detachment or simply by recognizing high yielding members.

Step #3: We are open to suggestions for addressing methods for signing up active duty Marines to our rank and file. Traditionally, we have relied on word of mouth from Leaguers to family members and friends. Some considerations thus far include partnerships with area recruiting stations, colleges and community events such as parades and street fairs where contact with active duty and recent transitioning Marines would be possible.

Reporting: I will prepare a District-wide reporting form that will contain the required quarterly reporting bullets:

1. Names of new members recruited;
2. Status of current delinquent members;
3. Efforts taken to get delinquents up to date;
4. Efforts taken to retain current membership; and
5. Number of delinquent members existed at the beginning of the reporting period.

Detachment Activities

The ***Air, Land Sea Detachment*** recently held their nominations for detachment officers, and making preparations for upcoming Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Awards as well as initial preparations for participating in the Rutherford Memorial Day Parade in May.

The ***Bayonne Detachment*** introduced one new member to their ranks last month bringing their total up to 23 members. The detachment was rather dormant over the holiday season but look forward to a prosperous spring. We will be working with the detachment to get their 1024 forms completed and submitted by next month.

The ***Jedh C. Barker Detachment***, held their Toys for Toys drive collecting 1,710 toys this year. They added one regular and one associate member to their ranks, and are actively preparing for their upcoming annual Iwo Jima Beefsteak scheduled for Saturday, February 18th from 1800 –

2200 hours at the VFW Post #170 located at 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park. Lots of chow, drinks tricky tray and 50/50 raffle. Admission tickets are \$45 per person.

The detachment is in the process of making necessary revisions to their by-laws as a result of changing the detachment's name from Saddle River Marines to LCpl Jedh C. Barker. Once completed, the revised by-laws will forward to the Dept Judge Advocate for review and approval.

Lastly, the detachment's new website is finished and online. Visit them at www.barkerdetachment.com

The **West Hudson Detachment** experienced its most successful toy drive yet, not only with the overwhelming volunteerism from detachment members but also the high yield of toys generated by drop boxes distributed at various businesses throughout the area. So many toys and gift cards were collected this year that more names of needing families will be requested for next year's holiday season.

The WHD experienced the tragic passing of beloved member, P.C., PHDC, and Dept Chaplain Murray Sklar. Members from West Hudson and the Department met at the Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston on December 15th and held a wonderful memorial service in his honor.

The detachment has designed and adopted a new business card, one that is more attractive and appealing than the former and has been distributed to its members to assist with recruiting efforts.

Hello Marine,

You may not have considered this, but you have been found to be U.A. (Unauthorized Absence) from your detachment! Now, whether you have been discharged for a year or for the past 20 years, hearing those two letters, UA, probably still sent that awkward, fearful feeling up your spine. Why is this? Because the saying is true – You can take the Marine out of the Corps but you cannot take the Corps out of the Marine! – Ooh Rah!

Now that I have your attention, I'm sending you this letter on behalf of all of your fellow Leaguers. Being UA is considered serious in the Corps, and it is just as serious in the League, absent that nasty punitive Article 15 (Office Hours) stuff.

As we are all aware, our Corps is needed to preserve our way of life, protecting our rights and freedoms against our enemies ensuring our free way of life; but did you know why the Marine Corps League actually exists? It's real simple, the Marine Corps League ensures us Marines, whether veteran or serving active duty, have a place to call home. Marines are set apart from others, civilians and fellow service veterans alike, because we are a breed of our own. Not everyone has "earned" the title U.S. Marine, very little in comparison to our current population of over 300 million people. And because of this, we are often misunderstood by those who are not Marines. And that can be stressful, extremely stressful! We Marines take care of one another, we always have and always will, and that's where the Marine Corps League comes in.

So, without further ado, this letter is simply our way to ask you to come back. Come back to your family of Marines. You've earned the title, you served your country and fellow Marines honorably hence you've earned your place besides us, your fellow Leaguers.

