

Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924

Marine Corps League

Jim Williams, Commandant

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 31st of January 2017

Time: 18h17

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

Presentation prior to the meeting: In a joint session with the MCLA. A memorial Service was held in memory of Marine Fred C. Gettings. A Past Commandant Department of Tennessee 2001-2003 and Past Tennessee Pack Leader. Memorial Service was presided over by PDC David Hatfield and Chaplain Emeritus George Sexton. The Charter was draped with a black mourning cloth.

His funeral was held in Greenville Tennessee. Members of the Music City Detachment, Clarksville Detachment, Tri-Cities Detachment, and Stones River Detachment, attended. And the Bonnyman Detachment was responsible for the MCL service.

The MCLA took their departure following the ceremony.

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

Commandant Williams recognize dignitaries in attendance.

WW II Veteran, Marine Clayton Narveson. WW-II Iwo Jima. (Received a standing ovation.) Who celebrated his 93rd Birthday on the past Friday, 27th of January. He proclaims the "best record is my 65 year marriage."

Marine Susan Schmidt, who had not been able to come for awhile, was recognized. She gave Clayton a ride to the meeting.

Adjutant called the Roll of Detachment Officers:

Commandant: Jim Williams	Present
Sr. Vice Commandant: Howard Raines	Present
Junior Vice Commandant: Frank Waller	Present
Judge Advocate: David Cates	Present
Junior Past Commandant: David Hatfield	Present
Adjutant: Eric P. Nash	Present
Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller	Present
Chaplain: Leroy Brown	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms: Bill Mullaly	Present
Web Sergeant: Tim Shea	Present

Applications for membership:

Ken Foust: Graduated Clinton High School in 1961, with one of the guest I came with, Ron Scott. He joined in 1961 and I Joined August of 1962. Paris Island, Camp Lejune, Camp Pendleton Okinawa, Japan, Philippines, and back to Pendleton. And made my safe exit from the Corps and served 3 years.

Gerald W. Madde: Received draft notice to the Army in 1963, to report the day after Thanksgiving. I work at the YMCA in St. Louis Missouri. I knew the Marine Recruiters that worked out there, 3x a week. The letter came on Tuesday and I went to see the recruiter on Wednesday. The Officer in charge, a Major in Recon, showed him the letter. He said 3 years and leave February 1964 and I signed with the Marines. Paris Island to Camp Pendleton on the Base paper to December of 1965, Then to Okinawa and served with The U.S. Air Force as a DJ on Armed Forces Radio. I had a good time in the Corps. And never regretted dumping the Army.

Visitor:

Ronald Scott: Joined 1961, served 4 years. Ordnance Tech. Paris Island. Proud to be here tonight.

Lamar Plemons: I went to Knoxville after going to LMU for 2 years and went to see a movie with John Wayne about Marines. Thought that might be something I would be interested in. Joined October 1960. Went to Paris Island, Camp Lejune, Memphis, El Toro, Iwakuni Japan with a tail hook outfit, and saw the Philippines. Got out just before being sent to Nam because most of the unit was "short". Joined the Knoxville Marine Reserve in 1964 for two years. Was invited by Ken Foust.

William David Forth: Served in the Persian Gulf. Dispersing Clerk. Now is a practicing Chiropractor.

Balloting on applications for membership:

Paymaster: Application are correct and dues paid.

Motion to accept Jerry Moat. 2nd Nolan Sharbel. Passed by voice vote.

