

Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924
Marine Corps League
Minutes of Meeting of 25th June 2019
Jim Williams, Commandant

Time: Location: Karns Youth Center, Karns, TN

Call to order: Commandant Williams called the meeting to order at 18h30, and ordered Sgt-At-Arms Saathoff to Advance and Post the Colors. Sgt at Arms lead the membership in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Chaplain Gordon led us in the opening prayer. Commandant Williams asked the Sgt-At-Arms Saathoff to declare the meeting open for the transaction of official business.

Chaplain Gordon requested permission to drape the Charter in memory of Marine Joe Edelman. A Memorial Service was held in memory Of Marine Joe Edelman a Charter member of the Lt Alexander Bonnyman Det #924. He was also the first name on the first transmittal from the Detachment to National.

Adjutant called the Roll of Detachment Officers:

Commandant: Jim Williams (JW)	Present
Sr. Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan	Present
Junior Vice Commandant: David Terwell	Present
Judge Advocate: David Hatfield (DH)	Present
Junior Past Commandant: Tim Eichhorn	Excused
Adjutant: Eric P. Nash	Present
Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller	Excused
Chaplain: Gordon Adams	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms: John "Stony Saathoff	Present
Web Sergeant: Tim Shea (TS)	Present

Applications for membership: 4

Brian Townsend: Had to leave early.

Eddie Mayes: I was born and raised in Morristown. The only time ever left was to join the Marines. My first station was Parris Island. Then I went to Camp Lejeune to Supply School. Then I went to Okinawa and stood guard duty for eight months. From there I went to Viet Nam and on to Thailand where we established an ammunition dump and an airbase for the Air Force. We work right alongside the Seabees. We put up our own hardbacks and had to burn our you-know-what's like everyone else did. But I enjoyed my tour in the Marine Corps. I did some growing up. I was a rambunctious teenager. My daddy dared me to join the Marine Corps. He was Marine Corps too. He knew what it took to straighten me out. I thank you

Carlos Reyes: I am originally from New York City. I joined the Marine Corps at 17. Hardly ever go back to New York City. I love seeing the world. And the Marine Corps has taken me there. I spent 13 yrs in the Marine Corps. 9 of those in Hawaii. Was at Pendleton. Served everywhere from Beirut to Desert Storm.

Jeffrey Lane: Went in 85' and got out in 93'. Was in Hawaii for four years, and Camp Lejeune for four years. Went into Motor T because I was too lazy to run then and I'm too lazy to run now. I enjoyed it. Met Stony at the restaurant and he invited me and I have enjoyed it so far.

Membership voted to accept the 3 applicant present. Oath was administered by Dave Hatfield. Lapel Pin issued.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Commandant Williams recognized a group of Detachment Marines with a Community Service Award. These Marines volunteered to help clean out the appt of a Marine who had been placed in a nursing home and evicted from his appt. (The Marines home was described as that of a hoarder. Very unclean.) Marines recognized. "Stoney" Saathoff, Wayne Jones, Bryan Hudgens, Jeff Tegzes, Leroy Brown, Dave Terwell, Dave Hatfield, Jim Williams. Authorized to wear the Marine Corps League Community Service Ribbon. (Not present: William Paolerico, Lee Rhinemiller, Robert C. Willis, Jeffery D. Brown, Jerry L. Clevenger, Jonathan D. Justice and Terry Witt. This list included MCL Marines from Tennessee Smoky Mountain Det. #1206)
2. **Adjutant's Report: Eric Nash.**
 - a. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as posted on the web site.
 - b. This morning mourning I began reading vol. 1 of the 5 volume monograph of The Marines in Korea". I opened it this morning and began reading. 69 years ago the Korean conflict began today. The four Korean Veterans present were called forward and recognized with a round of applause. Bill Henson, Vern Tasse, Bruce Farr and Bill Mullaly.
3. Dave Hatfield.
 - a. Paymaster:
 - i. I did not receive a copy of the report.
 - ii. We received donation in memory of Col Joe Edelman.
 - b. We did not have any negative comment. That was outstanding military honors. The Marines did well. And so did our guys. Although I think that was the heaviest casket I ever carried in my life. What do you think Jeff (Tegzes)? Jeff: That was a bear. A hundred pound man and an 800 pound casket.
 - c. Even the wives were impressed over in Oak Ridge. The firing detail we did for the Submarine Veterans. The Tolling of the Boats. Even had a wife come up to us and said I wish our husbands were dressed like you. They were in their vest and wearing shorts and ball caps. They were impressed, and that's what we do. Just like the active duty Marines. We go out and impress the community. A lot of folks were out there just to enjoy the fair (Secret City Festival). They really liked what they saw with us.
 - d. Safety Break sign-up sheet was passed around for the 4th of July Safety Break. I-40E and I-81 split we pass out coffee and lemonade to the travelers. We have a real nice concession trailer with an awning that will keep you nice and cool. We missed out on Memorial Day weekend because the head was closed. So, they closed the rest area. We meet a lot of Marines and Marine Corps Leaguers not from around here. We hope for daily donations. Commandant Wayne Jones and myself are "Tail End Charlie". Leroy

