

**MELVIN M. SMITH DETACHMENT #586**  
**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 13, 2016**

**Opening Ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance, Colors, Marines Hymn, Opening Prayer**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**1. Roll Call of Officers—**

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| • Commandant Brown                        | Senior Vice Commandant Rowand |
| • Junior Vice Commandant Kruse            | Chaplain Town                 |
| • Judge Advocate Dressler                 | Sergeant-At-Arms Esparza      |
| • Adjutant Smith (Excused)                | Paymaster Stailey             |
| • Junior Past Commandant Morgan (Excused) |                               |

**2. Recognition of Past Commandants—**

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| • Hank Melanson (Absent) | Randy Ott       |
| • Jim Bennett (Absent)   | Jim Stailey     |
| • Doug Shurtleff         | Dennis Dressler |
| • Dick Jamieson (Absent) |                 |

Recognition of Past & Current Department Officers—Dennis Dressler

Recognition of Past & Current National Officers—None present

Recognition of Military Order of the Devil Dogs Kennel Staff—PDD Randy Ott, Kennel Barking Dog

Recognition of Marine of the Year Recipients (Department & Detachment)—Dressler, Town, Ott, Shurtleff, O’Flaherty, Rowand, Taylor.

**3. Applications for membership/Guests to be recognized—**Larry Plager, 26<sup>th</sup> Marines, brought in by Jim Brown. Motioned to accept by Doug Shurtleff, seconded by Mike O’Flaherty. Membership approved. New member Oath of Membership carried out.

**4. Ceremony of Installation (During June’s Meeting) N/A.**

**5. Minutes of previous meeting—**Shared and need corrections in Title and misspellings. Motion by Dennis Dressler, seconded by Mike O’Flaherty. Motion carried.

**6. Correspondence—**From Officers: None.

**7. Paymaster’s Report—**James Stailey gave a full report. All accounts are healthy, yet need disbursements for shares to the MODD and Auxiliary. Motion by Mike O’Flaherty, second by Doug Shurtleff. Motion carried.

**8. Chaplain’s Report—** (Deaths, Sickness or Distress) Chaplain Town reported on Dave Tutwiler donated books to the Detachment through his wife. Walt McKee’s family asks that they will call if they want visitors. He shared the names of local Marines who passed away since the last meeting.

**9. Report of Officers—**Commandant: shared about SgtMaj Brewster whose family was presenting him with a Quilt of Valor, but he passed away before this happened. Jim was able to support the family with the funeral. Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Judge Advocate, Adjutant: No Reports; Paymaster shared active report.

## 10. Report of Standing Committees

- VAVS-Bill Town gave an update on VA Construction. Mike O'Flaherty shared about the VA Monthly VSO meeting to share issues to the VA Director.
- Americanism-No Report. Commandant is looking for a new chairperson. Contact him if interested.
- Membership/Calling Tree-Tim Kruse and Randy Ott reported calls have been made and the rosters are being updated.
- Awards-Randy Ott presented the Honor Guard Ribbons to those members present. Commandant Brown presented the National Jr. Vice Commandant's Citation for membership to Tim Kruse and the Det.
- Spokane County Young Marines-No report.
- Newsletter-Eric Yurcisin has taken over the Newsletter and shared that it is our info and stories he wants to share. Submit any info to his email. Submitted expense reports to the Paymaster.
- Coffee Stops-Doug Shurtleff reported that we have two stops in Jun/Jul 2017.
- Memorial Day-No Report.
- BSA Awards-Randy Ott shared about the BSA presentation on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> to Troop 430.
- Toys For Tots-Pat Rowand shared no warehouse yet so if you know of any place, please contact him. Book share/drive for kids is on the list for this year.
- Homeless Vets-No Report.

## 11. Report of Special Committees

- USMC Ball-November 5<sup>th</sup> is the date and it's online to register. Hospitality suite is available if we want to host it. Discussion followed.
- Planning-No Report.
- MOY Society-No Report.
- Breakfast-Bill Bean reported on the recent breakfasts and that turnout has been steady. Our volunteers in the Young Marines are busy and been short. Please consider volunteering.
- Funeral Details/Honor Guard-Mikie Taylor shared the most recent details in the area.
- Veterans Court-Mike O'Flaherty talked about training nights for the Court and their success.
- Gun Shows-Audit and ideas from the previous and current shows was given. Sign-up sheets were passed around for November's shows. Drawing is later tonight. Doug Shurtleff shared an idea about a member's pistol for sale to raise monies.
- Hoop Fest-June is the month. We are set to do it again.
- Audit-N/A.
- Veterans Day-The local schools have ceremonies. Our local ceremony will be held at the Veterans Arena on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at 1000 to 1100.
- Department Convention-Dennis Dressler gave an update on the June 2017 Convention plan.
- Lilac Parade-No Report.

## 12. Old Business—

1. Spaghetti Dinner-Discussion to where it will be held. Randy shared the Armory is unavailable. Mikie Taylor wasn't able to talk to Darci's. Dennis brought up discussion for arrangements if held at the VFW. Discussion followed.

## 13. New Business—

1. Mike O'Flaherty brought forth a request to present an Honorary Membership to Mike Zorn, father of PFC Kirby Zorn, a Marine lost in a car accident. Seconded by Bill Bean. Discussion followed. Motion carried.
2. Eric Yurcisin brought forth a motion to purchase \$300 of wreaths from Wreaths Across America. Seconded by Manny Esparza. Discussion followed. Motion carried.
3. Mike O'Flaherty brought forth a motion to spend \$500 on the Hospitality room at the USMC Ball. Dennis Dressler seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

4. Randy Ott brought forth March for the Fallen to donate \$200 to them. Seconded by Dennis Dressler. Discussion followed. Motion carried.
5. Eric Yurcisin brought forth the Newsletter for future planning. Motion for \$100 per quarter to cover the costs. Seconded by Rick Freier. Discussion followed. Motion carried.
6. The next rifle was motioned to be purchased by Doug Shurtleff.
7. Motioned to the disposition the copier machine after the next Newsletter is completed by Randy Ott. Seconded by Rick Freier. Motion carried.

**14. Ceremony of Installation of Officers. (At proper time of year according to National Bylaws)**

**15. Good of the League—**

1. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Washington Veterans Cemetery presented our Vietnam Veterans with 50-year commemorative pins and shared about Wreaths Across America. Motion was made by Eric Yurcisin to donate \$300 to the wreaths. Seconded by Tim Kruse. Discussion followed. Motion passed.
2. Commandant Brown and MCLA President Brown brought forth the idea to have a dinner on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm instead of a meeting to celebrate our 241<sup>st</sup> Birthday at Timber Creek Buffet. Seconded by Rick Freier. Discussion followed. Motioned carried.
3. Raffle for the Rifle was held. Winner was Grant Prouty. He will be contacted by Doug Shurtleff.

**16. Announcements—**

- Bingo @ VA Hospital at 1900
- Meeting at Timber Creek Buffet November 10 at 1830. Short meeting, then dinner.
- MODD Growl at Das Stein Haus at 0900, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Closing Ceremony—Moment of Silence, Taps, Closing Prayer, Dismissed.**