

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

CPL J. R. SPEARS DETACHMENT 066

May 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commandant Holzworth called the meeting to order at 1901 at the National Guard Armory, 8790 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL.

There were 41 members and 4 guests present.

Opening ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

Commandant Holzworth discussed the upcoming start of the Heroes Among Us (HAU) Speaker Series. There will be a HAU Action Team Meeting on Monday, May 22nd at Goat Lips to go over final arrangements for the first HAU event this season on May 25th. He also mentioned our other two flagship events, the Semper Fi 5K Run on September 9th, and the Car Show on October 21st. Additionally Commandant Holzworth briefly outlined a vision of the future initiative to develop a Service Division as a separate entity with its own IRS Non-Profit designation, defined structure with billet descriptions, and an SOP for processing Veterans in Need requests.

The reading of the April Meeting Minutes was waived without objection and approved as disseminated in "Bunker Talk" and posted on-line.

The Paymaster's Report was received subject to audit. MCL has changed the dues renewal procedure, all yearly memberships will now run 1 September to 31 August. To make the transition easier on our members, those with renewals now through August, the Detachment will collect all dues and send one transmittal to MCL HQ in September. The Detachment will cover any late fees incurred by those members during this transition. Also, two new tents were purchased and now they need to have the logos put on them. The cost was less than purchasing through the MCL.

Ken Morrow, S-3, discussed all of the events occurring in May, June and July. The planning meetings for the Semper Fi 5K run and the Car show are held at 1400 on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Goat Lips (May 21st, June 18th, & July 16th), everyone who is interested are invited to attend. The MODD Devil Dogs quarterly meeting is June 3rd, see the Adjutant for details. Our next fund raiser is the "Rock-a-Thon" on June 11th which is the easiest participation event of the year. The MCL Department of FL Convention June 22-25 in Orlando, HAU "Defensive Perimeter" Night June 29th, "River Fest" in Milton on July 4th, and HAU "Korean War Remembrance" Night July 27th. Additionally, there are plans for a social event on June 17th, more to follow. Looking farther ahead, a Project Officer and Action Team are needed for the Marine Corps Ball to be held in November which can be a stand-alone event or in combination with another group as was done last year. Also, "Wreaths Across America" will be December 16th at Barrancas National Cemetery.

Ed Rouse, PAO, gave updates on the raffle for the 1972 Dodge Challenger. To date, there have been 280 Raffle tickets for the car purchased and we need to push the remaining 70 tickets to get sold prior to the drawing at the HAU event on May 25th. Twelve tickets have been sold on-line via our website. There will be a kick-off event Wednesday, May 24th, at Grover T's Restaurant with free food and a cash bar to honor MOH recipient "Doc" Ballard who is the first 2017 HAU Speaker. He will be in Pensacola for the entire week. So far this year we are \$15,000.00 ahead of last year from sponsors, gifts-in-kind, grants, and donations. He moved the HAU financial report be included for the record. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Bob Rivera (for the S-4) stated that the gray Detachment T-shirts have been ordered and should arrive soon. Also, the manager of the Cracker Barrel is looking forward to our "Rock-a-Thon" on Sunday, June 11th.

Senior Vice Commandant reported that the sponsor drive for the Car Show (October 21st) will begin in September.

Ralph Koeniger, S-6, briefly addressed the Detachment's website; and, Dave Glassman gave the members an excellent virtual tour of the new website and its various capabilities.

Dave Glassman reported on the August 19th brick placement dedication at the Marine Aviation Memorial Bell Tower at Pensacola Veterans Park. Bricks will be laid in memory of the pilots and crews of Vengeance 01, Pegasus 31 & 32, and Blue Angel #6. Hopefully the family members will be in attendance, and League Members will give a good showing. More to follow as details are known.

Good of the League:

- 1) Clifford Zack announced that May 21st is the Young Marines graduation at the VFW in Elberta, AL. Also their Young Marines Birthday Ball will be held November 4th also at the VFW in Elberta, and everyone is invited and encourage to attend.
- 2) Dave Glassman briefly introduced his guest, Mr. Robert Donofrio, ARNP, from POEInAction, Inc. who described services available and rendered through "Helping Others To Help Themselves" (Life Skills Coaching).
- 3) Dave Glassman reported on the upcoming "Fishing 4 A Hero" Tournament.
- 4) Bob Burge reported that SgtMaj Ralph Hyatt had his surgery later than expected and is currently in rehab.
- 5) Ed Schaier introduced prospective members Baron and Kevin Smith (Smith Family Carpets).
- 6) Mark Kilgore asked the members if anyone else beside himself would be attending the MCL Department of Florida Convention next month so that the Paymaster can mail off the Delegate Credentials Form and check. Also he showed the full page color ad for the Department Convention Journal that the Principle Staff voted to submit.
- 7) Ken Morrow led the members in serenading Joann Gossett with "Happy Birthday".

The 50/50 (\$24.00 collected) was won by Chuck Miller (\$12.00).

Closing ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 2002.

Submitted,



M. A. Kilgore, Adjutant