

# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

## CPL J. R. SPEARS DETACHMENT 066

June 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commandant Holzworth called the meeting to order at 1900 at the National Guard Armory, 8790 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL.

There were 27 members and 6 guests present.

Opening ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

Commandant Holzworth discussed the successful kick-off to the Heroes Among Us (HAU) Speaker Series with Doc Ballard. There will be a HAU Action Team Meeting on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Goat Lips to go over final arrangements for the HAU event on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Ed Rouse, HAU Project Officer, gave a final report on the Car Raffle. All 350 tickets were sold, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize winner donated the \$1,000 back to the Veterans in Distress Fund. The Detachment's own SgtMaj Ralph Hyatt will be the guest speaker for the June 29<sup>th</sup> HAU event at Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park.

The Commandant introduced COL Forbush, USMC(Ret.), who gave a presentation on the LEAD Academy Classical School in Pace. It is a Christian-based school here in Pensacola that opened four years ago. There will golf tournament fund raiser for its expansion in Chumuckla on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Hiram Johnson, seconded by Rob Fernandez, to provide \$2,500 at the Trackman Level for sponsorship. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Pete Southerland introduced Connie Bookman from "Pathways for Change" and presented her with a \$5,000 donation for the residence house for women veterans.

The reading of the May 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.

Ken Morrow, S-3, reported on the successful "Rock-A-Thon" held on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and thanked all the members that showed up. He discussed the "house warming" party at Rob Fernandez' new home on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1200 until "whenever". We will be having another fund raiser at the "Riverfest" in Milton on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for our two flagship events, the Semper Fi 5K Run in September and the Car Show in October. Looking farther ahead, a Project Officer and Action Team are still 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 as well as the Veterans Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Rivera discussed the upcoming grand opening of the new Outback Restaurant located on the corner of Airport Boulevard and N. Davis Highway on July 12<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for local groups to sponsor, so members are encouraged to show up at 1300 wearing MCL Red Cover/Cap and red polo shirts. It is an excellent opportunity to garner another sponsor for our programs.

Ralph Koeniger, S-6, aka Web Gunny, briefly addressed the delay in the Detachment's new website.

The Adjutant discussed up dating and correcting the Detachment's Roster; and, DAV Chapter 23 is hosting a cook-out at the VA JACC on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 1100. All are invited.

Ed Rouse, PAO, discussed hosting the Japanese Consul General for an event to be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. More to follow as plans are known.

Sergeant-at-Arms addressed the need for members to pick up their nametags, and the need to purchase more items for our fund raising. New items are being purchased by S-4.

Good of the League:

- 1) Recently retired SgtMaj Pruitt was introduced by Ebbie Jermyn.
- 2) Clifford Zack announced that last month they had two graduates, and on June 24<sup>th</sup> the Young Marines are having a picnic at Big Lagoon Park at Pavillion #46. One YM is retiring and another being discharged. Their Birthday Ball will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> at the VFW in Elberta, AL and everyone is invited and encourage to attend.
- 3) The Commandant introduced three new members Robert Flanagan, Matthew Kopcsak, and Robert Taylor.
- 4) Mr. Neal Bookman stated he would donate \$1,000 to the Veterans in Distress Fund.
- 5) Rod Miller brought up a veteran in need which will be researched for more specific information to better assist.

The 50/50 (\$10.00 collected) was won by Chuck Miller (\$5.00).

Closing ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 1958.

Submitted,

  
M. A. Kilgore, Adjutant