



**Commandant Ron Ashley**  
**Department of Florida**  
**Marine Corps League**



**Department Convention June 22-25, 2017**  
**Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs Hotel**

Minutes of Joint Session, MCL and MCLA  
Date: 24 June 2017  
Time: 0905  
Location: Crystal ABC  
Presiding Officer: Commandant Ron Ashley

Opening Ceremony of Joint Session of the MCL and MCLA

**0905 Call to Order**

Commandant Ashley called the meeting to order and directed the Sgt at Arms to secure the quarters, advance the colors and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Colors advanced by Color Guard from Orlando Devil Dogs Young Marines.

Chaplain George Wanberg and MCLA Chaplain Eileen Grady opened the Bible and led the opening prayer.

**Convention Dedications**

John M. Chrystaline  
Edward Hunter

**Acknowledgment of Dignitaries**

Betty Moseley Brown – Women Marines Association National President  
Colonel Ramos, U.S. Army (retired) DOD 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration Program  
Gy Sgt Stewart USMC, DOD 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration Program

National Vice Commandant Southeast Division Jim Hackbarth  
National Southeast Division Aide-de-Camp Lou Calleja  
National Auxiliary Jr. Vice President Evelyn Joppa  
National Auxiliary Ass't Vice President SE Division / VAVS Representative Nancy Calleja  
National Madam Big Flea & MCLA National Guard Rogene Hackbarth  
National Kennel Dog Robber/ Florida Pack Dog Robber Steve Joppa  
Department of Florida Auxiliary President Jean Tamburrino  
Department of Florida MODD Pack Leader Jerry Cecil  
Department of Florida Madam Big Flea Georgia Dede-Leon

**Past Department Commandants Present**

45<sup>th</sup> Department Commandant Charlie Smith  
49<sup>th</sup> Department Commandant Lou Calleja  
Past Commandant Department of Montana Steve Joppa  
Past Commandant Department of Minnesota Howard Vinnis

**Auxiliary President**

Jean Tamburrino addresses the Convention and introduces MCLA staff.

**Special Guest Speaker**

Lou Calleja Vietnam War Commemoration Partner introduces Col Ramos who presented Commemoration pins to 6 members present.

**Memorial Service**

Chaplains Wanberg and Chaplain Grady call the roll of members who passed away since Spring Conference.

James A. Bledsoe, Edward Weber

Robert G. McwenVernon W. Sand

**Conclusion of Joint Session**

0940 Commandant closes Joint Session, Chaplain closes Bible.



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2017 Annual Convention



## REOPEN CONFERENCE

1000 hrs Sgt-at-Arms secured the quarters and led members to hand salute of the Colors. Chaplain reopens Bible.

## Credentials Chair Report

Paymaster Janis Beal reads each Detachments voting strength.

## Roll Call of Officers

Adjutant calls the roll of officers.

Commandant Ron Ashley	present
Senior Vice Commandant George LaMont	present
Jr. Vice Commandant Frank Glassford	present
Paymaster Janis Beal	present
Judge Advocate John Marsh	present
Jr. Past Commandant William Cona	present
Adjutant Thomas Johnson	present
District 1 Vice Commandant Richard Jugenheimer	present
District 2 Vice Commandant John A. Murdoch	present
District 2 Ass't Vice Commandant Scott Dupree	present
District 3 Vice Commandant Barry Brown	present
District 4 Vice Commandant Mike Armstrong	present
District 5 Vice Commandant Charles Smith	present
District 6 Vice Commandant Andy Smith	present
District 7 Vice Commandant Brian Frank	present
District 8 Vice Commandant Cary Haerlin	present
District 8 Ass't Vice Commandant Mike Ambrosino	present
District 9 Vice Commandant John Marsh	present
District 10 Vice Commandant	absent
District 11 Vice Commandant Joe Kowalsky	present

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

Posted on web site mclfl.org

## Correspondence

Adjutant reports two bids for the Spring Conference. MODD Florida Pack submitted bid for Hilton Orlando/ Altamonte Springs and Morris Dixon submitted bid for Safety Harbor Resort and Spa.

## **Report of Paymaster**

Janis Beal delivered Paymaster's report. Report on line at mclfl.org.

