



Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

DATE: 14June18 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1900 HOURS

OPENING CEREMONY:

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

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Commandant//Webmaster Sr.Vice-Commandant
 Jr.Vice-Commandant Sgt-At-Arms
 Judge Advocate Chaplain
 Adjutant/Paymaster Corpsman
 Jr. Past Commandant - Phil Calhoun (2 terms ago).

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

- Commandant Cooper - We received a letter from George LaMont, Department of Florida Commandant, that there was a problem with our recent instillation of officers. Therefore, we are now going to redo the instillation of Officers. Past Detachment Commandant Phil Calhoun has agreed to be our installing officer.
- The Following Officers have been duly elected, or appointed, in accordance with Detachment, Department, and National Bylaws:
 - Commandant: George Cooper
 - Sr. Vice Commandant: J.D. Pate

- Jr. Vice Commandant: Eric Hopkins
- Judge Advocate: Bob Decker
- Adjutant/Paymaster: Brandon Robinson
- Sergeant at Arms: Mike Garafalo
- Chaplain: Eddie Pringle
- Corpsman: Bob “Doc” Errico
- Jr. Past Commandant: “Top” Flick
- The above listed Detachment Officers were Sworn In in accordance with Marine Corps League Ritual, by Former Detachment Commandant William P. “Phil” Calhoun.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR GUEST SPEAKER:

- Commandant Cooper – It is good to see some faces in the crowd we have not seen in a while. Welcome back everyone!

NEW MEMBER OATH OF MEMBERSHIP:

- None

AWARDS:

- None

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP:

- None.

ADJUTANT’S REPORT:

- Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - Posted Online at www.stpetemcl.org
 - Motion to waive reading of and accept the Minutes of the January 2018 meeting as posted online made by Marine Bicknell
 - Motion Seconded by Marine Cannon
 - Discussion - None

- Comments:
 - FUNDRAISER RESULTS SINCE LAST MEETING:
 - No Fundraisers
 - Rolled over \$2,500 from Bingo Account to Wells Fargo Account
 - DONATIONS MADE BY THE DET.:
 - Veterans In Need: \$253.50
 - Conferences: \$949.32
 - Dues: \$550 (1 Life Member @ \$400)
 - Funeral (Mary Ann Friend) - \$207.94
 - DOF - Scholarship Fund Raffle - \$500.00
- **Motion** to accept Report of Paymaster made by Marine Lawson.
 - **Motion Seconded** by Marine Hopkins
 - Discussion - None
 - **Motion Passes**

CHAPLAINS REPORT:

- Report of the Sick or Distressed:
 - Marine Ken Friend's dear Wife, Mary, passed away recently. Ken just got out the hospital today with a bad case of bronchitis.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

Commandant:

- None

Sr. Vice Commandant:

- Went to Arizona, ran into Leaguers just about everywhere he went.
 - Memorial Day in Phoenix, there were Medal of Honor Winners, Pearl Harbor guys, etc. in attendance. The Marine Corps League performed the Color Guard, and looked really sharp.
 - People are doing a great job representing the League across the Nation.

Jr. Vice Commandant:

- Talked to the new embroidery for the hats, same hat as before, just a little more expensive now. Therefore, we need to drop the order down. Better quality, but Going to cost \$16 per hat.
- Still need people to show up to help at the Bingo Hall on Wednesday night at 6:45.
- **Motion** by Marine Decker to purchase 30 hats for \$16 each – Decker
 - **Motion Seconded** by Marine Cannon
 - Discussion – Doc Errico– What sizes are we ordering? One size fits all.
 - **Amendment** by Chaplain Pringle to Sell the hats for \$16 to ourselves (cost), \$20 to anyone else.
 - **Amendment Passes**
 - On the original motion to purchase 30 hats at \$16 each?
 - **Motion Passes**

Jr. Past Commandant :

- Jack Lovelance, here with us this evening, recently had stroke and heart attack, did not do anything for four years.
 - He has brought in to us the History of the Detachment, and the history of Major BF Hickey!
 - Ooh Rah Marine!

Judge Advocate:

- None

Sergeant-at-Arms:

- No Report.
- Commandant Cooper – Our Sergeant-at-Arms, Mike Garrafalo, is retiring from the Police Department at the end of the month. Congratulations Mike!

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Car Show Committee (Bob Decker):

- We are getting everything lined up. We are going to need to start hunting sponsors.
- We need different help this year.
 - Help round up car-parts stores, mechanics, etc.; ask for door prizes/raffle items.
 - NAPA, etc. will often step up, won't give you money, but will donate a part, or a car cover, etc.
- We will likely start hustling hard around August.
 - Jr. Vice Hopkins Volunteers to help.
- Marine Lovelace -can you generate a letter on MCL Letterhead that would specifically address getting a donation.
- Marine Speegle – The Boy Scouts had a car show in New Port Richey with a silent auction. Might be a good idea to try out.

Rose Sale Committee: (Bob Decker):

- We need people to pass out the thank you certificates from last year.
 - Please sign up to help out.

- Upcoming Rose Sales:
 - SEE SCHEDULE

Publix Super Market at Park Boulevard Plaza	4701 Park Blvd N, Pinellas Park, FL 33781	SEPTEMBER 29TH & 30TH
Publix - Bay Pointe Plaza (Store #1514)	5295 34th St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33711	OCTOBER 13TH & 14TH

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

- Unattended services were well represented again this month.
- Getting involved with a flag folding ceremony for the kids that are volunteering at the VA hospital this year. They are coming in from several different schools, and have to have a high GPA to even get into the program.
- Marine Cannon has been asked to run the District and organize the Honor Guards. – not just the Legion, but the Marine Corps League, D.A.V., and everyone else as well.

Boy Scout Committee (Tim Bulu & Dave Speegle):

- Did swim quall yesterday at the Elks Lodge. Had 100 people there getting their swimming merit badge.
- 2 scouts making Eagle, both already joined the Marine Corps.
- Headed to Summer camp in just over a week.
- Did some fundraising to raise money, a AL guy donated a log of money to BSA
 - Sending 2 from our crew to the large BSA summit in West Virginia.
- Everyone acting like the girls joining are a big deal, and it's not really.
 - Some of them can shoot better than the boys!
- We need more help! Come out and volunteer your skills and knowledge to help raise the next generation of leaders!

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 this Saturday, 16JUNE18.

- The club is busy, going to be a scout group right after us this week, so we have to be sure to get in and out.
- Cups, any branch, any rank – \$10 bucks!
- The military is switching to polymer ammunition casings, so you may want to start saving your brass!
 - We better buy stock in that company. Apparently the main manufacturer is local.
- \$30 fire arms safety class, every month on the thirds Saturday at the Wyoming Antelope Club.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Sr. Vice Pate - DAV unit 13 – over on 37th, has a meeting money night at 1800 hours - free food, 1900 hours - meeting.
 - They need the help if someone wants to show up. They often have trouble getting a quorum to vote on giving away all the money they raise.
- Marine Gonzalaez – Bush Gardens and sea world are giving out free tickets (up to 4) to Veterans! Just go online and register. Expires July 4th.
 - Can only get one or the other, not both.
- Commandant Cooper – we got a message from District Vice Commandant Rudy Fontain, that Jr. Vice Hopkins and Marine Gonzalez did a good job representing us at the conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, 12JULY18 to be held at the VFW Post 4364.

CLOSING CEREMONY:

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

CLOSING TIME: 1948 Hours

ATTENDANCE:

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