



Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

DATE: 09FEB17 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1900 HOURS

OPENING CEREMONY:

- Opening ceremony was conducted in accordance with the MCL Ritual.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

<u>X</u> Commandant	<u>X</u> Sr.Vice-Commandant/Webmaster
<u>X</u> Jr.Vice-Commandant	<u>X</u> Sgt-At-Arms
<u>X</u> Judge Advocate	___ Chaplain
<u>X</u> Adjutant/Paymaster	<u>X</u> Corpsman
___ Jr. Past Commandant	

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR GUEST SPEAKER:

- Jim – Attempted to come to meetings and never connected until today. Served in USMC 1954 – 1957 - Korea – Sgt – worked on power generating plant.
- He took an application for membership and was informed he would need a DD-214 copy and check for 1st yr. dues.

AWARDS:

- Branden – Distinguished Service Award

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP:

- Received application, DD-214 & \$40.00 cash for Wilbur.L. Bicknel

ADJUTANT’S REPORT:

- Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - Posted Online at www.stpetemcl.org
 - Motion to waive reading of the Minutes made by Marine Cannon
 - Motion Seconded by Marine CJ Oudendyk
 - Discussion - None
 - **Motion Passes**
- Correspondence Received
 - None

PAYMASTER’S REPORT:

- Report of the Paymaster:

Account Activity:

End of the Day 11JAN17 Balance	<u>\$11,915.52</u>
Total Deposits:	<u>\$10.00</u>
Expenditures:	<u>(\$2,455.08)</u>
End of Day 08FEB17 Balance:	<u>\$9,470.44</u>

The bulk of the expenditures were, \$1,000 for 2 tables at the WWAR Gala Fundraiser, \$509.10 for signs, folding table and chairs for rose sales, \$100 donation for the VFW Post 4364, \$100 donation to The Wyoming Antelope Club and \$500 to the Sgt. Devila Golf fundraiser.

Paymaster noted that a large deposit from recent Publix rose sales was made today in the amount of \$3,834, bringing the actual balance up to \$13,304.44.

- Motion to accept Report of Paymaster made by Marine Brandon Robinson.
- Motion Seconded by Marine Eric Hopkins
 - Discussion – Commandant asked about the Bingo Account. Paymaster stated he would report separately after the vote.

- **Motion Passes**

- Further Discussion:
 - Paymaster Reported having trouble with online banking and could only report on most recent mailed bank statement.
 - We had to create a separate account for the bingo because Wells Fargo would not permit anyone to make deposits without being listed on the account. Since I wanted to keep that separate anyway, we created the Regions account and they will permit anyone to make deposits. We originally seeded the Regions account with \$500.00 from our Wells Fargo account to pay for licensing and start-up fees. There have been weekly bingo events and as of Jan. 31st, we have a balance of \$696.19. There were deposits in January in the amount of \$3,047.00 and rent checks going out in the amount of \$2,600.00, netting out \$447.00 for the month of January.
 - Commandant commented on the volunteers at 66th St. Bingo are now Associate members and asked about the cost of renewal. Paymaster reported that the owner paid the fees and it's out understanding that he will pay them each year.

CHAPLAINS REPORT:

- Report of the Sick or Distressed
 - Commandant Weston filled in for the Chaplain. She commented on a Marine member who hasn't been able to come to meetings for some time and was the Marine who introduced us to the VFW Post where we meet. Since our Chaplain is not able to be active at this time, the Commandant sent out a letter to this Marine.
 - Commandant commented that Don Gillis was hospitalized and on ventilator but they were planning on taking him off of that and didn't know if his heart would

sustain him. Marine Smyth commented that the latest report he received was that they were going to keep Don on the ventilator and try some different medication.

