

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

### **Marine Corps League**

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**Date: 27 July 2017**

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

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

**President of the Veterans Heritage Foundation Marilyn Childress:** A Knoxvilleian that went in the Navy from 1972-76 as a Corpsman. Also a Lady Vol on the Volleyball team. Jessica King and Pearl Rich, members of your League, started the Veterans Heritage Park. Dedicated to Veterans. Plan to have a dog park, dedicated to our Service dogs. We have a ridge run. A pure 5k. You have a run in September we have a run in October. We would like to have a way of helping each other.

**Larry Winters:** Presentation to Karl Ekstrom of certificate of appreciation from the Young Marines.

**Kathy Winters:** Information on the "Wall That Heals". Larry and I went to the information meeting, Howard (Raines) was there also. It will be here the 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> of October. It will be open 24-7 and has to be manned 24-7. They ask that we do not call it the wall. But to call it "The Wall That Heals". Even though it is a replica of the Viet Nam Wall in Washington D.C. You are not allowed to touch it because it is made of aluminum or to make etchings. If you want an etching of someone you know. You place the name in a box and a volunteer in Washington D.C. will make an etching and mail it to you. We need a minimum of 8 volunteers per shift. There is an education center to be manned also. Those who want to man the Wall That Heals must wear white gloves. It will arrive on Wednesday and opening ceremony will be on Thursday with Mayor Burchet and Capt Bill Robinson. Time slot of 12h00 to 16h00, on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, for the Lt Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines. The Marine Corps League is was signed up for 12h00 to 16h00, on 8<sup>th</sup> of October, by Marine Raines. There will be a training session on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> for those who will be working. There is no solicitation or donations. Anything that is left at the memorial will be kept in Knoxville and not sent to Washington. Individual can sign up to help.

**Call to order:** Commandant Eichhorn called the meeting to order at 18h40, 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 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.

**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	Excused
Sergeant-At-Arms: John "Stony Saathoff	Present
Web Sergeant: Tim Shea	Present

Acting Officers: Chaplain David Terwell. Judge Advocate David Hatfield.

**Applications for membership:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adjutant's Report**

- A. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as read
- B. Correspondence received
- C. Report of the Officers:
  - a. Commandant: Tim Eichhorn
    - This past weekend we attended "Joint Operation" put on by local political. We talked to 12 Marines and we had hoped they would be here tonight. The Young Marines were there also.
    - Thanks to Travis (Bryan) for running the officer meeting, mid July. I am going to give you a heads up, a professional look from here as your Commandant and also a personal note. From a professional side I really appreciate the way these Marines get things done. We come here once a month for a business

meeting, but in between meetings they get things done and I hope everyone gets to be a part of this.

- In two short months we have Mud Run, in September. It will culminate on the Tuesday before the race when we start building and come together on race day. Get involved.
- On a personal note. Went to Camp Pendleton to visit our Daughter, is an Adjutant. Supply Bn. MEF, 1200 Marines. We all sit around society seems to be changing. That's showing up in our young Marines also. That's why 25 years ago General Krulak instituted the "Crucible". The young people coming into boot camp had no idea what character was. Young Marines who were coming from all kinds of problems. Went to work sites with the LtCol from the Bn. And they (Marines) were awesome.

b. Sr. Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan, no report.

c. Junior Vice Commandant: James B. Cotton

- My wife stood in for me, I was feeling under the weather, went to the "Joint Operation" event. She met Dave Hatfield and Jeff Tegzes. Sent letters to 15 contacts that were made.
- Lee and I may have done some redundancy work I sent letters to those who need to pay their dues and he sent e-mails.
- I have been corresponding with a Jeremy Pelham stationed at Camp Lejune. He is retiring in 2019 after 20 years. His wife is employed at the DOD as the Readiness Transition Instructor. I have sent them information about the League and they hope to visit us at the September meeting.
- Have been to a printer about printing, ten calendars like forms. With applications attached to the bottom and put in appropriate locations.

d. Judge Advocate: David Hatfield.

- A review of the 15 by-law changes at National was gone over.
- Administrative procedures were taken over by the Board of Trustees and will be changed as needed. It is to my understanding; this is the way it use to be.
- National By –laws as they were currently written were 150 pages now 24 pages. The rest is now in the Administrative procedures.
- We are giving up control of how they are changed.
- The National Director is now known by the title of Chief Executive Officer.

e. Junior Past Commandant: Jim Williams No report.

f. Adjutant: Eric P. Nash, no further report.