Your absence seems to suggest that we have somehow failed to ensure your continued Fidelity to the Marine Corps League. Whether that failure was on the national, department or detachment level, we need to know why so we can fix it. We're being honest here, and recognize

that no organization is perfect and we will always have some bumps in the road to smooth out. It takes good old fashion teamwork to get it done and together, we can fix what needs to be fixed and keep what is working. Together, we can get it right. It's your organization as much as any other member and you deserve to be part of it.

Now is when I ask you to break that cardinal promise you made to yourself so many years ago when your Platoon Sergeant asked for "volunteers" (Yes, I dare say that word!). I ask that you take a few minutes to answer some simple questions attached to this letter. Oh, and once you completed it, send it to me – otherwise it won't help us much, if you know what I mean.

So get that ink stick ready, break out the Esprit de Corps and attack these questions in good ol' Marine Corps kick-ass style!

Thank you and Semper Fidelis!

1. How long were you a member of the League?

- One year
- 2 – 5 years
- 6 – 10 years
- 11 – 15 years
- 16 – 20 years
- Over 20 years

2. Which detachment did you belong to?

- Air, Land & Sea #710
- Bayonne #191
- LCpl Jedh C. Barker (Formerly the Saddle River Marines) #1211
- West Hudson #209
- I don't remember
- Other:

3. How would you rate your experience as a Leaguer when you were an active member?

- Extremely satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied

Not satisfied at all

4. *Did your detachment host events regularly throughout the year?*

Yes

No

6. *Did your detachment have any of the following? (Choose all that apply)*

Color Guard / Honor Guard

Honor Guard

Shooting Team

Social Gatherings

Field Trips

USMC Birthday Ball Celebrations

Beefsteaks or other social dinners

Coin Drives / Rose Program

POW Remembrance Ceremony

Flag / Wreath Laying at Veteran Gravesites

Parades

Other:

5. *How engaged you were with detachment activities when you were a member?*

Extremely Active – I held an elected or appointed position.

Very Active – Attended meetings regularly and volunteered with various detachment events

Somewhat Active – Attended a lot of regular meetings but did not volunteer with detachment events

Not Very Active – Attended an occasional regular membership meeting

Not Active at All – I was a member on paper only

8. *Which of the following reasons best describes why you allowed your membership to lapse? (Choose all that apply)*

- Family / Work commitments*
- I dedicate most of my time to another veteran or fraternal organization*
- I do not like volunteering my time*
- Problem with detachment leadership personnel*
- Problem with fellow detachment member(s)*
- Travel restrictions*
- Other:*

7. How knowledgeable are you with the benefits the League offers its members?

- Very much*
- Somewhat*
- Not much*

9. Would you consider renewing your membership with the League?

- Yes – Please contact me with information for renewing my membership. My contact information is listed at the bottom of this form.*
- No – I am not interested and no longer wish to be contacted. My name is listed at the bottom of this form.*

10. How could the League improve so more Marines would be interested with maintaining membership?

Thank you for your participation and input. Please send this form by scanning and emailing it to me at Colonel.whd209@gmail.com or fax to (201) 939-1898.

If would like to receive information for renewing your membership or you simply wish additional information or leave an additional comment, please send me an email message at Colonel.whd209@gmail.com or call me at (201) 728-4305.

We hope to hear from you soon – Semper Fidelis!

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

District 4 – Bobby Bal-

Assistant – George Gough - Hivoltage9001@aol.com

PFC Vincent M. Frassetto Detachment # 796

Had 3 (three) new Associate members in December

Toys for Tots finished. Had a breakfast thanking the members that participated in collections.

Voted to Support the K9 for Warriors program.

Have 1 Ill member Commandant of the Det. Al Schwartz was hospitalized.

Had Installation dinner Jan. 4, 2017

New Brunswick Det.

No Meeting in Nov. or Dec. due to holidays.

Jackson Detachment

Had a Christmas party in December during the Regular meeting

Received a letter of Thanks from Scholarship Recipient.

All Toys Picked up and delivered to Toys For Tots.

Freehold Detachment

Had 1(one) New Member join in December and had one Transfer Member

Voted on and passed support for the K9 for Warriors program

There was no meeting in January.

