Joint Meeting
Saturday 5 October 2019
Wakefield B Room
0900hrs
MINUTES

OPEN SESSION: MCL & MCLA members present - 0915hrs

COMMANDANT:
Requested the Sgt. at Arms secure the quarters and satisfy himself that all present were qualified to remain during the deliberations of this Department’s Joint Session.

_Sgt. at Arms:_ Secured the Quarters, all present qualified to attend.

COMMANDANT:
Called for the posting of the Colors:
- Colors posted by: Space Coast Young Marines
- _Sgt. at Arms:_ .....lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- _Chaplains:_ (MCL & MCLA) lead opening prayer
  - MCLA Dept of Florida Chaplain Gustine Boyd opened the Bible.
  - MCL Dept of Florida Chaplain George Wanberg said the prayer.

COMMANDANT:
Recognized and thanked the Color Guard.

_Sgt-at-Arms:_ Declared the meeting open to conduct official business.

COMMANDANT:
Welcomed everyone to the Department of Florida MCL and MCLA 2019 Fall Conference. He was very appreciative of all members, both MCL and Auxiliary for all they do for our Marines, FMF Corpsmen, all Veterans, and their communities.

He gave a special thank you to the MCLA, Florida Chapter, their President and Conference Chair Carol Mazzara for hosting this conference.

COMMANDANT:
Called for dedications for the Conference.
Dedicated to: Robert Kott, Eric Hopkins, Larry P Murry, Richard De Vasto & Richard Erickson

JM- 1 of 3
Acknowledge the presence of **Dignitaries** and **Past Commandants**

- SVC Scott Westervelt
- JVC Mike Armstrong
- JA John Gioňet
- PDC George LaMont
- MODD Pack Leader George LaMont (woof, woof)
- MCLA National MCLA President Evelyn Joppa
- MCLA SEDVP Carol Mazzara
- Florida MODDF Madam Big Flea Gayle Heath

**WILL ALL PAST DEPT COMMANDANTS RISE TO BE RECOGNIZED:**

- 45\(^{th}\) Dept Commandant Charlie Smith
- 49\(^{th}\) Past Commandant Lou Calleja
- 51\(^{st}\) Past Commandant Ron Ashley
- 52\(^{nd}\) Past Commandant George LaMont
- Honorary Past Dept Commandant Bob Beale
- Hon Kennel Dog Robber and Dept. of Montana Past Cmdt. Stephen Joppa
- Dept. of Minnesota Past Commandant Vinnie Howard
- Past Dept of Indiana MODD Pack Leader Gary Nasby
- All Department members who serve as National and/or SED MCL Staff, rose and were recognized
- James Hackbarth recognized as Pat SEDIV Cmdt

**Memorial Service:**

MCL Chaplain George Wanberg and MCLA Chaplain Linda Laberge to conduct the Memorial Service. The names of the deceased members since the June Convention were read and the bell was rung after each name was read. See: .................................................. [Attachment #01]

- Taps played

**MCL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** It is my honor to introduce the MCLA Dept of Florida President Carol Mazzara. (The President addresses the Conference).

**Convention Report DOF:** Trisha Marsh reported 2020 DOF Convention will be here in Melbourne, where the Conference is now. For full report see: ......................... [Attachment #02]

**Convention Report 2020 National:** Tom Newton reported - Daytona Beach Hilton, all going well, needs some Captains, Packet on Nat’l website 1\(^{st}\) of year.
Vietnam Commemorative: Lou Calleja reported - on events and ceremonies that have been conducted since Summer Convention. Reminded dates for receiving: 1955 - 15 May 1975

MCLA AWARDS: Presented by Sr V Cmdt Scott Westervelt.
Posted on List with MCL (to be given at DOF mtg) recipients: ............... Attachment #03

COMMANDANT: Asked for any other business to come before the Joint Session? None
Having concluded the business of the JOINT SESSION:
• Chaplains: Closed the Bible
• The Joint Session was concluded
• RECESS Called: 15 MINUTE RECESS Please be back in your seats at: 0945hrs for the MCL business meeting.
Sgt. at Arms put the session in recess

Closed: 0930hrs

Respectfully submitted,

JC March, Sr.

