

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2016

MINUTES OF MEETING: Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of March 2016. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK: Again the Scott County Bar Association is sponsoring Baseball Night at Modern Woodman Park on Thursday, June 30, 2016. All lawyers, staff and Courthouse offices and their families are invited to attend as early as 5:30 p.m. for a buffet dinner of pulled pork, hot dogs, hamburgers and sides with water and pop being provided. Your cost will be \$8 with the remaining cost being paid by our Association. This will include admittance to the ballpark as well as dinner. Because there are reservation requirements, please make sure if you sign up to attend because we will be charged whether you are there or not. Everyone is welcome to attend and should do so. Come watch the River Bandits at Modern Woodman Park. For reservations contact L. Jasper at lynne.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net or 332-8181.

BARRISTER BALL: Approximately 120 people attended the annual Barrister Ball. Over \$18,000 was donated for the benefit of HELP. There were no negative comments and everyone in attendance had a great time. Everyone is encouraged to attend next year.

PLAQUE DEDICATION: In honor of the service of G. David Binegar as a Magistrate for over 22 years, a plaque has been designed and paid for by the Association. This plaque will be hung in the Magistrate Courtroom and a date will be designated. More information will follow. If anyone is interested in participating in this event, which will include a luncheon afterwards, one should contact J. Sommers at jays@happyjoes.com.

ORDERS: Is anyone having difficulties having Orders signed when filing a Motion? If anyone has any comments contact B. Patterson at bpatterson@l-wlaw.com.

GRANT WINNERS: The recipients of the two grants of \$1,000 each are: Dillon Edwards and Kelli Golinghorst.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: United States Marines are currently looking for Judge Advocates for their legal department. Attached is the documentation concerning same. If interested contact GYSGT. Eric Runnells at 515-556-1270 or GYSGT. Calvin Hudson at 515-490-8704.

NEED HELP?: Problems with alcohol, drugs, stress or depression? Call Iowa Lawyers Assistance Program at 1-800-243-1533. All calls are confidential.

Any member having any comments may contact the President or an Executive Council member for comments on any matters. Further, any member may request a reservation at the monthly meeting for a presentation to the Executive Council by contacting the President.

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

March 30, 2016

Present: Sommers, Boesen, Patterson, Furlong, Copell, Tappa, Berger, Walker, Jasper

Guests: L. Jasper and Cobie

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Brewery and was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Patterson.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of January 26, 2016, were unanimously approved without amendment. The minutes of February 23, 2016, were submitted, however, there was no quorum and therefore no formal action was taken nor is approval needed at this time.

Furlong reports the Barrister Ball was very successful. There were approximately 120 individuals attending with gross income over \$18,844. There were only positive remarks for this event. Jacobs is to contact Swanberg of HELP to determine the best time for the donation to be paid. The report of the Treasurer provided a complete income/expense report.

Jacobs was not present, however, did submit a written Treasurer's Report of income and expenses.

Cobie was present for the selection for the two separate grants to two different laws students associated with Scott County. There were six applicants and the two winners were Dillon Edwards and Kelli Golinghorst. Cobie is to contact the winners; report to the newspapers; and contact Jacobs for the respective checks.

Sommers indicated he had a plaque made in the honor of Magistrate G. David Binegar at the cost of approximately \$91. He had secured clearance from the County, Chief Judge Greve and the family to have this plaque hung in the Magistrate Courtroom. It was also suggested there be a formal presentation and luncheon following the hanging of the plaque in the Courtroom. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to spend up to \$350 for a plaque and pizza and pop for the luncheon. Sommers will be in charge of arranging same.

Jacobs reports the request to support a Day with Monster Jam did not receive a large response and it would probably be unsuccessful. No further action needs to be taken.

L. Jasper presented the different dates available for the Night at the Ballpark. It will be held on June 30, 2016. It is a Thursday evening and it is \$2 beer night. The total cost per tickets is \$28 with the Association paying \$20 and anyone interested in attending would pay only \$8. This will include not only the ticket, but dinner as it has been in the past. This will be open to the members of our Association, their staff and Courthouse employees. These groups including their significant others and their children/grandchildren. Because there are reservation requirements, please make sure if you sign up to attend that you do so because we will be charged whether you are there or not. Everyone is welcome to attend and should do so. Come watch the River Bandits at Modern Woodman Park. Contact L. Jasper at lynne.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net or 332-8181.

