



## **Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57**

**DATE: 11JAN18 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//Webmaster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sr.Vice-Commandant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jr.Vice-Commandant	<input type="checkbox"/> Sgt-At-Arms
<input type="checkbox"/> Judge Advocate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaplain
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjutant/Paymaster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corpsman
<input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Past Commandant	

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

- Sgt. Luis M. Batista was invited by Marine Wayne Fortier and is currently an active reservist.
- Brian Rafierg was invited by John Gluck and Brian is a Vietnam Veteran Captain.

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

- Commandant Cooper Swears in and awards MCL lapel pins to Marine David Speegle & Marine Ernesto Gonzalez.

- Dave Speegle has been an honorary member for several years and is now a regular member with full voting rights.

## **AWARDS:**

- We have been Awarded a National Jr. Vice Commandant's Citation from Dennis Tobin, National Jr. Vice Commandant in the form of a certificate and a flag streamer.
- Marine J.D. Pate – Awarded the Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to the Detachment, and the Marine Corps League.
  - Marine Pate also recently achieved the rank of Grand Master in his Martial Arts Discipline, Tai Liu Chuan Fa.
- Marine Tim Bulu has been Awarded with the 2017 Marine of the Year, and Commandant Cooper will be presenting him with his medal later this month, as Marine Bulu was unable to attend the Birthday Ball, or this months meeting.
- Chaplain Eddie Pringle Awarded Life Member Gold Card.

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

- Application received from guest Sgt. Luis M Batista. Jr. Vice Commandant and Adjutant will verify eligibility, receive dues, and report to the Commandant when Sgt. Batista is eligible to be sworn in.

## **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 of the November 2017 meeting as posted online made by Jr. Vice Commandant Hopkins
    - Motion Seconded by Marine Blick
    - Discussion - None
      - **Motion Passes**
- **Correspondence Received**

- The Detachment received a Letter of appreciation from Bill Cona, President of “The Injured Warriors Fund of Florida, Inc.” for our donation of \$500. TIWFD is under the Dept. of Florida, Marine Corp League.
- The District Vice Commandant has announced that Nomination are open for the South East Division Marine of the Year, and the nomination period will close in March.
  - Nominations for Associate of the Year are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- According to the District Vice Commandant, our District provided Honor Guards for 572 funerals state wide last year.

## **PAYMASTER’S REPORT:**

- Report of the Paymaster:

### **Paymaster’s Report**

Date: 11-Jan-18

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

End of Day 08NOV17 Balance:	<u>\$8,824.04</u>
Total Deposits:	<u>\$7,171.00</u>
Expenditures:	<u>(\$3,563.64)</u>
End of Day 10JAN18 Balance:	<u>\$12,431.40</u>

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

End of Day 08NOV17 Balance:	<u>\$4,017.90</u>
Total Deposits:	<u>\$6,358.00</u>
Expenditures:	<u>(\$5,989.00)</u>
End of Day 10JAN18 Balance:	<u>\$4,386.90</u>

### **Total Revenue as of End of Day 10JAN18:**

\$16,818.30

- MOTION to accept Report of Paymaster made by Marine Walt Smyth
- Motion Seconded by Vice Commandant Hopkins
- Discussion - None

- **Motion Passes**

- It would appear that the Bingo is going to average around \$4,000 per year. This amount could be earmarked for Administrative Expenses, Marine Corps Ball Expenses, etc. should the Detachment so chose.
  - The point is that this money is less restricted than the money we raise at the Rose Sales, which must go to support the mission and programs of the Marine Corps League.
- We need volunteers for the Detachment Audit Committee, to perform the Annual Audit of the books.
  - Marines J.D. Pate, Mike Cashman, and Walt Daily volunteer to serve as the Audit Committee.

## **CHAPLAINS REPORT:**

- Report of the Sick or Distressed
- Top Flick got in touch with Commandant Cooper, and said that he has finished Chemo and that his cancer is now in remission!
  - Commandant Cooper claims to have a photo of Top Flick smiling, but the proof has yet to be produced!
- Marine Tim Bulu is still fighting the good fight.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:**

### **Commandant:**

- Over the holidays, the Detachment was contacted by a Marine in need. The Commandant, in consultation with the Detachment Leadership, made the executive decision to give this Marine \$400 from our Veterans in Need fund so that this Marine could get his car fixed so he could get back and forth to Bay Pines VAMC for treatment.

- We were running short of Roses for our Rose Sales, so we ordered 10 Gross. We will need volunteers to help assemble all of the Roses.
- We still need Marines to show up at the Wednesday Night Bingo between 8:00 and 8:30 at 66<sup>th</sup> Street Bingo. A sign-up sheet will be at the front.
- The Department of Florida Spring Conference is June 7-10 at the Sheraton Event and Convention Center in Orlando.
- The Raffle Tickets for the State Axillary need Stamped.
  - Marine Wayne Fortier Volunteers.
- **We will be updating the Detachment Photo at the February Meeting. Please come in MCL Detachment Uniform!**

### **Sr. Vice Commandant:**

- Sr. Vice Bostrom thanks Marine Dave Speegle for getting the Wednesday Night Bingo set up for the Detachment. We are now getting one Monday a month as well, and that has really been a good source of income for the Detachment.