## **Audit Committee**

George LaMont reports that audit found no discrepancies

## **Report of Any Member in Sickness or Distress**

Bill Backes, 48<sup>th</sup> Past Commandant  
Roger Poporill  
Richard Booth 46<sup>th</sup> Past Commandant

## **Report of Officers**

Commandant: On Line

Sr. Vice: On line Presently working on budget and fall conference in Palm beach.

Jr. Vice: On line. Pay dues early. Sept 1<sup>st</sup> is the due new date.

Jr. Past Commandant- Bill Cona, Leadership school was a success at spring conference with over 60 attendees. Some mistakes were made and I accept responsibility. Report on Line.

Judge Advocate: John Marsh -On line

Public Relations: Robin Barker- On line

Young Marines: John Gionet -On line

Boy Scouts: Tom Johnson-on line

Ways 7 Means: Bill Cona –on line

Scholarship Committee: Bill Cona –on line

VAVS: Jack Prosoh- On line

## **Report of Standing Committees:**

Commandant of the Year: TBA at Banquet

Marine of the Year: TBA at banquet

Report on line.

## **Special Committees:**

Lou Calleja reports that new web master is in process of being appointed. It is also been recommended that we change companies that handle our web site. A complete report should be available at the Fall conference

## **New Business:**

Adjutant reports two bids have been received for spring conference.

-Pack of Florida bids for Hilton Orlando / Altamonte Springs and Morris Dixon bids for Safety Harbor Resort and Spa.

-Conference Committee reports both venues meet requirements.

-Presentations made for both venues.

Vote on Bids: 47 votes for Safety Harbor and 50 votes for Hilton.

\*\* (Please note) Due to reports received after end of Convention re: Hilton. Venue will be reconsidered at fall conference.

**Credentials Chair Report:**

Janis Beal reports again on voting strength of Detachments.

**Elections:**

Elections Chairman Lou Calleja called to conduct election.

Election as follows;

**Commandant:** George LaMont, uncontested nomination. Adjutant cast 1 vote.

**Senior Vice Commandant:** 2 Nominees

Frank Glassford

Al Tamburrino

A vote of the membership elected Frank Glassford Sr. vice Commandant.

**Jr. Vice Commandant:** Scott Westervelt, uncontested nomination, Adjutant cast one vote.

**Judge Advocate:** Cary Haerlin, uncontested nomination, Adjutant cast 1 vote.

**Election of District Vice Commandants**

Commandant calls for 5 minute recess for Districts to vote for District Vices.

Convention brought to order and District election results were presented to Adjutant.

Results as follows:

District 1	Richard L. Jugenheimer	District 6	Andy Smith
District 2	John A. Murdoch	District 7	Rudy Fontane
District 3	Barry Brown	District 8	Mike Ambrosino
District 4	Mike Armstrong	District 9	Don White
District 5	Tom Newton	District 10	Vacant
		District 11	Mike Sergura

**Good of The League**

Award Presentations

See attached list

**Closing Ceremony**

Commandant orders Sgt-at-Arms to put Convention in recess

Chaplain closes the Bible

Sgt-at Arms announces recess until 1800 hrs.

## Award Presentations

### **DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN SILVER**

Ronald Ashley  
William Cona, Junior Past Commandant  
George LaMont, Senior Vice Commandant  
Frank Glassford, Junior Vice Commandant  
John Marsh, Judge Advocate  
Thomas Johnson, Adjutant  
Janis Beal, Paymaster  
George Wanberg, Chaplain  
Luis Calleja, Webmaster & Protocol Officer  
Robert Santoro, Brooksville 466  
Roslyn Kelley, Brooksville 466  
Ralph Newton, LCPL Justin Wilson 1045  
John Readey, LCPL Justin Wilson 1045  
Jack Prosu, LCPL Justin Wilson 1045  
Debbie Haerlin, LCPL Justin Wilson 1045  
Darren Shull, LCP Justin Wilson 1045  
Cary Haerlin, LCPL Justin Wilson 1045

