

## **Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924**

### **Marine Corps League**

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Time: 18h30**

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

#### **Presentation prior to the meeting:**

The Detachment sang Happy Birthday to Connie Sexton, President of the MCLA.

**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	Excused
Web Sergeant: Tim Shea	Present

Acting Officers: Sergeant-At-Arms Bill Mullaly.

**Applications for membership:** None.

**Introduction of new members and guests:**

Josh Twomey, guest of Larry Winters: Graduated from Halls High School. Left active service this past year, I have spent 12 years in the Corps, 0311. 3 tours to Iraq, 2 tours in Afghanistan and a Med Float. Lateral move to 0211 Counter Terrorism at LeJune. Last duty was with the FBI joint Terrorism Task Force. Now selling Commercial Trucks. . Active Reserve with a HIMAR unit in Huntsville Alabama. I am the Motor T Chief, and GySgt select.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adjutant's Report**

- A. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as read
- B. Correspondence received:

From Patrice Collins at ETMAC. Warning to look into back ground of "East Tennessee Regional Suicide Awareness and Prevention" before making any donations.

**D. Report of the Officers:**

**a. Commandant: Tim Eichhorn.**

- Thanked the Detachment for electing me and its support.
- As lee's said we are financially look good.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Mud Run Meeting prior to the Det. meeting. Nolan Sharbel and Betty Jean Berry along with Brian Hudgens will be running things.
- SE Div Meeting, Dave Hatfield, Brian Hudgens and Jim Williams will be attending. And Mid Winter.
- Guest Speaker for the Dine In will be Brian Gard, Maj. USMCR (Ret). Former CO of the I & I for Company D. Now works as the Special Events Coordinator for UT. He is also (in my words) the 911 guy at UT games for Counter Terrorism.
- Safety Breaks to serve the travelers. Howard needs assistance.
- If you read the Gazette this month you know there are a lot of needs. An at-a-boy to Jeff (Tegzes) on the Gazette.
- Glad for all who attend the meetings. But like a good church it is what happens between the meetings that makes a good unit. Taking care of MCL business between the meetings makes us better. Always mission first

**b. Sr. Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan.**

- Need to fill the Committees list.
- The high profile: VAVS, Fund raising, ETMAC, and hospitality.

- Commandant: Hospitality we need someone who can coordinate some dinners at the meeting.
- c. Junior Vice Commandant: James B. Cotton, no report.
- d. Judge Advocate: David Z. Cates, no report.
- e. Junior Past Commandant: Jim Williams, no report
- 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.
  - Received a donation in memory of a fallen Marine in the past month.
- h. Chaplain: Pearl Rich
- i. Sergeant-At-Arms: John Saathoff
- j. Web Sergeant – Tim Shea.
  - The web site is up to date. If you have gone to it lately you may need to hit refresh on your computer.
- F. Commandant Eichhorn called for reports of Project Leaders and/or Committee Reports
  - a. Americanism – Eric Nash.
    - Need material from detachment members.
  - b. Eagle Scout Program – Eric Nash.
    - 5 certificates sent out in the past month.
  - c. Rifle and Pistol Match – Jim Williams.
    - Jack McGivney Pistol Match. 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017. 08h00 to start. Hamburgers and Brats. No pulled pork.
    - \$20.00 to shoot the match. And a 22cal. Match.
    - M-1 and M-1A match in May. Iron sights.
  - d. Strategic Planning –Dave Hatfield.
    - Election of Officer last month requires an inventory of all Detachment equipment and documents per the bylaws is due right after the Dine-in. Chaplain, Quartermaster and all committees. We need to find where all the equipment is at it all over the place. We cannot even locate the flag harnesses.

- Each committee must make a report of the needs for their activity.
- Paris Island DI reunion trip is Thursday 20 April 2017.
  - Cost is \$70. You are on your own for transportation.
  - Meeting at the Traditions Club (Staff and Officers). We are invited.
  - Thursday: free chow.
  - Friday: 06h00 meet at the PX to get on the bus to H&S Bn. Mess hall.
  - Walk across the street to Marine Depot Band and Morning Colors.
  - Bus to parade deck graduation, with reserved bleachers.
  - Visit to the DI monument.
  - And trip to Elliot's Beach bus tour. This is the new Elliot's Beach. Also see 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Recruit Battalion.
  - Club that night for Sea Stories and Cadence calling contest. The Old Guys always win. Dinner on your own.
  - Saturday: Depot Museum. Good place to kill 5 hours.
  - 17h00 The Lyceum: A converted warehouse where they hold Marine Balls. Depot Band. Dress is an Aloha Shirt.
  - Breakfast at the Officers Club. Leave on Sunday morning. Just need an ID to get on base and tell them you are with the DI reunion
- JROTC Certificates are to be presented soon. Need Volunteers with Red Blazer and good voice without a mike, to help.
- Need and inventory of the Red Trailer.
- Need an inventory of the consumables in the White Trailer. (Howard Raines)

e. Young Marines-

- ❖ Young Marines Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit: Larry Winters.
  - We have a recruit class starting March the 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - I have two families that cannot afford to pay the dues. Money for two scholarships \$460.00 was needed for two recruits.
  - Scholarship to help two Young Marines. PDC Howard Raines passed "The Green Cover" around and a donation was collected in the amount of \$324.00.
  - A discussion was held on why Young Marines, ROTC or Boy Scouts were not eligible for the Detachment Scholarship program. Judge Advocate Cates explained the requirement for eligibility.

**Motion:** Marine Jerry Moats-- That the Detachment make up the difference need of \$136.00 for Young Marine Scholarship. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Baldwin. Discussion was held; Commandant called for a show of hands for the vote. Passed by show of raised hands. No opposed.

- ❖ Young Marines North Knoxville Unit: Vern Tasse

G. Unfinished Business from previous meetings.

- East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association: Medal of Honor Dinner, 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2017. Buck Karns US Army, WW I, will be remembered. He served as a Knoxville Policeman. Guest Speaker is a WW I scholar from California. An as yet unnamed MOH recipient is expected to attend.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

Marine Joe Edelman: Shared a Sea Story of the time passing in life.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none.

**End of Meeting:** Sgt-At-Arms retired the colors. Chaplain led us in the closing prayer. Commandant Eichhorn adjourned the meeting at 19h20.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Eric P. Nash  
Detachment Adjutant**