



## Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

DATE: 11 April, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1900 HOURS

OPENING CEREMONY:

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

OFFICERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commandant/	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sr. Vice Commandant
<input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Vice Commandant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sgt. AtArms
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Advocate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaplain
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjutant/Paymaster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corpsman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jr. Past Commandant	

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR GUEST SPEAKER:

- Two guests were present. They are both Marines, Walter Canty who came with Eddie Pringle and Dakota Todd who came at the invitation of George Cooper. They were invited to join the Detachment.

NEW MEMBER OATH OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Commandant Pate administered the membership oath to Joe Townley and Ray McCool.

## AWARDS:

- Commandant Pate announced that the Detachment received a Unit Commendation from MCL The Department of Florida. The Commendation was given in recognition of our donation to the Hurricane Relief Fund of DoF.
- Members are permitted to wear the appropriate ribbon for the Commendation and are available from George Cooper.

## APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP:

- None.

## ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

- Minutes of Previous Meeting
  - Posted Online at [www.stpetemcl.org](http://www.stpetemcl.org)
    - Motion to waive reading of and accept the Minutes as posted online made by Marine Robinson
    - Motion Seconded by Marine Tsai
    - Discussion - None
      - **Motion Passes**
- Correspondence Received
  - Received a letter from VAVS thanking us for our donation to the recent Stand Down for Homeless Vets

## PAYMASTER'S REPORT:

It was announced by the Paymaster and the Commandant that the detachment's financial details will no longer be read aloud at the meetings nor will they be posted online. The Paymaster will continue to create a monthly report which will be available for review by members at the meetings.

Financials are available for review by detachment members at any time.

The decision to not publish financials was a result of a discussion at the Spring Conference urging discretion when publishing financials.

## CHAPLAINS REPORT:

- Eric Hopkins has been admitted to a 30 day rehab program at the Bay Pines Medical Center. Visiting hours have not been established.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

### Commandant:

- None

### Sr. Vice Commandant:

- Reported that the first quarterly Birthday Gathering was successful. The next Gathering will take place in June and will most likely be at the Wing House.
- The Spring Conference Book was made available for review. There are also some extra copies of the CD given out at The Leadership School.

### Jr. Vice Commandant:

- None.

### Jr. Past Commandant:

- None

## Judge Advocate:

- The review of the bylaws is progressing and should be ready for another review in middle of next month. If no changes are needed it will then be presented to the Detachment for review and vote.

## Sergeant-at-Arms:

- None

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

### Rose Sale Committee:

Last Rose Sale produced \$924 revenue. Thanks to all who were able to come out and help.

YTD our goal was \$5,300 and we actually have collected a total of \$5,146.50. We are short \$153.50 - not bad.

I've modified future goals down from \$1,300 to \$1,000 when we have only one day as you can see by my revised Rose Sale spreadsheet.

### NEXT ROSE SALE:

Publix in the Northeast area on 4th St. N. at 38th Ave. N. - 3700 4th St N, St.

Petersburg, FL 33704

1 Day 2 Entrances

Saturday, May 25th

0900 until 1800 hours - (Let's see if we can stretch it out for that one extra hour since it's only for one day).

Email Blast and Doodle page to follow soon.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

ONE MORE ON JUNE 8TH & 9TH - 2 DOORS AND 2 DAYS!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THAT DAT AS WELL

AFTER THAT - NOTHING UNTIL OCTOBER - STILL WORKING ON A LOCATION FOR SEPTEMBER

- Car Show
  - No Report
- VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service):
  - Bob Cannon read the following statistics from the VA Stand Down

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| Total Registered   | 566          |
| Women  | 56           |
| Men  | 511          |
| Veteran in a shelter (VA or non VA)                            | 65           |
| Veteran Unsheltered<br>(Place not meant for habitation)        | 68           |
| Grant & Per Diem Programs                                      | 64           |
| Domiciliary (All wings)  | 58           |
| HUD-VASH   | 123          |
| Other (at risk, staying with friends, owns home, rents on own) | 188          |
| Vets who will have DoD surplus delivered to them               | 18           |
| Stand Down Court   |              |
| Veterans seen  | 132          |
| Fines and costs waived   | \$361,344.33 |
| Cases resolved   | 721          |

# Vendors Attended 81

Haircuts provided 87

- Boy Scout Committee (Tim Bulu & Dave Speegle):
  - Tim Bulu reports that Detachment 57 is only 1 of 8 detachments that participate in the Eagle Scout Citizenship Award program. There are 51 detachments in the DoF.
  - Dave Speegle described upcoming events for the Venture Crew. The next quarterly dispersant
- Marine Corps Ball Committee
  - No Report

#### Pistol Shoot, Cup Sales and Flag Education Program (John Gluck):

- Pistol Shoot will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at the Wyoming Antelope Club and this month it will be held this coming Saturday, Apr13.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Doc Errico asked if the detachment was going to take a vote to financially support "Praxis Wellness" the organization we heard a presentation on at the last meeting. Commandant Pate said that speakers from other organizations would be attending future meetings. Commandant Pate wishes to wait so all the organizations can be considered properly.
- Adjutant Cooper announced that he had received that evening an application from Marine Weston to attend The MCL National Convention Aug. 4-9. The Adjutant additionally reported that he had met with The Judge Advocate, consulted the bylaws and determined that Marine Weston does not qualify as a delegate to the convention from Detachment 57. A vote by the Detachment would be needed for an exception to the bylaws. Commandant Pate asked for a motion to "Table" any discussion until a later time. The motion was made and then seconded by Marine Lawson. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

- Commandant Pate announced a preliminary plan for our Detachment to start up its own Honor Guard. We start slowly and not acquire rifles or a firing detail until we felt comfortable that we could meet the demand for services.

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Marine Robinson reported the MCL has an award to honor the top high school ROTC Cadet. He said he attempted to contact the ROTC Commander at Dixie Hollins High School about 2 years ago but did not get a response. He suggested that this is a good way to create some good will in the community.

Bob Cannon said he would contact the ROTC Commanders in the county.

- Commandant Pate announced that we currently have some Vets under evaluation for our auto repair assistance network.
- Sr. Vice Commandant led the Marine for Life program. As President of the SVA at St Pete College he is very aware the value of networking.
- Marine Townley addressed the detachment to explain his extended absence. He has had multiple life challenges and upon reflection has found himself focusing on suicide prevention among veterans. And to us about the First Step Home program.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, May 9 to be held at the VFW Post 4364.

## CLOSING CEREMONY:

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

CLOSING TIME: 2030 Hours

## ATTENDANCE:

- 15 Members in good standing in attendance plus 3 Marines or FMF Corpsmen or Chaplains guests and 0 Non-Marine guests.