

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
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Folsom, CA 95763

Membership Meeting
February 15, 2016 * 1900 hours
Minutes Approved March 21, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by Cmdt Brigt Skjerpe at 19:04 (7:04pm). Pledge of Allegiance, presentation of flag, and prayer followed.
2. Roll Call, by Adjutant Angie Roddan resulted in all present except Past Cmdt Fred Tully.
Cmdt. Skjerpe, Sr VC Elliott, Jr VC Rainwater, JA Cordova, Adj Roddan, Paymaster Tully, SofA Wiley, Chap. Horne / Past Cmdt. Hartley, Kank, McNeil, Slater, Gore.
6. Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Adjutant Roddan read the draft Minutes from the January 18, 2016 meeting. One correction noted.
 - i. *Motion made and seconded to accept the Minutes as read with 1 correction made. Motion passed.*
7. Correspondence:
 - a. Cmdt. Skjerpe read a Thank You letter from the JROTC program at Casa Robles. We had donated \$200 toward their annual Military Ball to assist cadets that could not afford to attend. The cadets also sent pictures from the Ball.
 - b. Past Cmdt. Hartley read a Thank You letter from the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund for the \$500 donation made in December 2015. The program helps supports Marines and their families. This organization is rated A+ by the Charity Watch.
 - c. Special Guest: Past Judge Advocate Jim Musser introduced Marine George Commandaros who is visiting our area. Mr. Commandaros was from New York and did his training at Parris Island. He served during World War II in the Pacific, with the 10th Marines and was in Japan after the surrender. Mr. Commandaros is 92 and told of his experiences during the war. Cmdt. Skjerpe presented Mr. Commandaros with a MCL pin and our thanks for his service.
8. Paymaster's report:
 - a. Paymaster Tully reported \$17,916.14 in checking and \$5,132.69 in savings. This month's income was \$330. Membership is currently 40 Associates, 38 Regulars, 22 Assoc. Life, and 43 Life members.
 - b. Paymaster Tully is working on the roster. Please check with him as to your dues date, card, or any other questions.
 - c. Covers are also available.
9. Chaplain's report:
 - a. Chaplain Horne gave thanks that Mike Slater and John Cordova are feeling better. Also reported was the passing of Bill Muth with funeral service on February 19th.

- b. Cmdt. Skjerpe reported the passing of Cpl. Brett Jones from an automobile accident. Cpl. Jones had been to a number of events and had visited with Cmdt. Skerpre. The funeral will be February 19th.

10. Officer reports:

- a. JrVC Rainwater reported that the Citrus Heights Veteran Stand Down will be March 30th at the Holy Family Church on Old Auburn Rd. They have asked if we can help with some security at the event. Donations of clothes, etc. are needed and welcome. Also reported was the International Culinary Festival presented by the local Rotary Club. Held at the Folsom Community Center on March 20th. Tickets are \$25. Check web site.
- b. SrVC Elliott reported the monthly mixer of the Folsom Chamber of Commerce will be at the VFW on February 23 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Also reported is the Folsom Veterans Hall Shooting Club. Anyone interested in a monthly adventure at different shooting ranges are to talk to Pam Woodard.

11. Standing Committee reports: none

12. Special Committee reports: none

13. Unfinished business:

- a. Past Judge Advocate Jim Musser wished to extend his appreciation to the New Board. He enjoyed serving on the past Board, but glad he's now sitting in the audience.

14. New business:

- a. Judge Advocate John Cordova reported on special programs from Oak Ridge High School and Folsom High School to honor fallen heroes that attended their schools. Each school, annually, honors their heroes at a football game. Each school also provides a \$1K scholarship to a student going to college in the name of this fallen heroes program. Awards are selected by fellow students and a staff member from essays written about veterans.
 - i. *Motion made and seconded to contribute \$2,000 (\$1K to each Oak Ridge High School and Folsom High School) for these scholarship programs. After discussion, motion passed.*
- b. Cmdt. Skjerpe reported that the Board will be setting up several committees and explore involvement in community activities such as the annual Folsom Rodeo.

15. Installation of Officer:

- a. Cmdt. Skjerpe asked Sgt at Arms Jay Wiley if he would continue his service this coming year. SAA Wiley accepted with the support of the membership.
 - i. Past Cmdt. Hartley presented the oath of office to Sgt at Arms Wiley.
 - ii. Cmdt. Skjerpe gave his thanks to both Jay Wiley and Rita Regan for their continued support and service to this league.

16. Good of the League:

- a. Charlie Kank reported on the 97th Birthday of the American Legion. There will be a dinner on March 17th. Tickets available in the Pub.

- b. The Color Guard will be present at the Citrus Heights Stand Down on March 30th. Members are welcome to join the Guard and any activities that support our league or any other community activities.
- c. February 19th will have 3 funerals in which members are encouraged to support.
- d. Sgt at Arms Wiley reported that funds have been raised through our pizza and raffle activity. Have received about \$2K for the pizza and over \$1K from the raffle. He thanked members for their support.
- e. Jim Woodard reported that the Oak Ridge High School will be hosting a free "Honor our Vets" dinner once a month at our VFW facility. First dinner is on February 19th.
- f. Ken Hanley reported at funeral for 3 homeless veterans at Reichert's. He asked that when attending funerals, members wear at least red shirts and their covers. It is important that we continue to honor veterans even when we don't know them. Hanley also reported that the Placer County Sheriff's Chaplain organization is not connected to the Placer County Stand Down.
- g. Cmdt. Skjerpe reports the Spring Conference and Growl will be in Santa Rose on March 11-12. Charlie Kank and Jay Wiley will be attending.
- h. Blue Star Moms will hold a Packing Party on March 25th. Items are donated and packed into boxes that are sent directly to deployed military personnel. A party can pack as many as 500 boxes. Numerous people help their operations.

17. Announcements:

18. Closing Ceremony (adjourned at 20:32 / 8:32pm)

Submitted by: Adjutant Angie Roddan _____

Approved by Commandant: Brig Skjerpe _____