



Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

Date: 10MAR22

Meeting called to order: 1900 HOURS

OPENING CEREMONY:

- Opening ceremony was conducted following the MCL Ritual.

ROLL CALL:

Commandant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sr Vice Commandant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jr Vice Commandant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judge Advocate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjutant/Paymaster	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chaplain/Corpsman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ass't Jr. Vice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jr. Past Commandant-exc		Webmaster	<input type="checkbox"/>

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR GUEST SPEAKER:

- Jim Rexroad attended as a guest and will apply for membership
- John Seward came as a guest of Eddie Pringle. He is a MCL member and will apply for transfer to Detachment 57.
- L/Cpl Taylor Riddick, an active duty Marine serving as a machine gunner, came as a guest of Tim Bulu. Taylor is an Eagle Scout and was the recipient of the MCL Good Citizenship Award presented by Detachment 57

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP:

- Jim Rexroad applied for membership. His DD-214 was verified by Sarge McCool.

BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- Jim Rexroad was approved for membership by unanimous vote.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

- **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - Posted Online at www.stpetemcl.org
 - Motion to waive reading of and accept the Minutes for the 10FEB22 meeting as posted online made by Marine Brandon Robinson
 - Motion Seconded by Marine Rudy Fontane
 - Discussion
 - **Motion Passes**

PAYMASTER'S REPORT:

Wells Fargo Detachment 57 Account Activity:

End of the Day	1-Feb-22	Balance	\$23,672.10
		Total Deposits:	\$1,668.00
		Expenditures:	(\$6,891.75)
End of the Day	28-Feb-22	Balance	\$18,448.35

Regions Bingo Account Activity:

Belcher Disbursement for February	\$839.00
Regions Bank Fees	(\$29.95)
Remaining After Fees	\$809.05
Amount to be Transferred to Wells Fargo	\$800.00

CHAPLAINS REPORT:

- Report of the Sick or Distressed:
 - Doc Errico and Bob both checked on Don Bostrom and reported he's getting by considering the recent loss of his wife Pam.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

Commandant:

- WWAR Gala on May 14th – we have a complimentary table of 10 and have submitted our list of 10 attendees.
- Commandant announced the Spring Conference, April 7th thru 10th. LOCATION: Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, 105 N. Bayshore Drive, Safety Harbor, Florida, 34695. There is a Professional Development Program “Leadership School”. The Det. pays the \$15 school fee and the conference registration fee of \$6.00 and goes from 0900 ‘til 1600. School registration is from 0830 to 0900. It is highly recommended that you all attend.
 - Professional Development Program (Leadership School) – Pay’t by March 24th. (Need name, phone # and email address for the form).
- Commandant reminded everyone of the upcoming conventions/conferences:
 - 2022 Southeast Division Conference, Holiday Inn Baton Rouge South, Baton Rouge, LA from March 24th to March 27th
 - 2022 Department of Florida Spring Convention, June 22nd to June 26th – Location to be announced (usually in Melbourne) – Keep watching the DOF website at www.mcl dof.org.
 - The 99th MCL National Convention, Daytona Beach, FL from August 15th to August 19th. Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Hotel (Rooms Sold Out – Alternate Hotel is The Plaza Resort & Spa Daytona Beach’s Grand Resort). Follow information on National website at www.mcl national.org.

