

Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924

Marine Corps League

Minutes of Meeting of 30th July 2019

Jim Williams, Commandant

Time: Location: Karns Youth Center, Karns, Tn.

Presentation prior to the meeting:

The Marine Corps League Auxiliary in a joint session, held a memorial service in remembrance of Ginger Huffman the wife of Marine Howard Raines. Both charters were draped in her memory.

Charlene Cotton: Ginger Huffman was presented with the Doris Ekstrom award for leadership in the MCLA. It is a unique award; it is not awarded every year. We were not able to get it to her due to her ongoing health problems. We met with her Daughter and Son a few days ago and presented it to them. They were very touched by the recognition by the Auxiliary. Because she had talked to them constantly, and frequently, about her activities in the League. Virginia Ginger Huffman may she rest in peace.

Charlene Cotton was presented with the Debra Evans Award by Susan Jones.
The Auxiliary departed.

Call to order: Commandant Williams called the meeting to order at 18h30, and ordered Sgt-At-Arms Saathoff 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 Gordon led us in the opening prayer. Commandant Williams asked Sgt-At-Arms Saathoff to declare the meeting open for the transaction of official business.

Adjutant called the Roll of Detachment Officers:

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

Applications for membership: Paperwork and dues have been presented.

Marine Brian Townsend.

For Associate Membership Mark Gross. Former US Navy. Served on Aircraft Carriers. My name is Mark Gross, that's my mother's fault. I grew up in Bristol Tennessee. I started to join the Navy when I was 18, I chickened out. Now 21 I said I got to get out of here there nothing here. So

joined the Navy went to Millington (TN). I worked on aircraft. My dad worked on Skyraiders at the end of the Korean War.

Membership passed by separate voice votes. Sworn in by Judge Advocate David Hatfield. Lapel pins issued.

1. Adjutant's Report: Eric Nash.

- a. Minutes of previous meeting, accepted as posted on the web site.
- b. Americanism: Request for anyone's pictures from the 4th of July.
- c. The annual BSA report was posted to Brice West at Dept. 76 certificates Jan to Jun.

2. PDD Tim Eichhorn: Mud Run is approximately 60 days away.

- a. For those of you who do not know about the Mud Run. I am relatively new to this we are in our 15th year? EPN: 16th running. It takes place at Melton Hill Park. In the Hardin Valley Community. I have posters here. (Passed out). What I would like are you to look at the information. And take at least 1 and post it somewhere. Please get these distributed.
- b. I have Betty Jean (Berry) is with me here also. Because this Detachment puts this run on. And we will have about a thousand runners that will pay to run. And we have some war horses in here, who will put this course together. I ran it about three years ago and it was awesome. It was a lot of fun. If you are in this room and can fog a mirror. I am not asking you to run it. But we have a place for you to serve. That day that week or after. Now some of you are thinking I can't lift logs. I can't dig ditches. I understand that. We have places for you.
- c. It's a warm day. The last Saturday, 28th September. Betty Jean has a roster she needs to fill up. She will ask you to sign a waiver. Get your T-shirt size and waiver and get me one leg up with the insurance company. Just in case. Betty Jean is getting everyone signed up. So that you can participate. It might be construction a week prior. You might say that not me. Or in the food tent that day. Or helping out with parking pointing.
- d. The money we raise goes for Wounded Warrior donation scholarships and other charities. And Marines in distress. It goes for good things. So it is an all hands event.
- e. Betty Jean Berry: Several of you have taken the form tonight. If you can think of a friend, who might enjoy going out there. It's just a fun day. (Waiver forms were passed out). I need people to come out on Friday to set up pop up tents and chairs. Setting things up in the race area. On race day I still have several spots to fill.
- f. Dave Hatfield: With the signup sheet I have here, it would take a month to set up the course. I cannot do it with three people a day, in five days. Betty Jean I need some of these people in more than one places. I need you even it's just to hand us a hammer or a tool. We have chow provided for you every day.
- g. We do not need you on Sunday. But come Monday there is a lot of equipment that is going to be put in place. Inventory the material. Move it to the obstacle where it is supposed to be. Then will start the construction if we have a full crew on Tuesday. By then will have all the post holes drilled. Ready to start putting them together.

