

Feb 5th, 2015 meeting
of the Commiskey-Wheat Detachment 1073
of the Marine Corps League.

1745Hrs. Quarterly Officers meeting conducted by Commandant Hall. Discussion included replacement of Jim Aust as Jr. Vice Commander, the upcoming 5K event and the keys and combination to the safe being in too many hands.

Bill Perkins says that we need to have monthly training sessions to get re-acquainted with the rifles for safeties sake.

Keys to the outer door should only be held by the acting Commandant and Pay Master and the combination to the safe should be reduced to a select few.

Ammunition is needed for the rifles in order to test them out.

Meeting attended by Bill Perkins, WC Maples, Emil Zimmermann, Frank Milling, Mark Retcho, Robert Hall, and Robert Robertson.

1830Hrs. Commandant Hall calls meeting to order. SAA Dick Hoerner secured building, posted colors, led in the pledge of allegiance and singing of the Marine Corps Hymn, then announced the meeting open for business.

Chaplain Maples opened the Holy Bible and led in the invocation.

Welcome to our State Commandant Billy Henderson and the State Jr. Vice Commandant Ron Polk. Ron spoke on membership and getting current members to attend meetings.

Reminder of Royce Nation's 90th birthday come and go event on 15 Feb from 4-7 p.m.

Sick bay report: Betty Drake and Charlie Holt are both with us here tonight as well as Richard Wills. Richard also brought his cousin Tom with him tonight. Dave Welborn had a mess-up with his medications. Zelma Howard had her cast removed and is recovering well. Bob Sims is unable to walk at this time and Danny Simmons was unable to attend tonight.

Announcements: Trail of Honor, 16-17 May, Jackson, MS is to include 12 helicopters this year. The Vietnam Wall will be picked up in Wiggins for transport to Jackson. Four helicopters are to join the convoy in Magee and fly overhead to Jackson.

Charlie Holt announced that his radio station will be carrying the Braves games again this year and if anyone wanted to attend a game he would probably be able to get four free tickets with ten days notice.

Adjutants report: Motion to dispense the reading of the minutes made by Mark Retcho. Seconded by Cliff Addison and passed.

Pay Masters report: Minutes on File with Adjutant.

Emil Zimmermann announced that we can buy white shirts for our uniform at the Army Store (AAFES) on Camp Shelby cheaper than we can thru the MCL. Belts and buckles can be obtained at the Gulfport Navy Exchange. Bill Perkins pointed out that we have a kit (for purchase) for uniform collars that we can use.

Audit report submitted by Cliff Addison: Finances all seem to be in order. Thanks to Clifton Addison and Jim Aust working with the Paymaster for the promptness of the audit. Report seconded by Rufus Dunnam and passed.

5K report: Karla Carlos reported that the 5K event will be held on Sept. 12th with a possible change of venue to Camp Shelby. LTC Weaver is her point of contact. The event would use the Armed Forces Museum as the starting and finish point. This is a League venture and not a one person show, so please be prepared to help out. All hands are expected to be available!. The event will feature a cap this year instead of t-shirts. We will erect a donor board for sponsor recognition. Officers will have a meeting next week to further plan this event. Advertising will be conducted on radio and in the newspaper.

Golf tournament report: Frank Milling, Robert Hall and Royce Nation are to get together to plan the next event.

Membership report: Commandant Hall will e-mail scanned copy of current Detachment Roster to officers for their use.

Building committee: No report

Service Officer: No report

Reminder that the South East conference of the MCL is to be held in Altamonte Spring, Florida from the 26th to the 29th of March.

Question : Congressional Medal of Honor or just Medal of Honor. Which is correct or are both acceptable?

Roy Wheat's display at the 40th Avenue Post Office has been taken out for cleaning and will be returned.

Commandant Hall presented a lifetime membership identification card and Lapel Pin to Emil Zimmermann and an associate member pin to Karla Carlos.

Larry Williams was not present to receive his lifetime membership identification card and lapel pin. The Detachment will mail these to Larry Williams.

Letter from the VFW to the Detachment was read. They have asked for monetary contributions for a welcome home to the Viet Nam Vets 50th anniversary. Bill Perkins motioned that we not contribute to this event, as we have no idea how the money is to be spent. Seconded by Robert Robertson and Passed.

The Hill family sent a thank you card for participation in Jim's funeral services.

Betty Drake has donated five books for our library. Thank you Betty.

Bill Perkins has asked for contact information on those who have volunteered to participate in the rifle ceremonies. Requesting a one hour training period once a month to get re-acquainted with the ceremonial rifles. This time has tentatively been set for the second Saturday of each month from 2-3. If other units wish to borrow the rifles, they will be required to hand-receipt the items and sign a document stating that they will be wearing a uniform for their event.

Dick Hoerner announced the nomination of Clifton Addison as the new Jr. Vice Commander until March 2016. Wiley Sellers asked for a cease in nominations. Votes were cast and passed.

Cliff Addison made a motion to pay a portion of the electric bill in accordance with what we use, to help the upstairs tenant. Seconded by Frank Milling and passed.

Holy Bible closed.

50/50 winner is Dick Hoerner.

Holy Bible re-opened.

Scholarship report made by Jim Aust : Kelsey Addison has qualified for the \$500.00 scholarship plus the extra \$250.00 based on her high grade scores. Josh Aust has qualified for the \$500.00 scholarship.

SAA retired the colors. Chaplain Maples led the benediction and reading of members who have passed away.

SAA Hoerner announced the meeting closed for business until 5 March 2015.

Semper Fi
Robert Robertson
Adjutant