- Commandant said that the Staff had a discussion about creating a “Call List” and structure it after the format of a rifle squad. Commandant would like to form a small committee to create that Program. Purpose is so that when the Det. has any function or need to spread an announcement, we have a system in place to rapidly get the word out, so no one is left out of the loop. It’s also a way to keep in touch with our “shut-ins” and those with whom we’ve lost touch. Commandant will attend the committee meetings since he has been managing the Detachment database for many years. Eli Rodriguez volunteered to chair the committee and Tim Bulu and Bob Decker volunteered to serve.
- Commandant asked if there were any other members who would like to volunteer to be on the Honor Guard. The Detachment is paying for the uniforms and the Honor Guard supplies the rifles, supplies & equipment. You can pick and choose what days you participate when the notice of event is emailed to you. Just for S’s & G’s, who would volunteer for our own Honor Guard? Currently we have 4 members who have volunteered. Need minimum of 10 volunteers (minimum of 3 for flag and bugle detail and 3 (preferably 4) for rifle detail).
- The Commandant discussed promoting the Marine Corps League with a decal on your car. The Detachment has 50 of them in stock. They cost the Det. \$2.00 and shipping apiece, so don’t waste them – put them on the vehicle that you drive the most. This is considered a recruiting expense.
- The Commandant announced that the MCL License Plate DEADLINE is October 2022. Go to DOF website and click on the license plate program to get instructions about how to apply for one. This can be another fine recruiting tool.
- Commandant announced that red shirt orders going forward will be made through our ship’s store run by our Sgt-At-Arms, Mike Garafalo. Orders will be taken at the meetings and cash or check payable to “MCL Det. 57” must be given to Mike at the time of order – **NO EXCEPTIONS**. All too often we have ordered shirts without payment and the person never shows up to claim their shirt or we forget whether or not the individual has pre-paid or not. Mike will have order forms available and price sheets to take orders at the meetings. There are a few damaged shirts in storage that can be used to try on for size so you make sure you are ordering the correct size. Also, make sure you print out exactly how you want your name on the shirt.

Sr. Vice Commandant:

- Flyers have been handed and emails notifications have been sent about the quarterly birthday on Friday March 25 at the Sports Bar across from Bay Pines at 6:30 pm.

Jr. Vice Commandant:

- Urged all members to carry recruiting cards with them and invite others to join the MCL and be sure to get contact information from those Marines we meet.

Jr. Past Commandant:

- None

Judge Advocate:

- None

Sergeant-at-Arms:

- None

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Rose Sale Committee (Bob Decker):

- Rose Sale scheduled for April 2nd & 3rd, PUBLIX at Madeira Beach, 674 150th Ave., Madeira Beach, FL 33708 from 0900 to 1800 hours.

Car Show Committee (Bob Decker):

- Location & Date have been confirmed for November 12th at Bert's Barracuda Harley Davidson Dealership, 10525 49th St. N., Clearwater, FL 33762

Venture Crew/Boy Scout Committee (Tim Bulu):

- The Crew is planning a long term camping trip in Orlando for this summer.
- The Crew continues to help those less fortunate. They "adopt" a family and help as they can.
- 4 new Eagle Scouts have been approved

Annual Financial Review Committee (Brandon Robinson)

- The Chairman reports that after a review of the bank statements and other records, no discrepancies were found, and our finances are in good order.

Sign Committee (Brandon Robinson)

- Multiple designs were submitted for consideration. Members were asked to indicate their preference. If there is no majority the Chairman will make the final decision.
- Quotes will be requested. The desire is to obtain signs for the pole outside the VFW and another to place on the side of the building.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service) (J. D. Pate):

- Marine Weston expressed frustration over difficulty in obtaining glasses at the VA

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

- None

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

- Pistol Shoot at Wyoming Antelope Club on 3rd Saturday on March 19th

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

- Urged all members to attend the Leadership School and the equally important business meeting of the DoF MCL on the following day

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Eli Rodriguez reviewed some possible for a detachment recruiting poster with Committee Chair Tim Bulu. Stay tuned for the results.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Marine Weston reported the MCL Scholarship Foundation needs funds for the year. The National suggested that each detachment donate \$100.
- Marine Weston suggested that we wait and present our donation check at the National Convention.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Marine Robinson announced there will be a Flag Raising and Dedication on Saturday, 19 at noon. The location is 46 Ave in Kenneth City

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, **14APR22** to be held at the VFW Post 4364.

CLOSING CEREMONY:

Closing ceremony was conducted following the MCL Ritual.

CLOSING TIME: 2005 Hours

ATTENDANCE:

16 Members in good standing in attendance plus 3 Marines or FMF Corpsmen or Chaplains guests and no Non-Marine guests.