

Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924

Marine Corps League

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 24th of October 2017.

Time: Location: 18h00. Naval Operations Center, Marine Corps Reserve Center, Knoxville, Tn.

Meeting was held on this date due to the Halloween Holiday on the next Tuesday.

Presentation prior to the meeting:

- Mud Run T-shirts are available from Marine Brian Hudgens.
- Marine Ken DeBoer served Sandwiches and drinks prior to the meeting.
- Kathy Winters Wreaths across America. Two years ago we covered every grave at John Sevier (Veterans Cemetery) Two years ago there were 1200 graves as of this morning there were 2,073 graves. We have to cover 800 more graves this time. I am here to ask for donations. They are live wreath shipped here from Maine. Placement will be Saturday 16th of December. Checks should be made to "Wreaths Across America". "The hat" was passed around. A check from the Detachment to "Wreaths Across America" as was budgeted. \$319.00 was raised.
- Sergeant Xoing from the Company "D" 4th CEB, spoke to the Detachment about the Toys-for-Tots Campaign. Need for a storage and distribution center and advertising and fund raising.

Call to order: Commandant Eichhorn called the meeting to order at 18h40, and ordered the 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 proceeded to recognize dignitaries in attendance.

Past Detachment Commandants Dave Hatfield, George Sexton, Bill Henson, Karl Ekstrom, Nolan Sharbel, Jeff Tegzes, Virgil Young, Howard Raines (&MI), Jim Williams and David Cates.

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	Excused
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: Marine Leroy Brown Chaplain.	

Applications for membership:

Marilyn Childress: Hospital Corpsman 2c, 1972 to 1975. My main work with Marines was at NAS Glynco, Georgia. Half the base was Navy the other half Marines. I was the only female Corpsman on the base and as an HM-2c I was on call 24/7. So I did not get to enjoy a lot of the base.

Larry Montoya (Said hello in Hopi Native language) I am advocate for the code Talkers. I went to an Indian Boarding school. During the time the US Government was using the Native language for code. I was punished 3 times on my first day for speaking the same language. The only trouble I have ever been in. WW-I there were 8 tribes of code Talkers. WW-II there was 34 tribes. 10 from my reservation were in the Army. I am sure there were in all services. The Hopi were all in the Army. There were 29 Navaho Code Talkers to start with, in the Marines and 340 total. We must not forget our Code Talkers. I served from 1957 to 1966. My last two years in the air wing. It was like two different services. Everyone was going by first name and not by ranks.

Passed by voice vote. Sworn in by Commandant Tim Eichhorn.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adjutant's Report

- A. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as posted to the web site.
- B. Correspondence received, none.
- C. Report of the Officers:
 - a. Commandant: Tim Eichhorn.
 - Lots of events and lots of information to pass on tonight.
 - Check the web site for information regularly or have your wife check it.
 - b. Sr. Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan.
 - 17 November the Veterans Resource Center at UT, will celebrate its opening.
 - c. Junior Vice Commandant: James B. Cotton.
 - Delinquent/overdue Members is 9 for 2017.
 - Will be 17 members that owe for 2018.
 - d. Judge Advocate: David Z. Cates. Excused.
 - e. Junior Past Commandant: Jim Williams

- f. Adjutant: Eric P. Nash
- g. Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller
 - New Detachment business cards with the new mailing address and web site were made available to the members.
 - 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. Acting Chaplain Leroy Brown.
 - Remember in your prayers. Pearl Rich, Joe Edelman. Ted Bernard sent his greetings.
 - Charter was draped in memory of. As Cotton was calling around Marine Jack Diemer had passed away earlier in the year.
- i. Sergeant-At-Arms: John Saathoff, no report.
- j. Web Sergeant: Tim Shea.
 - The new web site (MCLKnoxville.org) is fully up and functional.
 - I will be shutting down the old web site mid November.
 - If you have any problem. Click on web master and leave a phone number.
 - Would like any pictures from early days in service. And the boot camp pictures.
 - Would like a Facebook on the site. Because of National requirements. It will be discussed more in the future.
 - Commandant: As you can see a lot of things get done between the meetings. Let me encourage you. I like to go to church and I get the bulletin to tell me what was given last week, how many attended, the lesson notes, and the order of service. And anything else I might have missed. Here we are tonight. Because next week is Halloween we have food but if you did not get the Gazette today, you might have missed it. But you can access it on line.