- Commandant asked that the Det. keep Don and family in their thoughts and prayers as well as other members, Top and Phil, who's wives have health issues. Commandant asked that if anyone knows of someone in the Det. who is ill, they should notify her and until a new Chaplain is appointed, she will send out cards or make contacts. She also commented that Eric Hopkins' girlfriend is going in for surgery a week from Friday and we should also keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

Commandant:

- Rec'd from Walt Smyth a newspaper article about Hometown News – gave copy to Adj. and wants that sent out to all Det. so that we can get what we are doing into the news and possibly reach other Marines.
- Walt Smyth also informed her about Mark Welsh who has the Honor Flight of West Central FL – Mr. Welsh wants to give a presentation to our Det. but it takes about 45 minutes. Now taking Korean Vets and VN vets who are terminally ill but can travel. They also now have the Honor Flt. At home and it was recommended that the Det. officers attend on 2-25-17 2-4 at hospice – Suncoast Hospice. This is for WW II or Korean vets that cannot fly. Also, they need guardians for the flights. The vet goes free but the guardian costs \$400 and it is a 1-day event. If anyone wants more information on any of this, please contact the Commandant.
- Red'd letter from FL Dept. Adj. – Returned mail that was sent to her home address with note telling them that all MCL mail should be sent to our P. O. Box.
- Had report from the Dept. of FL MCL that the Dept. Scholarship tickets are lost.
- WWAR Gala – We have donated one table of 10 for wounded veterans and if we don't fill the 2nd table for our Det. members, we will donate the rest to Mike's vets. Penny will go around room to confirm who's going. The Gala is on Saturday the 18th of Feb. at 6:00 pm.

Sr. Vice Commandant:

- Commented on Rose Sale and acknowledged those who helped by stating their names and thanked them.

Jr. Vice Commandant:

- None.

Jr. Past Commandant:

- None

Judge Advocate:

- None

Sergeant-at-Arms:

- None

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Officers Search Committee (CJ):

- Reported That they called everyone and received a lot of “no” answers and quite a few that did not call back. However, they do have 2 people on their list for Commandant and they need to be nominated later under New Business for the first round of nominations.

Rose Sale Committee (Don Gillis & Bob Decker):

- Upcoming Rose Sales:
 - Reported that we had a good Publix fundraiser in January and collected a little over \$2,400 at the Madeira Beach Publix.
 - This past weekend we only got to fundraise on Saturday Feb. 4th and for part of the day only one door because there was a mix-up on scheduling and there was the Ocala H. S. Band there as well. We still did well and collected a little over \$1,400.
 - We still have the March 4th & 5th, 3900 66th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33709 available. May only do one day and share the other day with the Ocala High School Band since there was a mix-up at the one on Feb. 4th & 5th. Once we hear back from Ocala H. S. Band, an e-mail will go out to the Det. letting you know what will occur on the weekend of March 4th & 5th.
 - March 11th & 12th, Publix Northeast Shopping Center, 200 37th Ave. N.

- February 25th – Saturday Morning Market from 0900 to 1400 hours. We need one person to be in charge of that event.
- All months will be scheduled for a rose sale except for July and August and we should be able to meet our goal of raising at least \$14,400.

Budget Audit Committee (Mike Cashman):

- Committee met with Paymaster Decker and determined that all was in order.

2017 Budget Committee (Bob Decker):

- Committee met 2/1/2017 – 8 present and we discussed a lot of ideas about what we want to do this year. Paymaster called attention to the handout copy of the proposed budget line items. One of the things the committee discussed was that we want to focus more on recruiting and wanted a recruiting card designed. We also discussed that we want to do more for Marines. We have our usual entities that we donate to but this year there is an amount of \$7,500 set aside to be used on a case by case basis for the benefit of Marines. Further discussion ensued about how to find Marine veterans and how to vet them. It was decided that this would be done on a case by case basis. The Commandant suggested that these Marines should be properly vetted and they should present their situation before the Detachment. Paymaster suggested that would not work as most of these vets were embarrassed by their situation. Marine Delancey confirmed that bringing them before the Det. would not work as many of these vets are too proud to ask for help and that perhaps a committee of 1 or 2 meeting in private with the veteran in need of help would work a lot better.
 - A motion was placed on the floor to accept the proposed budget.
 - A second was made.
 - The Commandant asked if there is any discussion.
 - A discussion then evolved about the Detachment Education Fund and how that should be defined. There were suggestions made that we just include that item in the “Fund to Benefit Marines”. CJ offered background about how the fund got started by a request from someone at St. Pete. College and he stated that we need to have a specific definition of what is an educational need. The Commandant asked if we ever had a written criteria from the college defining their educational need? CJ responded that we had not but he could speak with them tomorrow. Commandant asked Brendon Robinson if the college where he works had some criteria set up for scholarships.

