



Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

DATE: 4/14/2016 **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 Cmdnt.

MEETING SUSPENDED

- The Business Meeting was suspended for a presentation on Consumer Fraud by Stetson Law Elder Consumer Protection Fellow M.B. Robinson, Esq.
- Regular Meeting Resumed at 1925

AWARDS

- None

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

- None
- 2 Guest in Attendance:
 - Master Sargent Tim Allison, retiring next month.
 - Sargent Jake Prochnow, from Wisconsin originally, stationed here for one more year.
 - Lives locally, and is here to hook up reserve Marines with the League.
 - Both with 4th Tracks here is St. Pete.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Appreciation Letter received from Bay Pines V.A. Healthcare System thanking us for our donation of 5 cases of water and 20 full day bus passes to the Veterans Stand-down on March 21st.
- Our Detachment was featured in the Spring, 2016 edition of Semper Fi Magazine Twice.
 - Entire Column on page 46 featuring many Detachment Marines. Includes pictures of Commandant Weston passing out cake at the VA Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, and Chaplain Calhoun, Marine Cannon, and Marine Oudendyk passing out the blankets made by the Beta Xi Masters.
 - Adjutant Robinson and Marine Pate were on Page 50 with the Honor Guard at the Buccaneers vs. Falcons Game on December 6th.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Posted Online at www.stpetemcl.org

REPORT OF SICK

- Chaplain Calhoun's brother just passed away.
- Remember Marine Bob Morris, his wife recently passed.
- Please be mindful that is often a few months after a loved one passes, after the funeral and all of the immediate task are handled, that the loneliness sets in. Please remember our Detachment Marines and Families whom have recently lost loved ones when planning social gatherings, outings, etc.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Commandant:

- The Marine Corps League National Website is much more user friendly now.
- The Commandant thanks the 10 Detachment Marines who came out to this month's unattended Memorial Services at Bay Pines National Cemetery.
 - Services are the First Tuesday of the Month at 1500 Hours.

Sr. Vice:

- At last rose sale, Paymaster Decker was there all day. 0900 – 1900 hours.
 - Ooh Rah from the Detachment.
- We are now on the Detachment Locator on the National Website.

Jr. Vice:

- Needs to find out the process for developing Honorary Members / Associate Members.
 - The proposed member simply checks a different box on the Application, and takes a different Oath during Initiation.

- There is a limit on the percentage of associate members that can make up a Detachment, but we are not near that limit as of today.
- No new report concerning membership.

Paymaster:

- Report of Paymaster
 - End of Day Balance 09 Mar 2016 - \$7,841.95
 - Total Deposits - \$70.00
 - Expenditures – 719.45
 - End of Day Balance – 7,192.50
 - True Checkbook Balance - \$7,090
 - Some expenditures have not hit the bank yet.
- The Detachment had one Fundraiser since our last meeting, where we Raised \$1,012.00
 - We made slightly over \$2,000 for 2 days at the same Publix.
- We have not sent off our next payment to WWAR yet.
 - We are still on-track to meet our commitment, we just have not sent out the check yet.
 - We are waiting until everything from the car show settles down, other expenses or paid, etc.
 - We do not want to leave ourselves short for these other financial commitments.
- Motion to accept Report of Paymaster made by Jr. Vice Cmdnt. Cooper
 - Motion Seconded by Chaplain Calhoun
 - **Motion Passes**

Adjutant:

- No Report

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Rose Sale:

- Saturday Market is coming up on Saturday, April 23rd
 - We have already booked Nov. 29 and Dec. 17 for the Winter.
- We need volunteers for the Market.
 - Chaplain Calhoun – There is free coffee and chow if you wear your MCL gear.
- Paymaster Decker – Currently trying to find Publix to take us in the Fall.
 - Other than the Saturday Market, we are taking the Summer off to focus on the Car Show, etc.
- We have new donation cards that list who we are currently supporting.
 - Everyone please pick up some cards, and Use Them! Pass them out to any Marine you meet.
 - Works great as a recruitment tool, and a fund raiser.
 - Please get rid of all the old cards.
 - Yes, we know there is some misspelling on the back of the Card.

Car Show:

- Marine Oudendyk - Everything going well.
- Will have packets for all Detachment Members at next month's meeting.

- Legion Post 273 has already agreed to match last year's donation
- Marine Corps Recruiters have agreed to provide 2 large blow up Drill Instructors for the show, as well as a vehicle.
- We will also have food trucks and other random vendors.
 - We are currently reviewing all of the food trucks to determine who is going to give us the best bang for our buck.

VAVS

- Marine Cannon: Had a great turnout at the last unattended Services, as mentioned previously by the Commandant.
- A lot of the Volunteer Time Sheets have been submitted to the Adjutant.
- The Commandant will be going to a meeting with a former Marine Brigadier General who is running for congress.
 - It is made clear that this is purely a fact finding mission, and will not be carried out in any Marine Corps League Attire, or in any way in the capacity as a representative of the Marine Corps League.
- Dave Miller from American Legion Post 273 is VAVS rep for the Legion.
 - At 1100 Hours on Friday, May 27th at Walker Ford on 34th Street, they will be Raising the Second Largest POW/MIA Flag.

