



Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

DATE: 08JUN17 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 19 HOURS

OPENING CEREMONY:

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

OFFICERS ROLL-CALL (Adjutant):

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR GUEST SPEAKER:

- None

NEW MEMBER OATH OF MEMBERSHIP:

- None

AWARDS:

- None

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP:

- None.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

- Correspondence Received
 - None
- **Minutes of April and May Meetings – missed discussion of minutes and no vote to accept was taken at last meeting.**
 - Posted Online at www.stpetemcl.org
 - Motion to waive reading of and accept the Minutes for April and May as posted online made by Marine Eric Hopkins
 - Motion second by Marine John Gluck
 - Motion Passed

PAYMASTER'S REPORT:

Wells Fargo Detachment 57 Account Activity:

End of the Day 10MAY17 Balance	<u>\$12,595.57</u>
Total Deposits:	<u>\$2,904.00</u>
Expenditures:	<u>(\$707.80)</u>
End of Day 07JUN17 Balance:	<u>\$14,791.77</u>

Regions Bingo Account Activity:

End of the Day 10MAY17 Balance	<u>\$2,183.19</u>
Total Deposits:	<u>\$1,310.00</u>

Expenditures: (\$600.00)

End of Day 07JUN17 Balance: \$2,893.19

Total Revenue as of End of Day 13APR17:

\$17,684.96

FUNDRAISER RESULTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

1. Raised \$2,904 from last Rose Sale
2. Some Car Show and Rose Sale expenses - \$172.75

DONATIONS MADE:

1. Donated \$500 to assist Pam Bostrom with costs of VA confined Veterans' outings.
2. \$50.00 to FOP (Military Museum Affair several months ago)

- Motion to accept Report of Paymaster made by Marine Walt Daly
- Motion Seconded by Marine Bob Cannon
- Discussion - None

- **Motion Passes**

CHAPLAINS REPORT:

- Report of the Sick or Distressed
 - Commandant Cooper reported that he had been in touch with Tim Bulu and he is in chemo treatment and is fighting a tough fight. He still remains involved by phone with the Eagle Scout award program. Commandant encourages the Det. to keep in touch with Tim and keep him in our prayers.

- Doc Errico reported that one of our Life members, Roy Skillen, Jr. from Seminole was in an accident and was at Bayfront but will be moved to Bay Pines.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

Sr. Vice Commandant:

- No report

Jr. Vice Commandant:

- Jr. Vice Commandant Eric Hopkins reported that he needed volunteers to stop by the Bingo nights at 66 Bingo around 8:15 – 8:30 and stay for 15 minutes to a half -hour during their break and either mingle with the crowd thanking them for supporting us on Wednesdays or get up and say a few words to the group. He asked members that they sign up for that activity with him. Show up in red cover and red shirt.
- Commandant Cooper inquired about the blankets and Paymaster Decker reported that they were on order.

Jr. Past Commandant:

- Not Present

Judge Advocate:

- No Report

Sergeant-at-Arms:

- No Report

Commandant:

- Reported that he would experiment with mailing a hard copy of the monthly Scuttlebutt and would determine what the cost might be. The first issue would be July.
- Commandant Cooper thanked all those Marines who participated in the most recent Rose Sale and it was the 2nd highest all-time amount raised. He reminded the Det. that there was another Rose Sale coming up June 17th & 18th and that he and the Paymaster would

not be around for that one and he was talking to someone to act as the “NCOIC” or focal point person and he was confident that the Det. would have a good Rose Sale.

- Commandant further reported that a man approached him at the last Rose Sale and stated that he was a Past Commandant and had a list of Commandants dating back to 1943 and just before the meeting tonight he brought that list to the meeting but could not stay for the meeting. The information included information about who Major B. F. Hickey was and Commandant said he would get that information out to the Det. either through the website or the newsletter.
- Sr. Vice Commandant Bostrom volunteered to be the NCOIC for the next Rose Sale.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Rose Sale Committee (Bob Decker):

- Reported that we collected \$2,904 at the last Rose Sale and recognized Ken Friend as being a key player in landing that location. Also, the Commandant sent out a nice letter of appreciation to the Manager of that location.
- Upcoming Rose Sales:
 - **June 17th & 18th (Same Saturday as Pistol Shoot)**
Publix Super Market
5295 34th St South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

Car Show (George Cooper):

- No Report

Marine Corps Hat Sales Committee (Jerry Wilkes 7 Eric Hopkins)

- No Report – Jerry Wilkes still in NY

Committee to Explore Joint Efforts with Det. 54 (JD Pate):

- No Report

Marine Corps Ball Committee (TBD):

- No Report

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

- Services were held at Bay Pines earlier this week in the rain and the next one is scheduled for July 11th since July 4th is the 1st Tuesday.
- Marine Cannon reported that Bay Pines was building a 4,100 unit above ground burial site that would be completed this Fall.

