



## Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

*Date:* 13MAY21

*Meeting called to order:* 1900 HOURS

### ***OPENING CEREMONY:***

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

### ***OFFICERS PRESENT:***

Commandant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sr Vice Commandant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jr Vice Commandant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Judge Advocate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adjutant/Paymaster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chaplain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Corpsman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jr. Past Commandant	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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

- Eddie Velez spoke about retirement benefits not available through the VA but are available through Medi Care

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

- Eddie Velez applied for membership.
- Sylvester Davis requested to be transferred from the Tri County Detachment.

## ***BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:***

- No balloting was conducted at this meeting.

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

- Harley Hamsher, Rick Cooper and Danny R. Oliver were sworn in as members in good standing and were given their membership pins,

## ***AWARDS:***

- Rudy Fontane, District 7 Jr. Vice Commandant presented National Jr Vice Commandant's award for 100% membership renewal.
- Also presented by Rudy Fontane on behalf of The Commandant of the Dept of Florida to George Cooper was the Distinguished Service Medal (Bronze) in lieu of second award.

## ***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 Fontane
    - Motion Seconded by Marine Robinson
    - Discussion - None
      - **Motion Passes**

- **Correspondence Received**

- The Spring 2021 copy of the Southeastern Guide Dogs magazine was circulated among the members present.
- Received a very nice “Thank you” from McKenzie Lape, the grand daughter of Marine Wayne Scott. McKenzie was the recipient of a tuition assistance donation from the detachment Education Assistance Fund.
- Received a solicitation from Help Heal Veterans. They provide Therapy kits to veterans in distress. The Adjutant requested a vote to send \$200 to HHV. The vote was approved.

***PAYMASTER’S REPORT:***

Wells Fargo Detachment 57 Account Activity:

End of the Day	1-Apr-21	Balance	\$13,394.31
		Total Deposits:	\$2,317.00
		Expenditures:	-\$2,701.28
End of the Day	30-Apr-21	Balance	\$1,310.03

Regions Bingo Account Activity:

	Belcher Disbursement for April	\$843
	Regions Bank Fees	-\$29.04
	Remaining After Fees	\$813-96
	Amount to be Transferred to Wells Fargo	\$800

## **CHAPLAINS REPORT:**

- Report of the Sick or Distressed:
  - None

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

### **Commandant:**

- Comment on Life Membership & Dues Schedule – pass out copies and emailed to det. today the Schedules.
  - Since we have a lengthy meeting tonight, I will update you at the next meeting about what went on at the Spring Conference.
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of DOF – DOF Convention – Myself, Tim Bulu and Rudy Fontane will be attending – possibly JD.
  - This convention conflicts with our next regular meeting – both Commandant and Sr. Vice Commandant will be at the convention & Jr. Vice will be out of town in Texas with Daughter and family for her birthday. That leaves only the Judge Advocate standing by.
    - We will schedule the meeting for June on the previous Thursday, Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> or Jun 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Red Shirts out of stock – brief delay in getting them – probably by next meeting.
- George Cooper will be stepping down as Adjutant/Paymaster. A call for volunteers to fill the spot was issued.

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

- There are still 2 seats available for the WWAR Gala

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

- There will be a Marine for Life (M4L) networking event on Thu May 27 from 5-7 pm at Hula Bay 510 W Tyson Ave, Tampa

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

- None

### **Judge Advocate:**

- Due to the number who will not be present at the next meeting because of their attendance of the DoF Convention there will not be a quorum of officers.

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

- None

### ***REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:***

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

- \$1,030 for final rose sale – won't know about Publix until end of this month
  - If Publix isn't available than we'll try Winn-Dixie at other locations for Sept & Oct.

#### **Car Show Committee (Bob Decker):**

- We're in growing stage and goal is at around \$5,000
  - \$1,650 actually in the door and deposited
    - \$2,700 promised and a lot more going through their organizations for approval.
    - May 26<sup>th</sup> is deadline for getting on the sponsor's poster +/- a day
  - NEED DOOR PRIZES - \$50.00 VALUES - \$25.00 MIN.

#### **Venture Crew/Eagle Scout Committee (Tim Bulu):**

- Venture Crew- Charter continuation & Crew Status

## ***MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:***

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

- Rudy Fontane reported that are opportunities for full time volunteers at the VA

### **Veterans Advisory Board for Congressmen Bilirakis & Crist (J. D. Pate)**

- The next meeting will take place at 10 am Friday, May 15

### **Pistol Shoot, Cup Sales and Flag Education Program (John Gluck):**

- Next shoot is 10 am Sat May 16

### **District 7 Vice Commandant's Report/Comments (Rudy Fontane)**

- The DoF will hold its annual convention June 10-12

## ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS:***

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

- Rudy Fontane has placed his name as a candidate for National Marine of the Year. He reviewed his accomplishments in the MCL and stated that he needs an official nomination Marine Robinson made the nomination and it seconded by Marine McCool. The motion was passed.

### ***GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:***

- None

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:***

- **NEXT MEETING** – The date of the next meeting was undecided due the conflict with the DoF Convention. Commandant will email with new meeting date

***CLOSING CEREMONY:***

Closing ceremony was conducted in accordance with the MCL Ritual.

***CLOSING TIME:*** 2026 Hours

***ATTENDANCE:***

19 Members in good standing in attendance plus 1 Marine.