### **DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN BRONZE**

Richard Jugenheimer DVC 1  
John Murdoch, DVC 2  
Barry Brown, DVC 3  
Mike Armstrong, DVC 4  
Charlie Smith, DVC 5  
Andy Smith, DVC 6  
Brian Frank, DVC 7  
Cary Haerlin, DVC 8  
John Marsh, DVC 9  
Antonio Gutierrez, DVC 10  
Joe Kowalsky, DVC 11  
Tony Akers, Sgt. at Arms  
Scott Dupree, Asst. DVC 2, Parliamentarian, & Web. Sgt.  
Scott Westervelt, ADVC 3  
Mike Ambrosino, ADVC 8  
Don Sorokin, LCPL Justin Wilson 1045

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BRONZE**

Jim Hackbarth, POW/MIA  
Scott Egan, Quartermaster  
Robert Beale, Aide-de-camp  
Mike Roselle, Aide-de-camp  
Robin Barker, PRO  
Jose Infante, Crisis Liaison  
Jack Prosu, VAVS  
Mike Waugh, Toys for Tots  
Trisha Marsh, Photographer/Historian  
Walt Russell, Detachment Commandant of the Year Chair

**DETACHMENT COMMANDANT OF THE YEAR**

Kathy Sheppard Det 054

**MARINE OF THE YEAR**

Rudy Fontane

**RECRUITER OF THE YEAR**

Kenneth Soto 567 (19 new members)

**VICTOR T. FISHER AWARD**

John Marsh, Board of Trustees

**INDIVIDUAL MERITORIOUS COMMENDATION**

Kathy Sheppard, Morris Dixon 54

Don White, North Port 948

Mike Monteleone, Desoto 588

Pat Skelding, MCLA

Kathy Ashley, MCLA

Jack Prosh, Spring Hospitality

Carole Prosh, Spring Hospitality

Nancy Calleja, Spring Hospitality

Debbie Haerlin, Spring Hospitality

Cary Haerlin, Spring Hospitality

John Readey, Spring Hospitality

Brian Frank, Spring Hospitality

Darren Shull, Spring Hospitality

**MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION**

Department of Florida Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Brooksville Detachment 466

Tamarac Detachment 755

Jack Ivy Detachment 666

LCPL Justin Wilson Detachment 1045

**JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDANT AWARD – MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION**

Marines Forever Detachment 1440

Major B. F. Hickey Detachment 57

MGYSGT James Sumner Detachment 65

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Barry Brown, Spring Conference Fund Raising

Albert Tamburrino, Spring Conference Ship's Store

Joe Kowalsky, Spring Conference Fund Raising

Scott Westervelt, Spring Conference Fund Raising

The Sign Store & More – Kim Sahyoun-Goncalves, Rosie's Banner

Doctor Betty Moseley Brown, Guest speaker

**BEST DETACHMENT NEWSLETTER AWARD**

Arthur R. Meyer Jr. Detachment 472

**BEST DETACHMENT WEBSITE AWARD**

Jack Ivy Detachment 666



## 2017 Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Awards

### Most Volunteer hours at a VA Medical Center

<u>Members</u>	<u>Detachment</u>	<u>Hours</u>
0-50	Gator Detachment #990	168 hrs
51-100	Cpl. Larry Smedley Detachment # 064	1,219
101 +	Morris Dixon Detachment #054	3,549

### Most Volunteer hours at other than a VA Medical Center

0-50	Indian River Detachment #058	1,150
50-100	Cpl. Larry Smedley Detachment #064	9,789
101+	Morris Dixon Detachment #054	not available

### Most monetary donations made to a VA Medical Center

0-59	None	
51-100	Cpl. Larry Smedley Detachment# 064	\$2,476.
101+	None	

### Most monetary donations made to other than a VA Medical Center

0-50	Marathon Devil Dogs Detachment #1216	\$2,612.
51-100	Jacksonville Detachment #059	\$21,460.
101+	Col. Philip Delong Det #1267	\$7,730

### Most monetary value donations of equipment and/or other items made to a VA Medical Center

0-50	None	
51-100	L/Cpl Justin Wilson, Detachment 1045	\$5,540.
101+	Morris Dixon Jr Detachment #054	\$450.

### Most monetary value donations of equipment and/or other items made to other than a VA Medical Center

0-50	Marathon Devil Dogs Detachment # 1216	\$672.
50-100	Marion Detachment # 061	\$600.
101+	Morris Dixon Jr Detachment #054	\$300.