



Southeast Division
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MINUTES 75th ANNUAL SOUTHEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE 2022

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 24 – 27 March 2022

Conference Host:

Choctaw Detachment 778

SED DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT'S COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order at 1900 by SEDIV ANDVC Ronnie Broussard on Thursday 24 March 2022.

Present at the meeting were officers and staff of the Southeast Division, Commandants from each of the Departments except Georgia and many other members of the Marine Corps League.

Adjutant Donald Beck conducted a roll call of Department Commandants. Georgia is absent with no Department representatives at the conference.

ANDVC Ronnie Broussard called for reports from each of the Department Commandants.

- Department of Alabama Commandant Mike Ryan reported: Department Has 16 Detachments / Doing training
- Department of Florida Commandant Scott Westervelt reported: Department has 50 Detachments / Spring Conference is 7 – 9 April / State Conf is in June / NATIONAL CONFERENCE in August, we have a strong committee working to help, sight seeing & Trips are on the Web site now, which you will have to book yourself, including a Baseball game on Tuesday night and the Devil Dog will be presenting a check that night at the game / all districts are active and meeting again and a lot of training is going on

- Department of Georgia (Absent with no Department representative attending the Conference)
- Department of Louisiana Commandant Glenn Suire and Sr Vice James Roy reported: Department has 11 Detachments / a lot of work is being done from Hurricane IDA still, a lot of residents lost power up to a month to 6 weeks, we put a lot of tarps and cut down a lot of trees to help our communities / Toys 4 Tots we helped about 8,000 children / veterans park is coming along
- Department of Mississippi Commandant Clifton Addison reported: Department has 12 Detachments / 8th April is a big BBQ and Band / 10th April is Memorial at 9:30 am / Bylaws updated from National updates / Support for the Reserve Center
- Department of South Carolina Commandant Jim Stone reported: The Department has 23 Detachments / Toys 4 Tots was very successful / We continue to hold Video Conference with all our Commandants / State Conference is 21 – 24 April in Myrtle Beach
- Department of Tennessee Commandant Bryce West reported: Department has 17 Detachments / Recruiting must never stop / State Convention is 23 – 26 June

Ronnie Broussard: talked about the ROI's and how important they are, make sure the e-mail and phone # are for each person on the ROI / 990's need to be submitted on time and a copy of it to be sent to the SE Division paymaster

John Gionet: Young Marines Thank you for all the support you gave us

JOINT OPENING CEREMONY AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

National Division Vice Commandant Jerry Holt called the meeting to order on 25 March 2022.

Colors were presented by members of the Active Duty Marine Corps.

NDVC Jerry Holt recognized the following VIP and guest:

Billy Nungesser - LT Governor Louisiana

T J Morgan - National Jr Vice Commandant

Bob Borka - National COO

David Porter - National Division Vice Commandant of New England Division

Mike Waluk - National Division Vice Commandant of Northeast Division

Linwood Liner - Past National Commandant

Tom Hazlett – Kennel Chief Devil Dog

Randy Barnes – SE Division Chief Devil Dog

Steve Joppa – Kennel Dog Robber

Evelyn Joppa – National President Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Lynn Cortright – SE Division Marine Corps League Auxiliary

James Roy from Detachment 778: Welcomed everyone for attending the SE Division Conference and introduction of our Special Guest LT GOV Billy Nungesser

LT GOV Billy Nungesser Welcome everyone to the state of Louisiana. My father was a Marine and hard driving. We have a lot to offer in our State. Showed two short films about the State. The Dinner tonight is being provided by the LT GOV (Taste of Louisiana).

ANDVC Ronnie Broussard welcomed everyone and introduced Glenn Suire the Commandant of Louisiana who read the proclamation from the State of Louisiana

Evelyn Joppa - The National MCL Auxiliary President – welcomed everyone and introduced the new SE Division Auxiliary President Lynn Cortright from South Carolina

John Burks SE Division Chaplain and Lynn Cortright conducted the memorial service for all members:

Alabama -	89	
Florida -	245	& 18 MCLA members
Georgia -	122	
Louisiana -	46	
Mississippi -	22	
South Carolina -	90	& 1 MCLA member
Tennessee -	21	& 7 MCLA members

SOUTHEAST DIVISION MCL AND MCLA BUSINESS MEETING

ANDVC Ronnie Broussard stated this meeting will be both MCL and MCLA all day:

Paid Life Members (PLM) report – June 30 rosters are sent out from National to all Detachments to verify and make any corrections. Then it must be signed by the Detachment Commandant and the Paymaster and returned to National by December 31. For every PLM you will receive funds back from National. If you do not return the PLM to National you forfeit any funds due your Detachment. Also Death Notices need to be sent in with a transmittal to ensure members are removed from their roster. The paymaster can fill out a new one. You can get on the web and find the dates of when the Member passed away.

990N you must fill this out and make sure you get a copy of the confirmation form. Also make sure you have registered with the secretary of state and filed your tax information.