Ceremony of Initiation:

Foust and Madde were sworn in by PDC Dave Hatfield. Lapel Pins were presented to the new members. Sponsor: Dave Hatfield.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adjutant's Report

- A. Minutes of previous meeting, November 2016, were posted on the web site. Accepted as posted.
- B. Correspondence received:
 - Received a thank you letter from Pat Gettings. Thank us for the flowers and attending the funeral. Said at the end "Fred was one tough Marine.
 - Womens Marine Association from Doris Cane. A thank you card. For the donation made to Project Healing Waters.
 - A letter wanting to know the miles on several roads in Viet Nam.
 - Bow tie sales. Fund Raiser by Veterans Threads.
 - NVC Ray Dailey CENTRAL DIV. for National Judge Advocate.
 - Veterans Day Luncheon will be on 9th of November. Parade on the 10th of November.
- C. Paymaster: Balance of the Detachment bank account was given.
 - 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.
- D. Report of the Officers:
 - a. Commandant: Jim Williams.
 - Thanks for putting up with me for two years.
 - b. Sr. Vice Commandant: Howard Raines
 - Need six more names for the Easter Safety Break.
 - c. Junior Vice Commandant: Frank Waller, no report.
 - d. Judge Advocate: David Cates, no report.
 - e. Junior Past Commandant: Dave Hatfield.
 - Dine In: Bearden Banquet Hall (next to Buddy's barbeque) at 18h00, on 25th of March 2017.
 - We do not have time to wait for the next news letter. Need a list of those coming.
 - 1 hour social hour. Wine will be provided or bring your own.
 - This is a dining in and Award Dinner.
 - Paris Island Drill Instructors Convention. The President of the East Coast Drill Instructors has invited us. Thursday-Sunday 20-23 April 2017.
 - Cost will be in the next Bonnyman Gazette.
 - Registration needs to be in by the next meeting so that we can get access to the dining hall in the morning. The H&S Dining Hall.
 - Officers Meeting will be on 13 February at the American Red Cross.
 - Need to approve the new schedule on the calendar.
 - Membership dues will expire 1st of September.

- Dues will be \$14.00 till 1st September, and then go to \$28.00.
- Detachment Scholarship application need to be gotten in.
 - Open to immediate family members of MCL and MCLA members taking 12 hours. Already enrolled in collage now.
 - A cumulative 3.0 GPA.
 - Open to drilling reserves and family.
 - Active Duty Marines and recruiters in the Knoxville area.
 - An official transcript from the school with the GPA.
 - No web site copies accepted.
 - An official letter from the school showing enrollment, now.
 - Applications Deadline must be Post marked by 1st of April 2017.
- f. Adjutant: Eric P. Nash, no further report.

- g. Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller.
 - A copy of the line item budget was passed out to the Detachment.
 - The paymaster went over the Proposed Mid Year Review of the FY 2017 Line Item Budget. This is new style of budget and all items were covered.

Motion: PDC David Hatfield: That the Mid Year FY 2017 Line Item Budget be accepted as read. 2nd made by Marine James Cotton. Commandant called for any discussion. None were made. Passed by voice vote.

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- h. Chaplain: Leroy Brown.

Chaplain asked that we keep Gene Collins and Ted Bernard in our prayers. Ted has been moved by his family to Topeka Kansas. If you would like his phone number, contact the Chaplain.

This is my last report. David Cates asked me to serve 2 years and it has been a good 7 years. I thank George and Connie Sexton for their Help.
- i. Sergeant-At-Arms: Bill Mullaly, no report.

F. Report of Project Leaders and/or Committee Reports

PDC Hatfield presented a list of 39 Project Leaders and committees and their chairs. New leadership is needed to fill some of these positions. See Attachment.

- a. Young Marines- Virgil Young, Not available.
 - ❖ Young Marines Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit: Larry Winters
 - New recruit class is forming 11 February.
 - ❖ Young Marines North Knoxville Unit: Vern Tassey, not available.

G. Unfinished Business from previous meetings. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of Awards by Commandant Jim Williams.
Connie Sexton – Distinguished Service Award (Certificate only)
Howard Raines – Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze
Frank Waller - Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze
Lee Rhinemiller - Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze
David Z. Cates - Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze
Leroy Brown - Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze
Eric P. Nash - Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze
William'Bill'Mullaly- Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze
Jeff Tegzes - Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze
W. Bryan Hudgins-Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze (not present)
L Gene Furrow- Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze (not present)
George Sexton-Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze
Joe Edelman- Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze
Larry Winters- Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze

PDC David Hatfield presented the following list of candidates for the election. Because of the amount of funds handled by the Paymaster, we have made it an elected position. Each Officer was vetted as to their desire to serve. All were up to date on their dues. Three calls were made for nomination from the floor. Marine Cotton Volunteered.

