



## Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

**DATE:** 2/11/2016      **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 1900

### **Officers Present:**

\_X\_ Commandant      \_X\_ Sr.Vice./Webmaster      \_Jr.Vice. (Excused)

\_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**

- No Applications for Membership, but we did have the following Guest in Attendance:
  - Mr. Skaggs – ‘64-‘68
  - Mr. Quay – ‘55-‘59
  - Mr. England – ‘63-‘67
    - Each Guest was provided with a membership application, and advised to submit their DD-214.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- We received a Thank You Card from the Beta Xi Masters thanking the Detachment for the Certificates of Appreciation the Detachment gave them for making Blankets for Veterans at the Bay Pines V.A. Hospital.
- Notice of Marine Corps League Department of Florida Spring Conference in Safety Harbor - April 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - Members should approach the Paymaster if they are interested in attending.
    - Members who are interested in holding any office in the MCL should consider attending the leadership school. Each member who attends will be a great asset to the Detachment.
    - Marine Smyth and District Vice Commandant Flick have both attended the leadership school multiple times, and they have learned something new each time they have attended.
      - The Detachment is willing to pay the \$10 fee for a member to attend the leadership school.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Posted Online at [www.stpetemcl.org](http://www.stpetemcl.org)
  - Can be found under: Meetings - Minutes of Previous Meetings - Click on the Appropriate Month.

## **REPORT OF SICK**

- Marine Bob Morris's Wife is doing better. She has just stopped doing radiation, will be getting evaluated for Cyber Knife soon.
- Marine Walt Smyth is awaiting a date to receive surgery.

- Chaplin Phil Calhoun's wife is going in for her 3<sup>rd</sup> knee operation next month.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

### **Commandant:**

- Commandant Weston attended the WWAR Gala, along with eight other Detachment Marines.
  - The Gala was absolutely fabulous, and was a phenomenal event.
- The Commandant thanks those Members whom have stepped up to participate in the Rose Sales.
  - Asks all members to donate a few hours of their time every month.
    - It's not fair for the same 4-5 Marines to be performing the brunt of the volunteer services.
- Thanks those Marines that consistently attend the services at Bay Pines National Cemetery on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month.
  - It is both amazing and sad to see the number of service men and women for whom no family is present at their memorial services.
- We are going to start doing the 50/50 drawings again at each detachment meeting, so Bring your Money!!!!

### **Sr. Vice:**

- No report

### **Jr. Vice:**

- Absent – Excused.

### **Paymaster:**

- Report of Balance Sheet:
  - End of Day Balance – January 13, 2016 = \$8,484.20

- Total Deposits = \$616.00
  - Mostly made up of \$420 raised at the Farmers Market
- Expenditures = \$1,625.27
- End of Day Balance – February 11, 2016 = \$7,474.93
- Chaplain Calhoun makes a motion to accept the Report of the Paymaster.
  - Marine Centonzio Seconds the Motion
    - **Motion Passes**

### **Adjutant:**

- No Report.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Budget / Audit Committee**

- **Chaplain Calhoun** – The Budget / Audit Committee met with the Paymaster on Feb 5, 2016.
  - All accounts have been property balanced to the penny by the Paymaster.
  - All records are stored separately in a locked file cabinet at the Paymasters office
    - All records are complete and date back to 2007, the beginning of our Detachment.
- There is a line by line item report if any member wants to examine it.
  - This report will be posted on our Website.
- Non-Rose Sale Profits for 2015 (Car Show, Gun Raffle, Etc.) = \$5,277
- Proposed Budget (By Line Item)

- 1 – Dept. of Florida Scholarship Fund – \$250
- 2 – National MCL Axillary Spring and Fall Raffles – \$160
- 3 – Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch – \$5,200
- 4 – Southeast Guide Dogs Paws for Patriots – \$1,000
- 5 – Detachment Education Fund – \$1,000
- 6 – Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew 396 – \$2,400
  - \$600 distributed per calendar quarter
- 7 – Marines in Need – \$1,000
- 8 – RSVP – \$500
  - Distributed the first half of each year.
- 9 – VA Voluntary Services (Stand Down) - \$250
- 10 – Fees - \$200
- 11 – Miscellaneous Supplies – \$1,000
- 12 – Miscellaneous Donations - \$600
- 13 – Sgt. Jessie Davilla Golf Tournament - \$850
  - Insurance - \$150; Seed Money - \$500; Two Hole Sponsorships - \$200.
- 14 – Picnic and Marine Corps Ball Expenses - \$1,800
- 15 – Conference Expenses - \$2,500
- 16 – Rose Purchases - \$1,467.96
  - Up to 40 Gross. 10 Gross cost \$366.99
- Total Projected Budget = \$20,177.96
- Projected Revenue (By Line Item)

