

MCL DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO
Department of NM Meeting
12 June, 2009
Minutes

OPENING CEREMONY

Sgt-at-Arms: Secure the quarters and satisfy yourself that all present are qualified to be present during the deliberations of the Department of New Mexico session. **Commandant McCann opened ceremonies at 0830 hours.**

Sgt-at-Arms: Marine Stephens led us to post the Colors and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain: John Mikul led us in prayer.

Sgt-at-Arms: Declare this meeting open for the transaction of official business.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: NONE

INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES:

Laurel Hull	Kennel Chief Devil Dog
John Cleveland	Past Rocky Mountain Div. Vice Commandant
Jim Jackson	Jr. Past Department Commandant

Past Department Commandants:
Marine Ray Bonar
Marine Floyd Stephens
Marine John Cleveland

Past Department Commandants

John O'Hara 1984 – 1985 (DECEASED)	Robert C. Dintleman 1985 – 1987 (DECEASED)	George "Lou" Schlueter 1987 – 1989 (DECEASED)	Raymond Lozano, III 1989 – 1990
Pete F. Jimenez 1990 – 1991 (DECEASED)	Jearl R. Lindley 1991 – 1992	Rolando O. Fuentez, Sr. 1992 – 1993	William F. Festing, Jr. 1993 – 1994
Thomas Johnson 1994 – 1995	Antonio Brito 1995 – 1996	Rolando O. Fuentez, Sr. 1996 – 1997	John Cleveland 1997 – 1998
Pete Jimenez 1000-2000	Ray Bonar 2000 – 2002	Floyd Stephens, Jr. 2002 – 2004	Dennis Clevenger 2004 – 2005
Billie Mitchell 2005-2006	James Jackson 2006-2007	Leo McCann 2007- 2009	Vernon Mollan 2009-

**Convention Meeting
AGENDA**

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS (Adjutant)		Present	Absent	Excused
Commandant	Leo B. Mc Cann	x		
Sr. Vice Commandant	Vern Mollan	x		
Jr. Vice Commandant	Selso Garcia	x		
Judge Advocate	Dan Shackelford	x		
Jr. Past Commandant	Jim Jackson	x		
Chaplain	John Mikul	x		
Sgt-at-Arms	Floyd Stephens	x		
Adjutant	John W. Cleveland	x		
Paymaster	Jim Jackson	x		
Americanism	Bill O'Mara			x
Convention Director (2009)	Allen Semrau	x		
Historian	Esther Jones	x		
Legislative	Bill O'Mara			x
POW/MIA	Allen Semrau	x		
Protocol	Laurel Hull	x		
Public Relation	John Cleveland	x		
Scholarship	(Vacant)			
Veterans Service Officer	Jerry Del Bozque	x		
Web-Master	Bill O'Mara			x
Marine 4 life	Paul Caputo			x

Detachment Commandants

Albuquerque Detachment 381	Bill O'Mara			x
El Perro Diablo Detachment 478	Jerry del Bozque	x		
Eddy County Detachment 678	Al Semrau	x		
Cpl. J. A. Alphonso Detachment 736	Bill Wells			x
Zia Detachment 850	Vern Mollan	x		
Lea County Detachment 1185	Dan Shackelford	x		
Sgt M. D. Rocha Detachment 1287	Don Hunter	x		
L/Cpl. Christopher Adlesperger 1316	Floyd Stephens	x		
Gaffney-Oglesby 1328	Dean Bearup	x		

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: NONE

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Distributed. No changes. Motion to accept by Marine Frank Donohue. Second by Marine Gerald Maytea. Motion passed

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REPORT OF PAYMASTER:

Paymaster Jim Jackson reported as follows:

Beginning balance as of 3-14-09	\$6032.64
Receipts	\$ 410.00
Expenditures	\$1668.69
Final Balance (6-13-09)	\$4773.95

Motion to accept Paymasters Report (Subject to Audit) by Marine Dan Shackleford, second by Marine Laurel Hull.

Discussion: Marine Chuck Thomas asked about expense by John Cleveland for motel Silver City. Explained that this was a trip to charter Silver City. Cost exorbitant due to national bicycle race in Silver City.