District 5 – Joe Patrick- josephpatrick8@gmail.com

Assistant - Joseph Bisbing

Cape Atlantic Detachment

Recruiting

Updated recruiting flyer

Approved money for Atlantic City Press and Current Newspapers for quarterly ads,

We are planning to have two open houses a year at the Bunker, Hot dogs and soft drinks will be served

Toys for Tots report

Thanks to Foresite Realty for our 7000sq. foot bldg..

Caesars Entertainment 80 full boxes and a \$ 5000.00 check
Dunkin Donuts, Storybook Land, Chickies and Pete's \$1000.00 each
90 Volunteers

Thanks to Joe & Maureen Ballentine for and outstanding job

43.995 Toys

1200 Families / 23 Charities

Dramis Detachment #676

Recruiting

Had a Business card made to hand out

Working on a flyer

Working on a poster for local stores to place in their windows

Toys for Tots

Distributes 16,000 Toys

Great year

District 6 – Mike Piserchia- map0491@gmail.com

Assistant – John Barcus

Cpl. William H. Smith Detachment 667 – Bayville (Berkeley Township), NJ:

Detachment had its Installation on October 11, 2016 by Department of New Jersey Commandant Harry Prince and Officers.

On November 5th Members of the Detachment attended the annual Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony at the Governor's Mansion in Princeton, NJ.

The Detachment celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday on November 19th at the Captain's Inn in Forked River, NJ.

Detachment received thank you letters from the MARSOC Foundation, VETWORK, for donations. Detachment had their annual Toys for Tots Christmas Party and gave 150 toys to VETWORK for distribution to needy Vet families.

Detachment had a booth at the Annual Berkeley Township Summer Concerts and is using the local information TV channel to seek new members.

Detachment has a few new members but lost 4 of its member's since August, 3 just before Christmas, Richard Gilbert, Frank Garrity, Joe Otero and Bruce Baker. Ceremonies were held for each and each spouse was given a flag case.

Jersey Shore Marines Detachment 1319– Manasquan, NJ:

Detachment has four (4) new members.

Detachment had a Social Night on January 10 that was a huge success.

Detachment may be getting new Challenge Coins.

Detachment had a Toys for Tots event at Leggett's and collected approx. 5000 Toys and \$650.00 in cash.

Detachment lost a member, Ray Glasser and held a Ceremony for him on January 14.

Detachment recognized the following members for efforts made on behalf of the Detachment for the last year, 2016.

Tom White, Brian Gillespie, Dennis Moriarty, Ed Ward, Ed Tilton, Ralph Cabrera, Ed Lister and Serge Huber.

Detachment celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday at the Manasquan Beach House.

Jersey Shore Leatherneck Detachment 1313– Long Branch, NJ:

No report available at this time.

District 7 – Dennis Clifford- dennisclifford44@icloud.com

Assistant – Dewey Capriotti

Salem County Detachment

Added 2 new members for 2016

Only 9 members at last 2 meetings

All members are paid up fully

They try to keep all members active in the league as much as possible

Franklinville Detachment

No new members for 2016

Only 6 members at last meeting

All members are paid up fully

They continue to work on membership

Some returning veterans show interest but are not ready to join

We continue to reach out to them and offer support if needed

Semper Marine Vineland

5 new members and 1 associated member for 2016

They continue to look for new members from all recent conflicts as well as past wars and conflicts

We try to keep all new and active members up to date on all detachment actions, always open the floor up to members who attend the meetings

29 members at last meeting. Maybe because we offer free chow before all meetings

Attendance has gone up since we started this program

District 8 – Bob Matkowski- bob912@comcast.net

Assistant - Bill Bargerhuff

1. Hunterdon County Bulldogs Detachment 927

At the January meeting I brought up Retention and Recruitment to the members.

After the meeting Commandant Chris Soldano and I talked about the Detachment. Chris said he has had several BBQ's at his house during the summer season and many members have attended, this was his way of maintaining Retention. He is also working on a diner tour for all members and their families so the public sees the detachment in public. His other idea was bowling nights for members and their families again for public awareness.