- 1 – Six Rose Sales – \$10,800
  - Estimating revenue of \$1,800 for each Rose Sale.
- 2 – Four Farmers Market Rose Sales - \$1,200
  - Estimating revenue of \$300 for each sale.
- 3 – Miscellaneous fundraising activity - \$250
  - Examples: Picnic, Marine Corps Ball, Raffles, 50/50, etc.
- 4 – Car Show (Net) – \$8,040.00
  - Estimating 201 Trophy Sponsors at \$40 each.
- Total Projected 2016 Revenue - \$20,290
- Total Carryover Revenue form 2015 - \$8,487.05
- Total Available Projected Revenue - \$28,777.05
- Fundraising
  - We netted \$1,151 last year on the Pistol Raffle, but it was a lot of work and effort for not so great of a financial return.
    - We will not do a Pistol Raffle again this year.
- Motion made by Marine Bob Oliver to Approve the Budget, to represent the maximum line item amounts to be paid by the Paymaster without a vote from the Detachment, and with no requirement to meet the maximum amount.
  - Marine Centonzio Seconds the Motion
    - **Motion Passed**

## **Nominating Committee**

- **Marine Walt Smyth** – The Nominating Committee attempted to contact many of the Current Officers and Detachment Members to gauge their interests in retaining / running for Detachment Office.
  - Many Existing Officers and Appointees are willing to stay on.
  - Many other members did express an interest to rise to the occasion when asked.
  - Marine C.J. Oudendyk will run the Detachment Election at the March Detachment Meeting.
    - Commandant, Sr. Vive, Jr. Vice, and Judge Advocate are Elected Officer Positions.
      - If the Detachment so chooses, we can make the other officer positions elected as well, instead of allowing the Commandant to appoint those officers.
        - Current Appointed Officers are Paymaster; Adjutant; Sargent at Arms; Chaplain; Corpsman.

## **Rose Sale:**

- Display board we use at the rose sales will be updated to reflect the projects and programs we are currently supporting.
- The January sale at the Farmers Market was fairly successful
- Next Farmers Market sale will be in April
  - We are doing four a year, one a calendar quarter.
- Next Rose sale will be on February 27, 2016 at the Publix located at 3700 4<sup>th</sup> Street North.
  - The Publix on the Corner of 38<sup>th</sup> Ave and 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

- Will have another sale at the same location in April.

## **Pistol Shoot:**

- We will be shooting on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Wyoming Antelope Club.
  - This is NOT this Saturday as usual, but will be the following Saturday.

## **Boy Scout Committee:**

- **Paymaster Decker** - Both members of the Boy Scout Committee are unable to be here tonight. Both are in Classes, Reeducation, and Training for the Boy Scouts of America.

## **Car Show:**

- Date of Show – November 5, 2016.
- Asks all members to volunteer for the car show.
- Ask that members keep an eye out for sponsors, and try to round up trophy sponsors.
- This year's show will be the largest judged show on the West Coast of Florida
  - We will have room for 400 cars to participate.
- Request that Members come up with ideas on what we can do at the car show.



