Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924

Marine Corps League

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 25th day of April 2017
Time: Location: Naval Operations Center, Marine Corps Reserve Center, Knoxville, TN

Presentation prior to the meeting:

- Jeff Tegzes trained those interested in the use of the Garand for the Rifle Detail.
- David Cates thanked all those who were there for him during his recent illness.
- Commandant Eichhorn and Chaplin Pearl Rich: Paul passed away 10 days ago and his funeral service was 10 days ago. It was a beautiful day. The MCL was well represented and the rifle detail did well. A Memorial Service in memory of Paul Vadeboncoeur was held and the Charter was draped. Commandant Eichhorn opened the mike for anyone who wished to speak. Eric Nash: I met Gen first, we worked together, and was telling her about the MCL and she said Paul was a Marine. And we got him signed up. I am glad I did, he enjoyed it immensely. He was an enlisted Navigator on a C-54, in the 50's. The personal plane for Chesty Puller.

Call to order: Commandant Eichhorn called the meeting to order at 18h30, and ordered Sgt-At-Arms to Advance and Post the Colors, and to lead the membership in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Chaplain Rich led us in the opening prayer.

Commandant Eichhorn asked Sgt-At-Arms to declare the meeting open for the transaction of official business.

Commandant Eichhorn proceeded to recognize dignitaries in attendance.

Past Detachment Commandants Dave Hatfield, George Sexton, Bill Henson, Karl Ekstrom, Nolan Sharbel, Jeff Tegzes, Virgil Young, Howard Raines (&MI), Jim Williams and David Cates.

Adjutant called the Roll of Detachment Officers:

Commandant: Tim Eichhorn	Present
Sr. Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan	Present
Junior Vice Commandant: James B. Cotton	Present
Judge Advocate: David Z. Cates	Present

Junior Past Commandant: Jim Williams	Present
Adjutant: Eric P. Nash	Present
Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller	Present
Chaplain: Pearl Rich	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms: John "Stony Saathoff	Present
Web Sergeant: Tim Shea	Excused

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Applications for membership:

Paul Corbin: Been here about 3 years. Jerry (Moats) has been after me for three years to come over, met Eric and he closed the deal. Life Member transferring from Springfield Mo. Det. Awaiting the transfer paperwork. First duty station was Security Detail at Key West Florida during the Bay of Pigs incident. Then was going to the Naval academy Prep school at Bainbridge Maryland. My future wife convinced me I needed to drop that and marry her. Went back to Camp Lejune and was in the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile crisis. Got out in 1963. My wife and I renewed our vows on our 50th wedding anniversary by the Chaplin of the Springfield Det.

Russ Ray: 14 yrs. In Tennessee. Coming from Michigan as a contractor. Released from service 1968.

Heather Stevens-White: Served 1990 to 2012. 11 years enlisted, SSgt. Commissioned worked my way up to Captain then was selected for Major. Turned it down in the middle of Afghanistan to become a NJROTC Marine Instructor in Alvin Texas. Where I met my husband. Married a Retired Coast Guard Veteran. A Coast Guard Special Agent. Served in Avionics electrician then as an Avionics Maintaince Officer.

Balloting on applications for membership:
Paperwork was examined by the Adjutant and a voice vote approved for membership. Dues were accepted. All three Candidates were voted in by voice vote.
Marine Corbin was not sworn in to the Detachment waiting for Transfer paperwork.
Ceremony of Initiation:
Marines Ray and Steven-White were sworn in by Commandant Eichhorn.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adjutant's Report

A. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as read

D. Report of the Officers:
   a. Commandant: Tim Eichhorn
      - Thank you for rally around Gen (Vadeboncoeur) and the family.

