

Marine Corps League Minutes for June 9, 2011

Prior to the meeting, the Detachment baked 15 pizzas and served salad to everyone in attendance. We enjoyed cake and ice cream afterwards. Fun was had by all. Let's do this more often.

The meeting was brought to order by Commandant Jim Bennett at 19:30 after we had eaten a wonderful pizza & salad dinner. The Roll Call of Officers revealed that all were present and our Opening Ceremony was held.

Introduction of Dignitaries: Appropriately held with the following Past Commandants present: Don Crain, Dennis Dressler, Doug Shurtleff, Randy Ott, Dick Jamieson, and Dave Tutwiler from his old AZ Det.

Introduction of Guests: Families and friends were present and welcomed by the Detachment.

Quorum of Board of Trustees (Elected Officers) Present: YES

Application(s) for Membership: Bryan S. Scott was introduced by Sgt-At-Arms, Manny Esparza. Bryan shared his bio, which included a tour on the Drill Field at Parris Island. He served 13 years, mostly in Artillery. Oath of membership was performed.

Presentation of Life Memberships: None.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster: Report given to Officers.

Report of Sickness/Distress: Held over until July's meeting. No change.

Reports of Elected Officers: None

Reports of Standing Committees: No reports given, held over until July's meeting.

Reports of Special Committees: No reports given, held over until July's meeting.

Old Business: Held over until July's meeting. No change.

New Business: Held over until July's meeting. No change.

Good of the League: Detachment awards were presented to Jim Brown, Recruiter; George Barnett was awarded the Bailey Reynolds Award for service; Distinguished Service Bronze: Renee Weimer, Ed Thew, Mike O'Flaherty, Jerry Masgai, and Jim

Brown; Distinguished Citizen Bronze: Bill Town, Dennis Dressler, Doug Shurtleff, Randy Ott, Hank Melanson, Jim Bennett, Pat Rowand, Sam Dressler, Mary Lou Nelson. A very special award was presented to Don Crain from the Camp Tarawa Det. #1255 for his contributions to the history of Camp Drewes and the readiness for the Battle of Tinian/Saipan. He was given a polo shirt and certificate. Marine Melanson was presented the 2011 Marine of the Year Award for his incredible service. Marine Shurtleff came forward and presented Marine James Bennett the Award of the Four Chapels for his volunteerism. Auxiliary President, Judi Bennett, and Auxiliary Awards Chair, Linda Shurtleff, presented awards to the following: Distinguished Service Award, Sue Douglas, Lori Ott, Mary Lou Nelson, Donna Jamieson, Sam Dressler, Patty Williams, Sandy Ritter, Judi Bennett, and Linda Shurtleff.

Ceremony of Installation of Officers: Installing Officer, Past Commandant Ott, performed the installation of Joseph "Hank" Melanson, as the new Commandant. His officers are: Sr. Vice, Pat Rowand; Jr. Vice, James Brown; SJA, Michael O'Flaherty; Chaplain, Bill Town; Sgt-At-Arms, Manny Esparza; Adj/Pay, Randy Ott.

Announcements: Department Convention will be held June 16-19 in Yakima.

Closing Ceremony: Appropriate.

Next Meeting: 1900 on July 14, 2011

Present at Meeting: Members (28), Auxiliary (13), Family & Friends (19) Total (60)

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Ott
Adjutant/Paymaster
Melvin M. Smith Detachment #586