

Marine Corps League Minutes for January 13, 2011

The meeting was brought to order by Sr. Vice Commandant Melanson at 19:00.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS revealed that present were: Sr. Vice, Hank Melanson; Jr. Vice, Pat Rowand; Adj/Pay, Randy Ott; Chaplain, Bill Town; Sgt-At-Arms, George Barnett, SJA, Jim Brown; Commandant Bennett was excused; Past Commandants present were: Jr. Past Randy Ott, Dick Jamieson, Doug Shurtleff, Dennis Dressler; National By-Laws, Dennis Dressler; National Marksmanship, Doug Shurtleff; Det. MOYs: Bill Town, Randy Ott, Doug Shurtleff, Pat Rowand, Dennis Dressler; Dept. MOYs, Dick Jamieson, Dennis Dressler, Dick Jamieson, Doug Shurtleff, and Bill Town. Also recognized were Pack Dogs of the Year, Dennis Dressler and Sr. Vice, Hank Melanson.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Walt Mabe, a Vietnam Veteran and VAMC rep., applied and was approved for membership. Oath of membership was performed by Sr. Vice Melanson. A five minute break was taken to give the members present a chance to meet Walt. A hearty welcome aboard was given.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Published online. Motioned to accept as read by Doug Shurtleff. Chaplain Town seconded. Motion carried.

OFFICER CORRESPONDENCE: None

PAYMASTERS REPORT: Read in full beginning Checking Balance \$959.27, income \$3,124.00; exp \$3094.72; ending balance, \$988.75; savings \$171.70, raffle & interest, \$40.01, expense \$6.00, ending balance \$205.71. Paper copy turned into the Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice and Dennis Dressler. We currently have 111 Members, 59 are life members, 52 regular members, 10 members due by the end of December. Motioned to accept as read by Dennis Dressler. Seconded by Bill Town. Motion carried. Approved as read.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Report was given by Chaplain Town; OTIS DENNIS is doing real well. RAY MOON remains on oxygen 24/7 and is receiving care at the VAMC for a variety of issues. WALT MCKEE was present and doing well. BILL BORSES is doing well at the nursing home on the north side. The HAMM's are doing well with family visiting all the time. KEN DALY says he is not in remission but his Doctor said everything is looking good. KAY MORSE is doing well and travelling; gave us a report on his hunting and travels to Hawaii. DON CRAIN is holding his own. BILL TOWN reports that he appears to be on the road to recovery, but has several more skin cancer spots identified. ANN WHITNEY is doing ok with her legs, just can't sit very long. CORY DRESSLER is doing well with school in W. Virginia. GENE ZANCK shared about his sickness called C Diff & a by-pass surgery; he has sucked it up like all good Marines do to march on. Chaplain Town and Joan Morse encouraged others to visit those members that aren't mobile because it truly keeps them healthy. The following Marines/Corpsmen have passed away since the last report: Jeremy A. Pough, 35; Carl Malcomb, 87; Hied VanDenberg, 77; Clifford R. Barclay, 90; Willard E. Weise; Ralph Reis, 93. A moment of silence was held.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Jr. Vice Pat Rowand gave a report on the Toys for Tots program. Things went quite well. The MCL put forth a great effort for this Toys Campaign. Total children given toys was over 7,500.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VAVS: A thank you was given for the amount of calendars that have been donated.

Awards: None **Membership:** None **Coffee Stop:** None **Veterans Day:** None

Calling Committee: Call rosters are updated and working. **Newsletter:** Will meet with Dennis this weekend to get the website info to start the updates. Randy asked if anyone wanted to share a personal story in the newsletter, they should send it by the 20th of the month to be published.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Breakfast: February 12th is our next event from 0900 to 1100. Volunteers needed and spread the word.

Toys for Tots: Randy Ott submitted a report on the Spaghetti Dinner held in December. We raised over \$5,200.00. A thank you was suggested for the VFW for their continued support.

Homeless Veterans: Hank Melanson gave an update about programs that want to help with a standdown; Volunteers of America. **Birthday Ball:** None **Memorial Day:** None

OLD BUSINESS: T-Shirts are available by Doug Shurtleff.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Randy Ott motioned to reimburse Chaplain for postage \$44.00, MCLA for gloves \$133.86, O'Hares \$61.21 for Toys Donation. Seconded by Dennis Dressler. Vote approved.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Larry Bogan introduced the 3rd MarDiv Reunion will be held in August and those that would like to get correspondence from the Association to contact him. Walt Mabe described the programs that he is involved with at the VA for a variety of veterans. He is available for assistance.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 20:10. 21 members were in Attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Ott, Adjutant/Paymaster