DVC Jerry Holt introduced Col Davis / SGTMAJ Overstreet / SGTMAJ Maness: Young Marines were discussed and all the things that are going on with the Young Marines.

Clifton Addison – Mississippi Commandant: discussed Disaster relief for the SE Division. Funds have been coming in and being spent on items needed to help with repairs and clothing for Louisiana and Mississippi and Florida and other states that have been hit hard by the hurricanes, floods and tornadoes.

They are working on a vision to get a disaster relief trailer and stock it with chain saws, tarps, rope, generators, and any other equipment that might be needed. They are hoping to get a lot of the items donated.

DVC Jerry Holt – Talked about Toys 4 Tots / Scholarship Program / Honor Guard / Marine for Life / Young Marines / Amazon Prime / Youth Physical Fitness

The Meeting was put in recess until tomorrow.

DVC Jerry Holt reconvened the meeting in accordance with the MCL ritual:

SGTMAJ Overstreet opened with a few comments and introduced the National Commandant Johnny Baker who was on the video conference due to his eye surgeries.

Johnny said hello to everyone via zoom and wished he could be there. He wished us well in our SE Division Conference.

SED Adjutant Donald Beck conducted a roll call of officers and staff of the Division:

- DVC Jerry Holt – Present
- ADVC Ronnie Broussard – Present
- Adjutant Donald Beck – Present
- Paymaster Glen Barry Evans – Present
- Sgt at Arms Ron Russell – Present
- Webmaster Billy Lamar – Present
- Chaplain John E Burks, Jr – Present
- Division Aide-De-Camp Jim Stone – Present
- Division Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Randy Barnes – Present

- Young Marines John Gionet – Present
- Marine for Life Scott Westervelt – Present
- Disaster Relief Clifton Addison – Present
- Alabama Commandant Mike Ryan – Present
- Florida Commandant Scott Westervelt – Present
- Georgia (Absent with no representative attending the Conference)
- Louisiana Commandant Glenn Suire – Present
- Mississippi Commandant Clifton Addison – Present
- South Carolina Commandant Jim Stone – Present
- Tennessee Commandant Bryce West – Present

TJ Morgan National Junior Vice Commandant had a class on recruiting and a short video / Tribe@MCLeague.org / Membership also there is a membership facebook site / communications / QR codes / Gunny wolf mail call in Semper Fi magazine

Also we are about 65,000 members at this time.

Bob Borka National COO: discussed and gave classes on Member library and the password you will need to get into it. Great tools with Training and Data Base with 101 member portal. If you need help with the portal because the name is wrong for the detachment contact: (JFoster@MCLeague.org)

Member portal name was changed to Data Base portal: the detachment commandant and paymaster have access to this only. They can edit profile to change name, email and phone number. The Department paymaster can run a report for each detachment. When looking up members in Data Base portal, you must use the profile number.

Send all questions to Department Commandants who will forward them to Bob Borka or JD Foster. Locator spread sheet can change name on detachment rosters.

Deceased Marines – Detachment Paymasters CAN NOT change this; it will need to go to the Department Paymaster. Submit Death notice and transmittals with NOD code.

Online transmittal form is in the member library, the detachment paymaster needs to fill this out and send it to the Department paymaster.

You can email the ROI and PLM form now

A new company is now making the Marine Corps League Covers. You will start to see more sizes at the ship store.

The session recessed until the banquet.

The session reconvened in accordance with the MCL Ritual:

Chaplain Burks led us in prayer and blessing of the meal.

James Roy introduced the Guest speaker Major General Richards.

At the banquet the SE Division Marine of the Year was Awarded to:

2019 – Ronnie Broussard Acadiana 488 Louisiana

2020 – James Roy Choctaw 778 Louisiana

2021 – Tim Neal Houma Terrebonne 475 Louisiana

The SE Division Associate of the Year was Awarded to:

2021 – Becky Marcel Houma Terrebonne 475 Louisiana

SED NVC Jerry Holt handed out Distinguished awards to:

Distinguished Citizen Gold	Ronnie Broussard	Louisiana Acadiana 488
	Timothy Neal	Louisiana Houma Terrebonne 475
	Sammy Marcel	Louisiana Houma Terrebonne 475
	Eugene Pete	Louisiana Houma Terrebonne 475
	Frank Johnson	Louisiana Houma Terrebonne 475
	Jon Prejean	Louisiana Houma Terrebonne 475
	Allen LeBlanc	Louisiana Houma Terrebonne 475
Distinguished Citizen Silver	Rebecca Marcel	Louisiana Houma Terrebonne 475
	Aaron Triche	Louisiana Houma Terrebonne 475
Distinguished Citizen Bronze	Louis Saunier	Louisiana Houma Terrebonne 475

MCLA When Pigs Fly

Rebecca Marcel

Louisiana Houma Terrebonne 475

The conference was concluded in accordance with the MCL ritual and adjourned until the 2023 conference. (No decision yet)

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Beck, SED Adjutant