F. Report of Project Leaders and/or Committee Reports

- a. Strategic Planning –Dave Hatfield.
 - Week of the Veterans Day Parade we will get the line up number for the parade. Uniform of the day. Red shirt and silk jackets or appropriate Marine attire.
 - 2 Dec: Get a list started. We are three weeks away from the Christmas Breakfast. To collect for Toys-for-Tots. Christmas attire is the dress of the day. Remember bring a toy.
 - 10 Nov: We need sign up and pay for tickets. Birthday Ball Dinner. Bearden Banquet Hall.
 - There are new lights installed in the trailer for the Safety Breaks.
 - We last held a Convention in 2009. Jeff Tegzes was the Commandant. We will be hosting the Department Convention 2018 next year. Members can start selling ads for the Convention book in January. Forms were passed out. Patty Mullins will be putting together the program book.
 - 9 Nov. Veterans Day Lunch. Marine Nash: I got a table reserved sits 10.

- Veterans Day is on Saturday. But they are holding it on Friday because they need the school buses to get the kids to the parade.
- b. Rifle and Pistol Match: Jay Holmes
- We had a beautiful day on Saturday. The Young Marines pulled the targets and we shared some early Birthday Cake.
 - Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Shoot. We did not have the trophies there that day. So we have those and the medals.
 - The list of winners was put on the web site.
- c. Americanism – Eric Nash
- d. Newsletter – Jeff Tegzes
- e. Young Marines-
- ❖ Young Marines Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit: Larry Winters.
 - 21 Oct: we were at the MCL pistol shoot. And celebrated the 52nd birthday of the Young Marines with cake.
 - Stephanie Bailey wife of Marine Scott Bailey was Adult Leader of the Year.
 - 29 Oct: At 16h00 will be at “Hoot and Holler” at Blount community Church. Hwy 321 Maryville Tennessee. Collecting Toys for Tots and the Marine Reserve will come out to collect toys. Over 1000 attended last year.
 - 4 Nov: Will be placing flags at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on John Sevier 08h00 Lyons View at 09h30.
 - 4 Nov: Seymour Salutes Veterans-Seymour Heights Christian Church, Boyd’s Creek at Hwy 411. Will be the Color Guard and Mayor Tim Burchett will be the guest Speaker.
 - 9 Nov: Color Guard at 18h00 at Maryville Intermediate School.
 - 10 Nov. Color Guard at the Veterans Day Parade at Knoxville.
 - 18 Nov: Reg. Drill.
 - 22 Nov: Will provide the Color Guard at the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Memorial Service. Practice at 10h00 ceremony at 11h00.
 - 2 Dec: Reg. Drill/ Christmas Party.
 - 9 Dec: Seymour Christmas Parade.
 - 16 Dec: 09h00 “Wreaths Across America”. Unload the trucks.
 - ❖ Young Marines North Knoxville Unit: Vern Tassey
 - Selling beef sticks. Thanks everyone for purchasing.
 - Gun Show this Saturday.
 - Drug Reduction Program last Saturday.
 - Celebrated the Young Marines Birthday.
 - Toys-for-Tots on Broadway in front of Big Lots.

- Overnight with the Chattanooga Unit at Tellico Plains. Hike in with gear 2 miles one way.

G. Unfinished Business from previous meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

PDC Howard Raines: About the "Wall That Heals" I received an e-mail from Don Smith of the Viet Nam Veterans of America who sponsored the event. "All I can say is wow. The five days was a tremendous success. Thanks to all the teams of volunteers. For all that you have done. Patton said that numbers do not count. What was important that each and every one of our guest were warmly greeted. When you guys showed up in your red Jackets and your red shirts, it looked very professional.

Eric Nash: A request. We are coming up on what amounts to super week for Veterans. We have Veterans Day Luncheon, Veterans Day Parade, Marine Birthday Ball and many more events. I ask at this time, put your red cover in your car. Get it out and take a picture at the event your at, and get it to me. We can put it in the Americanism Book and maybe we can get over the top and get the Gill Gray award instead of just the 1st Place (Bn.). And this Red Cover shows you served proudly and still are serving proudly.

Commandant Eichhorn presented the checks from the budget to the North Knoxville Young Marines (Vern Tassey) and the Lt Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines (Larry Winters)

The Check for the Wounded Warrior Regiment, Quantico Virginia (sent to the Dept. of the Navy), Women's Marines Association, American Red Cross, The MCL, Dept. of Florida. The last two for hurricane relief. From the Commandants discretionary fund.

Motion from the Commandant: To transferring \$1000.00 to the Commandants discretionary fund. A show of hands was called for. Passed with no dissenting votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

End of Meeting: Sgt-At-Arms retired the colors. Chaplain led us in the closing prayer. Commandant Eichhorn adjourned the meeting at **20h00**.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Eric P. Nash
Detachment Adjutant**