



## Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

**DATE: 08FEB18 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 type="checkbox"/> Sr.Vice-Commandant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jr.Vice-Commandant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sgt-At-Arms
<input type="checkbox"/> Judge Advocate	<input 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:**

- Eric Tsai– retired from the Corps 4 years ago. Was an infantryman.
- Ray Holzwalt, Major Marine Corps. WWII Fighter Pilot, shot down 2 Japs at Okinawa.
- Chuck Oleson, - Vietnam 1969. Flare Kicker up in the C-130s
- Ed Hlava – 1943 WWII Marine, Recalled to “Korea to Clean it Up”
- Rick McCool – served from 1972-1993. Did it all, Drill Instructor. Son works out at Auto nation, 04-09 Iraqi Vet. Pretty much a Marine Corps family.

- Special Guest, John Stofler – Wrote the “I am America” piece up on the Website, and is with the Sweet Dreams picture org. we donated money to.
  - Mr. Stofler Reads the “I am America” Piece.
    - Mr. Stofler is an Army Infantry Veteran. Served in Korea, 64-65.
  - Thanks, the Detachment for the Donation to the Pillow Project, and shared the story of how the project began, a few touching stories of how our donations have gone to help, and also showed us a few Marine Corps Examples of some of the Pillows they produce.
  - The pillows are free, no one gets paid, all the money comes from donations, all of it goes to the materials and cost.

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

- None

## **AWARDS:**

- Our Detachment was recognized with a flag streamer at the National Convention in Kansas City last August. – National Senior Vice Commandant Meritorious Citation – as well as a Department of Florida Full Membership Streamer.
- Meritorious Commendation Medal – Sgt. At Arms - Mike Graffalo
- Distinguished Citizen Award – Marine Ken Friend

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

- None.

## **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 January 2018 meeting as posted online made by Jr. Vice Commandant Hopkins
    - Motion Seconded by Marine Centonzio

- Discussion - None

- **Motion Passes**

- Correspondence Received – Thank You letter from Sweet Dreams Picture Pillow Project, Inc.

## **PAYMASTER’S REPORT:**

- Report of the Paymaster:

As of Close of Business Yesterday:

Wells Fargo Balance = \$13,820.76

Regions Bank Bingo Balance = \$4,666.90

**Total Balance = \$18,487.66**

- Motion to accept Report of Paymaster made by Marine Friend
- Motion Seconded by Marine Blick
- Discussion - None

- **Motion Passes**

## **CHAPLAINS REPORT:**

- Report of the Sick or Distressed – Commandant Cooper
- Sr. Vice Don Bostrom is on a Ventilator with a Fractured Skull at Bayfront Hospital. Underwent bad skin surgery.
  - From Pam - Not getting Better, remaining in trauma Intensive Care, where it seems he will be for a while. Unconscious on a vent.
- Ken Friend, - Son, who is 45, has 3<sup>rd</sup> stage cancer in his lungs, but keeps going to work every day.
- Dan Pilon, from Clearwater Detachment Commandant, has passed away. Service at Bay Pines on the 15th, with a celebration of life at 1100 at VFW Post 2473, with the grave service taking place at 1415.
- Top Flick is doing quite well. He recently go to Ring the Bell at this last Chemo session. He is still freezing his butt off up north.

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

### **Commandant:**

- There will be no consumption of alcoholic beverages at Rose Sales, for reasons that should be obvious, and need not be reiterated.
- We are taking the picture after the meeting.

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

- Absent

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

- We are still waiting to approve the artwork for the hats.
- Report on new offer on ball caps and additional designs. (Motion passed in Nov. meeting to purchase 20 caps).
- Membership of last quarter came out. Membership Cycle begins on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

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

- Absent

### **Judge Advocate:**

- Absent

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

- None

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

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

- Upcoming Rose Sales:
  - SEE SCHEDULE BELOW:

Publix – (Store #01319)	3700 4 <sup>th</sup> St. N., St. Petersburg, FL	<b>February 17<sup>th</sup> - <u>1 DAY</u> (Same day as Pistol Shoot and GALA)</b>
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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>

- Last Rose Sale raised \$2,436.00. The remaining 3 should raise about \$5,000 to \$6,000.

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

- Had a good turnout at the last unattended services.
- April 14<sup>th</sup>, Stand-down at Bay Pines, Starts at 0900.
- March 17<sup>th</sup>, Bicycle Honor Ride in St. Pete. A 25, 38, and 60 mile ride.

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

- Tim – Commandant attended a Double Eagle Ceremony Last Night
- Venture crew has been re-chartered for another year. First event is March, the entire new Boy Scout Council is having one huge campout in Lake Wells.
- Commandant Cooper – Tim Bulu is the Eagle Scout Coordinator for the District. Everyone is welcome at the Court of Honor. Show up at some, and we will let you make the presentation. Usually chow available too!

## **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 from 1000 thru 1100 hours at the Wyoming Antelope Club and this month it will be held on Saturday, 17 FEB 18.
  - If you don't have a gun, we will likely have one for you.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Marine Fortier – The Craft Store we vetted a few months back for donation purposes, that is across the street from Bay Pines VA, are rebranding as “Help Heal Veterans” – Rebranding on the Craft Store. If we were going to make a donation, now would be a good time.
  - Motion Jr. Vice Hopkins to donate \$250 to Help Heal Veterans
    - Seconded by Marine Friend
    - Discussion – NONE

- **Motion Passes**

- Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch Gala – We have two seats left at our Detachment table, and we need to turn in names.
  - Marine Ken Friend = 1.
  - Purple Hart Recipient, will be honored that night.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Paymaster Decker – We need a budget committee.
  - Marines Cashman, Pate, and Smyth volunteer.
    - Choose your chairman amongst your selves.
- Commandant Cooper – Associate Member Pam Bostrom needs help with transportation to and from the hospital to see Sr. Vice Don Bostrom, as she does not drive.
  - Multiple Marines offer up their phone number and services.
  - There is also discussion of setting up an Uber Account for her, should that become necessary.

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

- Marine Gluck - In the beacon last week, there was an article about the four-chaplain service. It was last Saturday morning, the 3<sup>rd</sup>. at Legion Post 252.
  - Legion Post 125 is doing their ceremony This coming Saturday.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Marine Centonzio – Running for Florida House District 69.
- Marine Bulu - Stetson Veterans Advocacy Clinic, helps Veterans with VA issues.
- Commandant Cooper – Stetson is doing Wills for Warriors Again – Fee Wills and Advanced Directives. Link is on our Website.
- **NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, 08MAR18 to be held at the VFW Post 4364.

## **CLOSING CEREMONY:**

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

**CLOSING TIME:** 2002 Hours

## **ATTENDANCE:**

- 23 Members in good standing in attendance plus 5 Marines or FMF Corpsmen or Chaplains guests and 1 Non-Marine guests.