

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
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Membership Meeting
November 21, 2016 * 1900 hours
Approved – December 19, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by Cmdt Brig Skjerpe at 19:07 (7:07pm). Pledge of Allegiance, presentation of flag, and prayer followed.
2. Roll Call, by Sgt. at Arms Jay Wiley resulted in all present.
Present: Cmdt. Skjerpe, Sr.VC Elliott, Jr VC Rainwater, Acting JAdv Musser, Adj. Roddan, Paymaster Tully, Chap. Substitute Chris Lambert.
Past Cmdts F. Tully, G. McNeill, C. Kank, M. Hartley
3. Application for Membership: None
4. Balloting on Application: None
5. Ceremony of Initiation: None
6. Meeting Minutes:
Minutes to the October 17th meeting were read by Adjutant Roddan: Two corrections noted.
 - i. *Motion made and seconded to approval October Minutes with 2 corrections. Motion passed.*
7. Correspondence:
 - a. Past Cmdt. Hartley read a card received from Police Chief Carl Dabadie of the Baton Rouge Police Department thanking us for our letter of sympathy of their officer shot in the line of duty.
8. Paymaster's report:
 - a. Paymaster David Tully presented this month's accounting report. Forms 990 have been filed. National and State dues have been paid. Most expenses and income in November are related to the Birthday Ball. The balance since last meeting is: \$29,590.16
 - b. Currently there are 37 Assoc. Members, 23 Assoc. Life Members, 34 Regular Members, and 45 Regular Life Members; total 139.
 - i. *Paymaster filed report for audit.*
9. Chaplain's report:
 - a. Sad to report the passing of Mike Slater on November 9th. Services were held at the National Cemetery in Dixon with a luncheon followed at the VFW Hall on November 18th.
 - b. Art Horne is back east visiting family but not feeling well.
 - c. Jack Morrison's wife, Shirley Ann, is now in a nursing home.
 - d. Sad to report a suicide of a Marine Corporal in our area. Unfortunately there have been 10 within our region in recent times. This seems to generally involve veterans over 50 years of age, however it also occurs within younger military personnel.

10. Officer reports: None

11. Standing Committee reports:

- a. Birthday Ball - Adjutant Roddan reported a successful event with an increase in attendees. The Committee met earlier, this afternoon for its Wrap Up Meeting. Notes are being made for the next event. The activity was positive, with a couple of items to address next year. Adj. Roddan gave committee members a Draft Report. The event made money. After meeting with Paymaster Tully to compare accounting, Adj. Roddan will submit a final report for filing. A detailed manual will also be created to help future committees.
- b. October Breakfast – Past Cmdt. Hartley reported that the League’s breakfast made \$142.00. Clients renting the hall the evening before our breakfast left it a mess. The VFW Hall returned the client’s \$50 cleaning fee to us for doing the cleaning on Sunday morning.

12. Special Committee reports:

- a. VFW House Committee – Past Cmdt. Hartley reported that the POW/MIA table will remain in the hall at its original location. The Hall will be receiving new flooring. The military mural for the south wall of the meeting room will also have a curtain rod and curtains that can be pulled for those clients not wishing to view the mural during their event.
- b. Nomination Committee –
 - i. *Motion made and seconded to create the Nomination Committee with members Tony Basile, Lisa Andrews, Charlie Kank ,and John Cordova serving on this committee. Motion passed.*
- c. Toys for Tots - additional members have volunteered to help with this committee. Cmdt. Skjerpe has also located some locations for the boxes. The committee is: Angie Roddan, Lisa Andrews, Pearl Wood, John Tully, Paul Reyes, Rex Recheckyl, Paul Kahle, and Maryann Salinovich.
- d. Scholarship Review Committee – created to review and develop procedures for our scholarship programs. Committee is: Janet LaPearl, John Tully, Jim Musser, and Charlie Kank.
- e. ByLaws Review Committee – placed on hold.

13. Unfinished business:

- a. Memorial Plaque for fallen heroes of Folsom High School.
 - i. *Motion made, and seconded, to pay the \$3,122.00 for the engraving of the memorial plaque going to Folsom High School. Motion passed.*

14. New Business:

- a. Donation opportunities:
 - i. Past Cmdt. Hartley presented 3 possible opportunities to make donations since funds where not being used for Scholarships this year.
 1. Semper Fi Fund: provides immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to post 9/11 wounded, critically ill and injured members of all branches of the US Armed Forces and their families.
 - a. *Motion made, and seconded, to donate \$800 to the Semper Fi Fund. Motion passed.*
 2. Fisher House: 71 Fisher Houses located on 24 military installations and 29 VA medical centers to provide temporary housing while families are helping military members get better.

- a. *Motion made, and seconded, to donate \$800 to the Fisher House. Motion passed*
3. Veteran's Golf Program - established to support patients from Mather VA Hospital. Designed to give veterans a place to connect, enhance self-esteem, develop relationships, and learn the game of golf.
 - a. *Motion made, and seconded, to donate \$800 to the Veteran's Golf Program at the Mather VA Hospital. Motion passed.*
- b. It has been suggested that proposed projects and requests for funds be made, to the Board, in writing prior to being submitted to the membership.
- c. It has also been suggested that members look to the USMCL motto and creed. What are we all about.
- d. Cdm. Skjerpe recently received word of a young Marine and his family in an emergency situation. He has taken on the responsibility of insuring that the information is correct; it is. Cdm. Skjerpe requests financial help as soon as possible. The members also passed the cover and collected \$376 that will also be forwarded to this Marine to help. Cdm. Skjerpe has reached out to other area military organizations.
 - i. *Motion made, and seconded, to provide \$500 for the emergency of a local enlisted Marine. Motion passed.*
- e. The wearing of Covers at the Marine Corps Ball was mentioned in hopes that more members would wear the Cover. There is written protocol on wearing the Cover and Past Cdm. Hartley indicated that there is a brochure citing such information.

15. Installation of Officer: none

16. Good for the League:

- a. Gene Rivers indicated that there is a big problem with League recruitment and retention. League need to make new member welcome, mentor them, and get them active. The sponsor of these new members should be the mentors. Also develop a mentor program. New members need attention. Address the web site for recruitment.
- b. Paul Reyes asked for help at the Dicken's Fair in Elk Grove on Saturday. It would be a paid opportunity. The schedule is from Noon – 8pm.
- c. The VFW Auxiliary is having a prime rib dinner on December 16 for \$25/each. Dinner will be served between 5pm-6pm. More information in the lobby.
- d. Lisa Andrews announced a Job Fair on January 19 for area military/veterans. More information to come.
- e. The VFW Hall has a donation box in the lobby. It is for new sweat shirts and sweaters.
- f. Blue Star Moms can take any names of overseas Marines for their Goodwill Boxes. The boxes have general supplies for service personnel.

17. Announcements: Next Membership Meeting is December 19th at 19:00.

18. Adjourned at 20:30/8:3pm with Closing Ceremony , hymn, prayer, and retirement of flags.

Submitted by Adjutant Roddan: _____

Approved by Commandant Skjerpe: _____