

7 May 2015

Minutes from meeting of the Commiskey-Wheat Detachment of the Marine Corps League 1073.

1800: Social time 19 present

1830: Commandant Hall calls for order and opened the Holy Bible. SAA Hoerner secured the quarters, posted colors, led in the pledge of allegiance, singing of the Marine Corps Hymn and announced this meeting open to conduct business.

Commandant Hall introduced Marine Anthony Key as a visitor and Marine Dick Bounds as a new member of our Detachment.

Rufus Dunnham shared that he had recently spoken to Richard Wills who reported that he has completed his chemo treatments and feels well.

Adjutants report: Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes made by Cliff Addison. Seconded by Dick Hoerner and passed. Minutes are on file with the Adjutant.

Paymasters Report: Given by Commandant Hall in the absence of Paymaster Frank Milling. Report is on file with the Adjutant. Motion to accept the report as presented made by Cliff Addison. Seconded by David Thomas and passed.

Pizza fund: Contributions are needed to help support this fund since the price of pizza's has gone up by three dollars.

5K report: Commandant Hall informed us that the event will start and finish at the museum on Camp Shelby. Sponsors are needed to sign-up for \$100 to \$400 positions of contribution. Registration forms and fliers are to be printed together and used as a tool for getting participants involved.

Memorial Day events: There will be flag-laying ceremonies for Roy Wheat and Jack Lucas and a wreath will be laid for Henry Commiskey.

Golf tournament: Meeting next Thursday night 14 May 2015.

Scholarship Fund: Applications will not be accepted after tonight.

Membership / Building: AC is working well now. The building is in need of additional insulation and some dry wall.in the near future.Remember it is everyone's responsibility to recruit new members. Use our business cards.

Cliff Addison has heard from Josh Presley and he is on the trek to cross the USA on bicycle in order to raise funds for the Semper Fi Fund.

Service Officer: Emil Zimmermann is absent tonight. Bill Perkins reported that if you have a VA claim denied, an appeal should be filed as soon as possible to prevent your claim from being put at the bottom of the priority list.

New Business: Marine Tommy Morgan's new restaurant is open downtown and offers a discount to all Marines.

The Trail of Honor will be stopping in Hattiesburg on 13 May for refueling on the way to Jackson. The convoy will begin in Wiggins at the Wal-Mart center. An Abrams tank ( on a flatbed truck ) will join the convoy on 49 just north of 59. Helicopters are to join the convoy in Magee and escort them to the Harley dealership in Jackson where the Vietnam Wall will be on display for three days.

Honor Guard: Bill Perkins said that there will be practice this Saturday at 1400 to practice firing routine commands. All of the rifles have been fired and cleaned. The new ammunition has also arrived.

David Thomas announced the funeral of a Marine who has no living relatives and is to be buried at Biloxi tomorrow. Anyone who could attend is encouraged to do so. Be there by 0940.

Zhanna Nash is honored tonight for her contributions of time and effort over the past couple of years that she and her husband have been here with us. Sgt Nash is being transferred to Camp Pendelton, CA next month. In her normal effort to assist, she shared some new fund-raising techniques that will help us in the future. Thank you Z.

Bill Perkins said that the Minute Man Warriors program has not changed their position of helping only National Guardsmen.

Commandant Hall closed the Holy Bible, 50/50 winner announced to be Bill Perkins. Bill said to give the proceeds to Z who immediately turned them over to the Detachment general fund. Once again thank you Z !

Commandant Hall reopened the Holy Bible.

SAA Hoerner retired colors. Commandant Hall led in the benediction and read the names of members who have gone on to guard the gates of Heaven. Mark Retcho performed the duties of his post. SAA Hoerner declared this meeting closed for official business until 4 June 2015.

Robert Robertson  
Adjutant