Commandant explained the \$500.00 for a detachment flag. This is due to a motion that was passed at Q3 to donate \$500.00 to detachments that did not have MCL colors.

Motion passed.

REPORT OF ANY MEMBER OR MEMBER'S FAMILY SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Marine Don Hunter reported that Marine Rich Will is still in VA Hospital. In addition to losing limbs he suffered a heart attack and underwent a triple bypass. Consequently his hands are not working well and means of caring for him are being researched at this time.

Marine Selso Garcia's mother passed away this week.

Marine Bill Wells (commandant of JA Alafonso Detachment) has his daughter in the hospital in a coma and on life support. She is suffering from a massive staph infection, cancer and kidney failure.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Commandant

Leo Mc Cann

This has been an interesting year for your Department Commandant. During this time I have been working with Commandant Bill Wells of Farmington to assure that L/Cpl Kenneth Worley, a Medal of Honor recipient, has been recognized by the State of New Mexico as well as the city of Farmington where he was born. On Saturday, 23 May, at the All Veterans Memorial Park in Farmington there was a groundbreaking ceremony to honor 3 recipients. They were: Pfc. Jose F. Valdez (USA, WWII) , S/Sgt Franklin D. Miller (USA Vietnam) and L/Cpl Kenneth L. Worley (USMC, Vietnam). In attendance were Marine John Cleveland, Marine Paul Jackson, myself and members of Detachment 736. It rained cats and dogs while Senator Tom Udall and Representative Ben Ray Lujan spoke as well as myself.

Conference, On 17 July 2009 at the Nativo Inn in Albuquerque the Rocky Mountain Div. Conference will be held. All detachments in NM are encouraged to attend.

The storage container purchased by El Perro Diablo Det 478 in Las Cruces was dedicated by the Detachment Commandant Marine Jerry Del Bozque and me. At the Marine Corps Coordinating Council meeting in Albuquerque I reported all activities of all NM detachments. At Univ. of NM ROTC I presented an award to a Marine cadet who is being commissioned in USMC. With Marine John Cleveland we presented outstanding Performance plaques to cadets of MCJROTC at Rio Grand HS (Albuq) and Grants HS.

At the L/Cpl. Christopher Adlesperger Detachment (1316) I participated in their new Devil dog Pound charter. Went to Silver City and presented their charter for new Detachment 1328. This is the Gaffney-Oglesby Detachment. I also installed their officers.

Attended 2009 Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial in Albuquerque where special tribute was paid to WWII veterans. A special ceremonial tribute was to New Mexico Fallen Warriors who gave their all in the Global War on Terror. That evening there was another dedication for the Fallen Warriors of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Respectfully submitted,
Leo B. McCann
Dept of NM Commandant.

Sr. Vice Commandant	Vern Mollan
See Zia Det Report	
Jr. Vice Commandant	Selso Garcia
No Report received	
Judge Advocate	Dan Shackelford
Presented a motion for an amendment to the bylaws. Motion was to amend Article IV, Section 440 regarding expenditure of funds. This motion was tabled.	
Jr. Past Commandant	Jim Jackson
No report received	
Chaplain	John Mikul
No report received	
Sgt-at-Arms	Floyd Stephens
No report received	
Adjutant	John Cleveland
No report.	
Paymaster	Jim Jackson
See report under Paymaster Report above.	

Participate in 12 Fallen Marine and Burial Honors.
 Appointed Marine Lee Hill as WEBMASTER for the detachment.
 Det 381 is in process of reorganizing our rifle/cannon teams under direction of Marine Mike Corona.
 Detachment has purchased a gun safe to store our M-1 rifles for ceremonial use at funerals, parades, etc.
 Jerry Murphy Det. Recruited 10 new members this fiscal year.
 Entertained detachment members at 2 BBQ events. One was at a regular meeting and other at Bill & Pat O'Mara's home.
 The Rose program has started up for this year under direction of Marine Paul Jackson.
 Jerry Murphy Det. Participated in the forming and official opening of the new Silver City detachment.
 Jerry Murphy detachment supplied the duty Marines for the NM Veterans Memorial.
 Det members attended the annual ceremonies at the Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park. On 25 May.
 Jerry Murphy Detachment presented Achievement plaques to cadets at all MCJROTC high schools.
 Participated in annual Marine Corps Birthday celebration at VFW-401 with cake and BBQ for members and invited guests.
 Our latest new member is Woman Marine Audrey Gerry. She enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1942. Audrey is 94!
 SPECIAL NOTE: We officially changed the name of our detachment to Jerry Murphy Detachment and inducted Jerry's wife Maryann into the detachment as an honorary member,

