

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
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Membership Meeting
September 19, 2016 * 1900 hours
Minutes Approved, October 17, 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 Comdt. Michael Rainwater
Present: Cmdt. Skjerpe, Sr.VC Elliott, JAG Cordova, Adj. Roddan, Paymaster Tully, Chap. Horne
Past Cmdts F. Tully, R. Gore, G. McNeill, C. Kank, M. Hartley
3. Special Visitors: the League had several visitors joining us this evening.
 - a. Richard Nevarez, a member of the International Police Officers Assoc., is here thanks to Paul Hale.
 - b. Maureen Wiggins, a representative of the VA, described how her organization specializes in helping the homeless Vets, and helping with housing redesign and rehabilitate housing to accommodate special needs of Veterans. They have fundraisers to assist in gathering funds.
 - c. Maraya Comeault, from the VA Dept. shared information on how to get around the VA system. The key is be prepare with your material and paperwork. New offices are now in our area to assist with VA services and problem solving. Each office is not open all the time, however the main location to start with is at 10365 Old Placerville Rd. Ms. Comeault has helped several members and is very knowledgeable with the systems.
 - d. Kathy and Tom Sansome. Kathy is a member of the Elk Grove Quilters and told us about the organization making special quilts for worthy charities. The group, started 13 years ago, by making individually designed quilts for special veterans. The program is named the "Quilt of Valor." Kathy joined us to make a surprise presentation of a "Quilt of Valor" to our League member Fred Tully for his service as a Marine and for his service in the Marine Corps League.
6. Meeting Minutes:
Minutes to the August 15th meeting were read:
 - i. *Motion made and seconded to approval August Minutes as read. Motion passed.*
7. Correspondence: Received information and application regarding the Folsom Veteran's Day Parade. Last year, the League had donated \$200 in addition to the parade entry fee.
 - i. *Motion was made and seconded to donate \$300 toward the Veteran's Day Parade. Motion passed.*
 - ii. Rex Rechcygl offered his truck and trailer for the parade. The trailer will be set up with chairs to accommodate any Veterans wishing to be in the parade.
8. Paymaster's report:
 - a. Paymaster David Tully presented this month's accounting report. Total income, since last report was \$5,516.60 with expenses of \$470.56.00. Income included a \$3,000 donation from Folsom Buick/GMC. The total account amount is \$15,499.76. Currently there are 40 Assoc. Members, 23 Assoc. Life Members, 37 Regular Members, and 44 Regular Life Members; total 144.
 - i. *Paymaster filed report for audit.*

9. Chaplain's report:
 - a. Pearl Wood has had her 6th surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.
 - b. Art went to Las Vegas to spend time with family.
 - c. Mike Slater is not here this evening and we hope that he is fine.

10. Officer reports:
 - a. Sr. Vice Cmdt Elliott reported that the Style magazine had an article and pictures of our Color Guard in their latest issue. The pictures were great and the article was about the Color/Honor Guard's service back to the Veteran community in our area.

11. Standing Committee reports:
 - a. Adjutant Roddan reported that the flyers/reservation forms are now available for the November 10th Birthday Ball. The Committee has been working on presenting a terrific celebration. Members are welcome to join the committee and will also be needed for set up and take down. The Committee is now accepting raffle gift/silent auction items.

12. Special Committee reports:
 - a. Poker Run chair, John Cordova presented a final report regarding the August 20th event. For a first time event, it was well attended and had help from several League members. The Run had 3 check-in locations with the final stop being the VFW Hall for a BBQ and raffle drawings. The Poker Run proceeds were \$1,373. Chair Cordova thanked the persons that helped and filed an operation report.
 - b. High School/Memorial Fund chair Cordova presented a template of the Folsom High School memorial plaque. The memorials at the high schools are to honor the fallen heroes that graduated from that particular school. Folsom High School has determined a location and now looking to start the building process.

13. Unfinished business: none

14. New Business: none

15. Installation of Officer: none

16. Good for the League:
 - a. A Veteran's Honor Run, a fundraiser for LCp Victor Dew, will be a 5K held on November 12th.
 - b. Adjutant Roddan reported meeting members of the Modesto MCL. They helped develop a Veterans Foundation of Stanislaus County with the help of the Modesto City County and Stanislaus County Supervisors. A facility providing services and meeting/event space will open November 11th. A "road trip" to be planned.
 - c. The Veteran's Day Parade committee is meeting. The Parade Committee welcomes League members to meetings. This year's theme is: "Honor the Flag, United We Stand." Time schedule, plans and locations will be announced soon.
 - d. American Legion/Citrus Heights will present its fundraiser "Battle of the Bands" on October 1st gates open at 10:30am at Rusch Home & Garden in Citrus Heights. Tickets \$15. BBQ.
 - e. Adjutant Roddan received a Certificate of Appreciate from Cmdt Paul Reyes of the American Legion in Citrus Height for assisting at their Veterans' Appreciation Picnic and getting a 600 cookies donated.

17. Announcements: VFW Hall is having an October Festival on October 15th.
18. Announcements: Next Legion meeting on October 17th at 19:00 (7:00pm). The Birthday Ball committee will meet at 5:30pm, same day.
19. Adjourned at 20:30/8:30pm with Closing Ceremony , hymn, prayer, and retirement of flags.

Submitted by Adjutant Roddan: _____

Approved by Commandant Skjerpe: _____