



Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

DATE: 13 Jul 17 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1900 HOURS

OPENING CEREMONY:

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

OFFICERS ROLL-CALL (Adjutant):

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR GUEST SPEAKER:

- Rudy Fountain – New District Vice Commandant for District 7.
 - Henceforth, the Uniform of the Day for all Conferences, etc. will be the Undress White Uniform.
 - The District 7 Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 5th at 1000 hours at the VFW Post 2473, 401 N Hercules Ave, Clearwater, FL 33765.

- Cost \$7 for dinner. Let Commandant Cooper know if you would like to attend.
- Our Detachment Members are invited to take part in the Detachment 54 Birthday Ball Celebration at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa.
 - Cost is \$35 per head.

NEW MEMBER OATH OF MEMBERSHIP:

- None

AWARDS:

- Chaplain Eddie Pringle Recognized for becoming a LIFE MEMBER, and presented with the Life Membership Pin.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP:

- None.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

- Correspondence Received
 - None
- **Minutes of June Meeting posted online.**
 - 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 Cannon
 - Motion second by Marine Gluck
 - **Motion Passed**

PAYMASTER'S REPORT:

Wells Fargo Detachment 57 Account Activity:

End of the Day 07JUN17 Balance

\$14,791.77

Total Deposits:	<u>\$2,157.38</u>
Expenditures:	<u>(\$2,868.98)</u>
End of Day 12JUL17 Balance:	<u>\$14,080.17</u>

Regions Bingo Account Activity:

End of the Day 07JUN17 Balance	<u>\$2,625.19</u>
Total Deposits:	<u>\$2,898.00</u>
Expenditures:	<u>(\$2,550.00)</u>
End of Day 12JUL17 Balance:	<u>\$2,973.19</u>

Total Revenue as of End of Day 13APR17:

\$17,053.36

FUNDRAISER RESULTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

- We collected and deposited \$1,729.50 from our last Rose Sale.
 - Motion to accept Report of Paymaster made by Marine Cannon
 - Motion Seconded by Marine Smyth
 - Discussion - None
 - **Motion Passes**

CHAPLAINS REPORT:

- Report of the Sick or Distressed
 - Marine Eric Hopkins – Has double pneumonia, and is still hospitalized at Bay Pines VAMC. All members should feel obligated to stop by and aggravate him.
 - Marine Phil Calhoun – DON'T CALL. Phil has been very sick, but he finally broke his fever today.

- Past District Vice Commandant Don “Top” Flick – Has been diagnosed with Bone Marrow Cancer. He is in Indiana with his family, but phone calls and emails would be appreciated.
- Marine Gluck’s brother, also a Marine, recently entered the Halls of Valhalla.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

Commandant:

- Commandant Cooper received a letter from the State Commandant concerning the Spring Conference.
 - The 2018 State Conference is up for grabs as far as hosting the event, if the Detachment would be interested in putting together a proposal.
- We received a really nice thank you letter from South East Guide Dogs, which specifically references two Marines that have been provided with Guide Dogs due to our support and donations.
- We received another Email concerning the MCL dues structure changes.
 - All of the above will be included in the next Scuttlebutt Newsletter.
- This Saturday, 15 July 2017 from 1200 – 1800 hours, marinefamilies.org will hosting an event at Frankie’s Patriotic BBQ, 6250 Ulmerton Road. There will be BBQ, Wings, Beer, Etc. available for purchase.
 - This may be a good event to attend after the pistol shoot concludes, for those that attend.
 - All the proceeds from this event will be used by marinefamilies.org to directly support families of Deployed Marines.
- Volunteers of American informed us that they have been granted additional funds to provide home services and repairs for Veterans who are not able to physically or financially do the repair themselves.
 - Please refer any local Veterans who need help, and help to spread the word about this wonderful program.

Sr. Vice Commandant:

- No report

Jr. Vice Commandant:

- Not Present

Jr. Past Commandant:

- Not Present

Judge Advocate:

- Not Present

Sergeant-at-Arms:

- No Report

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Rose Sale Committee (Bob Decker):

- Upcoming Rose Sales:
 - September and October
- At the last Rose Sale, we made \$1,729.50.
 - It was a pretty good sale considering that it was extremely hot outside, and we therefore cut the sale hours shorter than usual.
- Our annual budget projected an average of \$1,800 per rose sale. We have had 5 sales thus far, and we are averaging \$2,096.90 per sale, excluding the Saturday Morning Market sales.
- We NEED Roses Assembled. There are 144 roses per gross, and we just received 20 gross.
 - Members should PLEASE volunteer to help assemble roses.

