



# Southeast Division Marine Corps League

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## MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2014 & SATURDAY 8 MARCH 2014

The meeting was called to order by National Southeast Division Vice-Commandant (NDVC) Michael Clark at 1200.

NDVC Clark presented a report on the recent National Mid-Winter Conference and other topics.

- Locator page:
  - Some are very outdated.
  - Each Detachment and Department should be updated twice a year in January and July
  - Detachment Commandants obtain password from National with instructions on how to update. When submitting the request the information must match up with the information provided on the Report of Officer Installation (ROI).
  - Assign a member as Web Sergeant to maintain and update as needed.
  - The locator page may serve as a recruiting tool for those who utilize the internet as their primary reference tool.
- EIN AND IRS
  - National has had staff assigned to other projects recently causing some backup and delay in response to questions concerning EIN
  - Jeanette Eshoo is the National staff person for assistance with IRS and EIN
  - Failure to file 990 for three years will result in revocation of EIN. File 990 annually to avoid the complex and expense of renewing EIN.
  - Inform Nation of EIN and any status change
  - Copy National and Division with 990 when filed
- Board of Trustees Meeting at 2015 conference will be at 1600.
- Promote SED conference to members for improved attendance, participation, and information sharing.
- Goal of this conference is for every member in attendance to leave with something more than they came with
- The Southeast Division (SED) coin was anticipated for delivery in time for the conference but a delayed occurred. The coin will be for sale at the National Convention at a table manned by members of the SED. There are 500 coins, sequentially numbered. Those who have previously purchase specific numbers will be provided the

opportunity to purchase the same number of the new coin. All remaining coins will be for sale to everyone else. The funds generated from the coin sale will be donated to the Marine Corps Foundation. The cost of minting the coin was shared by each of the Departments in the SED.

- The SED was broke at the beginning of the NDVC's term. The goal is for the SED to become financially sound with sufficient operating funds to carry into the next and future years. Discussion has been initiated with Scott Egan of Grunt Gear to provide SED shirts for sale with the proceeds going directly to the SED
- Jr. Past Commandant Vic Voltaggio prepared a report on the Goals of the Marine Corps League which was presented at the National Mid-winter Conference. (copies provided to each Department). Department Commandants are directed to read the report; then report comments, or agreement to NDVC Michael Clark.
- There are many vacant positions in the SED that need filling by members who want to work not just too wear the gold cover. Department Commandants are to provide recommendation to NDVC for review and selection.

Bill Cona reported on the 2015 conference. The conference will be in Altamonte Springs instead of Safety Harbor due to the high cost of rooms from the Safety Harbor Spa and Resort on 26 – 29 March, 2015. The room rate is \$91.00 plus tax for standard rooms and includes breakfast for two. The rate is available 3 days before and 3 days after the conference. The banquet will be a choice of beef or chicken at \$45.00 per person.

NDVC Clark asked for discussion on invitations to National Staff to attend conferences. Historically the SED has invited National Staff to attend but there is little information on how this came about. Rooms and banquet tickets are provided to invitees. The cost of so many invitees can be prohibitive to most conference hosts. Following discussion it was agreed to follow protocol and limit invitations to the National Executive Director and the National Commandant with their spouses. All other National staff are very welcome but will have to pay their own way due to the financial impact to the conference host.

Assistant National Division Commandant (ANDVC) Johnny Baker provided information on the Commandant Council meeting later in the day. Read and follow Division and Department SOP. Communication is essential and all present are reminded to share what they learn at the conference with their unit members back home.

The meeting was adjourned to be reconvened at the conclusion of the conference for a debrief.

NDVC Michael Clark reconvened the meeting at 1300 Saturday 8 March 2013. The focus of the meeting is a recap of the conference. Work EIN & 990 until everyone knows what is required and each detachment is squared away. Turnover books are very important for continued success reducing redundancy. Use the PDP to train each officer and staff.

Department of Florida Commandant Lou Calleja spoke of the need for fund raising and suggested the SED SOP be revised to allow the Division to raise funds and be in charge of the conference. He suggested that a 2 day SED conference schedule be spaced to allow for more efficient use of time. He suggested that 10% of the proceeds from the SED conference program books be allocated to the SED. Discussion from the floor exempted proceeds from within the Department of the host detachment from the 10% sharing of proceeds. A recommendation was to allow 20% of the proceeds from the SED conference program book from outside the Department of the host detachment be allocated to the SED. The BOT unanimously agreed to the foregoing. The SOP will be revised to reflect the change. Another suggestion from the floor was for each Department to provide \$500 annually to the SED.

Registration fee for the SED conference is \$10. The BOT unanimously agreed to impose and additional \$2 for registrations within 30 days of the conference. The SOP will be revised to reflect the additional \$2.

Discussion on guest invitations followed. This topic was discussed at the initial BOT meeting. ADVN Johnny Baker suggested further discussion on this topic be discussed in the next couple of months by email.

BOT meetings will be held at 1600 on the Thursday of SED Division conferences.

Department of South Carolina Commandant Archie Sweet recommended that the MODD Growl be held in the afternoon rather than the evening. An evening social event for the BOT and spouses, such as a dinner may then be scheduled in the evening.

Suggestion was provided to notify local Marines of a conference so they may attend, participate, and interact with MCL members.

*(NOTE: multiple discussions and speaking from the seats without the microphone during this meeting resulted in poor recording of the proceedings)*

NDVC Michael Clark encouraged everyone to continue with the good they are doing, to voice their opposition to sequestration, and to encourage all members to attend and participate in the conference.

BOT meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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