Patterson reports at least one lawyer has experienced difficulty in scheduling an Order after filing a Motion. The matter is referred to the Civil Committee to determine if there is such a list of Motions that need approval of the Judge to file an Order scheduling it for hearing. A report should be provided by next month.

There were no further discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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Service as a Marine Corps Judge Advocate is Unique...



Your service in the Marine Corps will be special. It will be different from any other branch of the military. It is a difference that Marines enjoy every time they don their uniforms. As a Marine Corps judge advocate you will have two professions instead of one. You will be Marine Corps officer as well as an attorney at law. That means you must know how to be a leader as well as an attorney.



As a Marine Corps officer, you will have the opportunity to lead some of the most elite warriors that the world has ever known. Unlike the other services, Marine Corps judge advocates are not restricted to the legal field. Every Marine is qualified for combat. Marine training prepares every officer to be a combat leader.

Every Marine Corps officer, no matter what his/her future military occupation, must first be trained, screened, and evaluated at Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Quantico VA to determine whether they meet the standards to lead Marines. OCS is where you and the Marine Corps find out if you have what it takes to earn the title of Marine. Upon completion of OCS you will earn a commission as a Second Lieutenant of Marines. Upon admission to the bar of a federal court or the highest court of a state or the District of Columbia your next assignment will be The Basic School (TBS) also in Quantico VA.

TBS transforms raw lieutenants into functioning Marine Corps officers. No other military service has a school that is anything like TBS. It is considered to be the finest finishing school of its kind in the world. INC. Magazine favorably compared TBS to America's elite MBA programs. This training will not only enable you to "know your client," as an attorney, it will also qualify you to request assignment outside the legal field, should you want to try your hand at some other occupational specialty. After graduation from TBS, you will attend the Naval Justice School (NJS) in Newport RI.

At NJS you will receive your initial instruction in the military legal system. Here you will be given the tools you need to operate as an effective Marine Corps judge advocate. You will review substantive criminal law, criminal procedure, trial tactics, civil law, administrative law, and military application of the Federal Rules of Evidence. You will also conduct numerous moot courts to hone your trial practice skills and presentation. After graduation from NJS you will be designated a Marine Corps judge advocate and the journey will begin full force.



AREAS OF PRACTICE

1. Criminal Law (Military Justice)
2. Legal Assistance
3. Tort Claims
4. Administrative Law
5. Labor Law
6. International Law
7. Operational Law
8. Contract Law
9. Civil Litigation



CAREER PATTERNS

1. Judge advocates are normally assigned military law duties for their first three to six years. During this period, they are expected to develop legal research, writing, speaking, and analytical skills. They also develop advocacy skills as government and defense counsel in appellate practice, expertise in administrative law, and delivering effective legal assistance to Marines, Sailors, and their dependents on wills, contracts, family law, and consumer law. Similar to associates in a civilian law firm, however, judge advocates handle legal problems on their own and try their own cases.
2. All Marine Corps Judge Advocates are unrestricted line officers and complete the same initial training Officer Candidate School (OCS), and The Basic School (TBS) as all other Marine Corps officers. They are available to the Commander for assignment outside the legal field, and are therefore unrestricted in position assignment.
3. The first tour of duty for must judge advocates is as a government counsel or defense counsel at a major command law center. Marine Judge Advocates earn "Lead Attorney" status, handling their own cases immediately upon reporting to the Fleet Marine Force.
4. Career judge advocates (many of whom are graduates of the Funded Legal Education Program (FLEP) and have prior line experience) tend to follow three career paths. These are not rigid categories of specialization and most JA's have had tours in more than one area of legal practice:
 - a. Military Justice: tours within the military justice section of a law center; as a military judge; as appellate counsel at the Navy-Marine Corps Appellate Review Activity; or with a Navy Legal Service Office.

b. Operational Law: service as a Staff Judge Advocate of a Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB), or Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), or with a Joint Command.

c. Administrative Law: service on the legal staff of Marine Corps installations; Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy.