### **Jr. Vice Commandant:**

- Report on new offer on ball caps and additional designs. (Motion passed in Nov. meeting to purchase 20 caps).
  - MOTION by Paymaster Decker to change the order to 50 hats at a cost of \$367.50
    - Motion Second by Marine Robinson
    - Discussion – None
- **Motion Passes**

### **Jr. Past Commandant:**

- Not Present

### **Judge Advocate:**

- Not Present

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

- Not Present

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

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

- Upcoming Rose Sales:
  - SEE SCHEDULE

Publix - Madeira Beach Shopping Ctr. (Store #1457)	674 150th Ave., Madeira Beach, FL	<b>JANUARY 27TH &amp; 28TH</b>
Publix – (Store #01322)	3900 66th St N, St. Petersburg, FL	<b>March 24TH &amp; 25TH</b>
Publix - Northeast Park Shopping Center (Store #00640)	200 37th Ave N, St Petersburg, FL	<b>APRIL 7TH &amp; 8TH</b>

- 3 Rose Sales should raise about \$5,400 to \$6,000.
- Another sale is possible for February or May.
- We only have a few hundred roses remaining. We really need help assembling some roses ASAP.

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

- April 14<sup>th</sup> is the next Stand-down and Bay Pines. Will go on from 0900 thru 1300ish hours.
  - Suggested donations from the Detachment: Pone Cards, Bus Passes, Water, Etc.

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

- There were a few Eagle Scouts at the end of December.
- Crew 396 spent a full week participating with Toys for Tots
  - 16,000 families came through there, so it was a very successful event.
- The Crew will be volunteering with the Special Olympics coming up.
  - The Crew could also help assemble the roses.
- The Crew is currently going through the re-chartering process.
  - They are still actively recruiting new members.

- They are currently planning a “Super Trip” during Spring Break

## **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, 20JAN18 at 1000 hours.
- Marine Gluck got our banners from the Kiwanis Field of Flags.
  - There were around 200 flags this year.
- The Honor Flights are looking for sponsors to take veterans on the trip.
  - The next flight is April 19<sup>th</sup>, and will return to the Clearwater Airport at 2030 hours. We should be there to greet it.
- If you need ammo, Marine Pate is your guy!

## **Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch (Mike Delancy):**

- The Ranch was just awarded \$1.2 million from the City of Pinellas Park.
- All concrete work will be completed soon, as the contract has already been awarded.
- The WWAR Gala is on February 17<sup>th</sup>, and there is a table for 10 reserved for the Detachment.
  - Get in touch with Commandant Cooper if you would like to attend the Gala.
  - Tickets, outside of the 10, are \$50 each and are selling quick.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Commandant Cooper – Paymaster Decker has served as the Adjutant/Paymaster for the past 5 years, and has done an OUTSTANDING job. However, due to other demands, he needs to step back, which means Someone needs to Step-Up ASAP!
  - All Detachment Members should give some serious thought into taking on the responsibilities of Adjutant/Paymaster.

- Paymaster Decker – There is an organization here in St. Pete, Freedom Pillows, who make Fuzzy Pillow with Pictures of Deployed service people for their young children, and they need help with their expenses.
  - They are hooked into Legion Post 305 somehow.
  - MOTION by Paymaster Decker to donate \$300 to Freedom Pillows.
    - Motion Seconded by Jr. Vice Hopkins
    - Discussion – None
- **Motion Passes**

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

- Marine Smyth – The state of Florida adds pennies to each phone bill to help pay for phones for people that are hard of hearing. The phones are free, but you must have a landline.
  - The really do work well, and a few Detachment Marines already have them.
    - Additional information will be posted with this months Minutes.
- Paymaster Decker – Passes out “I am America” piece to read. Will be posted along with Minutes.
- Marine Robinson – Stetson Law is doing the “Wills for Warriors” program again. If you are over age 60 and you need simple estate planning documents, they will do them for you for free. Call 727-562-7577. The deadline to schedule an appointment is Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, 08FEB18 to be held at the VFW Post 4364.
- Marine Ernesto Gonzales just had a baby! (Well, his wife did anyway).
- Marine Javier Centonzo has announced that he is running for Florida State House Seat 69 as a Democrat. (The Marine Corps League, nor any of its Detachments, have any political affiliation of any kind, nor do they support or endorse any particular political candidate for office.)
- Donor Cards are available, if you need some.



## **CLOSING CEREMONY:**

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

**CLOSING TIME:** 2023 Hours

## **ATTENDANCE:**

- 20 Members in good standing in attendance plus 2 Marines or FMF Corpsmen or Chaplains guests and 0 Non-Marine guests.