El Perro Diablo Detachment 478 Jerry del Bozque

Membership:

To date we have 43 paid Life Members, 16 paid regular members and 10 paid associates. No new members for the quarter.

Activities:

On 4 April a ribbon cutting for our container was held. Thanks to the Department Commandant for attending.

In April a digital camera was purchased for the detachment historian.

On 8 May a gun safe was purchased and placed in the container.

On 12 May the Patriot Riders rode through Las Cruces. Refreshments and food was provided for them.

On 16 May Mesilla Valley Hospice added a new addition and 3 flags were raised by the Honor Guard.

On 24 May the flags were posted at the Masonic Cemetery.

On 25 May the flag detail held an opening ceremony for Memorial Day at the Veterans' Park.

On 28 May the Honor Guard met with TU magazine. They will be publishing an article regarding the Honor Guard for the public. They will note why, what and where to call if necessary. As of 4 June the Color Guard has performed 34 funerals for 2009 and 639 since we began.

On 9 June St. Joseph's Cemetery will be having a 10:00 AM for the burial of unclaimed remains.

Submitted by Jeronimo Del Bozque
 Detachment Commandant

Eddy County Detachment 678 Al Semrau

Our detachment has been busy working on Sate Convention, preparing things so that all are happy at the convention.

A few members have attended several funerals.

We participated in Memorial Day services in Artesia and Carlsbad.

We donated \$500 to a family who had a credit card stolen and their bank account whipped out.

A couple of Marines attended the Installation of Officers at the Roswell Detachment.

We have signed 2 new members and 1 associate this quarter.

We have 57 members, 42 paid, including life and associate members.

Respectfully submitted

Allan E. Semrau.

Cpl. J. A. Alphonso Detachment 736 Bill Wells

Our membership now stands at 32 Life Members, 7 regular members, 1 associate member, and "several" honorary members. We also have 3 delinquent members. 1 has moved, 2 have given no response to calls.

About 25% of our Life Members attend meetings regularly. Of the regular members 1 attends regularly and 1 attends periodically.

Activity Log:

On Saturday 5/23/09 a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Farmington Medal of Honor memorial addition to the All Veterans' Memorial Park. It was well attended even though it poured rain. Senator Tom Udall attended. Dept. Of Nm was represented by Commandant Leo McCann and Adjutant John Cleveland. Funding requests are still ongoing.

On Memorial Day services were rendered at Cpl JA ALafonso's graveside led by Marine Larry Trujillo.

Respectfully submitted

Marine Bill Wells

Commandant

Zia Detachment 850 Vern Mollan

We are continuing our efforts to recruit new members. As we travel through town there are many vehicles that display the EGA. or other signs of being a Marine.

On 23 May, Zia Det. Posted the colors at Ft. Stanton for their 20th Veterans Memorial Service. The service was well planned with special music and a good speaker. The young lady that sang also wrote a song about and dedicated to Ft. Stanton. This is probably the only cemetery in the nation that has its own song.

On Monday May 25 Zia Det. was involved with Tularosa Veterans Memorial Observance Day Our Chaplain, Richard Frazier, gave the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Benediction. I had the honor of presenting the Marine Corps wreath. Both services were well attended by Zia Det members and families.

We had another informal meeting at Plateau Expresso on Saturday June 6. Not as large a turnout as earlier this spring, but good results. One new member was invited and another prospect just happened to drop by. He is a Marine and new to our area.

