

Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924

Marine Corps League

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 27th of June 2017

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

Presentation prior to the meeting: A joint session was held with the MCLA before the meeting and the following awards were presented:

Larry and Kathy Winters from the Bonnyman Young Marines presented certificates for their continued support to: Frank Waller, Howard Raines, Scott Bailey, Karl Ekstrom and Wayne Jones.

Connie Sexton presented the Debra Evans Award to Ginger Raines. Department Person of the year.

Jim Williams presented the Semper Fi Awards to Gene Collins, and Larry and Kathy Winters

Food was served prior to the meeting: Ken DeBoer

Tender roast beef sandwiches and drinks along with cookies.

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 Sexton 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 recognizes dignitaries in attendance.

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	Excused
Sergeant-At-Arms: John "Stony Saathoff	Present

Web Sergeant: Tim Shea
Acting Officers: Chaplain George Sexton

Present

Applications for membership:

William "Bill" Paolerico: Navy Corpsman. 1978 at Great Lakes for recruit training and Corpsman school. Del Mar for FMF training. Okinawa, Lejune. Lives in Dandridge. Passed by voice vote. Brought by Stony Saathoff to the last meeting. Sworn in by PDC David Hatfield. Pinned by Commandant Eichhorn.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adjutant's Report

- A. Minutes of previous meeting have not been posted. The recording of the meeting was lost and one of the motions made need to be clarified. The minutes will be posted when the information is received.
- B. Correspondence received:
 - From ETMAC: "Joint Operation" A free event to provide Veterans and their families with a one-stop shop to access local resources and services. July 19th. We have been invited to set up a display. Being put on by local politicians. (Jim Williams has reserved a table and the Young Marines will be present.)
 - Military exchange shopping for Honorably Discharged Veterans. Information forwarded to Marine Tegzes for putting in the Bonnyman Gazett.
- C. Report of the Officers:
 - a. Commandant: Tim Eichhorn:
 - Congratulated all recipients of awards.
 - Thank you to Ken for the food.
 - b. Sr. Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan, no report.
 - c. Junior Vice Commandant: James B. Cotton, no report.
 - d. Judge Advocate: David Z. Cates.
 - At next month meeting the National By-law changes will be gone over. Go on line and review them before the next meeting.
 - e. Junior Past Commandant: Jim Williams no report.
 - f. Adjutant: Eric P. Nash
 - I was unable to attend the meeting last month. I was able to get the recorder to the meeting. But only got 17 sec of recording.
 - 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.
 - Received a letter from the Wounded Warrior Unit at Camp Lejune thank you for the Detachment donation.

- Phase II of the new web site will allow for text messages to the members.
 - h. Chaplain: Pearl Rich excused.
George Sexton: Remember Joe Edelman, Pearl Rich, Howard Raines, Leroy Brown, Gene Collins, and Jerry Moats in your prayers.
 - i. Sergeant-At-Arms: John Saathoff, no report.
 - j. Web Sergeant: Tim Shea.
 - The web site is up to date.
 - Bulletin board is being created? The "Front Page" will be there for hot items.
 - Need boot camp pictures.
- F. Report of Project Leaders and/or Committee Reports
- a. Americanism – Eric Nash
 - Placed 1st at Department of Tennessee Convention.
 - b. Fallen Marine – Larry Baldwin
 - Anyone who would like to help with presentation is welcome. The more Marines to make a better presence. PDC Williams said let him know of further falling Marines.
 - c. Hospitality – Commandant thanked Ken for the food at the start of the meeting.
 - d. Mud Run – Brian Hudgens and Committee
 - Need volunteers to sign up for the Mud Run. Ask your friends and family.
 - e. Rifle and Pistol Match – Jim Williams
 - 15 July Pistol Match at Camp Bonnyman.
 - f. Safety Breaks – David Hatfield
 - Need more volunteers or we will cancel the safety break.
 - Be careful when closing the awning follow the direction.
 - When closing it will get away from you. The feet on the bottom are getting crushed. We were able to replace them.
 - Picked up a bar stool for the greeter sitting outside the trailer. We will see how that works.
 - g. Strategic Planning –Dave Hatfield
 - 4th of July Midnight Parade. There is now a \$100 fee. There was a lack of interest last year only 3 showed up. We will not participate.
 - Memphis Convention will be a hard act to follow. They have a humongous hotel bigger than anything in Knoxville.
 - We can have a good hospitality Suite. Advertisement need to be sold now.
 - We hope to have a better attendance. They were set up for 300 people. There were only about 40 people there. Knoxville is easier to travel to.
 - Convention bid was approved. June 2018.
 - h. VA Volunteer Service – Tom Humphrey Veterans Service Officer
 - Secretary of the VA, has announced today that emergency mental health service will be made available to help with Veterans suicides on 1 July.
 - i. Young Marines- Virgil Young
 - Young Marines Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit: Larry Winters
 - No report until after the 4th of July.