- Food trucks, craft vendors, swap meet, etc. Any way to get the public involved.
- Request that members seek out a hotel / motel that will offer a discount for Car Show Participants
  - We can probably guarantee them 15 or so people.
- We had a lot of door prizes last year, which went over very well with the participants.
  - Request that Members seek out Door Prizes for this year's show.
- Music will also be helpful to the success of the show.
  - A Drum and Bugle corps perhaps.
    - Dist. Vice Cmdnt. Flick will contact Drum and Bugle Corps at Parris Island on his trip up there in a few weeks.
- Marine Centonzio - will attempt to get the local Military History Museum to lend us an old military vehicle to display at the car show.
  - The Museum did not have enough notice last year to come out.
    - We will also offer the Museum an area to set up a display for advertisement purposes.
- We will ask that Honor Guard from Detachment 54 to come out again for the opening ceremonies.
- Sr. Vice Cmdnt. Cooper – The Giant Inflatable Marine is available from the Marine Corps Recruiters Office.
  - Would have helped last year, but the Car Show conflicted with the Recruiting Office's Marine Corps Birthday Ball.
    - Marine C.J. Oudendyk will talk to them this month to see about securing the inflatable Marine.

- Paymaster Decker – Envelopes and thank you letters are available for sponsors from last year. Members whom secured sponsorships please pick following the meeting and deliver to your sponsors.

## **Marine Corps Ball Committee:**

- **Sr. Vice Cmdnt. Cooper** – We are looking to have the ball at American Legion Post 273 again, bearing in mind the situation we had with the food.
  - Opinion has been that the facility was great, but the food and the service was a problem
  - We are meeting next Wednesday at 11 with their Commander and Catering Director.
  - We are going to ask them if we can have an outside caterer.
    - Food at the WWAR Gala was much better in quality, and quantity.
    - If we went with the same caterer, tickets would increase by about 5 bucks.
  - Line Item in the budget is meant to cover advertising, etc, and may also help to supplement the ticket price and keep them low.
- Members are encouraged to volunteer for the committee.
  - We especially need someone who is good with Flower Arrangements.
- November 12, 2016 – Tentative date schedule at Legion Post 273
- Sr. Vice Cmdnt. Cooper will develop a list of duties that Marines can Volunteer for.

## **Jr. Past Cmdnt. Top Flick**

- **Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch**
- Total cost of the project – \$139,950
  - \$75,000 for headquarters building
  - \$21,000 for multi-purpose court
  - \$18,000 for groundwork
  - \$10,000 landscaping
  - \$8,000 onsite transportation
  - \$4,500 Storage
  - \$1,000 Tables 1
  - \$1,000 Flagpole 1k
  - \$500 Nets
  - \$350 Benches
  - \$300 Grill
  - \$250 Bike Racks
  - \$50 Equipment
    - You can buy one square foot in the CP for \$30
- Applications are available for individual donations, as are information cards.
  - Top encourages the members to pass these out to members of the community.

- Go on the WWAR website at [www.woundedwarrriorsabilitiesranch.org](http://www.woundedwarrriorsabilitiesranch.org) or Email [wwaranch@gmail.com](mailto:wwaranch@gmail.com) and give them your info if you are interested in volunteering at the Ranch.
- The WWAR took in about \$20,000 at the Gala
- City of Pinellas Park is being a great help to the Ranch.

## **Division Vice Commandant Top Flick:**

- Nothing to Report from the State Level.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

- **Marine Centonzo** = 96 Golfers are registered for the upcoming Tournament.
  - The Tournament is still looking for Items to Raffle.
  - Tournament is Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Centonzo if interested.
- **Marine Oudendyk** – American Legion Post #273 are having their elections in April., starts at 11 AM, goes to 7 PM.
  - We have been asked to run the elections for them.

- **Marine Oudendyk** – American Legion Post #252 wants us to set up a table at a large event in March (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) at the St. Petersburg College Seminole Campus.
  - Will Get Dates from Jr. Vice.
  - There will be a car show at this event as well.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Commandant Weston** – Adjutant Robinson will do a short presentation on Consumer Fraud at our April meeting.
- **Marine Cannon** – Marine Cannon was part of the televised funeral services for the Marine killed on Christmas Eve on a motorcycle in Largo. The services were at a local church. The Marine was then escorted by the Patriot Guard to Sarasota for burial.
  - Ask that Marines from our Detachment form a Color Guard for events similar as this.
    - The Membership will consider, and Marine Cannon will look into the matter further.
- **Marine Cannon** – The Next Stand Down at Bay Pines VA will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is a Saturday.
- **Chaplain Calhoun** – He had a Chesty Puller statute that we raffled off for \$850. Behold the Power of Chesty!

**Next Meeting:** March 10, 2016 at 1900 hours.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 2012