DOF Adjutant
Department of Florida
Deceased Marines

Jul19-Oct19

Edward J Hoeg
Nick Davidowsky
Michael A Verde
Robert F Fesinger
Michael Dellavecchia
Edward McCarron
Edwin Merrit
Richard Diekmann
Scott Blair
Richard Lusignan
Edward Baily
Edwin Flunter
Andrew Stewart
John C Kirby
John Canbemi
Jack Rosenau
John R Masterjohn

Nancy Nordstran
John W Hand
Carl R Mulachowski
Richard M Lutz
Richard Devasto
Richard L Erickson

MCLA: Judith Law

ATTACHMENT # 01
2020 DOF MCL CONVENTION UPDATES
FALL Conference Business Meeting 10.05.2019

- My Quarterly Report dated September 1st, was submitted for posting on the website

- I would like to take this opportunity to give you a brief statistic summary of the 2019 Convention:
  177 Pre-Registrants;
  41 No-Shows;
  32 Walk-In Registrations;
  109 Dinner Reservations;
  37 Detachments were represented
Best attendance at a Department Convention in several years.

- Due to several issues during the 2019 Convention, the venue for the 2020 Department of Florida Convention has changed.....
  we will be here at the HILTON MELBOURNE RIALTO PLACE.
THE DATES are JUNE 4...7, 2020

- There is a “Save the Date” page in the Fall Conference Book
- A “Save the Date” email will be going out to all Detachments next week for those members who were unable to attend this Conference
- The 2020 Department Convention Packet will be emailed and available on the Department website by March 1, 2020

- I am happy to announce that the 2019 Team Captains have agreed to return for another “tour of duty” for the 2020 Department Convention

- One of my main focuses will again be COMMUNICATION
  Information “Email blasts” will begin immediately following the Spring Conference. Each “Blast” will be focused on a different topic or a deadline reminder.
  These “Blasts” are being sent out in an effort to get information to the League members, Auxiliary, MODD and MODD Fleas and to create interest and enthusiasm in attending the June Convention.

I would like to thank the District Vice Commandants, in advance, for their assistance in distributing the Convention information to their respective Detachments

- I have met with my Convention/Sales Manager here at the Hilton Melbourne and the convention “detailing” will begin in earnest in January

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Awards 2020 Fall Conference

National Junior Vice Commandants Membership Award
Department of Florida
Everett Pope Det 1017 – 2nd Place National Award Units up to 50 Members
21 Detachments (Didn’t make list, Have requested list from Johnny Baker)

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Department Level) Det 1267

Distinguished Service Medal Bronze – Department Level
Janis Segura
Mike Segura
John Gionet
Jack Proshuh
Trish Marsh
Mike Armstrong
Frank Glassford
Rudy Fontane
Pete Gannon
Janis Beal
John Marsh
Tom Newton
Dick Pirrutz
Jay Pruden
Lary Westcott

Distinguished Service Ribbon
Carol Proshuh - MCLA
Sandra Tetz-Fry - MCLA
Nancy Mercier - MCLA
Gayle Heath - MCLA
Debbie Rettig - MCLA
Jenny Holder - MCLA

Distinguished Service Award
Patti Armstrong Non-League Member
Anita LaMont - Non-League Member
Stetson Law School - Non-League Member

Certificate of Appreciation
Col. Phillip C. Delong Det #1267
Patti Glassford – Non-League Member
Michelle Harris – AAA Traffic Safety Foundation
William Henderson – Hisamitsu – USA
Ralph Hoffman - Pound 35 Florida Pack
Ashley Moore – Lifelink Foundation
Dick Royston – Convention Book Printer
Jim Rudolph – Veterans Funeral Care
Mark Van Trees – Support the Troops, INC