Car Show (George Cooper/Bob Decker):

- We are getting close to trophy sponsorship time.
- The promoter is pretty excited about the prospects of the show again this year.

- We are going to have corporate sponsors again this year as well.
- New Fliers are now available for pick up and distribution.
 - Detachment Members are encouraged to distribute as many fliers as their circumstances permit.

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

Marine Corps Ball Committee (Bob Decker):

- We need one or two more Marines to volunteer to help with the Birthday Ball Committee.
 - Chaplain Eddie Pringle volunteers to be on the Birthday Ball Committee.
- The Committee explored the Civitan Beach Club, and the Lions Beach Club as possible locations to host the Birthday Ball.
 - Both locations nice, but they are Beach Clubs, so there is some sand on the floor, etc. In the opinion of the Committee, they are not as new and/or as nice as the American Legion Post 273 where we have had it the last two years.
- The American Legion Post 273 hired a new food manager, which should alleviate some of the issues from the past two years.
- Wherever we host the ball, it look like we will be able to keep ticket prices to around \$25
- We are looking to host the Birthday Ball the weekend BEFORE the 10th, as the Car Show is on the 11th.

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

- The Unattended Deceased Veterans Services held on the 11th was well attended.
- The next Unattended Deceased Veterans Services will be on Tuesday, August 1st at the Bay Pines National Cemetery at the circle near the flagpole.

Boy Scout Committee (Tim Bulu/Dave Speegle):

- The Venture Crew has been Rechartered, and a new Crew Advisor has been appointed.
 - The Crew is currently fairly small, but they are actively recruiting
- There is an extended camping trip coming up later this month.
- The next Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be on 26 August 2017, from 1500 – 1700 hours at Riviera United Methodist Church, 175 62nd Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

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 this coming Saturday, July 15th.

Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch (Mike Delancy):

- The Pavilion is up, and the Ranch is actively accepting bids to get the parking lot installed.
- \$80k of the \$110k needed to build the Headquarters Building has already been raised.
 - The Ranch hopes to have the Headquarters Building finished by the end of the year.
- This year's Alive Ride will again be held on the date of Mike's Alive Day, September 1st.
 - The Ranch is looking for volunteers to work the event, as well as riders. All Detachment Members are encouraged to participate.
- The Ranch will allow us to set up the Detachment Tent in the parking lot of Quaker Steak, should we desire to do so.
- WWAR needs a Color Guard for the Alive Ride Event, as they were not pleased with the Color Guard from last year.
 - Marine Robinson will provide Marine Delancy and the Ranch with the contact information for the Detachment 54 Honor Guard Commander, Marine Pete Krystal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Marine Ken Friend - Some time back, we sent off to MCL National to get Mike Delancy a Life Membership as a totally disabled Marine, and we have never heard anything back.
 - The Detachment Leadership will investigate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Marine J.D. Pate - Next to the Sports Bar across the street from Bay Pines VAMC, a new Veterans Organization recently opened up that provides Veterans with really nice craft kits, such as model airplanes, leather moccasins and wallets, etc. to help with their rehabilitation and cognitive abilities.
 - We might want to consider donation some funds to this fine organization.
 - Marine Brandon Robinson will investigate the provenance and non-profit status of this new organization.
- District Vice Commandant Rudy Fontain – On 29 July 2017, Honor Flight will be hosing at “Honor Flight at Home.”
 - The Honor Flight Program always needs “Guardians” to accompany these Veterans on their trip to see the monuments in Washington, DC.
 - The Guardian should be reasonably physically fit and able, as there will be a significant amount of walking, pushing of wheelchairs, and standing throughout the day.
 - The cost is \$400 for each guardian.
- Marine Walt Smyth – There are hidden benefits to participating in the Rose Sales. For example, at the last rose sale, Marine Smyth learned from Jr. Vice Commandant Hopkins that the VA will provide him with a free remote control to control his hearing aids, as well as an attachment for his television that will make it so he can hear the sound directly through his hearing aids.
 - If you wear hearing aids, you definitely want to check out this benefit.

- District Vice Commandant Rudy Fontain – The Library of Congress is currently putting together the Veterans History Project, where they collect stories, audio, video, etc. from Veterans for preservation in the library.
 - If you are interested in participating in the project, contact District Vice Commandant Fontain for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING** - Thursday, 10AUG17 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: 2018 Hours

ATTENDANCE:

- 20 +/- Members in good standing in attendance plus 3 guests. Not all members in attendance signed in, much to the chagrin of the Sargent-At-Arms.