

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
**W. H. Nichols \* #940**  
Folsom, CA 95763

**Membership Meeting**  
**December 19, 2016 \* 1900 hours**

**Approved – January 16, 2017**

1. Meeting called to order by Cmdt Brig Skjerpe at 19:05 (7:05pm). Pledge of Allegiance, presentation of flag, and prayer followed.
2. Roll Call, by Sgt. at Arms Jay Wiley resulted in 2 absent; M. Rainwater, Richard Gore  
Present: Cmdt. Skjerpe, Sr.VC Elliott, Acting JAdv Musser, Adj. Roddan, Paymaster Tully,  
Chap. Substitute Chris Lambert.  
Past Cmdts F. Tully, G. McNeill, C. Kank, M. Hartley
3. Special Presentations:
  - a. Guest Joe Neff of the VA Mather Hospital Golf Program told us about their program and benefits. The Mather Golf Program is a non-profit with funds raised going to veterans in need. This program started out with 6 participants and now has 40 with golf tournaments as one of the avenue to raise funds. The program gives veteran patients an opportunity to not only learn how to play golf, but to interact with others, develop self-esteem, and relationships with others. Our detachment would like to learn more and how to help.
6. Meeting Minutes:

Minutes to the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were read by Adjutant Roddan: Corrections noted.

  - i. *Motion made and seconded to approval November Minutes with corrections made.*  
*Motion passed.*
7. Correspondence: none
8. Paymaster's report:
  - a. Paymaster David Tully presented this month's accounting report: Balance as of December 14<sup>th</sup> is \$27,381.10. Income included \$305 in membership dues, and \$320 in misc. income. Expenses included \$3,122 for the Folsom HS Memorial plaque and several reimbursements related to the Birthday Ball. Currently there are 36 Assoc. Members, 24 Assoc. Life Members, 35 Regular Members, and 45 Regular Life Members; total 140.
    - i. *Paymaster filed report for audit.*
  - b. Paymaster Tully also reported that National has changed the policies for membership dues. Dues from January to July, 2017 will pay \$10. Starting August 2017 there will be 1 month when all dues are collected; August.. There will no longer be dues collected throughout the year.
9. Chaplain's report:
  - a. Sad to report the serious illnesses of members Art Horne and Jose Silva. Both are not doing well and we will keep up with information and our prayers. Cards will be sent.
10. Officer reports:
  - a. Sr. VC Elliott reported that members, Paul Reyes, Sylvia Thweet, Angie Roddan, joined him in working the Elk Grove Dicken's Christmas Fair. We worked for Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause and other venues. Some of the members will donate the funds earned to the League for needing vets.

11. Standing Committee reports:

- a. Birthday Ball - Adjutant Roddan presented the final report indicating that we had a profit of \$3,450.52. A “how to” handbook is being created to assist future Birthday Ball committees. The Committee has already met for its wrap up meeting; ideas and suggestions have been recorded. Angie thanked the committee members for their hard work and league members for attending
- b. Nomination Committee - presented the Skate of Officers for those position that are elected.
  1. Cmdt. – Jim Musser
  2. Sr. VC – John Healey and Max Hartley
  3. Jr. VC – John Tully
  4. Jud.Adv – Glenn Price

Members interested can contact the Committee if interested in being on the ballot or nominated from the floor at the January meeting. The Committee also passed a sign up list around for anyone interested in the non-elected Board positions; Adj, Paymaster, Chaplain, and Sgt of Arms.

- c. Toys for Tots – Adjutant Roddan reported that her conversation with SSgt Legler of the Toy for Tots Foundation indicated that our detachment was not in compliance with Toys for Tots operations. Roddan contacted the Committee. With the lack of time to reorganize it was decided to not hold the drive this year. The committee will meet at the first part of the new year to reorganize and consider options to the drive. It has been suggested that toys collected in the local area should also be given to the local children.

12. Special Committee reports: none

13. Unfinished business: none

14. New Business:

- a. Two cadets from the Casa Robles JROTC program made a presentation regarding their annual Military Ball held in the Spring. Cadets asked for helping in putting on the Ball for cadets that can't afford to attend.
  - i. *Motion made and seconded to donate \$200 to the Casa Robles JROTC program for their annual Military Ball. Motion passed.*
- b. Jim Musser told the membership about his military experience, qualifications and interest with regards to the Commandant's position for 2017.
- c. Chaplain Lambert reported that the Veteran's Center in Citrus Heights holds a BBQ a couple times a year to raise funds and awareness regarding suicide prevention programs. This coming year the Center is having problems in being able to host a BBQ.
  - i. *Motion made and seconded to contribute \$500 to the Veteran's Center of Citrus Heights for their BBQ fundraiser. Motion passed.*
- d. Chaplain Lambert reported that Marine Victor Mendoza is in a special certificate program for chaplain training at the Law Enforcement Center. He is in need of some funds to cover the expenses as the VA scholarship does not cover this type of training.
  - i. *Motion made and seconded to contribute \$250 to Victor Mendoza towards a scholarship for chaplain training. Motion passed.*

It was suggested that “Cover” be passed around membership - \$256 was raised.

16. Good for the League:

- a. Several of our members helped other veterans and other organizations place wreaths on the head stones at the National Cemetery in Dixon. About 1K people helped out.
- b. Our detachment Honor Guard helped out at a funeral for an Army veteran. They also handled the duties at the National Cemetery for our Mike Slater.
- c. Adjutant Roddan reported that December 7<sup>th</sup> was the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Our brother association, the US Submarine Veterans presented the memorial with assistance of the Yolo County Sheriff and West Sacramento Police Boat Patrols. Speakers presented a history of December 7<sup>th</sup> and the calling of the name of submarines lost during war time. Several of our members attended.
- d. Paul Reyes' reported the next Veterans Memorial at the National Cemetery will be January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Dixon.
- e. Cmdt Skjerpe mentioned that our League has been very helpful in times of veteran's needs however we also need to be watchful of requests to insure they are sincere. We sometimes might not be able to help everyone. We also need to identify the fund amounts we use for this type of assistance.
- f. Jason Rowell presented the League with a ribbon from the last National Conference. The ribbon will be hung from our flag.

17. Announcements: Next membership meeting will be January 16, 2017 at 19:00.

18. Adjourned at 20:20/8:20pm with Closing Ceremony, hymn, prayer, and retirement of flag.

Submitted by Adjutant Roddan: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Commandant Skjerpe: \_\_\_\_\_