- h. Parking crew, you show up on Friday to set up. We need your help with the construction during the week too. Just because you're on the parking crew does not mean you can't help with construction. Next month I need to have a final list.
 - i. I still need to get some 1 inch ropes to make a swing over the mud pit.
 - j. Commandant: You better volunteer. I just got a sheet from Travis volunteering.
 - k. DH: We are going to load up the supply on the 19th and load it on to three trailers. To pre position it. It not something we can do all in one day. Jeff will take one trailer. I'll take another. Then we still have to ferry the construction equipment out there also. Take equipment out on Sunday. Drilling the holes on Monday.
3. Commandant gave summary of the Paymaster report.
- a. 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.
4. David Hatfield:
- a. Tim Shea was recognized for helping with making the Scholarship form enterable on the internet. The National Marine Corps League thank you.
 - b. Next week the list of National Scholarship preliminary recipients will be posted.
 - i. Need to get a data sheet from the College or University.
 - ii. Need two addresses. The students address and the address of the official office of who can receive the money at the collage. Last year two collages sent the money back.
 - iii. Follow the instructions on the web site.
 - c. The National web site. The Library section will have a code. There will be a two section library code. To get into the Library, the code is _____. To capture picture from the Semper Fi magazine. The Semper Fi code is _____. (Code may be obtained from the Adjutant or Judge Advocate by members in good standing).
 - d. Not to be an officer meeting on the second Monday in August due to the National Convention. Officer Meeting will be changed to the second Tuesday the 13th of August and also in the next month, to the 2nd Tuesday 10th September.
 - e. Side note: And you know who you are. MODD annual dues are due.
 - f. Safety break roster for Labor Day. We still have a meeting before then but we would like to get the list full.
 - i. Do not leave the water out in the sun.
 - ii. Clean the grounds basket in the pot after each perk. Please try to do your part and clean it up every night. If there is another shift the next day. Get the pot ready. Water in the pot and grounds in the basket so it just has to be plugged in. First day you have to do everything. The rest of the days it should be ready there for you. Do not make the lemonade the night before. Remember when the ice melts you might need to add more mix.
 - iii. Designate on second shift who will take the money.
 - iv. Seabee's left us with 8 dozen donuts.
 - v. Bill Voight: Can we leave the awning up at night. A: No.
 - vi. Leroy Brown: We don't have a spare tire. And we don't have a jack. If we have a flat what do we do call you? A: We don't have room for a spare and you should have a jack on your truck. LB: The tires are getting a little dry rotted. DH: We need to get

seasoned tires. LB: The sun dry rots we can get some covers. DH: we already went through the shields for the air vents. The rots the plastic.

5. Commandant: Lee says if you do not pay your dues. You're not coming through the door next month.
6. Jeff Tegzes: I've been asked by the Jr Vice to talk about this.
 - a. For recruiting. In years passed we set up a table at gun shows. The gun show we will do in August is at the Expo Mart on Clinton Hwy. 17-18 August. Saturday and Sunday. Signup sheet passed around.
 - b. 2 shifts Saturday and 2 on Sunday. Minimum of two preferably three to set at our table to pass out information to hand out cards.
 - c. Usually a lot of Marines come through there. It's a great place to shoot the s--- with these guys. Get their names and address to send info to. We're not going to do hard sell there, to sign an application. Tell sea stories or whatever.
 - d. If you are working the table, we will be getting you a vendors pass. So, you do not have to pay to get in. If you are going to work at the table wear the red shirt and cover. After your shift you can walk around.
 - e. It like the safety break you just don't pass out coffee. Vendors get a 10

