

Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924
Marine Corps League

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 30th January 2018

Time: 18h30

Location: Naval Operations Center, Marine Corps Reserve Center, Knoxville, TN

Presentation prior to the meeting:

- Connie Sexton: Patty Mullins lost her brother and nephew in a wreck in the past week. The Det. chose to send flower due to her association with the league.
- The new Quartermaster is Larry George.

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 Brown led us in the opening prayer. Commandant Eichhorn asked Sgt-At-Arms to declare the meeting open for the transaction of official business.

Chaplain Pearl Rich was welcomed back. Commandant gave her the mike: Chaplain Rich thanked all those who had called sent cards and showed their concern from the MCL and the MCLA. The support kept her spirits up when she was down.

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	Excused
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	Present

Acting Officers: Assistant Chaplain Leroy Brown

Applications for membership: None.

Introduction of new members and guests:

- PDC Terry Witt from the Tn. Smoky Mountain Det #1206.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adjutant's Report

- A. Minutes of previous meeting
 - a. Accepted as posted on the web site.
- B. Correspondence received: Given at announcements.
- C. Report of the Officers:
 - a. Commandant: Tim Eichhorn.
 - 2017 was a successful year. It is good to have Nolan Sharbel stepping back in as the Mud Run Chair. That is our big event in the public eye.
 - In my role as Commandant. I appreciate all the officer and Marines who stepped up throughout the year. I live by the rule in all the organization I work with that I take ownership. For any suggestion you bring to me. I will ask. Are you ready to take that on? You have to take ownership.
 - For Pearl (Rich) Leroy (Brown) reaching out to our members. Tunnel Rat (Howard Raines) with the Safety Breaks and Nolan (Sharbel) taking on the Mud Run. Everyone in here has something to contribute. I encourage every member to get involved. If you feel like you can tug on the rope and get involved do so.
 - b. Sr. Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan.
 - I am working on the Committees list. There are a lot of jobs to be done. And more this year with the convention.
 - c. Junior Vice Commandant: James B. Cotton.

Commandant: Cotton is stepping down and I appreciate his efforts this year.

 - Recruiting is difficult. If you have not figured it out.
 - I have been left stickers and cards in back for putting on cars around town.
 - d. Judge Advocate: David Z. Cates. Excused.
 - e. Junior Past Commandant: Jim Williams, no report.
 - f. Adjutant: Eric P. Nash.
 - Americanism: If you have done any events this year, I would like pictures. Just because you did an event does not mean that I have a copy. The more events the better our chance of winning.
 - Eagle Scout Certificates we had 151 presented last year and I am starting on this years.

Commandant: That was a National award you brought home last year. Thank You.
 - g. Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller.
 - We will be signing up the Delegates for the SEDiv Conference at the February meeting.
 - If anyone is interested in hats for the convention let us know.

- We will be passing out sign up forms for the Convention in June. We already have 17 returned to us.
- 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/ Leroy Brown.
 - Cards were passed around for members to sign for Patty Mullins and Gene Collins.
 - Pearl: I have visited with Joe (Edelman) He sent a message "I appreciate all the cards and messages."
 - Leroy: I have visited with Gene Collins and he sends his greetings.
 - The Loudon County Breakfast will be held on the 20th of February. The Marine Breakfast. Weather permitting we will be shooting at the police range. Bring your pistol and ammunition.
- i. Sergeant-At-Arms: John Saathoff
- j. Web Sergeant: Tim Shea.
 - I was reminded that only a few people have sent me active duty photographs. I want active duty photos and boot camp pictures for the web site.
 - I have the dates for the Pistol and rifle shoots and they will be posted on the web calendar.

F. Report of Project Leaders and/or Committee Reports

- a. Safety Breaks – Howard Raines.
 - I am setting up 15 days.
 - Easter 30-31 March 1st April.
 - Memorial Day
 - 4th of July, is on a Wednesday. And a trucker group wants one day. So the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th. And they get Sunday.
 - Labor Day on the 1st - 3rd September.

Dave Hatfield: Stated that the Easter Safety Break had been cancelled in 2017 due to it being too cold. And that there was no heating available. And that all hot chocolate had been gotten rid of. Raines stated he would schedule the first break for Memorial Day.

- b. Southeast Division Conference: Terry Witt Det. #1206.
 - Conference is 22nd through 25th of March. We understand most of you will not be staying at the Hotel. We are getting the registration forms here for the Convention and the banquet. The hotel is completely full. We have over 100 already signed up.
 - I came to see the MCLA about the hospitality room. And to see about adds. And you get registered. Hope to see you all there.
 - Tim Shea will be putting a link to the registration.

Commandant: Jeff Tegzes is placing the ad in the convention book. This will help them be financially successful, and pay for the convention.

- c. Newsletter – Jeff Tegzes.

Commandant: Give my thanks to you it a wonderful publication.
- d. Rifle and Pistol Match – Jim Williams

- A copy of the rifle and pistol matches. 7 pistol matches and 2 rifle matches. Tim (Shea) will be posting the dates on the web site.

