

2010 Southeast Division Conference
Evening Session (Banquet) – Saturday, 6 March 2010
Mobile, Alabama

The session was opened by the ANVC Cal Walters at 1855 welcoming all attendees to the great city of Mobile, Alabama and recognized the Commandant of P. L. Wilson Detachment Jerry Steele.

Commandant Steele thanked all the members of the Detachment for their hard work during the Conference and gave a special thanks to Councilman John Williams, City Councilman from District #4, City of Mobile.

Presented awards to Mike Blum, National Executive Secretary of the Marine Corps League, National Senior Vice Commandant Vic Voltaggio of the Marine Corps League and Alice Blackford, President of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

Invocation was delivered by the National Chaplain of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

Division Sergeant-at-Arms asked everyone to stand and pledge allegiance to our National Colors and lead the members in the singing of the Marine's Hymn.

NVC Gardner gave his opening remarks and recognized the following Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary Officers:

Inda Adams – Southeast Division President of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

All members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary in attendance.

National Senior Vice Commandant Vic Voltaggio, Marine Corps League

National Junior Vice Commandant Jim Tuohy, Marine Corps League

National Judge Advocate John Kovalcik, Marine Corps League

National Executive Secretary of the Marine Corps League, Mike Blum

National Vice Commandant of the New England Division and National Chief of Staff Dick Gore, Marine Corps League

National Vice Commandant of the Central Division Jimmy "The Squid" Hackbart, Marine Corps League

Commandant of the Department of Alabama John Baker

Commandant of the Department of Florida Dave Sargent

Commandant of the Department of Georgia Moon Mullins

Commandant of the Department of Louisiana Charles Norman

Commandant of the Department of Mississippi Pat Tutor

Commandant of the Department of South Carolina Gene Wilbur

Commandant of the Department of Tennessee Dave Hatfield

Made remarks concerning the great work being done by all Detachments and Department of the Southeast Division.

Thanked his staff for their great work during the past year, his inaugural year.

Division Chaplain Dalton Hammock offered grace prior to the commencement of dinner.

Meal was served by the hotel staff.

Assistant Division Vice Commandant Walter introduced the guest speaker, Major General J. Gary Cooper, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve (Retired). General Cooper spoke on his experiences in Vietnam and challenged all Marine Corps League members to help the youth of America.

ANVC Walters recognized Stephanie, a member of the staff of the Ashbury Suites and presented her with a Certificate of Commendation for the excellent work she and her staff did prior to and during the Conference.

Also recognized the National Executive Secretary of the Marine Corps League, Mike Blum. Mike commented on the changing the name of the Department of the Navy to the Department of Navy and Marine Corps. Asked everyone to contact their Senators in Congress and ask them to vote for this change or go on the internet at www.marinecause.com.

Mike was presented \$718.00 to go to support MarineCause. This money was collected at the Business Session this afternoon by “passing the hat.”

NVC Gardner recognized the Royal Marines present and thanked them for their attendance for the second year in a row.

The Royal Marines, in turn, presented a plaque to ANVC Walters, also presented a plaque from the Royal Marines 4-2 Commandos, also presented an emblem from a Royal Marine Parachute Unit and presented a Royal Marine jacket.

NVC Gardner recognized Inda Adams, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary President, who in turn presented a plaque to Nancy Calleja, Vice President of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

ANVC Walters made the following presentations:

The Thomas B. Perrone Award was presented to the Department of Georgia and was received by the Department Commandant, Moon Mullins.

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The Rotating Attendance Award, otherwise known as the Travel Trophy, was presented to Stones River Detachment, Smyrna, Tennessee.

The Carter Award was presented to William Hartley, Sumter Detachment #1202, Sumter, South Carolina. The award was accepted by the Commandant of the Department of South Carolina Gene Wilbur, as Bill was unable to attend because of health.

NVC Gardner recognized two of the Past National Vice Commandants for the Southeast Division John Kovalcik and Thomas B. Perrone.

NVC Gardner asked that all Department Commandants and the Assistant National Vice Commandant remain after the banquet for a meeting.

The benediction was given by the Division Chaplain, Dalton Hammock.

The Assistant Division Vice Commandant gave his closing remarks and thanked everyone for their attendance and hoped to see everyone next year in Orlando, Florida.

Division Sergeant-at-Arms then declared the 2010 Southeast Division Conference was adjourned at 2125 until the 3rd of March, 2011 in Orlando, Florida.