Brown is taking it up there. Will be doing the 4th of July Labor Day, Columbus Day, and I don't know about Thanksgiving that gets a bit cold.

- e. **The Budget:** (Copies of the budget were passed out to the membership.) This is like the "Comm. Center" burn it or shred it when you finished with it. We don't share it with outsiders. Don't post it on the web. We need to make a decision tonight. We can't spend a penny in this Detachment unless you vote each and every item at the time, or you approve this budget with one vote. That's why we have a budget so you can pre approve this. Now a lot of it is guess work. We are estimating how much income we will have this year, and where it will come from. And then where we will spend the money. What organizations we are going to give money to, or donate to. Some of it is for services in kind, because they are going to help us in the Mud Run, like the Fire Department at the Mud Run.
 - f. The copy of the budget was gone over and discussed.
 - g. **MOTION:** Bill Voight: To accept the budget as presented by the committee. 2nd Jim Cotton: Passed by voice vote.
4. **The detailed breakdown of the report of the budget is on file with the official copy of the minutes and available upon request by members in good standing.**
5. JW: Any correspondences?
- a. E.P. Nash: I spoke with the daughter of Lois Edelman this past week. And she would like to convey her mother thanks and her happiness with the Marine Corps League and their assistance at Joe Edelman's funeral. And it made her extremely happy to see us all come out and support her family.
6. JW: Does anyone know of any one in distress?
- a. Bill Voight: Bob Banks, Iwo Jima survivor.
 - b. Frank Waller: For those who did not know it. There were seven Marines bikers killed Saturday. They were doing volunteer work when they were run over on their bikes. Keep their families in your prayers.
 - c. Keep George Sexton in your prayers.
7. Jr. Vice Commandant David Terwell:
- a. We have 4 new members and 1 on the way.
 - b. Delinquents are coming down. More acceptable level.
 - c. Trying to make contact with regulars and lifers to make them aware of meetings.
8. Sr. Vice Commandant Travis Bryan: I don't have anything in particular. I am just coming off the mend. I just want to say it meant so much from me and my wife to hear from you. For those who came and saw me. And the cards I got. There has never been a time when I have been like this. So it meant a lot to me, to us to know that you were here. Because were her alone our families are back in North Carolina. It's always good to know I have a group of Marines I can count on.
9. Judge Advocate David Hatfield: The state Judge Advocate did get back the new state by-laws, and administrative procedures. So, we are going to pick those up this weekend when we are over in Crossville. And we are going to get the "bootleg copy" of the Department By-laws. Then see how we can incorporate those into our By-laws. There are some things that we do different from other Detachments. Example we elect the Paymaster they appoint the Paymaster. And this time we are going to have administrative procedures. We are going to

spell out, and this is going to be on the web site, how we do the administrative business of the Detachment. You will have plenty of time to go over them because we are required to give you 30 days to go over them before you vote on them at the next meeting. Then if you approve them, we have to give them to the state. So, the state (Department) will oversee, just like National had to overlook the States By-laws. The State will overlook our By-laws, to see if we are violating National By-laws or State By-laws. We cannot do that. Q; Brian Hudgens: Does Divisional come in on this? DH: No. Divisional does not have By-laws only an SOP.