- Young Marines North Knoxville Unit: Vern Tassey
 - Thanked the Detachment for using the YM to pull targets at the shoot.
 - We have a Young Marine going to Paris Island in August.
 - Two going to advance training from Recruit Training.
 - Leaving next month (July) for a tour to Gettysburg.
 - Thank you for support and donations.

G. Unfinished Business from previous meetings. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Detachment Annual Budget was presented. Approved by the Trustees Committee. Motion to accept the Budget by Paymaster Lee Rhinemiller. Commandant Eichhorn accepted the motion and opened up to discussion.

- Dave Hatfield: We should be going over the budget line by line.
- Commandant: The budget has been gone over and reviewed for two months. I appreciate the efforts of those officers. Speak up now or do not complain in the next 12 months.
- Motion to amend was made by Howard Raines, 2nd by Tim Schmidt. To add \$350.00 to line 26. (Ben Atchley X-Mass gifts fund). Motion passed by show of hands. Discussion. Marine Raines stated that in the past the fund had come from passing the hat, adding his own money and donation from the MODD.
- This motion will be offset on line 10.
- Dave Cates, Line 15 Safety Breaks donations. We are not expecting to make as much. Commandant: The budget is a tool. To work by. We can expect we will need to make changes through the year to reflect the actual budget as it happens.

Motion to accept the 2017-2018. Accepted by show of hands.

Commandant: the budget is not perfect. But neither are we. And we will work with as we go along.

Lee Rhinemiller: I have work with a lot of major budgets. When you change from the type of budget we had, to a line item budget it going to generate a lot of questions. There were a lot of things we were not aware of in the old budget. It shows up where a lot of things were being paid from and they stick out like a sore thumb. I expect there will be a lot of questions as we go along.

Dave Hatfield: Paymaster, November will be a 6 month review. We will revisit this after the Mud Run proceeds. Paymaster: we do a mid-year adjustment of the budget. This is an elective policy of a lot of non-profits.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Howard Raines: The B-29 Fifi will be at McGhee Tyson Airport. From the CAF. Till 2 July.

Jeff Tegzes: Has some white shirts for the color Guard asking \$8 for each.

Commandant: For every Marine, especially the Viet Nam Veterans. The Wall That Heals will be in Knoxville 4-8 October. The organizational Meeting will be at the American Red Cross on 29 Jun, Thursday. It will be very important as the Marine Corps league that we should attend this meeting. Larry and Kathy Winters stated that they will be at the meeting.

Eric Nash: We have discussed a lot of Military events. I go to the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council. The Marine Corps League out of Knoxville and Sevier County is how people in this area see Marines. We are the Marines. Nothing against Company "D". So we need to step up and make our presence known at all the events in the area. Also the items on the table here were brought in By Gen Vadeboncoeur. They were Paul's and she hopes someone can use them for the honor guard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Officers meeting 10 July.

Next meeting 25 July.

End of Meeting: Sgt-At-Arms retired the colors. Chaplain led us in the closing prayer.

Commandant Eichhorn adjourned the meeting at **19h45**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric P. Nash

Detachment Adjutant