

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

**Membership Meeting**  
**July 18, 2016 \* 1900 hours**  
**Minutes Approved August 15, 2016**

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 all present except Jr. Vice Cmdt. Michael Rainwater and Chaplain Art Horne.  
Cmdt Skjerpe, Sr VC Elliott, JA Cordova, Adj Roddan, Paymaster Tully, SA Wiley/ Past Cmdt Tully, Kank, Hartley, McNeil. Gore, Slater
3. Applications presented:
  - a. Transfer application received from Jason Rowell to move from #23 to #940. Mr. Rowell has been an Assist. Chaplain at the National level.
4. Balloting: After a discussion,
  - i. *Motion made and seconded to accept the transfer application for Mr. Jason Rowell. Motion passed.*
5. Initiation: none
6. Meeting Minutes:  
Minutes to the June 20th meeting were read:
  - i. *Motion made and seconded to approval June Minutes as read. Motion passed.*
7. Correspondence: none
8. Paymaster's report:
  - a. Paymaster Tully reported most of the League's funds have been transferred to the School Credit Union. Leaving a small amount of funds in Golden 1 until after the Audit Committee's report then all will be transferred. Currently balance is \$10,888.51 as of today with \$98 in petty cash. Total income this month was \$1,382.95 since last report and expenses of \$528.00. Reports indicate: 40 Assoc. Members, 23 Assoc Life Members, 38 Regular Members, 43 Regular Life Members totaling 144.
    - i. *Paymaster Tully's report filed for audit.*
9. Chaplain's report:
  - a. Linda Tully's sister is not doing well after a surgery.
  - b. Linda Tully's back surgery has been put on hold. She will use other methods to handle the pain.
  - c. The Buchmann's home had major fire damage due to a fireworks mismanagement by neighbors. The home received heavy damage and losses. The Buchmanns will be moving into a rental while repairs are being made.
  - d. Dick Bohrer passed away. Services will be at the National Cemetery in Dixon on July 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Mike Slater is looking great.
  - f. Rita Regan became a Great Grandmother.

10. Officer reports:

- a. SrVC Elliott –
  - i. Reports that Blue Star Moms will have a fundraiser, Spaghetti Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Dinner starts at 5pm. This year they will have a “drive through” window.
- b. Judge Advocate –
  - i. Information regarding the granting of scholarship funds for members and/or family members have been researched at both the state and national Marine Corps League levels. It is not recommended that funds from Leagues be given to a member and/or family members. It is recommended that a separate Foundation be formed that might include several military organizations. Each would contribute funds and the Foundation who would then process the applications independent from the original organizations.

11. Standing Committee reports:

- a. Adjutant Roddan asked if the membership like receiving emails regarding dates and activities concerning the League. The responses are positive. The notices would be used to pass along information related to the League and/or other military activities. Phone Tree will still contact members as several emails and phone numbers are no longer current.
- b. Audit Committee will complete its report with the last transaction being transferred.
- c. Honor Guard, chair Fred Tully, had a full team at this year’s Folsom Rodeo. Seven to nine guards were present at the 3 ceremony openings. The Honor Guard will be present at the services for member Dick Bohrer on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Services at the National Cemetry in Dixon at 11am. Honor Guard will also provide services for an Air Force veteran on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

12. Special Committee reports:

- a. PR Officer John Santos reported about the value of social media which includes the web site, facebook, twittier, etc. We need to be pro-active in getting the word out about what we do, activities, etc. Need a way to also gather interest from Marines to get involved, especially younger veterans. It was suggested the we reach out to colleges to attach younger veterans.

13. Unfinished business:

- a. A motion was made and passed at June’s meeting regarding the status of flags flown inside and outside of the VFW Hall. A letter was signed by Cmdt Skjerpe and Adjutant Roddan and submitted to the VFW House Committee. It was reported that the House Committee has changed the rental contact stating that clients will leave the flags alone and only the House Committee will determine the status of the flags.
- b. The letter regarding a ByLaw change for the Flight Surgeons will be resubmitted for consideration.

14. New business:

- a. Past Cmdt. Hartly reported that Sacramento area CHP officer Michael Ericson, a Marine, was badly injured on duty, but is doing better. Cmdt Hartly had written a letter of support and sympathy on behalf of our League. Hartly also reports that he wrote the Chiefs/Sheriffs of the law enforcement departments of Baton Rouge, and Dallas with regards to the loss of their officers recently. It was suggested that our League respond with letters/cards for law enforcement personnel lost or injured in the line of duty. This received approval. Cmdt. Hartly will keep the League posted and with copies of letters sent. Those in law enforcement are linked with the military.

15. Installation of Officer: none

16. Good for the League:

- a.* Adjutant Roddan attended a military service, on July 13<sup>th</sup>, at the National Cemetery in Dixon. The service is designed for those fallen heroes that have no families to say Farewell. Paul Reyes explained the creation of this service presented by the American Legion of Citrus Heights 4 ½ years ago. It is done quarterly and everyone is invited. The US Army and a local Eagle Scout troupe helped with the service. We will keep this on our calendar.
- b.* Our League received a donation from Janet Lapearl through her United Way donation payroll program. \$89.45.
- c.* New flag stands are being built. Last year's flag stands were found in Past Cmdt Hartley's garage.
- d.* Cmdt. Skjerpe presented a Thank You Certificate to Sr. VC Elliott. Also present Marine of the Year Medals to Past Cmdt. Fred Tully and Past Cmdt. Greg McNiel.
- e.* Fundraiser for the Folsom High School Veterans Memorial is the Poker Run on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Need participants and volunteers. Let John Cordova know if you can help out.

17. Announcements: Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> will be the next League's breakfast.

18. Adjourned at 20:30/8:30pm with Closing Ceremony , hymn, prayer, and retirement of flags.

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

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