Commandant: Tim Eichhorn. "I will serve".
Sr. Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan. "I will serve".
Junior Vice Commandant: James B. Cotton, Volunteered from the floor. "I will serve".
Judge Advocate: David Z. Cates. "I will serve".
Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller. "I will serve".
Junior Past Commandant: Jim Williams.

The Adjutant Eric Nash was called on. He cast one vote for the slate of officers. A call for a vote. Passed by a voice vote.

The following Officers were appointed or retained by the newly elected Commandant Eichhorn.
Adjutant: Eric P. Nash
Chaplain: Pearl Rich
Sergeant-At-Arms: John "Stony" Saathoff
Web Sergeant: Tim Shea

Newly elected Officers were sworn in by PDC David Hatfield as Installing Officers. Sgt at Arms Mullaly assisted.

Detachment Colors were passed from Jim Williams to Tim Eichhorn. Chaplain Rich gave the prayer for the newly installed Officers.

David Hatfield presented the New Commandant with the Gavel of Office.

Commandant Eichhorn thanked the newly sworn officers for stepping up to serve. Past Commandant Williams was called forward and presented with a clock for his service to the Detachment.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Joe Edelman: "I will save my report for next month."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

End of Meeting: Sr. Vice Commandant performed last duties. Sgt-At-Arms Saathoff retired the colors. Chaplain Rich led us in the closing prayer. Commandant Eichhorn adjourned the meeting at **20h45**.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Eric P. Nash
Detachment Adjutant**

Lt. Bonnyman Detachment Committee Chairman / Coordinator / Liaison

a.	Advertising Cord.	Paymaster
b.	Ben Atchley Vet Home –	Howard Raines
c.	Boy Scout Liaison -	Eric Nash
d.	Ceremony Cord. -	Lee Rhinemiller
e.	Color Guard –	Jeff Tegzes
f.	Communications –	Lee Rhinemiller
g.	Det Service Off -	Tom Humphries
h.	ETMAC Rep. -	
i.	ETVMA Rep. -	
j.	Fallen Marine –	Larry Baldwin
k.	Finance Committee-	Lee Rhinemiller
l.	Firing Detail -	David Hatfield
m.	Historian/Americanism –	Eric Nash
n.	Hospitality –	
o.	JROTC Cord. -	David Hatfield
p.	Legislative –	David Z. Cates
q.	Fund Raising -	
r.	Marine Mud Run -	Gene Furrow
s.	Marine of Year Society –	David Hatfield
t.	MCLA Liaison -	Kathy Winters
u.	MODD Liaison -	PDD David Hatfield
v.	Newsletter ED –	Jeff Tegzes
w.	Parade Cord. -	David Hatfield
x.	Picnic Cord. –	
y.	Public Relations –	Virgil Young
z.	Quartermaster -	
aa.	Recruitment / Retention-	Jr. Vice Cmdt
bb.	Reserve M C Ball –	
cc.	Rifle and Pistol Match –	Jim Williams
dd.	Safety Breaks -	Howard Raines

ee.	Scholarships -	David Z. Cates
ff.	Semper Fi. Selection -	Jr. Past Cmdt
gg.	Strategic Planning –	
hh.	Toys For Tots -	Pearl Rich
ii.	Trailer Repair -	David Hatfield
jj.	VA Volunteer Service –	
kk.	Ways and Means –	
ll.	Web Sergeant –	Tim Shea
mm.	Young Marine Unit (S)	Larry Winters
nn.	Young Marine Unit(N)-	Vern Tasse
oo.	Others as needed	