



W.H. NICHOLS DETACHMENT 940  
Monthly Meeting Minutes 5/20/2019

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1. Meeting was called to order at 19:00 by Commandant Hartley.
2. All officers present and or accounted for.
  - a. Michael Rainwater excused
3. Announcement: VFW member Joe Shriber will be hosting a tour of the Aerospace Museum of California on Wednesday 5/22. Cost for a group is \$8 per person. Contact Joe Shriber for more information.
4. New Applicants for membership
  - a. Deferred one application to the new Commandant. USMC veteran LeAnn is observing today's meeting. Her DD214 and application have been passed on to the new Commandant.
  - b. Guest and prospective new member Ryan Dunley, regular Marine, is observing the meeting. Referred by C. Castillo.
5. Reading of minutes
  - a. Michael Jones motioned the minutes be approved as distributed
  - b. Jack Correy seconded
  - c. Members approved the minutes
6. Correspondence
  - a. None
7. Paymaster
  - a. Decided to speed up reading of the report, copies are available
  - b. \$181 Income, \$20 Expenses, \$21,671.50 net cash.
8. Chaplain Report
  - a. Fred Tulley is doing bad and will probably not make it more than a week. Services will be at Lakeside cemetery when the time comes.
  - b. Joe Flores had gal bladder surgery, doing well
  - c. Past commandant Kovolick passed last week. He was the 60<sup>th</sup> national MCL commandant.
  - d. John Cordova cut his finger.
9. Report of Officers:
  - a. Junior Vice – Birthday/excused
  - b. Senior Vice – no report
  - c. Adjutant – no report
  - d. Judge Advocate – no report
10. Report of Committees:
  - a. **Breakfast** - will be next month 4th Sunday of June (6/23/19). Do not need as many people as we had in the past since Renee is cooking.
  - b. **Marine Corps Ball** - No current committee chair. Ken volunteered.
  - c. **Scholarships** – Charlie Kank presentation
    - i. Selected 2 students from Folsom High & 2 students from Vista Del Lago
    - ii. Max will present certificates & checks to Folsom High on Wednesday 5/22/19
    - iii. Tomorrow (5/21/19) Charlie Kank will present at Vista Del Lago. Charlie read an essay.
  - d. **Retention**. Staff Judge Advocate has 3 potential members he is trying to recruit to the MCL



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- e. **Business Cards.** Distributed cards to members in even numbers. When talking to a prospective member, give them a card with your information and keep another card with their information to pass on to the League. Follow up with contact to prospective member.
- f. **Honor Guard.**
  - i. Charlie Kank discussed this month has been busier than previous months with more opportunities to serve. Next mission is 5/25/19 for a joint veteran's color guard, then the Honor Guard follows and fires 3 volleys.
  - ii. Asked for volunteers to meet @ 10am on 5/27/19 at the post if you want to assist with the flags for Memorial Day services. Lunch afterwards at the post.
  - iii. Blue star moms have requested honor guard, gave info to Jan

11. Report of Special Committees

- 1. **Convention 2020** Jack Corrie— not able to lock any dates or get rates from the facilities yet. See Jack to volunteer for committees. Hampton Inn is plan A, doing walkthroughs. Jack has 30 members on his volunteer list.
- 2. **Folsom H.S. Plaque** - pass, no update
- 3. **Young Marines**—no update
- 4. **Bylaw Committee**—Changes in Bylaws. Bylaws were emailed out
  - a. Chris Castillo - discussed methodologies.
    - i. Opened for input - Fred Buchman & John Healey responded.
    - ii. Removed sections that did not match the national bylaws.
    - iii. Max asked for hands of who looked at the changes. Any changes?
      - 1. Ratio to regular/associate members not an issue - Jim
      - 2. Do we want to go through each change?
        - a. Move to vote on bylaw changes. Majority voted
        - b. Voting on all changes
        - c. Jim Musser motion for acclimations, 2nd Kenny.
          - i. Vote on acclimation -
          - ii. Discussion
          - iii. Motion passes
    - d. Comments or questions. Discussion:
      - i. Our bylaws, dues are due 9/30. National 8/31. This was approved previous years.
      - ii. Greg: suggests these changes be made next year. Suggests we vote on current proposed changes.
      - iii. Jack: we're in discussion. Max: we have to send out the draft prior month.
      - iv. Only regular members can vote
      - v. Call for the acclimation - Jim Musser, Greg 2nd
      - vi. Vote: passes (changes)
  - e. Staff judge advocate will write up new bylaws and send to state for approval. When Fred becomes commandant, can elect new committee



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12. Old Business ---

1. Report on Eggstravaganza. 19 coins given out.

13. New Business---

1. John Healey - suicide prevention. Would like to put up a 3x6 sign outside the building with crisis hotline phone number. Fred asked for a cost before having a motion. Asking for MCL to pay for it. All weather sign, wants to bring to house committee. Max wants John to get a better idea of what he wants, ideas, costs. House committee has no \$. No motion needed at this time
  2. June 2019 State Convention San Diego (Need Motion for Convention).
    - a. Max needs a motion: taking out an 1/2-page magazine advertisement at a cost of \$85 which helps to support the detachment
      - i. John Healy moves.
      - ii. Greg McNeil 2nds
      - iii. Vote - passes
  3. LSA dinner - no date
  4. Michael Rainwater's birthday & 23rd anniversary of our detachment. (Max)
  5. Jan - blue star moms: spaghetti feed was a success. Served 87 adults, 6 children. \$1,500 - \$2,000 sold, all for funds to mail packages to military members overseas.
  6. Special presentation.
    - a. Charlie Kank is moving in June to Arizona. Max presented with plaque for outstanding years of generosity.
      - i. Anybody wanting to volunteer for Charlie's position on honor guard see Jay Wiley.
14. Swearing in of new board members by past Commandant Charlie Kank. All new elected and appointed members were sworn in and took seats. Newly elected board members are as follows:
- Commandant Frederick Buchman
  - Sr, Vice Commandant Ken Winn
  - Jr. Vice Commandant Michael Rainwater
  - Adjutant Patricia Lovisone
  - Paymaster Joe Artim
  - Chaplin John Cordova
  - Judge Advocate Chris Castillo
  - Sgt. at Arms Jay Wiley



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15. Good of the League.

- a. John Healy has coins and wooden nickels printed with the crisis hotline, if anybody is interested.
- b. Veterans with any disabilities can apply for a pass for free/discounted entry into the US National Parks & Monuments. Contact John Healey for more information.
- c. Jim Musser discussed his recent health issues and encouraged everybody who may be on long drives or flights to pay close attention to any left-leg swelling as this could be a sign of a serious health emergency.
- d. John Cordova discussed the struggle with El Dorado district regarding naming of the veteran's bridge and encouraged members to contact the el dorado district to ensure the bridge is named in honor of veterans.
- e. Vettix.org was discussed as a website which offers up to 4 discounted tickets to veterans for various events such as Cirqu de Solei.
- f. Charlie Kank thanked Commandant Max Hartley, Jay Wiley, the Honor Guard and detachment members.
- g. Max announced cake and ice cream will be served with pizza
- h. Fred Buchman reiterated that the Memorial Day ceremony starts at 11:00am and requested participants to meet at the hall at 9am.
- i. Lunches are served at the hall Monday through Thursday from 12-3.
- j. VFW will be hosting a Pork Rib dinner for \$25 on June 21, 2019. Purchase tickets in the canteen.

16. Closing

- a. Meeting closed at 20:18.
- b. Next meeting is June 17, 2019