Recruitment for Chris was "when you see a marine on the street talk to him and invite him to the meeting". He has to work with the members to speak up to have them make this happen.

"Pittstown Pete" was at the meeting and said he has a connection with the Trenton Thunder and would work with them for a Vets Appreciation Day. Again, Recruitment and Retention.

Chris is truly involved in making the detachment an A Class unit he could use all the support we can give him.

Rose Program, roses are available and members are setting up two events for their sale as soon as the weather changes.

VAVS two events at Lyons Feb 7th bingo and Feb 15 concert

Burlington County Detachment 695

We had no December meeting due to the work for Toys 4 Tots. We distributed apx. 61,000 toys to over 16,000 children.

January meeting, we had a future Eagle Scout come and speak to us. He is looking for a Veteran who he could help with something for the home a redo of a room or a ramp for entry. We'll discuss and see if we can come up with anyone. Anyone have any suggestions?

Recruitment and retention. After receiving Doug Rattazzi's email about Retention and Recruitment I called a staff meeting for 1-5-2017.

I also sent Doug's email to my three detachments asking for their info regarding Recruitment and Retention.

My staff and I discussed these issues and we came up with a program to notify all members on our roster who still live in the South Jersey area with a questionnaire. We will follow up with calls to them to determine what their concerns are and welcome them back to active membership in the detachment. As for recruitment we will continue to make contact with marines in public to invite them to the meeting.

Trenton Detachment 207

Talked to Chuck Bitner Commandant of the Trenton Detachment after sending them the letter from Doug Rattazzi. Chuck they have put together a folder that they hand out when they are in parades or doing a Rose Program or the breakfasts fund raisers they sponsor. They have sent out letters to the current members who haven't been active to see what they need to return to active participation. They also use the talking to marines on the street and invite them to one of their meetings.

They also have a member who works for Our Town Magazine in Trenton and they place all kinds of information in this magazine.

The detachment attended 21 funerals and provided a rifle team at the cemetery. They are still working on and awaiting their M-1 Rifles for their color guard.

Road Detachment 1284

Officers for 2017 nominations are completed. January meeting will be the installation of these new officers.

Retention and recruitment:

Recruitment: The Road Detachment has joined the Manville Professional and Business Association. Their website is added to the MPBA Website and has their meeting info. Etc . On the Boro Website. They are also posted to two news boards in town which the Boro maintains.

The members of the detachment continue to attend many functions and support other military and pro-military groups searching for new members.

Retention: The detachment has an incentive program to have 100% Life membership. The program enables the member to pay one half of the life membership up front (the detachment puts up the other half} Then the member pays their regular membership until the life membership is paid up. Most members have paid in full prior to the time allowed. The Commandant has also instituted an incentive program where members can earn Detachment

Dollars or “Road Dollars” by participation in fundraising and other events which can be applied towards their membership dues to pay off their Life Membership earlier.

District 9 – Bob Beck- bobglo1@optimum.net

Assistant - Hector Schorno

Slattery #206

Detachment was hosted by Applebees on Veterans Day

Helped Wreathes Across America place wreathes on greaves in Morris County

Attended USMC Ball on Intrepid

Supported Operation Jersey Cares

Member James Salerno passed away

Toys for Tots

Pearl Harbor Ceremony in Parsippany

2 new members

Patterson #747

3 new members

Birthday Ball celebration

Supported Wreathes Across America

District 10 – Gary Watson- gary@astrafoods.com

Assistant – Harry Risley

Recruiting and Retention

District 11 – Casper Everhard- caspere1946@yahoo.com

Assistant – Jim Velcheck

I attended meetings of both of my detachments in December. Meetings of both were canceled in January due to weather and construction. Both were busy with Toys for Tots putting in many hours while still performing normal activities such as Memorial and funeral Ceremonials, visits to veterans homes, Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Recruiting new members by solicitation of new MCL leaflets and membership information. Also current members are being notified by newsletter, phone and post cards as they become due for renewal. Recruiting will be the #1 priority for the upcoming year!

As for the total amounts of toys, monies and hours put in by each detachment for Toys for Tots season, they will be submitted as soon as they are reported to me.