On Mother's Day our Chaplain Richard Frazier sponsored a special program for mothers. It was held outdoors in a park setting. It was rather unique with poems about Mothers being read and memories about MOM. I was the emcee at this gathering.

The program ended with a demonstration of well trained horses. Richard is a horse trainer and the skill that he has is enjoyable to watch.

We now have a veteran supporter in Washington DC He is Congressman Harry Teague. In the last few weeks I have met with him, his chief of staff and 2 of his aides.

Since April 1 I have attended a Round Table Discussion, been on the phone with another and on Memorial Day I met with him one on one to talk about health care for veterans.

Care for veterans in a rural area is a concern. Having to travel several hundred miles for a test or a procedure that takes ½ hour is being questioned by many, especially if the same procedure can be done locally.

My goal is to continue helping all of our fellow veterans and pass on any of their concerns.

Respectfully submitted

Zia Det Commandant and

Sr. Vice Commandant Dept of N

Vernon Mollan Sr.

Lea County Detachment 1185 Dan Shackelford

No report received

Sgt M. D. Rocha Detachment 1287 Don Hunter

No report received.

L/Cpl Christopher Adlesperger Det 1316 Floyd Stephens

No report received

Gaffney Oglesby Det 1328 Dean Bearup

No report received

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Americanism

Bill O'Mara

Excused No report

Historian

Esther Jones

I want to thank all of the detachments that contributed to the Department Historian Album. The photos, stories, biographies, etc were great and made it possible for the assembling of the Department album.

It was a great pleasure for me in carrying out all the duties of Historian for the years of 2005-2009. The first album covered 2 years so there are only 3 albums. They tell what the Marines in the Department of New Mexico and will be available for a long time.

The albums will last a long time because the materials I used are acid free.: the album covers, The white album pages, and the white and colored paper as well as the black pen and the decorations..

My recommendation would be to circulate the albums among the detachments Quarterly until all have had the opportunity to see them. I would also recommend that the Department Historian be the custodian of such albums, make them available to any detachment and keep records of their whereabouts.

Semper Fi

Esther Jones

Department Historian.

Excused. No report.

POW/MIA

Allen Semrau

I have attended several services for Fallen Marines.

Remember Detachment 678 has a bugle that I maintain at my home and can be used at any Marine's service around the state if I am notified in plenty of time.

There is nothing that sounds better than dual TAPS during this sorrowful time. I requested this bugle for such times as this. (Adjutant's note: There are several detachments that have bugles like Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Rio Rancho. That I am aware of.)

I would like to request that if you know of anyone in your area who has a son or daughter, husband or wife, serving in the military that do not have a Blue Star in their window. I have some with you if you need one. I also have some window signs that say Support our Troops.

Respectfully submitted.

Allen E Semrau

POW/MIA Chairman

Public Relation

John Cleveland

No report

Scholarship

(Vacant)

Veterans Service Officer

Jerry del Bozque

No report

Web Sergeant

Bill O/Mara

Excused. No report.

Marines Helping Marines

Paul Caputo

As far as the Marine for Life, Wounded Warrior and Marines Helping Marines we are affiliated with the Marines Corps Programs at the National Level. This happened through training programs that I have taken so as to become officially recognized by them. We are also a member of the ESGR This is a national program that deals with the protection of jobs for the National Guard and Reserve Units for all branches of services.

We are also active with the Veterans Administration on the local and National Levels to be on call to help with marines that need help virtually on any level and to assist their families when asked. We are connected to two local mental healthy groups that offer counseling for "PTSD" and other issues for Marines and their families

I am personally a member of the One Hundred Club which gives financial help to Fallen Marines families and to help secure educational benefits for their children including college.

I am listed with about 50 large companies that call on me to find transitioning Marines to fill jobs all over the country.

We are the only state that has been recognized by "Marine for Life" and "Wounded Warriors" programs at the national level. I am the only League Member accepted as an Officer in Charge, USMCR, instead of another subordinate Reserve Marine.

I have consistently placed 100% of Marines that have asked for help for the past 5 years.

I have given classes and presentations to Blue Star Mothers , Delta Company Reserve Unit in Albuquerque, NROTC at UNM and Marine Corps Recruiters.