Boy Scout Committee:

- Marine Speegle – 2 Boy Scouts are currently doing their Eagle Projects
- Marine Thomas “Tim: Bulu is receiving one of the Boy Scouts Highest Awards, the Silver Beaver Award.

- According to the Boy Scouts of American Website: “The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.”
- The Awards Ceremony is Thursday April 28 at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa.
 - Reception Starts at 1800 hours, dinner at 1900 hours.
 - <http://www.wcfbsa.org/event/silver-beaver-dinner/1740180> – to register to attend.
 - Cost is \$45 per person.
- Lots of Summer Camps coming up for the kids.
 - The kids are getting back in the water to get ready.

Marine Corps Ball Committee:

- Sr. Vice Cmdnt. Cooper. - The Date of Saturday Nov. 12th had been confirmed with American Legion Post 273
 - We moving forward with the planning phase.

Pistol Shoot:

- There will be shooting this Saturday at 1000.
- Marine Gluck also has Mugs for Sale.

- Adjutant Robinson – National host a mail-in Rifle and Pistol Match every year. Would the Detachment be interested in competing this year?
 - Affirmative. Quite a few members of the Detachment would be interested in entering the Pistol Match.
 - Adjutant Robinson will look into the rules and will present at the next meeting.

District Vice Commandant Flick:

- Dist. Vice Cmdnt. Flick attended the Spring Conference in Safety Harbor.
 - At the conference, it was discussed about recruiting Active Duty Marines to become members of the League.
 - To that end, there is an Open House at 4th Tracks on Gandy Blvd at 1130-1230 hours on May 8th.
- State is pressing many administrative matters – such as getting rosters up to date, etc.
- The Detachment has no current issues that it would like the Dist. Vice Cmdnt. to take up with State.

Mike Delancey – Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch

- Everything is going smooth right now.
 - Ranch Located at 5500 62nd Ave. Pinellas Park.
- The WWAR is getting a donation from the Recent Pearl Jam Concert
 - Marine Delancey got mentioned during the concert.

- It does look like everything has stalled out right now, and that is because the City is currently waiting on clearance and the permits for the land drainage.
- Fundraising has been going very well.
 - 10 McDonalds in the Bay Area are offering to allow us to set up for Rose Sales, etc.
 - The Area Manager really just needs a week's notice. ___For contact information – get in touch with Marine Delancey.
- The WWAR Gala went very well.
 - Made \$20,000 – Spent \$10,000 = Net of \$10,000 (approximate).
 - Very good results for a first attempt. Learned a lot that will help improve next year's Gala.
- Fundraising Goal for this year was \$75,000. WWAR is already at \$70,000.

Javier Centonzo – Sgt. Jessie Davila Memorial Classic Golf Tournament

- Had a good turnout and event this year. Expecting an even better event next year.
 - The momentum is there, we just need to coordinate things a little better, such as the scheduling of the Golf Tournament and the WWAR Gala.
- Gave \$1,500 to WWAR, with the balance going to the Sgt. Jessie Davila Scholarship Fund at Stetson Law.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- At 1130-1230 hours on May 8th, there is an Open House at 4th Tracks.
 - 4th Tracks is located at 5121 Gandy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33611
 - There are over 400 Marine at 4th Tracks.
- Master Sargent Allison. – 4th Tracks knows and has a good relationship with every Marine Corps League Detachment in the area, except ours, and we are the closest ones.
 - Every Sunday once a month, when the reservist drill, all the Marine Corps League guys come out to the 4th Tracks Center for free food, etc. – 1130-1230.
 - You are allowed to be at the center from 1000-1400, but between 1130 and 1230 is the best for lunch and to catch the young Marines.
 - We are also invited to attend the 4th Tracks Family Day.
- Marine Smyth: The Bay Pines Monthly Magazine, Bivouac, contains contain a request pertaining to military records.
 - You can fill it out, and after you wait a while, they will provide all of your records to you.
- Marine Friend – We should request 3 tickets for every game for the Rays in the preferred section behind the Bullpen.
 - Primo Seats and they never fill them. They will likely give them to us.

- On Saturday April 30, there is a Clearwater Thrashers Ballgame to support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).
 - We contribute \$500 per year to offset fuel cost for the volunteers.
 - RSVP recently started new program where they are taking Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans out into the community to get more involved.
 - Tickets are \$13 apiece.
 - Contact Paymaster Decker if you are interested.
 - \$13 gets you all you can eat and drink (except, regrettably, for beer)
 - \$2.50 for a 16 oz. beer.
 - Would be a great substitute for the Annual Picnic this year, which we canceled.
 - This is a great opportunity for everyone to just get together and have a good time!
 - The park is Handicap Accessible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marine Oudendyk – American Legion Post 273 is very grateful to the Detachment for running their Elections again this year.
- Paymaster Decker – Paws for Patriots listed us as a contributor in their Annual Report. This coming year, we will be in the \$1,000 contribution group.
 - Several Marine Corps League Detachments are making donations as well.

NEXT MEETING = Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 1900 hours.

- Closing Ceremony Performed.

CLOSING TIME: 2016