



## **Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57**

**DATE:** 1/14/2016      **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1903**

### **Officers Present:**

\_X\_ Commandant      \_X\_ Sr. Vice./Webmaster      \_X\_ Jr. Vice.  
\_X\_ Sgt At Arms      \_X\_ Judge Adv.      \_X\_ Chaplain  
\_X\_ Adjutant      \_X\_ Paymaster  
\_X\_ Corpsman      \_X\_ Jr. Past Commandant/Dist. Vice Comm.

### **AWARDS**

- None

### **APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP**

- None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Posted Online at [www.stpetemcl.org](http://www.stpetemcl.org)

### **REPORT OF SICK**

- Marine Bob Morris's Wife has been diagnosed with Brain Cancer

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

### **Commandant:**

- We need a Budget/Audit committee, who will be responsible for auditing the Paymaster's books.
  - Budget/Audit Committee will consists of at least 3 marines.
- We need a discretionary fund,
  - For example, if we spend the fund in the first 3 months, then that is it.
  - We cannot continue to go into things blind and automatically approve motions to spend money and write the checks. We need budget line items for each event, etc.
  - Rose Sale money cannot be used for detachment expenses. All Rose Sale funds MUST to go directly to Veterans Programs.
  - Car show money, etc. can go towards anything, including detachment expenses.
- We need a nominating committee who will determine who wants to run for Detachment Office.
  - The Nominating Committee shall consist of 2 Marines.
- Committees need to work together, and present their ideas to the membership. We must learn to agree to disagree, and work through different ideas.
- Concerning the Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch (WWAR), the Commandant believes that other veteran's orgs and the city of Pinellas Park needs to step up.
- The Commandant introduced to Post Event Recap Form and instructed the membership on its use.
  - Form will be posted online in the near future.

### **Sr. Vice:**

- No report
- Personally thanks members for their care and support during his surgery and recovery, especially those who came to visit him.

## **Jr. Vice:**

- The MCL Department of Florida is interested in a national roster.
- MCL National said notified Jr. Vice that our detachment had 6 delinquent members. Jr. Vice has sent renewal notices and suggestion letters to our delinquent members to attempt to get them to renew and become current with their membership.

## **Paymaster:**

- 11 Nov, 2015 – Jan 14, 2016 Account Activity:
  - End of Day Balance, 11 Nov. 2015 = \$8761.11
  - Total Deposits = \$2470.00
    - \$1,993 from fundraising efforts.
  - Total Expenditures: \$2,746.91
  - End of Day Balance, 01 January 2016 = \$8484.20
  - Total of checks written Tonight = \$1,350
  - Actual Cash Balance – \$7134.20
- Report of Fundraising Efforts
  - 2015 total Rose Sales = \$10,092.68
  - Pistol Raffle – \$1,100.00 Net Profit
  - Car show – \$4125.00 Net Profit.
  - General Donations – \$245.00
  - Mugs and T-shirts – \$210.00
- We are in a good financial position going into the new year
- The Marine Corps Ball had a Net Loss of \$582.91 –
  - This is Good Job for a brand new effort from a financial standpoint.

- Marine Phil Calhoun makes a motion to accept the Report of the Paymaster
  - Marine Bob Morris Seconds the Motion
    - **Motion Passes.**

## **Adjutant:**

- Adjutant Robinson reported on the activities of the Morris Dixon Detachment 54 Honor Guard, which Adjutant Brandon Robinson, Marine J.D. Pate, and Marine Don Gillis have been participating in.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Rose Sale:**

- Paymaster Decker will be contacting Publix this and next week.
  - The Hope is to have 4-5 events before the hot weather hits.
    - Fall (Oct. Nov. Dec. and Jan.) seem to be the best days.
    - Jan – April are the best turnout at the Farmers Market.
- We did \$1,300 last year, we can do better if we position the sales toward the beginning of the season.
- Don and Decker will be contacting the farmers markets to try to get two dates set up for us for the first and second quarter of the year.

### **Pistol Shoot:**

- There will be shooting this weekend. 1000 hours at The Wyoming Antelope Club.
- Mugs are still for sale (\$10).

- Marine John Gluck introduced “Exerts from my battlefield journal” a book Approved by the Marine Corps, and are the stories of a Marine Tunnel Rat in Vietnam.
  - We will use excerpts from some of these stories in the Detachment Scuttlebutt.

## **Boy Scout Committee:**

- There were three Eagle Scout ceremonies this past weekend.
- Four young men earned the rank of Eagle this Monday, and several more Eagle Scout ceremonies will be coming up

## **Car Show:**

- For 2016, we should get the committee together and get it rolling right now. Premium Productions furnishes the trophies, advertising, etc. We sale the sponsorships of the trophies.
- The sooner we get together with Premium and get the Show scheduled, the better.
  - We would like to shoot for the Saturday before Veterans Day to hold the event.
    - Promoter thinks we can double our 2015 turnout if we do this.
- Our total cost is \$300, they will need \$150 up front.
  - Our only other real expenditure is the food.
- Commandant Weston – if any member of the Car Show Committee wants to submit a budget line item, see the budget committee before next month’s meeting.

