

**Marine Corps League
Kansas City Detachment – 766
Minutes Of Monthly Meeting
27 October 2009**

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony conducted at 1900 Hours by Commandant, Carey Graenser. Art Peter stood in as Sergeant At Arms, declared the meeting open, with a Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag. Chaplain, Les Simpson gave the opening prayer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1) ROLL CALL OF DETACHMENT OFFICERS & ATTENDANCE HEAD COUNT

Roll call of Officers was conducted, by Adjutant Frank May. All present and accounted for, except for Robert Eckel who was excused. Our Roll Call Log Sheet gave the following head count.

7 Officers and Staff, 7 members, 3 guests for a total of **20** in attendance.

Visitors: Al Salazar, Former Marine. Came to meeting from “Membership At Large” mailing. Brenda Lindstrom, Vice Commandant Western Region Department of Missouri & Commandant, Northwest Detachment # 180 St. Joseph, MO. Charles Barnes, Judge Advocate & Paymaster, Simpson Hoggat Detachment.

2) APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP & SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

None

OLD BUSINESS

1) ADJUTANT’S REPORT

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Adjutant, Frank May read an abbreviated re-cap of the minutes for 29 September 2009.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and was approved by a majority vote of members in attendance. Copies of the minutes are available at this meeting and on file with the Adjutant for review by any detachment member.

a) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Ray Herman reviewed the following: “Marine Of the Year” request from the Midwest Div., MCL. Email from Bryson Allen regarding up dating of the directory. Young Marines National Headquarters. Announcing Scholastic Steel Challenge (SSC), handgun-shooting competition program. Email from DAV regarding “Senate Health Care Funding Reform Bill Sent To White House”. Invitation from Hickman Mills H.S. for a Veterans Day Celebration. A request by Dep. Of MO to donate to the “Tree Of Lights” campaign by the Marine Corps Youth Foundation.

Ray Herman made a motion that we donate \$50.00 in memory of the late Detachment member Jerry Jolly. The motion was seconded and given a unanimous vote. A invitation from the Lake of the Ozarks Detachment to their annual Christmas Karaoke night Saturday, 5 December, 5:00 PM at Inn At Grand Glaize, Lake of the Ozarks. This would be convenient for those who attend the Quarterly meeting Dep. Of MO in Jefferson City earlier in the day. Proceeds from this is in support for military families.

3) PAYMASTERS REPORT: Paymaster, Les Miller submitted his report as of 26 October 2009.

Total Income: \$242.73, Total Expenses: \$115.00, Overall Total: \$127.73, Total Assets: \$12,140.26

Total Liabilities: \$403.65, Overall Total: \$11,763.61.

A motion was made to approve the Paymasters report; it was seconded, and was approved by a majority vote. A copy of the Paymasters Report is in on file with the Paymaster and Adjutant.

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4) CHAPLAINS REPORT

a) Report of any member or member's family sick.

Paymaster, Les Miller's wife Pat is having additional cardiac problems with rapid heart rate. Mike Edmonds is still in the VA Hospital with cardiac and lung problems. Michael McLaferty has been in the hospital for four months with a infection as the result of a punctured colon. Nick Sacco, has had additional heart and diabetes problems. Alisia Sacco is still having cancer problems.

b) Report of any Marine or Marine's family in distress.

None

5) REPORT OF OFFICERS

Adjutant, Frank May sent letters on 16 October to Denise Elosh and Arthur Whitaker advising them they are no longer members of the Marine Corps League for non payment of dues per, MCL bylaws if membership dues are not paid in one year from date due.

6) REPORT OF PROJECT LEADERS AND / OR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Art Peter is waiting for a date to deliver the socks to the patients at the VA Hospital.

A motion was made to purchase the socks from the same company that Joe Mouton mentioned. The motion was rescinded in favor of members purchasing socks and bring them in for a sock wrap in December. This has been a annual tradition for our Detachment. Tube socks can be purchased at most of your discount stores and wholesale clubs.

Once the wrap date is set, we will deliver to the VA hospital the next day. Volunteers Needed!

Richard "Mike" Freeman will get playing cards from an area casino for hand out with the socks.

NOTE: Socks should be delivered at our meeting on 24 November. If you can't be at the meeting Contact a member you know or a officer for delivery to the Detachment. We need 145 pair of socks minimum.

7) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Cynthia Thomas has volunteered to be the Detachment's Web Sgt. Per our visitor, Brenda Lindstrom, training will be held at the Department of Missouri quarterly meeting in March 2010 in Jefferson City. Per MCL National all Detachments must be compliant by fall of 2010. Thank you Cindy!

Frank May advised of the "Unfinished Business" business below from our September meeting.

Paymaster, Les Miller put to the floor that we donate \$2,500.00 for a scholarship fund in the amount of \$500.00 per recipient. Recipients would be family members of Detachment members. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all in attendance, with the stipulation that a committee be formed make this fair to all potential recipients. Detachment member Joe Runyon has had experience with this issue and will pass on the criteria required.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Carey Graenser said the Young Marines would like to assist in the "Toys For Tots Program".

Charlie Barns of Simpson Hoggat said he has not yet received a date(s) from the 24th Marines, when we will be needed for pick up and delivery. Each volunteer should have a toy for this program.

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NEW BUSINESS

1) REPORTS

None

2) GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Per Ray Herman, the Independence Young Marines would like to salute our veterans, by serving coffee and pie prior to our 24 November meeting. We should muster at 6:30 PM at the DAV.

Les Miller and Ray Herman will be presenting “Good Citizenship Award” to Christopher Anderson a Eagle Scout and a former Independence Young Marines member who recently turned 18 and was honorably discharged. The event information is below.

3 November At 6:30 PM at the Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple Ave., Independence, MO.

Guest, Brenda Lindstrom said she was here tonight to meet our Detachment members and officers and to see if she could learn anything on the way we operate. Plus she said communications by our Department of Missouri wants to convey that we are working for the same goals by increasing our membership and be more active in our communities and raise more awareness in the public of the Marine Corps League.

Reminder:

29 Dec. (Tue) 6:30 PM In lieu of a meeting we will have our annual Christmas Party @ DAV.

Salisbury Steak Dinner @ \$7.00 per person

Lasagna Dinner @ \$11.00 per person

Cash bar. Please bring a *“White Elephant Fun Gift”* for exchange.

Make your check out to KCDET, MCL and Mail to

PO Box 35, Grandview, MO 64030-0035.

Mark check “Christmas Party” and the Meal You Prefer

3) ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CLOSING CEREMONY

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2010 Hours by Commandant Carey Graenser. Chaplain, Les Simpson gave the closing prayer. Art Peter stood in as Sergeant-at Arms, requested the colors be secured with a salute to our flag.

REMINDER - OUR NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY – 24 NOVEMBER 2009

1830 HOURS / 6:30 PM IF YOU WOULD LIKE COFFEE AND PIE

1900 HOURS / 7:00 PM – FOR MEETING

DAV CHAPTER #2

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