



## Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

**DATE: 12OCT17 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1900 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> </u> Jr. Vice-Commandant	<u> </u> Sgt-At-Arms
<u> </u> Judge Advocate	<u> X </u> Chaplain
<u> X </u> Adjutant/Paymaster	<u> </u> Corpsman
<u> X </u> Jr. Past Commandant	

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR GUEST SPEAKER:**

- Introduce those we know about Rudy Fontaine – District Vice Commandant.

### **NEW MEMBER OATH OF MEMBERSHIP:**

- None

### **AWARDS:**

- None

## **APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP:**

- None.

## **ADJUTANT'S REPORT:**

- Correspondence Received
  - None
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
  - Posted Online at [www.stpetemcl.org](http://www.stpetemcl.org) for the August Meeting.
    - Motion to waive reading of and accept the Minutes as posted online made by Marine Fortier
    - Motion Seconded by Marine Cannon
    - Discussion - None
      - **Motion Passes**

## **PAYMASTER'S REPORT:**

### **Wells Fargo Detachment 57 Account Activity:**

End of Day 09AUG17 Balance:	<u>\$10,600.23</u>
Total Deposits:	\$5,207.02
Expenditures:	(\$7,587.10)
End of Day 11OCT17 Balance:	<u>\$8,220.15</u>

### **Regions Bingo Account Activity:**

End of Day 09AUG17 Balance:	<u>\$3,069.19</u>
Total Deposits:	<u>\$8,032.00</u>

Expenditures: (\$7,215.00)

End of Day 11OCT17 Balance: \$3,886.19

## **Total Revenue as of End of Day 11Oct17:**

\$12,106.34

- There were 2 Rose Sales since the last Detachment meeting in August.
  - Collected \$3,623.50 in Sept.
  - Collected \$ 1,010.00 in Oct for a one day
    - We made our \$5,000 donation to the Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch.
      - Motion to accept Report of Paymaster made by Marine Friend
      - Motion Seconded by Marine Robinson
      - Discussion - None
    - **Motion Passes**

## **CHAPLAINS REPORT:**

- Report of the Sick or Distressed
  - Marine Speegle is back at the meeting, as is Commandant Cooper.
    - The Chaplain has not gotten in touch with Phil Calhoun, but he has been sending things in to him and Top.
  - Jr. Vice Commandant has been in and out of the hospital lately.
  - Marine Pate has had another recurrence of skin cancer, and has had to have some of that removed again.
  - Sgt. at Arms Garafalo has reinjured an old hip injury. He is up and about, but is in a fair amount of pain, and cannot really put much weight on his left foot.

# **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:**

## **Commandant:**

- The lions club is hosting an event at the St. Pete Beach Lion's Club.
  - One mile walk and silent auction fundraiser from 2-4 pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – to support the white cane safety drive (guide dogs, etc.)
- Kiwanis field of honor is asking for our support again at \$35 per flag. Last year we sponsored 3 flags.
  - Marine Friend makes a motion to sponsor 3 flags.
  - Second the motion made by Marine Cashman
  - Discussion: None
    - **Motion Passes**
      - Flags to be sponsored in name of: John Kelly, Don Gillis, and Wally Schwartz.
  - Marines are also encouraged to do individual sponsorships
    - <http://www.kiwanisseminolebreakfast.com/>
  - Are we going to have a table again?
    - Yes. Event on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We had a good turnout last year, and would like to have another good turnout.
- Letter from State Commandant – SE Division is in search of a coordinator for the Toys-for-Tots program. If you are interested, please get in contact with the Commandant.
- Letter from State Adjutant – we need to do a better job of VAVS Reporting, and turning it in in a timely manner.
  - Marine Cannon, VAVS Coordinator, is aware.
- Letter from District Vice Commandant Fontaine earlier this week - a local Marine, who was still in the Reserves, recently committed suicide. His family is requesting financial assistance for funeral expenses, etc.

- Dist. Vice Fontaine – Family is unable to transfer the Marine back to Washington state, and they are look for financial assistance for financial arrangements. Any donation made will go to Veterans Funeral Care.
  - Riverview Detachment has pledged \$250. Morris Dixon Detachment (Clearwater) will pledge between \$300 and \$500 dollars.
    - Motion by Marine Cashman to donate \$250 toward the expenses.
    - Second the Motion by Marine Friend
    - Discussion – there is no memorial services scheduled, the family is just taking the ashes back to Washington. Morris F. Dixon offered, but the family prefers to have the memorial back in Washington state.
    - How much would be left for family to cover? Unknown. Total bill will be approximately \$1,500

- **Motion Passes**

- One of our Marines, who will remain nameless, was in some trouble after the Hurricane and needed some help. We contributed \$300 to help via executive board decision, from the fund for Assistance to Marines.
- Commandant thanks all the Marines that came out to the Rose Sales.

## **Sr. Vice Commandant:**

- Anyone in need of food after the hurricane, etc. can reach out to Food for Florida. – it is a FEMA program.
- Car Show – Sr., Vice went to American Legion Post 252 this past week, and made a pitch for the car show. Post 252 has been supporting a lot of kids programs, but would like to support more Veterans program.
  - Asked for \$3k donation, and they turned him down. No one wanted to donate, except for a new guy who showed up, and asked how much they donated last year. – Got \$300 support.
    - Consensus was, the Post does not want to contribute to another organization, but want to contribute to a specific charity directly.