- Thanks for all the help on the safety break.
- Mud Run meeting.
- Pistol Match.

b. Sr. Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan:
   - Continue to inventory the Detachments property in the lockers. If you have an item in there it needs to come out.
   - All office holder need to turn in an inventory even it is just a notebook.

c. Junior Vice Commandant: James B. Cotton:
   - Been a good month for new members.
   - Doug continues to check on the price for application plaques.

d. Judge Advocate: David Z. Cates. Had to leave early.

e. Junior Past Commandant: Jim Williams

f. Adjutant: Eric P. Nash

g. Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller
   - The detailed breakdown of the report of the paymaster is on file with the official copy of the minutes and available upon request by members in good standing.

h. Chaplain: Pearl Rich: Keep the following in your prayers.
   - Service for Paul Vadeboncoeur.
   - Marine Collins.
   - Marine Edelman.
   - Col Komer Life Member has passed away.
   - Marine Larry Winters.

i. Sergeant-At-Arms: John Saathoff, No Report.

j. Web Sergeant: Tim Shea. Excused.
   - Commandant Eichhorn: Tim continues to work on the new web site and there will probably be a cost for that.

F. Report of Project Leaders and/or Committee Reports

a. Scholarship Committee:
   - A check was given to Marine Gene Furrow for his Daughter Amanda. A business Major at UT.

b. Americanism – Eric Nash
   - Have till June to finish the book.
   - Asked that the detachment look for ways to make presentations in the local schools, about the Marines.

c. Hospitality – Ken DeBoer,
    - 2 Months from now beef brisquet sandwiches.

d. Newsletter – Jeff Tegzes
    - If you have any pictures of interest send them to me and Eric (Nash) for the gazette or Americanism.

e. Rifle and Pistol Match – Jim Williams,
    - Had a great Match.
    - Bill Gerst Match coming next. M-1 or M1A. 35 rounds. 7am at the gate closes at 7h30. $20.
    - Good to see Harry Cates back. He survived a bouncing betty in Viet Nam.

f. Ships Store –Jerry Moats
    - Got some covers
    - Commandant: Any two for ones? Jerry: I was "elected" to do this job. No specials.

g. Young Marines- Virgil Young
    - 21st of May we will have a regimental Encampment
    - As Asst Division Commander of the 3rd Division to the Department of Mississippi has invited me to speak at their Dept Convention. About the Young Marine Program. There are no units in the state.
    - Next Tuesday will be attending the YM's Registered Adults Conference in Las Vegas.

❖ Young Marines Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit: Virgil Young.
    - Thanks for the tips ($) for the Young Marines at the pistol Match.
    - Graduated a new group and the honor graduate was given a medallion from the MCL.
    - 5 Young Marines are graduating from High School. One is a 10 year Veteran of the Young Marines, who is awaiting an appointment to the Naval Academy. 1 is going to the Merchant Marine Academy and two are going into USMC.
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❖ Young Marines North Knoxville Unit: Vern Tassey.
    - 8 new recruits completed the training.
    - Saturday ran the obstacle Course.
    - (Jim Williams) North Knoxville YM will be pulling the butts at the Gerst Rifle match.

h. Strategic Planning –Dave Hatfield
    - 29 May 2017 Memorial Day, there is a firing detail.
    - Safety break. Memorial Day weekend. There is no meeting before this event.

- Four more JROTC awards to present.
- Need more people to sign up for the 5 day 4th of July safety break?
- White shirt with the pilot epilates. $26.95 + $3.00 to get the patches sown on. Zip up polyester with military creases.
- By laws are not in yet.

G. Correspondence:
- VFW District 2. in Rockwood will hold a Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home 29 Apr 2017.
- Remote Area Medical will hold its annual salute to service at Island Home Airport 3 Jun 2017.
- A thank you card was received from Gen Vadeboncoeur. Thanking the Detachment for its service with Paul.

H. Unfinished Business from previous meetings. None.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:
Bill Henson spoke about Caption caller. States it will help for those with decreased hearing. He has material for those who are interested.

Frank Waller and Lee Rhinemiller both stated that they were impressed by the young Marines they met at Paris Island on their trip.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

End of Meeting: Sgt-At-Arms retired the colors. Chaplain led us in the closing prayer. Commandant Eichhorn adjourned the meeting at **19h33.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric P. Nash
Detachment Adjutant