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 excused.  
The following were mention as being sick or in distress. Joe Edelman, Pearl Rich.  
Cards were passed around to send to these members by Howard Raines.
- i. Sergeant-At-Arms: John Saathoff, no report.
- j. Web Sergeant: Tim Shea:
- New web address is MCLknoxville. Org.
  - All comments, observations are welcome.
  - The format of the site is the format of the site. It is so it can be used on mobile devices.
  - It is different and you will have to experiment on the site. Contact me if you get lost. I have very thick skin on this for now.
  - Dave Hatfield; Do we have a Mud Run site? We do in deed. Do we have a Facebook page? We do not.
  - Jim Williams: There is a Facebook page Detachment 924. Hatfield: National wants every Detachment on Facebook. Commandant: Do you do Facebook? Tim: I keep it professional I don't do Facebook. But I will look into it.

#### F. Report of Project Leaders and/or Committee Reports

- a. Safety Breaks – Howard Raines:
- Dave Hatfield: Karl (Ekstrom) made the ice last 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend (Safety Break). Normally that would be plenty of ice to make it all three days. You left the back doors open and heated up the water and melted the ice. Keep your water as cool as possible.
  - Howard Raines: Adjutant pulled the name for the gift card. Karl Ekstrom won the gift card. All agreed highly appropriate.
  - I have three days to fill up. Labor Day Safety Break.
- b. Mud Run – Brian Hudgens:
- I need Volunteers. Commandant: When do you need them? Where are you light? I need them on the day of the Mud Run. I have jobs that you sit on your K----- and other things.
  - Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. Free
- c. Rifle and Pistol Match – Jim Williams:
- We had a pistol match and it was a real good one.
  - 19<sup>th</sup> August pistol Match at Camp Bonnyman Range.
  - Bar-b-que will be served.
- d. Ships Store –Jerry Moats;
- I am going to be out next month for surgery.
  - Question of shipping charges was brought.
- e. Young Marines
- ❖ Young Marines Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit: Larry Winters

- Bob Borka was announced as taking over as CEO of the Marine Corps League. Bob was the CEO of the Young Marines.
  - Marines turning out Marines today. I have been to Quantico and they have tough course they take. I was at Lejune for a Recon Reunion. I was a recon Marine in Viet Nam and in peace time and these Marines are good.
  - We had a flag retirement last month at Seymour. And properly retired a lot of flags. Lots of people came by.
  - We were at the Chilhowee Park, for the Joint Operation event.
  - I have lost my training Officer SgtMaj Wright due to other obligations. But a replacement moving here from Florida. He is a Young Marine Officer who has shut his unit down due to lack adult leaders. The Regimental Commander from South Florida.
- ❖ Young Marines North Knoxville Unit: Vern Tasse
- We had 14 Young Marines and 4 adults at Gettysburg for several days several weeks ago. Paris Island Young Marines were there also.
  - We have Young Marines going to Smyrna (Tn.) for Leadership Training. Learning to be a leader.
  - To be an adult leader is a large amount of paperwork.
- f. Americanism – Eric Nash.
- I have been doing some research and find I am doing Americanism wrong. It is the job of the Historian to put together the Americanism Book. Americanism is going into the schools and talking to the students. Their example was flag folding. We can do better than this by telling them what Marines are, what Marines do.
  - Larry Winters: We are in the school now teaching anti drug, alcohol, and tobacco. Are kids going into school have a better effect on their peers.
  - Commandant: It's a beautiful thing adjutant, when you bring something up and get saddled with it.

**G. Unfinished Business from previous meetings.** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Howard Raines: I need eight Marines to work Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of October. 12h00 to 16h00. "The Wall that Heals". Between now and October to sign up. Uniform is red blazers and white gloves. We need to have a plan in case of rain. Details to be worked out.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

Jerry Moat shared a sea story.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

**End of Meeting:**

Commandant called the meeting to stand and a moment of silence was held for passed members and the C-130 crew and passengers, 15 Marines and 1 Corpsman lost in a crash.

Sgt-At-Arms retired the colors. Chaplain led us in the closing prayer. Commandant Eichhorn adjourned the meeting at 19h42. Next meeting is the 28<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Eric P. Nash  
Detachment Adjutant**