



## Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

DATE: 9 May, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1900 HOURS

OPENING CEREMONY:

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

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Commandant

Jr. Vice-Commandant

Sgt-At-Arms

Judge Advocate

Chaplain

Adjutant/Paymaster

Corpsman

Jr. Past Commandant

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR GUEST SPEAKER:

- David Schroeder came at the invitation of Bob Decker and expressed a desire to join our detachment. David is a Marine and aviator.
- Commandant Pate welcomed Rudy Fontane to our ranks. Rudy is a transfer from Detachment 54 and is currently DoF District 7 Vice Commandant.

## NEW MEMBER OATH OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Eli Rodriguez received the Oath of Membership and was welcomed into the detachment.

## AWARDS:

- Commandant Pate announced that the Detachment received a Unit Commendation from MCL The Department of Florida. The Commendation was given in recognition of our donation to the Hurricane Relief Fund of DoF.
- Members are permitted to wear the appropriate ribbon for the Commendation and are available from George Cooper.

## APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP:

- David Schroeder submitted an application for membership

## 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 as posted online made by Marine Robinson
    - Motion Seconded by Marine Cooper
    - Discussion - None
      - **Motion Passes**
- Correspondence Received
  - None



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**PAYMASTERS REPORT**

Date: 30-APR-19

Wells Fargo Detachment 57 Account Activity:

End of the Day	1-Apr-19	Balance	\$13,288.00
		Total Deposits:	\$5,643.00
		Expenditures:	(\$4,255.74)
End of the Day	30-Apr-19	Balance	\$14,675.26

Regions Bingo Account Activity:

NOTE:

On April 24, Paymaster George Cooper and Jr Vice Commandant Bob Decker met with Jonathan Kreidler of Belcher Bingo to gain an understanding how to identify which funds in the Regions account belonged to Detachment 57. The following understanding was established.

1. The closing balance of the Regions account on that day (24 Apr) was \$7539.13. Of that amount \$2900 belonged to Belcher Bingo and the balance of \$4639.00 belonged to Detachment 57.
2. \$4639.00 represents the complete sum of Bingo revenues for Detachment 57 from 01JAN19 to 24APR19.
3. Belcher Bingo agreed to send a report at the end of each month clearly defining which funds in the Regions account belong to Detachment 57.

Regions Bingo Revenue 1JAN19 to 24APR19

	Carryover from 2018	\$1,472.00
	JAN	\$897.00
	FEB	\$834.00
	MAR	\$917.00
	APR	\$519.00
Total as of 24APR19 & transferred to the Wells Fargo operating account		\$4,639.00

## CHAPLAINS REPORT:

- Tim Bulu is hospitalized at St. Anthony's and is due to be released in a day or so.
- Eric Hopkins is incarcerated and has been assigned a court date. Commandant Pate will attend. Attempts are being made to have the case moved to Veteran's Court.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

### Commandant:

- The Detachment has made donation of \$250 to VFW Post 4364

### Sr. Vice Commandant:

- None

### Jr. Vice Commandant:

- The effort to make contact with all members began with attempts to make phone contact. The result was increased attendance at the current meeting.
- The next step is to do a mailing to those who couldn't be reached by phone and step 3 is to go out and make a visit to the last known address. We may discover a Marine who is incapacitated and needs our help.

### Jr. Past Commandant:

- None

### Judge Advocate:

- The By Law review has been delayed slightly. Marine Robinson reports that a draft will be sent to the detachment 2 weeks prior to the next meeting.

### Sergeant-at-Arms:

- None

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

### Rose Sale Committee:

The next sale is for May 25 at the Publix that used to be Albertson's. This is a one-day sale and we have both doors.

Bob Decker explained the benefits and inner workings of Rose Sales to the new members and encouraged them to participate.

### Car Show

Flyers are being prepared and will be made available very soon.

### VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service):

Volunteers are needed at The Bay Pines Cemetery on May 25 at 8:00 am to place flags over the graves in honor of Memorial Day.

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

Dave Speegle reported on Venture Crew preparations for this summer's activities. He also reported on his work with The Special Olympics.

There will be an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at St Rafael's Church on May 15 at 7:00 pm. Detachment 57 will present The MCL Citizenship Award.

### Marine Corps Ball Committee

Chairman George Cooper asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. Wayne Fortier and Rudy Fontane volunteered.

### 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 this coming Saturday, May 11.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

## NEW BUSINESS:

Doc Errico reminded the members that this upcoming Sunday is Mother's Day and be sure to honor our mothers.

As High School ROTC rep, Bob Cannon announced that our presence was requested at the Awards Ceremony being conducted at Admiral Farragut Academy on the following evening. Uniform is undress blues. There were comments made as to the late timing on the request.,

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

As District Vice Commandant, Rudy Fontane reinforced the purpose and importance of the DoF Convention coming up in June. He urged all Marines to attend at least the business meeting.

Commandant Pate announced that now all disabled veterans will be admitted free to all National Parks regardless of the degree of disability. He also announced the next detachment birthday party will take place on June 21 at 6:30 pm at The Wing House on Highway 19.

Joe Townley reported on his involvement in suicide prevention. There is a faith-based group called Vets Counseling Vets and they will be hosting a forum on veteran's suicide at St Pete College, 13805 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Clearwater from 9 am to 1 pm. Joe also has experience with dealing with grief and told us about a video titled "Conquering Emotional Pain" that was helpful to him.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, June 13 to be held at the VFW Post 4364.

## CLOSING CEREMONY:

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

## CLOSING TIME: 2010 Hours

- Commandant

## ATTENDANCE:

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