On the rifle match if you do not have an M-1 we can loan you one.

e. Mud Run –Nolan Sharbel.

- Eleanor Roosevelt is quoted as having said “start every day choosing to do something that scares you”. So I have taken up the Mud Run.
- I will be calling on all of you to help. I will start with the committee chairs from last year to see if they will help again. There
- Ron Fuller our timer is on board.
- The parks department is treating us like this is a community event. We are scheduled for 15th September 2018. There is a UT home game but they are only playing West Texas.

f. Strategic Planning –Dave Hatfield.

- These are our flag cases. They cost us \$20. I just got them back from the repair shop. They have heavy duty reinforcement in the ends now. It cost \$23. You must remove the spear points from the poles before placing them inside the case. They should last another 12 years.
- As you saw on in the newsletter there was a picture of a unit commendation from the Department of Florida. This authorizes the members to wear a Unit Commendation Ribbon from this Det. If you were a member at that time.
- Sam Rubble will be collecting the money for the Dine in to be held 17th of March.
- The SEDiv Conference in Pigeon Forge in March. You really should come out. You will really get a lot out of this. A lot of National Officers will be in attendance. From the 7 states in the Division.
- I will be going to the Mid Winter conference in Washington after the next Detachment meeting. We will be going over the National Budget in detail
- MODD: The growl at the SEDiv conference will be on Friday night. If you plan to go up for Devil Dog need to have your paper work. Next local Growl is 5th of March.
- The past year we have tried to get white short sleeve shirt from Greene Military. They have discontinued those shirts. Money will be returned.

g. Department of Tennessee Conference- Tim Eichhorn

- Convention registration forms were passed out. Encourage to be there for the Banquet and for the business meeting.
- Guest Speaker will be Col Tim Mundy USMC retired infantry officer now with the Marine Corps Association.
- We need to start talking about selling ads to the convention book.

h. Young Marines-

- ❖ Young Marines Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit: Larry Winters
 - Nov-Dec have been very busy months.
 - Mr. Shea has done a great job with the web site.

- We have a recruit class starting this week end. It will go for 6 weeks.
- National YM, are sending me to Arizona for a course as a shooting instructor. I hold a coaches license now.
- I get to go back to boot camp. Two weeks at San Diego to drill and ceremonies school.
- Pistol Range is really growing. The League is being given 1st choice for dates.

❖ Young Marines North Knoxville Unit: Vern Tassey. No report.

G. Unfinished Business from previous meetings. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Copies of the Mid Year 2018 Budget Adjustment was presented to the Detachment by the Budget Committee. (This action was announced at the time of the budget approval, at the 27 June 2017 Det meeting. Action taken to adjust for the actual Mud Run proceeds.)

- Lee Rhinemiller: We are 6 months into our budget. This is the 2nd year of using a line item budget. It has been a work in progress.
- What you have in front of you (handout) is a work sheet. The first column is the budget you passed. The second was what has been spent and what remains.
- The midterm is what we are discussing. What is of interest is the increase and decrease.
- Range funds and quartermaster have now been added into the budget for accounting purpose.
- The Department Convention has also been added into the budget.
- Dave Hatfield: For everyone edification, we are not trying to hide anything in the budget. We want you to look at line item 94. You are vote for everything that is on these papers (handout). We will not voting again. This is a special gift for one of our founding members who's moving away.

Discussion:

Larry Winters: YM in the budget. Paymaster: Money has already been dispersed for this budget. A note will be made to look at the funds for the Young Marines will be looked at in the next budget (2018-2019).

George Helton: Question on the budgeting of the 4 events, rifle and pistol matches. It was explained that they have been added to the budget, for accounting purpose. This will account for all funds and be covered by the 990 to the IRS.

Motion: To accept the updated mid year 2018 budget adjustment. **Motion was passed** by voice vote.

A 5 Minute break was given, prior to the election of officers.

Jr. Past Commandant Jim Williams took charge of the meeting.

Election of Officers: proposed slate by the committee.

Commandant: Tim Eichhorn	Present
Sr. Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan	Present
Junior Vice Commandant: Sam Ruble	Present
Judge Advocate: David Z. Cates	Excused
Junior Past Commandant: Jim Williams	Present
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Each office was announced to the Detachment. A call for nomination from the floor was call three times for each elected officer. Each Officer was asked if they would serve and a yes given for each. David Cates was contacted earlier in the day at home.

Adjutant cast one vote for the slate of officers. Appointed officer were announced.

Dept Chief of Staff David Hatfield Swore in the Detachment Officers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Eric Nash:

- 7th May. MOH Dinner ETVMA. 100th Anniversary of Sgt York's MOH. Members of the York family will be attending.
- There are community breakfasts for Veterans in the area. Second Saturday in Anderson County. 17 Feb at Powell Community Center. This is a great opportunity for recruiting.
- Veterans Day on the Hill. Nashville Tennessee.

End of Meeting: Sgt-At-Arms retired the colors. Chaplain led us in the closing prayer. Commandant Eichhorn adjourned the meeting at **20h15.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric P. Nash
Detachment Adjutant