Committee Reports

Youth Physical Fitness Program – Joe DeAngelo – sgtjd2@gmail.com

Our annual YPF event is approaching fast, Saturday March 18 2017 at 0830. All volunteers please be at Colts Neck HS by 0715. We are currently working on all aspects of the event.

Any detachment with school information please send Bill Wilson b162mardiv@aol.com the name, email address and phone number of the contact for the school, Bill is willing to go to the school and discuss the program if they need more information.

Scholarship – Bobby Swain – swain1775marine@comcast.net

As of November 30, 2016 we have received donations for \$1000 each from Paige Detachment and 1775 Detachment.

We had a successful year with 28 applicants. Each received \$350.00. The new application will be on the Department website by Feb 1st.

<http://www.njmcl.org/wpcontent/uploads/downloads/2017/01/2017MCLScholarshipAppl.pdf>

please share this with your detachments and their members.

Convention – Doug Rattazzi – drattazzi@comcast.net

All convention forms including registration, dinner, hotel can now be found on the department website www.njmcl.org and questions concerning the convention should be directed to Doug Rattazzi.

Historian – We are in need of a new historian

Homeless Veteran – Bob Swain – swain1775marine@comcast.net

Stand Down for 2017 is Friday September 22. All donations to be made to:

Stand-down Chairman of South Jersey

PO Box 2612

Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

It was noted since 2010 we have serviced 1550 veterans with 1227 coats, 66 vests, 930 pairs of jeans, 1239 hoodies, 520 backpacks, 312 pairs of boots, and \$31,500 worth of WAWA gift cards.

Leadership School – Tony Modzelewski – polishtony@optimum.net April 1st, 2017, 10 signed up so far, 20 spots left

License Plate – Tony Modzelewski – polishtony@optimum.net 4570 last one issued

Commandants please have a member in charge of giving out the applications along with the instructions. I would suggest one of your officers, Contact me if you need the information.

Members are going to DMV 1st, DMV has changed their process and are having the organizations handle the paperwork.

So far we have issued 93 of the new style plates

Membership – Tony Modzelewski – polishtony@optimum.net A class was held to explain the new fees for membership. It will be a little bit confusing until August this year when all members will be due. Paymasters please read the instructions on the top of the transmittals

Here are the membership totals since 1 July 2016

84 new members, 13 new associates, 30 re-instated, 1 Honorary, 1 Honorary Active Duty, 57 Deceased

Scouting – Tim Daudlin – spiritofstbarbara511@gmail.com

<http://www.njmcl.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2017/01/2017-Eagle-Scout-Report-Template.pdf>

| <u>Detachment</u> | <u>Awarded</u> | <u>Detachment</u> | <u>Awarded</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1775 | 2 | J.S. LEATHERNECKS | 0 |
| AIR LAND SEA | 0 | JACKSON | 0 |
| BARKER | 5 | JERSEY SHORE MARINES | 1 |
| BASILONE | 0 | LAKELAND | 3 |
| BAYONNE | 0 | NEW JERSEY ROAD | 0 |
| BURLINGTON | 3 | PAIGE | 5 |
| CAPE ATLANTIC | 0 | PASSAIC CO. | 0 |
| CJ LEATHERNECKS | 0 | PATTERSON | 0 |
| DANOWSKI | 0 | REINHARD | 0 |

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| DORN | 0 | REYNOLDS | 0 |
| DRAMIS | 0 | SALEM CO. | 0 |
| FRANKLIN TS | 0 | SEMPER FIDELIS | 0 |
| FRASSETTO | 0 | SEMPER MARINE | 0 |
| GARDEN STATE | 6 | SLATTERY | 3 |
| GARDNER | 0 | SMITH | 0 |
| GIORDANO | 0 | TRENTON | 0 |
| GOONEY BIRDS | 0 | WEST HUDSON | 10 |
| HUNTERDON CO. | 0 | | |

