

2010 Southeast Division Conference

Joint Session – Friday, 5 March 2010

Mobile, Alabama

The opening session of the 64th Southeast Division Conference was called to order at 0838. The Color Guard from a U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Unit from Mobile, Alabama advanced and presented the Colors. The Southeast Division Sergeant-at-Arms Moon Mullins led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening prayer was offered by Southeast Division Chaplain Dalton Hammock.

National Vice Commandant for the Southeast Division introduced the Commandant of the host detachment, P. L. Wilson Detachment #447, Mobile, Alabama Cal Walters and thanked him and his committee for a “job well-done” in preparation of the Conference. Commandant Walters introduced the members present for their attendance and welcomed them to Mobile.

NVC Gardner introduced the Marine Corps League Auxiliary Southeast Division President Inda Adams, who introduced the Auxiliary National Officers, Southeast Division Officers and Past Officers.

NVC Gardner then introduced the National Senior Vice Commandant Vic Voltaggio, National Junior Vice Commandant Jim Tuohy and National Judge Advocate John Kovalcik.

Southeast Division Chaplain Dalton Hammock was introduced by the NVC Gardner to conduct the Memorial Service for Deceased Marines. Chaplain Hammock then offered a prayer prior to start of the memorial service.

Memorial Service: 12 members from the Department of Alabama, 117 members from the Department of Florida, 29 members from the Department of Georgia, 28 members from the Department of Louisiana, 5 members from the Department of Mississippi, 29 members from the Department of South Carolina and 21 members from the Department of Tennessee were recognized by a single toll of the bell after each State. A closing prayer was then offered by Chaplain Hammock.

“Taps” was then played

Sergeant-at-Arms then adjourned the Joint Session at 0912. Ten minute recess until the opening of the AM Business Session.

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0923: Reopened for the transaction of Division Business.

National Vice Commandant for the Southeast Division called the Business Session of the 64th Southeast Division Conference to order. The proper procedures to reopen the session were conducted.

Roll Call of Officers was conducted – All present

Minutes of the 2009 Southeast Division Conference are posted on the Divisions website. Were approved by the membership.

Division Adjutant was asked by NVC Gardner to read the Conference Rules – passed as read by the membership.

David Bracken, Commandant of the Department of North Carolina, spoke on the 2010 National Convention to be held from August 8-14, 2010 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

National Judge Advocate John Kovalcik announced that he had receive an e-mail from an individual in regards to the doing away with the khaki shirts.

NVC Gardner stated that the Royal Marines were attending the Conference again this year and asked them to stand and report on the combat actions that they had participated in. Royal Marine announced that he had participated in actions in Aden and Bosnia. Another Royal Marine announced that he had participated in actions in Aden, Borneo, Northern Ireland and the Falkland Islands. Another Royal Marine announced that he had participated in the Suez Crisis in 1955, Aden and Borneo. Another Royal Marine announced that he had participated in the Suez Crisis in 1955 and Borneo in the 1960s.

National Senior Vice Commandant Vic Voltaggio was asked by NVC Gardner to comment on the Training tapes that are now available from National Headquarters.

National Junior Vice Commandant Jim Tuohy spoke on membership in the Marine Corps League presently.

National Judge Advocate John Kovalcik spoke on the National Financial Situation and disciplinarian problems that are on-going in the Marine Corps League. Also addressed Roberts Rules of Order, Uniform Regulation and proposed changes and National By-laws Chapter 9.

Norman Bundy from Riverfront Marines Detachment #1106, Department of South Carolina addressed the possibility of revising the khaki shirts as part of the Marine Corps League uniform – negative response.

NVC Gardner announced that he is reserving time in tomorrow morning's session for Mike Blum.

Any questions on what has transpired in today's session.

NVC Gardner proceeded to recess the AM Business Session until 1200.

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Division Sergeant-at-Arms brought the afternoon session back into session at 1202. Salute to the Colors.

National Vice Commandant for the Southeast Division introduced the National Executive Director, Michael Blum and the National Chief of Staff, DickGore, to the assemblage.

Dick Gore announced that the National Commandant, Jim Laskey and his wife are on their way back from a visit to the island of Iwo Jima. He also announced that he was happy to be back attending the Southeast Division Conference.

Mary Draughn, Adjutant/Paymaster for the Department of Louisiana asked all WWII Vets who have not received the Commemorative Coin, designed by Vic Beverson, to raise their hands so she could present them their coins. Announced that she also has Korean Veterans coins available for \$5 each.

NVC Gardner asked all WWII vets to stand, all Korean vets to stand, all Vietnam vets to stand, all Desert Storm vets to stand and Iraqi Freedom vets to stand. An arousing ovation was given as each group stood.

Vince from Low Country Detachment #803, Charleston, SC announced that U. S. Marines participated in action in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic during 1965. NATO received all the credit for this action, but the Marines did most of the fighting.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

NVC Gardner has already given his report.

Assistant National Vice Commandant does not have one.

National Aide-de-Camp – No Report

Southeast Division Paymaster – Not Present

Southeast Division Adjutant – No further report

Southeast Division Chaplain – Report is on the table

Southeast Division Sergeant-at-Arms – No report – reminded the NVC for the Southeast Division that the Officers' Reports should be given prior to the other business.

Commandant of the Department of Alabama any further report – None
Commandant of the Department of Florida any further report – Gave his report at Commandant's Council last night.

Commandant of the Department of Georgia any further report – Report has been made, written and submitted.

Commandant of the Department of Louisiana any further report – Report was given at Commandant's Council last night and reminded everyone that the New Orleans won the Super Bowl.

Commandant of the Department of Mississippi any further report – None

Commandant of the Department of South Carolina any further report – None

Commandant of the Department of Tennessee any further report – None

STANDING COMMITTEES

Young Marines – Written report by Deborah White as she could not be present.

Legislative Affairs – No report at this time.

Youth Physical Fitness – No report as no Chairman at this time.

Marine For Life – Chairman not present due to other commitment.
NVC Gardner gave a presentation on the Marine For Life Program.

Special Committees -

Fallen Marines – No Report at this time.

Operation Never Forget – Chairman Ed McGee, suffering from PTSD and cancer committed suicide and was just found out during the Conference.

Trike Program – Lane Parker is involved in another function – No report at this time.

Audit Committee – Skip Sponheim, Spring Hill, Florida – conducted physical inventory and found no Division Challenge coins and performed an audit of the Division's financial affairs and found no discrepancies.

Paymaster's Report – In good financial shape.

NVC Gardner asked if there was any further business to be brought before this assemblage. If not, we stand in recess at 1327 until 0830 on 6 March 2010.

Division Sergeant-at-Arms brought the members to attention and the National Colors were saluted.