10. We had the State Convention two weeks ago and I was able to pick up these coasters. So if you ordered these please see me and pick these up. I am on the hook for these because I did not want your money up front. I was not even sure they would come through.
11. (The roster and the Safety Break sign-up sheet were tracked down) Tim Shea: Would you explain the Safety Break for those who are new? DH: We have signs inside the trailer explaining how to set the awning up, and how to make the coffee. Really you don't have to have any experience. It explains how much coffee to put in this pot. How much lemonade you put in the cooler. Q: Which stop is that? A: 417 on I-40E. About one mile before the I-81 split. The rest stop at about the 419 mile marker. You'll get to the 417 exit and see the sign for rest area one mile. E.P. Nash: You never know who you are going to meet. We had one time a Major from the Vietnamese Marine Force from the Viet Nam War. He was telling us what happened to him after the war in a POW camp. He had naturalized to this country. When he found out we were Marines he was happy as all get out. DH: Some of these are recycles. They take the same trip every year. And they know we are there, so they stop just to see us. Bill Voight: No way we can be up there at night? Commandant: They won't let us go all night anymore. DH: We cannot go past 6 o'clock. Voight: But the truckers stop in there after dark. Commandant: Yeah. That's what we use to like. But we can't fill the daytime shift and we have more people than we had then. DH: We open at 8 in the morning. We do a half a day shift, to 1. And the second shift comes in till 6. Commandant: I want a minimum of two people per shift.
12. DH: Next month after the July meeting, I have to be on the road next day to Billings Montana for the National Meeting. I have to be there 08h00 Sunday Morning.
13. Sam Ruble: Mud Run. We have volunteer forms. You heard the SgtMaj. We need shifts filled, even it's sitting under an awning passing out water. We need bodies to watch the obstacles. If you need a form, Tim has it on line. Nash: We need lawn chair volunteers. We need eyes to report problems. Like keeping them off the runway. And if you are wondering there is a model airplane runway above our parking area. It's at Melton Hill Park. DH: Leroy I have the permits for you.
14. Web Sgt Tim Shea:
 - a. Commandant: How many hits? A bunch. In fact Eddie contacted me through the site that he and Carlos were coming tonight. Eddie how did you find us. Eddie Mayes: I went to Marine Corps League Knoxville on the search bar. Commandant so it still switched you.
 - b. On the Mud Run sign up form. You can fill it out on line and print it or save it. Then we can all read the writing.

- c. Stony has had a request, and I am going to work with Howard. The sign-up sheet for the Safety Break, and I have to clear it with Howard. There is a way to sign up on line, and build the list there and send it to him.
- d. We also had a lot of album for Col Joe.
- e. There is also a lot of information from Tom Humphreys on there.
- f. Commandant: There is also a place for Boot camp picture and active duty photos.

15. **GOOD of the LEAGUE.**

- a. Bill Voight: If you are having back pain or leg pain. The VA is now authorizing acupuncture. Ruble: There is also a Chiropractor in Knoxville that takes VA.
- b. Dave Terwell: Everyone get some business cards and some windshield cards. Unknown: This one says we meet the 4th Tuesday of the month. Nash: The first line says the last Tuesday. Scratch it out. The LCpl can make a pen change.

16. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Tim Shea: Ken DeBoer is not here. But he sent Bob and me here with the air conditioner for the MCLA. It is to leave the premises after the meeting. The ladies might find it to be good if one of their husband loads it in their vehicle so it will get here. That was his suggestion. Otherwise one of us will have to bring it each time. DH: So it won't fit in the wall locker. TS: No don't think so. DH: That's it. Wow. JW: I wondered why those women were not coming out of there. EPN: It needs to have a board cut to run the hose out the window. A board to fit in the window.
- b. Commandant: Anything else: Where's Joe? I miss that fella. ?: I spoke to Joe widow. She said Joe had written an e-mail to her. One last story. I figured you guys new about it. That she would come to one of the meetings and tell Joe's last story. JW: She started to tell me about that but got grabbed away at the funeral. EPN: She had planned on being at the meeting but had relatives come in from out of town.

17. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. JW: I have an announcement here from Mrs. Cotton. She wants supplies to donate to the Veterans Hospital. Socks toothbrushes etc. I know everyone has gone to hotel. Everyone takes the small bottles of shampoo and soap. Terry Witt takes all that stuff to the Hospital. So, if you are tired of it taking up space at your house bring it in. Charlene Cotton: Not toiletry. Start up clothes. Socks, underwear t-shirts still in the packages. And reader glasses. Terry told me he takes the hotel bottles of shampoo. CC: Yes we can take those. JW: Toiletries. CC: Patty and I are going up July the 16th. CC: And thank you for the air conditioner.

End of Meeting: Sgt-At-Arms Saathoff retired the colors. Chaplain Adams led us in the closing prayer. Commandant Williams adjourned the meeting at **19h05. Next meeting 30th July 2019.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric P. Nash
Detachment Adjutant