Marine Robinson responded that if we really want to have a scholarship fund, we should set one up separately and declare what the criteria should be and that it can be anything you want to define. Commandant stated that we pretty much want to keep it focused on education and to keep that in mind when a vote comes up on the floor requesting funds from the Detachment Education Fund. Paymaster stated that was still a very general definition.

Jr. Vice Commandant Bostrom asked why there wasn't a line item for Hospitalized Veterans as had been in prior year. Commandant stated that there was the line item for Stand-down and that could also cover hospitalized veterans. Paymaster stated that there had not previously been a specific line item for Hospitalized Marines. Commandant Weston brought up a discussion about a project that Associate Member Pam Bostrom was working on through her Legion Post 252 and they are trying to fund a monthly outing for confined veterans and Cmdt. Weston asked where funds would come from if we donated to that and asked if we wanted to adjust down some of line item 7 (Fund for Benefit of Marines) and add to line item 9 (VA Voluntary Services – (Stand down)). Marine Bostrom suggested the maybe Hospitalized Veterans could be included under “The Fund for Benefit of Marines” Marine Bob Cannon stated if there is an outing, the VA supplied the transportation and escorts and wherever they are going would provide whatever is being offered. Pam Bostrom discussed that the reason this started was that the VA did away with almost all of the crafts in the craft room except for pottery and the veterans want more variety. The Legion Post 252 Auxiliary then started to take them on outings. Right now they can only take 20 at a time because one of the 2 buses is not running.

- Marine Brendon Robinson made a motion to approve this budget to represent the maximum line item amounts to be paid by the Paymaster without a vote from the Detachment EXCEPT for Line Item 7 (Fund for Benefit of Marines) which will require approval of Staff including Commandant, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice and Judge Advocate and with no requirement to meet any of these maximum amounts.
 - Commandant stated that this would be an amendment to the original motion.
 - Marine Robinson put a motion on the floor to cancel the original motion to accept the Budget.
 - Motion was second by Marine Blick

- Questions – None
- Motion passed

- 2017 Maximum Budget as approved:

Detachment 57 Proposed Budget Maximum Line Items For 2017

	Project Name	\$ Budget Value	Donations Made	Expenses Paid	Bal. Left to Pay
1	Scholarship Fund - Dept of FL (Paid before June)	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
2	National MCL Auxiliary-Spring & Fall Raffles	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
3	Wounded Warrior Abilities Ranch, Inc.	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
4	Paws For Patriots - Southeastern Guide Dogs	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
5	Detachment Education Fund	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
6	B. S. A. Crew 396 - \$1, 100/Qtr. - (\$500/Qtr. Specific Activity/Child Sponsor)	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00
7	Fund for Benefit of Marines - Approved on case by case basis	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
8	RSVP - 1st half of each year sometime	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
9	VA Voluntary Services (Stand Down)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
10	Fees	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
11	Misc. Supplies/Admin	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
12	Misc. Donations	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
	<i>(like Antelope Club Frig., Little League Flags, Funeral Flags/plaques, Convention Ads, VFW Post 4364 ETC.)</i>				
13	Sgt. Davilla Golf Tournament (Insurance-\$150, Seed Money-\$500 & \$1,000 Donation)	\$1,650.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
14	Picnic & MC Ball Excess Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
15	Conference Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
16	Rose Purchases - Up to 40 Gross	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
	(10 Gross costs \$150.00)				
	TOTAL PROJECTED BUDGET	\$32,280.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$30,780.00

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		Budgeted Revenue
	8 Rose Sale Per Year @ \$1,800 each	\$14,400.00
2	4 Farmers Mkt Rose Sales @ \$250 each	\$1,000.00
3	Misc fund raising activity (Picnic, & Other Raffles)	\$500.00

4	Car Show (Net) - ??? sponsorships @ \$50 each	\$8,000.00
5	Bingo (Assumes only \$80/wk. net for 50 weeks)	\$4,000.00
	TOTAL PROJECTED 2017 NEW REVENUE	\$27,900.00
	TOTAL CARRYOVER REVENUE FROM 2016	\$11,900.00
	TOTAL AVAILABLE PROJECTED REVENUE	\$39,800.00

Car Show (C. J. Oudendyk):

- No Report

VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service) (Bob Cannon):

- April 8th – Stand Down

Boy Scout Committee (Tim Bulu):

- Marine Bulu reported that Marine Speegle couldn't be here today but that he has a new Advisor and is in the process of submitting the application through the proper channels of the B.S.A. The candidate is a teacher, Girl Scout Leader and has previously been a Crew Advisor.