5. Career judge advocates attend service schools at appropriate times in their career and also participate in the SEP program. SEP graduates receive an advance legal degree (LLM) in criminal law, labor law, environmental law, or international law. These officers then serve in 16 designated billets, which require specialized legal knowledge. Additionally, each year five or ten judge advocates attend The Judge Advocate General's School, U.S. Army at Charlottesville, VA and receives a LIM in military law.

6. There is considerable opportunity for judge advocates to serve in non-legal billets. Because of the common thread of training that all Marine Corps Officers receive it is not all uncommon for JAs to serve in a wide spectrum of leadership billets. As such, JAs have served as chiefs of staff, commanding officers of Marine Barracks, squadron commanders, operations officers, company commanders, executive officers, non-legal staff officers (HQMC and OJCS), Force Inspector, Director of Family Service Centers, Staff Secretary, Aide de Camp, and Adjutant at Marine Barracks, 8th and I. Many career JA's also have prior line experience as both ground and aviation officers.

7. Marine Judge Advocates are anything, but your average lawyers. Marine Judge Advocates are first and foremost Leaders of Marines. Marine Judge Advocates receive leadership training and experience that is unavailable anywhere else.



COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT USMC LAW PROGRAMS

1. WILL THE MARINE CORPS PAY FOR LAW SCHOOL?



Although programs do exist whereby active duty Marine officers are ordered to attend law school, drawing full pay and allowances while tuition is paid by the Marine Corps, no similar program is available to officers who enter the Marine Corps via the OCC (Law) or PLC (Law) programs.

2. IS THERE ANY FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?



There presently is no authorization to offer financial aid to law student officer candidates or PLC (Law) students.

3. WHEN DO I GET PROMOTED?



Generally, constructive service is the recognition that the Marine Corps accords those judge advocates that have pursued a professional legal education prior to commissioning. Constructive service is a calendar year of credit, up to three years, that is awarded for each academic year of law school completed while not in a commissioned status. This credit advances seniority and eligibility for promotion; pay is not affected. Constructive service NEVER changes a Pay Entry Base Date. Constructive service has no effect on pay. Therefore, a newly commissioned second lieutenant lawyer can expect a promotion to first lieutenant shortly after reporting for initial active duty. For promotion purposes, the Marine Corps places you among your peers as if you had been commissioned concurrently, as you report to law school and your peers commence training at The Basic School (TBS).

4. HOW MUCH WILL I GET PAID?



A judge advocate is an unrestricted line officer. As such, you will be paid in accordance with your grade and longevity, as any other officer. A judge advocate receives no "special pay" for being a lawyer. Your OSO can show you the standard military pay scale.

5. HOW IS SERVICE AS A MARINE LAWYER VIEWED BY PROSPECTIVE CIVILIAN EMPLOYERS?

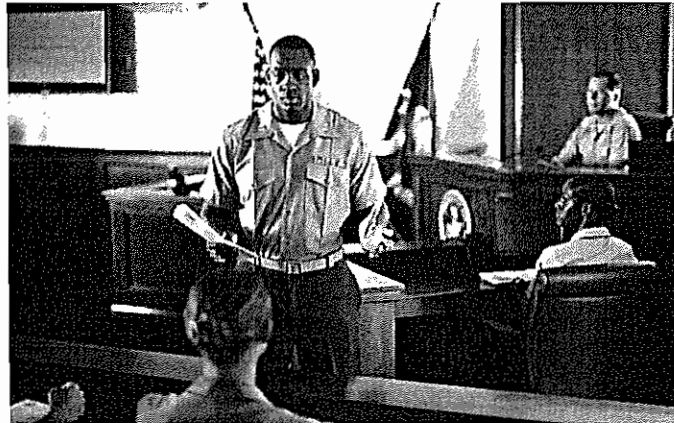


That experience gained as a Marine judge advocate can be parlayed into a good employment opportunity is evidence by our many reserve judge advocates who left military practice for a successful civilian career. Service as a Marine lawyer will not be looked upon by civilian practitioners with disfavor. To many, especially those involved in litigation, it will be deemed an asset.

6. DO MARINE LAWYERS GET INVOLVED IN ENVIRONMENTAL, CONTRACT OR LABOR LAW?



Yes, with increasing regularity. We are rapidly developing a cadre of judge advocates with specialized training and experience in these disciplines, many acquiring LIM's through the Marine Corps Special Education Program.



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