



Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57 Meeting Minutes

DATE: 14 March, 2019

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jr. Past Commandant	

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR GUEST SPEAKER:

- Samuel Lima, Lt. Col. USMC (Ret) from Praxis Wellness
- Sherman Saxton, Marine (not active duty)-guest of Walt Smyth
- Micah Harris, Marine (not active duty)-guest of Walt Smyth
- Eli Rodriguez, Marine (not active duty)-found us on a net search

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 as posted online made by Marine Lawson
 - Motion Seconded by Marine Fortier
 - Discussion - None
 - Motion Passed
- Correspondence Received
 - Southeast Guide Dogs- Received the Spring edition of the SEG D news magazine. It will be available for review at the March meeting.
 - Help Heal Veterans- This group provides craft kits to veterans. They are soliciting donations. Information package is available to the detachment.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Praxis Wellness was represented by Samuel Lima, Clinical Director & Therapist. He is a retired Marine Lt. Col. with 25 years of service. The basic objective of Praxis is to provide counseling and therapy sessions to veterans and their families. Printed materials were passed out to the detachment. He requested financial support in the form of having the ability to invoice for services given to a veteran in need.

PAYMASTER'S REPORT:

- Report of the Paymaster:
 - End of Day Balance 12 Feb 2019..... \$12,967.61
 - Total Deposits.....\$130.00
 - Expenditures.....**\$809.60**
 - End of Day Balance 13 Mar 2019.....\$12,288.01
- Supplemental Bingo Account Report
 - End of Day Balance 12 Feb 2019.....\$10,592.54
 - Total Deposits.....\$14,888.00
 - Expenditures.....**\$16,521.30**
 - End of Day Balance 12 Mar 2019.....\$8,959.21
 - Motion to accept Report of Paymaster made by Marine Eric Tsai
 - Motion Seconded by Corpsman Doc Errico
 - Discussion - None
 - Motion Passed

CHAPLAINS REPORT:

- Dave Speegle is having good days and bad days. He is this week in The Keys with the Venture Crew for Spring Break.
- Eddie Pringle has been in phone contact with Eric Hopkins and will attempt to see him personally.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

Commandant:

- No Report

Sr. Vice Commandant:

- Tim Bulu announced that he is missing valid birth dates for many members and requested all members provide accurate birth dates to him.
- The next quarterly Birthday party will happen in June-maybe at The Wing House
- Tim also announced that spouses are welcome to the Birthday parties.

Jr. Vice Commandant:

- Marine Bob Decker announced his intention to review the roster for complete and accurate information. Bob said he thought the best way to contact members was by going to individual's residences personally. This would provide an opportunity to see if any of our Marines were in distress and to offer assistance. Volunteers to help with this effort are being sought. Marine Eric Tsai suggested that we leave a "We were here" card at the residences where no one was home at the time of the visit.

Jr. Past Commandant:

- No Report

Judge Advocate:

- No Report

Sergeant-at-Arms:

- No Report

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- Rose Sale Committee:
 - Chairman Bob Decker reminded the detachment of the Rose Sale coming up on Mar. 23-24. Marines will be notified when the signup sheet is ready on the Doodle site. Bob requested Marines don't wait to see what others would signup for but go ahead and sign in for the times they can attend.
- 2017 Budget Committee (Bob Decker):
 - The 2019 proposed budget was presented. Marine Bob Decker made the motion to approve the budget as follows:

Move to approve the budget to represent the maximum line item amounts with no requirement to spend the maximum to be paid by the Paymaster without a vote from the Detachment EXCEPT for Line Item 7 (Fund for Benefit of Veterans in Need). These expenditures will require approval of Staff including Commandant, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, and Adjutant/Paymaster with the exception that the Commandant or assigned Casualty Officer will be permitted to award up to \$200 without Staff review to cover immediate emergency needs of veterans in need. All awards shall be reported by signed receipt with Veteran's information to the Paymaster within 30 days of the award. Veteran's information sheet shall list contact information, notation of verification of Military ID, VA health ID card, or Copy of DD-214 with state ID.

Motion seconded by Marine Bob Cannon

During discussion Marine George Cooper suggested we raise the Commandant's limit to \$350. Marine Eric Tsai recommended that we keep the limit to \$200. Cooper withdrew his suggestion and a vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed.

- Car Show
 - No Report

- VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service):
 - Marine Pate reported there will be a “Last Call” on Mar. 20 at 9:00am in the Cobb Room at Bay Pines.
 - Marine Pate also reminded the detachment of the “Stand Down for Homeless Vets” that will take place on March 30, from 9:00am to noon. Uniform for Detachment volunteers is red cap & shirt and black trousers.
- Boy Scout Committee (Tim Bulu & Dave Speegle):
 - Marine Tim Bulu reported the Venture Crew was presently in The Keys for a Spring Break camp out.
 - The Venture Crew will possibly be taking on 3 new members. Reminding us the Crew was for disadvantaged kids, Tim told us that 2 of these kids are living Foster Care Group Homes.
- Marine Corps Ball Committee
 - No Report

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, Mar. 16.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Marine Fortier asked about car pooling to the upcoming Spring Conference at Safety Harbor. Corpsman Doc Errico offered parking at his house for a limited number of cars. Marine Cooper will coordinate the car pool.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commandant Pate asked for a motion to issue a check for \$500 to support VA Stand Down for Homeless Vets. Motion was made by Marine Dee Lawson and seconded by Marine George Blick. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- Marine John Gluck made the proposal to acquire a stock of the Marine coffee cups, one with each rank. After discussion it was decided not to proceed as doing so would leave us with cups we couldn't sell.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Marine George Blick speaking as our Vetting Officers commented on the credentials of the guest speaker. According to the literature handed that evening one of the degrees listed was from Argosy University. Marine Blick said that to him this was a red flag because Argosy University had gone out of business. Praxis will be checked out Further before we donate any funds.

Commandant said the that further investigation would take place. He also stated that there would be other guest speakers in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- NEXT MEETING - Thursday, 14 April to be held at the VFW Post 4364.

CLOSING CEREMONY:

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

CLOSING TIME: 2020 Hours

ATTENDANCE:

- 14 Members in good standing in attendance plus 3 Marines or FMF Corpsmen or Chaplains guests and 0 Non-Marine guests.