

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Commiskey-Wheat Det 1073
January 7th, 2016

1830: Call to order by Commandant Hall.

SAA Hoerner insured that the quarters were secure and only authorized personnel remain.

SAA Hoerner posted colors, led in the pledge of allegiance and singing of the Marine Corps Hymn.

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

SAA Hoerner declared this meeting of the Commiskey- Wheat Detachment open for the conducting of official business.

Sick Bay: Bill Perkins was supposed to attend tonight's meeting after having had a stroke this past week. He will be getting together with a speech therapist soon to help him get back his soothing linguistic qualities. Bob Sims is reported to not be doing well at this time. No report on Dave Welborn, Betty Drake ,Charlie Holt or Hancel Smith. It was mentioned that Betty and Charlie do not drive at night and could possibly use a ride from someone.

New members: Steven Saussy, Johnny Brewer, and Associate member Sarah Broome. All were welcomed aboard.

Adjutants Report: Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes made by Richard Wills, Seconded by Cliff Addison and passed. Adjutants report is on file.

Paymasters Report: Presented by Frank Milling and is on file with the Adjutant. As part of this report, a suggestion was made to purchase a CD in the amount of \$7,500. Motion made by Mark Retcho to act on this and seconded by Jeffrey Broome. Passed by a majority vote.

5 K: This event will be canceled due to lack of interest. Another event will be instituted to replace the 5K as a reminder of 9/11, as stressed by Chaplain Maples.

Golf Tournament: Commandant Hall announced that we need to find another member willing to spearhead this activity since he is looking into relocation to Florida. As for my vote I hope he changes his mind and stays right here.

Scholarship Fund: In the absence of Jim Aust, Cliff Addison reports that we are waiting for report cards at this time prior to dispersing the funds. An essay topic needs to be chosen for the next group of applicants who appear to be eager to turn in their applications.

Membership/ Building: We have three new members this week, so keep up the good recruiting. We have some new business cards to help in this endeavor.

Christmas Party: With 55 plus in attendance, this was a very successful party, along with the number of toys collected and distributed to needy families and an overflow going to other non-profit organizations trying to help people at this time of the year.

New Business: Several thank you cards were read , mainly from appreciative widows who had been invited to the Marine Corps Ball and Mark Retcho's thanks for the support given to his Veterans Day event in Columbia.

Reminder that the MCL State Convention will be held in Pearl on the 29th of April 2016.

A motion was made by Richard Wills to contribute \$500.00 to the Semper Fi Fund. Seconded by Jeffrey Broom and passed.

Golf putters are needed by the Biloxi VA for their putt-putt course that has just been replaced after it was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Golf balls can also be provided. You are asked to bring these items to our Feb 4th meeting.

Ruby Lucas contributed a print of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima. It was signed by Jack Lucas, to be used by the detachment. Commandant Hall had the print framed and plans are to hang it on the wall behind the officers table.

Several new flags need to be purchased for various events where we need them.

Ball caps are still available for \$5.00 each.

Adjutant Robertson announced the Grand Opening of the Sumrall Veterans Assistance building on 25 January at 11:00 a.m. All hands are invited to this event and Marines are encouraged to wear your red cover. Marine Robertson assists other veterans with the filing of forms in seeking compensation or pension from the Veterans Administration.

Jeffrey Broome shared information about obtaining an M1911 (45 pistol). There seems to be a discrepancy over whether you have to belong to a gun club or not. The site is **thecmp.org** (Civilian Marksmanship Program), or you can contact Jeffrey Broome or Emil Zimmermann for more information..

Colors retired by SAA Hoerner.

Holy Bible closed.

50/50 Winner is Lucky Martin, with ticket #545218.

Holy Bible re-opened by Chaplain Maples, who led in the benediction and read the names of our members who are now guarding the gates of Heaven.

Senior Vice Commandant Retcho preformed the duties of his post.

SAA Hoerner declared this meeting of the Marine Corps League closed for the purpose of conducting official business until 4 Feb 2016.

Semper Fi
Respectfully submitted
Adjutant Robert Robertson