Marine Corps Ball Committee (TBD):

- No Report

Pistol Shoot (John Gluck):

- Marine Gluck presented our donation at the last Antelope Club meeting and they thanked us for donation
- Pistol Shoot will be held Feb 18th at the Wyoming Antelope Club at 10:00 am
- Marine Gluck asked if there is interest for picnic – they have dates open in April/May We need to decide. Commandant Weston stated that he should come back at next monthly meeting with the exact dates and we would vote on it for sometime in April or early May.

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Marine Mike Delancey reports that the event is sold out, in fact overbooked for event but still taking donations for auctions. His assistant told him that our tickets would be mailed to our P. O. Box and we should have them next week.

- POW table to be set up that morning by Pam Bostrom.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sr. Vice Commandant Cooper discussed that a request for a recruiting card surfaced and he designed some cards to be printed inexpensively through Vista Printing. There would be a space to stick a label with the member's information. He showed a sheet of samples of different colors and asked that the members check off which one they wanted. It would cost about \$80 to print 500.

Commandant asked if there was a motion on the floor to print 1,000 of these cards.

- Eric said, "So moved".
- CJ second the motion
- Question – Question raised whether we should order them in different colors and Marine Cooper stated that it would not be cost effective to do that. The more you buy, the less they cost per card. Cooper mentioned that maybe we just want to order 500 to begin with.
- A motion was made to amend the motion on the floor to 500 cards by Marine JD.
- That motion was second
- Question – None
 - Motion passed.
- Nominations of Officers was conducted by Marine C. J. Oudendyk. He began with Judge Advocate, then Jr. Vice, Sr. Vice and Commandant. He asked for nominations 3 times for each position.
 - There were no nominations for Judge Advocate and Marine Bob Morris was asked if he wanted to continue on as Judge Advocate and he accepted.
 - Jr. Vice Commandant Don Bostrom was asked if he wanted to continue on as Jr. Vice and he said, "No". There was one nomination of Eric Hopkins for Jr. Vice Commandant and he accepted.
 - Sr. Vice Commandant George Cooper was asked if he wanted to continue on as Sr. Vice and he said, "No". There was a nomination by Bob Cannon of Don Bostrom for Sr. Vice Commandant and he accepted.

- Commandant Penny Weston was asked if she wanted to continue on as Commandant and she said, “No”. There was a nomination by Bob Cannon of J. D. Pate for Commandant and he accepted. There was a nomination by Walt Daly of Bob Decker for Commandant and he declined. There was a nomination by Bob Errico of George Cooper and he accepted.
 - It was announced that there would be another chance to nominate candidates at the next meeting in March and after that there will be a balloted election.

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GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Marine Walt Daly informed everyone about information he received at a dinner meeting put on by Veterans Benefits Assist (veterans-benefits-assist.org) about some “little known benefits for veterans” and the presenter, Jim Florio wanted to come to our next meeting for 5 minutes to introduce himself and the work he does. Marine Daly read some of the information in the brochure and stated that he didn’t believe the local VA knew about it. Daly proceeded to read the qualifications to get this benefit. A discussion followed asking questions about the credibility of this person and Marine Decker stated that this is about the Aid and Attendance Pension benefit and the local VA is very aware about the benefit. Decker asked if this presenter was a Financial Planner. Marine Daly was not sure. Marine Robinson said he would check him out. Commandant asked Marine Daly if he would invite him to come to the next meeting and he said he’d check first with Marine Decker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None.

CLOSING CEREMONY:

- Closing ceremony was conducted in accordance with the MCL Ritual.
- Sgt.-At-Arms announced that the next meeting to conduct the business of the Major B. F. Hickey Detachment, United States Marine Corps League will be held on Thursday, 09MAR17 at the VFW Post 4364.

CLOSING TIME: 2025 Hours

- Commandant

ATTENDANCE:

- 22 Members in good standing in attendance.