7. Young Marine Reports

- a. Larry Winters: Lt Bonnyman Young Marines. My wife is my adjutant (Kathy Winters)
 - i. As most of you know, two years ago we had 12 graduates. When the children go the parents go and the grandparents also. So, it has taken two years to rebuild our unit. We have 22 Young Marines in the unit. We have 6 more on the rails. I have the lead Detective from Blount County as our training officer. He was a GySgt in the Young Marine. His father Joe Carter Sr. has been with us 19 years. This pass month we graduated Sr. grandson. We now have three generations of Carter's in the unit. We have not had enough adult supervision and no training officer. So it has been a really tough two years. To get this program back up to where it needs to be.
 - ii. 6 YM are at Smyrna Georgia. Junior Leader School (JLS) and Senior Leader School (SLS). They are graduating 2nd of August, at 12h00. This Friday. If any League member would like to attend that they are more than welcome.
 - iii. We also have 3 YM that have gone to Spaces. Within the National Yong Marines Program. Young Marines are sent to activities. One of them is he flight leader school at NAS Pensacola Fl. It's a virtual aircraft carrier. They spend a week doing everything a Marine would do aboard carrier. We have a child that is going to an adventure school in Virginia. Which is rock climbing.
 - iv. We are in the process of building a 50' X 20' open pavilion. That's how I broke my ankle working on this thing. It's going to be built at Camp Bonnyman. So we can get the kids out of the weather without a tent being blown down.
 - v. We are starting a new program; we are getting a lot of 8 and 9 year olds. These are little kids. You through them in with 13 and older and what have you got? So, we are stating what we call Lima Company. They will have their own instructors who go and follow them around and they do same things the big kids do. Without being run over by the big kids.

- vi. Mrs. Winters and the Young Marines have raised for Wreath Across America \$3,345.00 this year. We set up at two Food Cities, 3-4 YM and two adult leaders. Mrs. Winters has always raised about \$10,000.00 for wreaths. Keep that in mind if you have someone at Lyons View or John Sevier (State Veteran Cemeteries). Let her know. Nash: Would you explain what that is? LW: Are you familiar with it Chaplain? I'm sorry yes. What it is about. We raise money throughout the year. Wreaths Across America will then ship to us, real natural wreaths with a ribbon on them. To be placed on... Kathy come up here.
- vii. Kathy Winters: Wreaths Across America is a program that started at Arlington National Cemetery. They place the wreath with the red ribbon on the Veterans grave. It has since expanded across the United States. And to some of the Cemeteries around the world. Last year we placed 2,406 wreaths at John Sevier. This year we are lacking, to cover John Sevier, Lyons View and the National Cemetery, which has been the step child of this program, at least 7,000 more wreaths. I am not the only one doing this. There are a lot of people out there doing this. The benefit to us is for every wreath we sell we receive \$5.00 for the Young Marines. This is our biggest fund raiser. We partnered with Vietnam Veterans of America on Friday. Food City donated space at every Food City in East Tennessee. They were not my grocery store choice until Friday of this year. They did this for veterans, and they donated their space. It hard right now to get any space for any fund raisers from big chain stores. I'm going to be back in October asking for money. Thank you.
- viii. 10th August Going to the Zoo. They just had a new giraffe born.
- ix. Right now, we have 19 former Young Marines are in the service.
- b. Vern Tasse: North Knoxville Young Marines.
 - i. I want to thank each one of you for purchasing at least one meat sticks. Helping out the North Knoxville Young Marines.
 - ii. We meet at the Boys and Girls Club on Dry Gap in Powell. Look for the sign.
 - iii. We had one YM who advanced up to instructor. He got a 4 year scholar ship to Auburn and he is doing great.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commandant: If you bought ice with your credit card. Put your name on the receipt if you expect to get paid. Don't just stick it in the bag.

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

Commandant Williams adjourned the meeting at **19h48. Next meeting 27th Aug 2019**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Eric P. Nash
Detachment Adjutant**