

Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924 Marine Corps League

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 27th day of March 2018.

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

Presentation prior to the meeting:

Ken DeBoer Hospitality Chairman provided Turkey sandwiches and chips. Along with the refreshments from the MCLA.

Charlene Cotton- President Bonnyman MCLA: Silent Auction items do not have to be new but they need to look new or be of value. We did not bring home any awards but I did get to meet Debra Ayers who is the Past National President. That was a good working experience for me. For those whose wives are not members of the Auxiliary I will be tracking you down. The watch word from the Commandant is 50/50. That does not mean boys and girls. It's over 50 and under 50. It's for membership to reflect the American population of Marines not on active duty. We have got to grow the younger Population.

Commandant recognized Marines with birthdays in March with a round of the happy birthday song.

MCLA departed to their meeting.

Call to order: Commandant Eichhorn called the meeting to order at 18h35, 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 welcomed all members to the meeting and recognizes dignitaries in attendance.

Adjutant called the Roll of Detachment Officers:

Commandant: Tim Eichhorn	Present
Sr. Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan	Present
Junior Vice Commandant: Sam Ruble	Present
Judge Advocate: David Z. Cates	Excused
Junior Past Commandant: Jim Williams	Present
Adjutant: Eric P. Nash	Present
Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller	Excused
Chaplain: Pearl Rich	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms: John "Stony Saathoff	Present

Applications for membership:

Elizabeth Carr, Tommy Webb, were voted on by voice vote and accepted by the Detachment. Sworn in by Commandant Eichhorn. Lapel Pins were not presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commandant called on Larry Winters; we have just come from the Mud Run meeting: We are forming committee for the Mud Run we need people who can help with the construction. Parking lot committee to help management of parking.
Commandant: The mud run is our key fund raiser.

Adjutant's Report

- A. Minutes of previous meeting
 - a. Accepted as posted on the web.
- B. Correspondence received. None.
- C. Report of the Officers:
 - a. Sr. Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan, no report.
 - b. Junior Vice Commandant: Sam Ruble.
 - Keep the roster moving and please fill in missing info.
 - c. Judge Advocate: David Z. Cates. Excused. Is taking a new position as Veteran Advocate at the airbase.
 - d. Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller
 - Paymaster report was not available due to being out of town.
 - e. Chaplain: Pearl Rich.
 - Keep the family of Frank Waller and Patty Mullins in your prayers.
 - f. Sergeant-At-Arms: John Saathoff, no report
 - g. Web Sergeant: Tim Shea.
 - MCLKnoxville.org is up and running. And up to date. Would like any new material you have. Boot Camp pictures.
- D. Report of Project Leaders and/or Committee Reports
 - a. Dept of Tennessee Convention- Jeff Tegzes
 - A Department convention organizational meeting will be held at the Airport Hilton 3rd of April. At 18h30. Anyone who wants to get involved. Meet in the Lobby.
 - b. Rifle and Pistol Match – Jay Holmes
 - Pistol Shoot 28th of April 2018. Flyer is on the web site.
 - Bill Gerst Rifle Match. 12th of May. M1 or M1A. If you do not have one the club will let you use one you just have
 - c. Young Marines-

- Young Marines Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Unit: Larry Winters
 - Are in good shape.
 - Charlene is selling candy bars for a dollar.
 - Young Marines North Knoxville Unit: Vern Tassey.
 - Selling beef sticks for a dollar to raise money for a trip to Washington D.C.
 - Going in June. Will stay in the barracks and sleep in the Mess Hall.
 - Want to cover the expenses.
 - d. Ships Store –Larry George
 - e. Safety Breaks – Howard Raines.
 - Next Safety break is on Memorial Day week end.
- E. Unfinished Business from previous meetings. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adjutant relayed a verbal message from PDC Dave Hatfield:

- Ask for a show of hands of who went to the SEDiv Conference in Pigeon Forge. Dave would like to know where the rest of you were.
- In checking my E-Mail tonight Ken Kochvier the Dept Commandant asked the same question of all the Detachments. We had the SE Div conference in our back yard and you did not come. We are holding the Department Convention in June. You need to come even if it for a day. To show we are active. We had a great time and a lot of cutting up. The next conference will be way over in Charlotte N.C. You will not have the opportunity to get to a convention this close again. Everyone needs to get registered for the convention for the banquet. Getting items for the silent auction. Selling ads.
- This is Hatfield words states that he is Pissed that you didn't go. (Hatfield was at the Chattanooga Detachment swearing in its officers.)

Commandant: I've been harshed out by a SgtMaj before but never at a distance like that.

A copy of SE Div Conference book was passed around for Detachment members to see how ads are placed. The ads are important they will be used to defray the cost of the convention. Special Guest will be from the Marine Corps Association, the director of development and fund raising. Col Tim Mundy USMC (Ret) the son of Commandant of the Marine Corps Carl Mundy Sr. USMC (Ret) and the Brother of MajGen Carl Mundy Jr. USMC (Ret). It will be at the Airport Hilton. You really need to think how you can participate in that. This is a chance to bond with Marines from, across the state. If you are just going to participate Saturday night, that fine. Many of the members will be there over the several days.

Recap of the Dine-in last Saturday night:

- Frank Waller was fired. His responsibility was supposed to be keeping us up with the score of the game and somewhere in there UT lost to Loyola of Chicago.
- We had 68 on hand.
- Virgil (Young) gave us a chance to see things that were important to him.

- Jim Williams and Howard Raines came up with some awesome gifts. Jim found a Devil Dog Stein. Howard a curved crystal plaque.
- Eric Nash: Tim Eichhorn was recognized as Marine of the Year.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Frank Waller: Naming of something for Virgil Young. Possibly the donation made to the Young Marines from the Detachment. If we did that will there be a Bio of Virgil with the Donation? When the donation is made a Bio would be read to let the next generation know who he was. Virgil young Dine-in? There are presidents on naming things by the Detachment. Will be discussed at the officers meeting.

Jeff Tegzes: JROTC Awards.

Presentations in April and May. We do not have all the dates and times yet. We will be presenting to Austin East High School, Bearden High School, Central HS, Fulton High School, South Doyle HS, Loudon County HS and Oak Ridge HS. Hatfield tries to do them all himself, but he needs help. I do Farragut, because easy drive. Commandant: I did South Doyle and Fulton last year. We have not done Oak Ridge before.

Those who have presented before. Nolan Sharbel, Jim Williams, Jeff Tegzes, Eric Nash, Tim Eichhorn.

Those interested in presenting. Elizabeth Webb, Marilyn Chambers, Sam Ruble. Nolan Sharbel, Jim Williams, Tommy Webb.

They usually feed you. Its Red Dress or undress white shirt. They like to see the Marines in uniform.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Marilyn Chambers: 19th of May: Veterans Heritage Site, Sharps Ridge Run. We loved to have you come out and volunteer. 5K trail run is on the Mountain and a 1K walk. Family event afterward.

Eric Nash: Thursday 29th of April 2018 at 11h00. Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day. Gen Mungenast will be the guest speaker. We need to support this event show up with your red covers. Also if you have not received your 50th Anniversary pin they will be pinning that day. If you served any where during the Viet Nam war you are eligible. They considered that you where watching the rest of the world.

14th April Mountain Man March. The person pulling the trigger for the start of the race will be Woody Williams MOH. Then he has to run for the airport.

End of Meeting: Sgt-At-Arms retired the colors. Chaplain led us in the closing prayer. Commandant Eichhorn adjourned the meeting at **19h15**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric P. Nash
Detachment Adjutant