Total Awards this report 38

Total Eagle Scouts recognized since June 2016 194

Elsmire VA – No Report

VAVS East Orange – Bob Beck – Need a new chairperson

VAVS Lyons – Don Mack - hcbulldogs927@aol.com

06 Dec 16 Conducted Bingo Party Bldg. 143BW

15 Dec 16 Conducted Holiday Party Bldg. 143CN

02 Jan 17 Conducted Bingo Party Bldg. 143CN

Uniform – Charlie Fields – No report

Chapel of Four Chaplins – Rich Basile /Charlie Fields – Small ceremony scheduled for May in Belvedere, we need nominations for the convention

South Jersey 1st Sat in May at Baptist Church. Also accepting nominations

Toys for Tots – No report

Warrior Fund – Joe DeAngelo Sgtjd2@gmail.com

I would like to thank all the Detachments who have already donated to the fund.

Our total currently is \$6500.00, please contact me for any information you need for corporate sponsorship.

During the department meeting the fund received 4 more checks from different detachments.

Thank you and we appreciate all and any donations.

All Funds are held in a separate account within the Department. Please mail your Checks to Joe Deangelo – Warrior Fund

706 Old Bridge Rd.

Brielle NJ 08730

<http://k9sforwarriors.donorpages.com/MyEvent/DeptofNJMarineCorpsLeague/>

Chairman Joe DeAngelo Sgtjd2@gmail.com John Cleary colonel.whd209@gmail.com – West Hudson, Mike Apricena usmechcool@aol.com -Jebh Barker Detachment, Mike Waluk mwaluk@aol.com - Danowski Detachment, Joe Patrick josephpatrick8@gmail.com – Cape Atlantic Detachment,

Barb DeAngelo BADeangelo2@gmail.com & Brian Gillespie drums6051@msn.com both Jersey Shore Marines Detachment

Credentials – Mike Waluk – mwaluk@aol.com any questions regarding conventions credentials should be directed toward Mike Waluk

Webmaster – Doug Ratazzi – drattazzi@comcast.net

www.njmcl.org Updates have been made to the site including new scholarship applications, Department and North East Conventions forms, New membership dues regulations. If you have information you would like posted about your detachment, contact Doug

Unfinished Business –None

New Business – Commandant Harry Prince and Adjutant Barb DeAngelo brought up that the department would like to do away with the printing of all the extra reports for meetings. This includes Officers, District Vices and Committee Chairs. We are asking that when you write your report (preferably in MS Word format) that you first email them to the Commandant princesnuffy@aol.com and Adjutant BADeangelo2@gmail.com . Then for the meeting only print out 6 copies for the head table for the other officers. (Once we get this working smoothly we will do away with all copies) Once emailed, all your reports will be copied and pasted into the minutes. Within a few days after each meeting the minutes will be distributed by EMAIL and posted on the Department website. It is each Detachments responsibility to distribute the minutes to their members once they are publicized. If you do not currently receive emails from the department send an email to Bill Wilson B162MARDIV@aol.com and ask him to put you on his distribution list. **DO NOT SEND HIM JOKES OR SPAM, HE WILL NOT SEND THEM OUT.** Please direct ANY questions about this new procedure to Adjutant Barb DeAngelo BADeangelo2@gmail.com . We are trying to get the most information out to the detachments in the easiest way.

Good of the League – USMC Ball and Celebrations, the Department will be compiling a calendar with USMC Ball and Celebrations Events. When your detachment schedules your event, please forward the Event, Day, Time, Place, and How Much, What's Included and Contact person. When the calendar is complete it will be available on the website and Facebook page. This way we all have options of different celebrations we may want to attend. The information should be sent to Dept Adjutant Barb DeAngelo BADeangelo2@gmail.com

John Cleary of West Hudson Detachment suggested the Department come up with a yearly award in honor of Murray Sklar, Past Dept Chaplin and Honorary Past Department Commandant, who passed away December 14, 2016. The award would honor a Marine who excels as a mentor to members of the league. John will put a criteria together for the award and will present at the next department meeting.

Closing

Next Department meeting to be Sunday March 19, 2017

Respectfully submitted on this date

1/15/2017

Barbara DeAngelo, Adjutant

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