## **Jr. Vice Commandant:**

- Absent

## **Jr. Past Commandant:**

- No Report

## **Judge Advocate:**

- Absent

## **Sergeant-at-Arms:**

- Absent

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

### **Rose Sale Committee (Bob Decker):**

- No Upcoming Rose Sales:
  - Jr. Vice Commandant Hopkins volunteered in previous meeting several months ago to take over setting up the Rose Sales at the Saturday Morning Market.
    - Shouldn't start until after January 1<sup>st</sup>, but need to contact them before that.
- We had a pretty successful year, but we are now done.

### **Car Show (George Cooper/Bob Decker):**

- Call for Car Show Committee Meeting on Friday AM at I-Hop on 66<sup>th</sup> St. near 38<sup>th</sup> Ave North.
- We are actively soliciting donations, and reaching out to those that sponsored us last year.
  - American Legion Post 273 (Madeira Beach) is going to contribute \$300
- We are going to do even more to recognize our sponsors this year.
  - We got a late start, so we need to get out and hustle.

- The \$50 trophies are our bread and butter as far as raising money.
- No sign up form, just collect the business card and a check!
- If anyone wants to help out with the actual logistics and organization of the show, get in touch with the Paymaster.
- **Donations must be in by close of business on November 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

### **Marine Corps Hat Sales Committee (Eric Hopkins)**

- Absent

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

- Absent

### **Marine Corps Ball Committee (Bob Decker, Eddie Pringle, Walt Daly, Wayne Fortier, Penny Weston)**

- Tickets are now On Sale! \$25 per head.
- November 4<sup>th</sup> at American Legion post 273.
- Going to try a regular buffet this year, so we do not have to keep track of meal orders.
  - We have been assured we will not run out of food.
- We are looking for volunteers to do the readings, etc.
- We can seat up to about 100 people.

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

- Who is getting the cake for November 10<sup>th</sup>?
  - Whoever gets the cake for the Birthday ball, also needs to order one for Bay Pines at the same time.
- Doing another flag etiquette at a local middle school soon, details to follow.

- Next Unattended Services will be on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Still up front near the flagpoles.
  - The new construction should be done by December.

## **Boy Scout Committee (Tim Bulu/Dave Speegle):**

- Two more young men earn Eagles this past week.
- Marine Bulu's Son's Court of Honor will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> Wesley United Methodist Church. Late morning, exact time TBD – Tim's Sons Court of Honor.
- The Venture Crew went camping at Wiki Wachi Springs, as well as in Orland. About 5 Scouts were out last week removing debris from people's houses.
- The Crew will be supporting Toys-for-Tots again this year.
  - Still looking for a solid, permanent place to meet.
- Girls will now be allowed to participate in cub scouts and boy scouts.
  - Done in an attempt to save scouting in general, as they were struggling to keep enrolment up.

## **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 on Saturday, Oct. 21st.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Commandant Cooper – Dist. Vice Commandant delivered the raffle tickets to support the Scholarship Program.



- Marine Fortier – The Elks are sending WWII thru Vietnam Era Vets on a 3 day trip to DC for the “Parade of Hero’s.” They have set up a go fund me page to offset the cost. Would we like to make a donation?
  - Marine Cashman makes a motion to donate \$200
  - Second: Chaplain Pringle
  - Discussion: None
    - **Motion Passes.**

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

- Marine Delancy – Thanks the Detachment for the donation made to the Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch at the Alive Ride Event.
  - There is Pizza and Beer event tomorrow night from 5-9 PM.
  - Looking at a spring opening for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the park – open to the public.
  - Next Saturday – baseball game against West Pharm. Hotdogs to follow.
- Marine Smyth - For the honor flight for John Gluck – we should get a group together to go see John off, or welcome him back. Leave at 4:00 am, get back at 9 or 10 pm.
  - We should go when they get back.
- Sr. Vice Bostrom – Wednesdays afternoon, we need people for Bingo on 66<sup>th</sup> street. 2000 hours is show time. Only takes 10-15 minutes.
  - American Legion 252 is having a USO style dance in honor of the Vietnam vets on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Paymaster Decker – Bingo has also given us the first Monday of each month.
  - Should make a little over \$4k for this year.
- Marine Robinson – Veterans Funeral Care takes old flags and uses them for Veterans Cremations.
  - We also can get free set up space at the Gulfport market for rose sales, etc.

- District Vice Commandant Fontaine– The scholarship fund has been renamed the John J. Piazza Scholarship.
  - Detachment 54 Birthday Ball is November 10<sup>th</sup> at Safety Harbor, \$35 per head.
  - Marines in the Devil Dogs can come join pound 79, and leadership can recommend anyone to join that meets the prerequisites.
  - Minutes from the state conference are online if you want to take a look.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING** – Saturday NOV 4 at the Birthday Ball. 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:** 2010 Hours

## **ATTENDANCE:**

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