I am sometimes asked by the Recruiters to talk to potential recruits, as a tool, to show how the Corps is still there after served and returned to civilian work force.

I should probably list several other areas that I am involved in doing these programs, but I don't want to brag or bore you (i.e. Toys for Tots, Patriot Motorcycle Club, etc).

I hope that the next commandant will allow me to continue to serve in this position and that I continue to build on these programs to help Marines as needed.

Semper Fi

Paul Caputo

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Convention Director (2010) Don Hunter

2010 Convention in Roswell will be at the Sally Port Inn. Rates are not yet established.

There will be a special BBQ Friday night that is "guaranteed to melt in your mouth",

Expect to have full details available at Q1 in September.

By Laws

Vern Mollan

No Report.

**ConventionMEETING
Minutes**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Per discussion at Board of Trustees Meeting Friday, the Sgt. MD Rocha Detachment failed to deposit their check for their work at the 2007 National Convention. By the time they did that bank account was closed. Board recommends we pay the amount of that check, \$135.00. Motion by Marine Mollan that we pay this. Second by Marine Shackelford. Motion passed.
- B) JA Shackelford presented an amendment for amending means of asking for funds. Motion to table until Q1 Meeting by Marine Laurel Hull, second by Marine Ray Bonar. Motion passed.
- C) Motion by Marine Allen Semrau that Department pay room and meals (banquet) for guest speaker. Estimate is \$250.00 Second by Marine Bob Davidson. Motion passed.
- D) Motion by Marine Cummings that Board of Trustees and Dept Commandant decide the accommodations, schedule, location, etc . (Did not get the second) Motion was defeated by roll call vote.
- E) Board of Trustees had established that the Delegate fees for 2010 be established at \$8.00. Marine Bob Davidson made it into a motion. Second by Marine Don Ranes.

ELECTIONS:

Nominations for Commandant:

Marine Floyd Stephens (by Maytea)

Marine Vern Mollan (by Bonar`)

Marine Mollan elected.

Nominations for Sr Vice Commandant:

Dan Shackelford (By Thomas)

Elected by acclamation.

Nominations for Jr. Vice Commandant:

Don Greene (by Cummings)

Selso Garcia (by Rodriguez)

Marine Garcia elected

Nominations for Judge Advocate

Adrian Glass (Cummings)

Motion to elect by acclamation by Ron Cummings, second by Don Greene. Motion passed.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Marine Dan Shackelford has mailed out 25 letters to request donations to his detachment. So far he has received \$1250.00. Copy of the letter is available to any requesting it.

Detachment 1316 Commandant Floyd Stephens put in a bid to have the detachment host the 2011 convention. (Missed the second) This motion passed. 2011 Convention will be in Rio Rancho NM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2010 Convention is hosted by MD Rocha Det. in Roswell NM . Date is 11, 12, 13 June 2010. Will be at Sally Port Inn. ESTIMATED hotel rates are \$70. Will have “melt in your mouth BBQ”!

Chief Devil Dog Laurel Hull is running for Assistant Div. Vice Commandant for the Rocky Mountain Div. She solicits you support and your vote. BE THERE!

Recessed at 11:30. Reconvene at 1800 for Happy Hour and Banquet and Closing Ceremony.

CLOSING CEREMONY:

Officers installed into office by Past Commandant Leo McCann. New Commandant Vern Mollan assumed the gavel and proceeded as follows.

There being no further business, we will proceed to close. The Department will stand silent for our deceased members. **(two gavel raps)**. Detachment Chaplains, without orders, will read the name of their deceased members.

Sgt.-at-Arms: Retire the colors and lead the Department in the first verse of the “Marine Hymn.”

Chaplain: will lead us in prayer.

Sr. Vice Commandant: perform the last duty of your post.

Sgt.-at-Arms: declare this meeting of the Department of New Mexico, Marine Corps League officially closed. **(One tap, gavel)**

Closed at 2130.

John Cleveland presented Marine of the Year award to Bill O’Mara.

Trophies were presented for Maggies Drawers.

Submitted

John Cleveland

Dept of NM Adjutant