## **Marine Corps Ball Committee:**

- This year's Ball Committee will consist of Sr. Vice Cmdnt. Cooper, Marine Don (Gillis), and Corpsman Doc Errico, with assistance from Paymaster Decker.
- Reports must be brought to the membership every month.

## **Mike Delancey (WWAR):**

- Marine Delancey thanks our Detachment for all of our volunteer efforts at all of the WWAR functions.
  - City of Pinellas Park has projected that the Ranch will be completed by 2019
    - Mike hopes to raise funds to get it done by 2017
    - Mike would like for the headquarters building, the parking lot, and trail done by that time.
  - Florida Fish and Wildlife is stocking the fishing pond.
    - There will be Catch and Release fishing in the pond.
- February 6<sup>th</sup>, WWAR First annual Fundraiser
  - Black Tie Gala – Veterans tickets are \$50. General Admission is \$125.
  - Gala will be held at Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, behind City Hall on 49<sup>th</sup> St and 78<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - 1800 Cocktail Hour; Event starts at 1900
  - Semi-Formal Dress Code is required, Collared Shirt and Slacks are suggested
  - Mike has reserved a table for our detachment that can seat 10 Marines.

- The Gala will feature a live auction
  - Items for sale include: Nice Artwork, A Getaway to the Bahamas, and possibly an old school Harley Davidson),
- Mike would also like to have a silent auction for smaller items, and request that Marines seek out our donate items for the silent auction.
- Sgt. Major Archie (Retired), Cpl. Mike Jernigan (blind combat veteran), and Army Green Beret Romulo Camargo will be the guest speakers.
  - Sgt. Major Archie went viral on YouTube
- Mike Request our Detachment have a speaker, preferably the Commandant, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and explain the POW/MIA table.
  - Commandant Weston Agrees to speak, and agrees that the Detachment will be responsible for setting up the POW/MIA table.
- Mike will provide further information to Marines who request it
  - A signup sheet was passed around the Detachment.
- Mike will arrange with the Boy Scouts Committee for Eagle Scout Projects to be completed on the WWAR site.
  - The Wounded Warriors Project and the American Legion have also been very helpful with the WWAR.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Budget / Audit Committee Formation**

- The Commandant request volunteers to serve on the Budge / Audit Committee. The following Marines volunteered:
  - Jr. Past Cmdnt. Top Flick; Chap. Phil Calhoun:  
Marine C.J. Oudendyk

### **Nominating Committee Formation**

- Commandant Weston request volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. The following Marines volunteered.
  - Marine Walt Smyth, Marine Eddie Pringle.

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

- **Marine Walt Smyth** – several Emails are bouncing back. Ask that everyone please update your Email.
  - Paymaster Decker will get with Marine Smyth to ensure he has the updated Detachment contact list.
- **Marine Walt Smyth** – Past Detachment Adjutant John Quick has gotten divorced. It cost him his condo, rental property, and sailboat. He is now at his only remaining property in Tennessee, in the company of a 25 year veteran, Woman Marine Master Sargent.
- **Marine Bob Cannon** – The Marine Killed by the drunk driver on the 31<sup>st</sup> will be buried in Sarasota.
  - Services are Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> at Bridgepoint Church on Crosswinds Drive near the license bureau on 66<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - 1000 – 1300 Viewing. Patriot Guard will escort to Sarasota. Active Duty Marines will do the full military honors.



- **Adjutant Brandon Robinson** – Read a letter to the Detachment from Marine Javier Centonzio concerning the upcoming Sgt. Jessie Davila Memorial Classic Golf Tournament.
  - Javier thanked the detachment for sponsoring two holes of the tournament, and requested that Marines help recruit golfers to play in the tournament. Contact Javier for additional details.
- **Adjutant Brandon Robinson** – Met with the leadership of Morris Dixon Detachment 54. He noted the interest and willingness of Detachment 54 to do joint events with our Detachment, especially for larger events such as the Marine Corps Ball.
- **Commandant Penny Weston** - Thanks Marine Bob Cannon for giving us notification of the services that happen at Bay Pines.
  - Services are always held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 1000 hours.
- **Marine C.J. Oudendyk** - Met with Col. Powell. His wife's' group is making blankets to give to our Detachment to donate to Bay Pines.
  - We recently donated 12-15 blankets individually to people in their rooms. This will be an ongoing thing.
  - The Detachment will be presenting these ladies with a Distinguished Service Certificate.
- **Sr. Vice Cmdnt. Cooper** - We Need a New Detachment Photo.
  - We Will take an updated detachment photo next month.
- **Jr. Vice Cmdnt. Bostrom** - Legion Post 252 is planning a huge event in Seminole Park in March. We should probably have a table. Will get more info and present at next meeting.
- **Jr. Past Cmdnt. Flick** - Nov. 10, 2016 is the date of the Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony at Bay Pines VA.

- **Marine Dave Speegle** – The Boy Scout Explorer Troup are feeding the homeless two Wednesdays a month at St. Paul Davince
  - Contact Dave Speegle if you are interested. At St. Vincent De Paul 1900 hours. He will give us an update on the dates to add to the newsletter, etc.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- None

**CLOSING TIME:** 2018