Boy Scout Committee (Tim Bulu/Dave Speegle):

- Marine Speegle reported on current and upcoming activities of the BSA Crew 396. He reported that they had 8 scouts right now and several coming soon.

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

- Pistol Shoot will be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Wyoming Antelope Club and this month it will be held on June 17th from 1000 to 1100 hours.
- Marine Gluck announced that he has available for the scouts a pistol shooting session that could be scheduled and he had several revolvers that could be used.
- Announced that there are available carry permit classes at the Wyoming Club for only \$50.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Commandant Cooper stated that last month there was a motion on the floor to join Det. 54 with their MC Ball that was tabled. Det. was to discuss it amongst themselves and come up with final decision at next meeting.
 - Commandant read the motion that is now back on the floor
 - Corpsman Errico 2nd the motion
 - Discussion
 - Marine John Gluck commented that in recent years we had a good time and a good presentation at the Legion Post 273 and he thinks that's where we should go.
 - Corpsman Errico expressed that the Safety Harbor Spa would be a nice venue but expressed concern about the cost.
 - Commandant remarked that Det. 54 had already committed to Safety Harbor and a minimum of \$2,000, so if we vote "yes" we would be responsible for \$1,000. Safety Harbor is charging \$42.00 per person

and that Det. 54 was selling tickets for \$35.00 and make up the difference by selling ads in some program or journal. He further commented that since our Det. would be in the middle of soliciting sponsorships for our car show, he didn't want to burden our membership with also soliciting ads.

- Marine Decker stated that there should be no concern with meeting the minimum of \$2,000 as we went over that the past 2 years. The concerns he had was that Safety Harbor was a bit of a drive out of the way for most of our members and that over the past 2 years we have built up a following of non-member Marines that we might lose if we move the venue too far away. He had no problem with doing something with Det. 54, just not at this location outside of the St. Petersburg area.
- Jr. Vice Commandant Eric Hopkins commented that he would hope that we do the Marine Corps Birthday celebration together as a Det. Last year some members went in other directions and he hoped that this year we celebrated as a Detachment at the same place.
- Someone commented that Safety Harbor was only 26 minutes away.
- Marine Bob Morris stated that in the past there were members who attended and didn't pay at the door and felt that must stop.
 - Paymaster Decker commented that it had stopped 2 years ago when we began selling tickets in advance and collecting them at the door.
- Corpsman Errico stated that he didn't want to sway anybody's decision since he lives in Safety Harbor but invited everyone after the MC Ball to come to his back yard for an alligator shoot.
- Marine Brendon Robinson suggested that if we were concerned about the distance of travel, we might consider hiring transportation.
- Commandant commented that if we decide not to go along with Det. 54, that should not prevent anyone from buying a ticket and attending their MC Ball which will be held on Nov. 10th but hoped that it would not prevent anyone from attending our own celebration.
- Marine Ken Friend asked if the Legion at Madeira Beach was available and Commandant Cooper stated that we don't yet know and that we don't know where we will have it at this time. Legion Post 273 presents scheduling

challenges sometimes because they always have activities going on for the Post. The Commandant invited Det. members to get involved with the Marine Corps Ball Committee if they want to have a say in the matter.

- Commandant asked for a vote on the motion
- Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Chaplain Eddie Ringle reported on the activities of the 2017 National Veterans Golden Age Games Team, Bay Pines Panthers. The games were held on May 7-11, 2017 in Biloxi, Mississippi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Commandant Cooper awarded Marine Brandon Robinson the Marine Corps League, Major B. F. Hickey Detachment Honor Guard Ceremonial Ribbon.
- **NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING** - Thursday, 13JUL17 to be held at the VFW Post 4364 at 1900 hours.

CLOSING CEREMONY:

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

CLOSING TIME: 1945 Hours

ATTENDANCE:

- 22 Members in good standing in attendance plus 2 guests, both applying for membership.