

MELVIN M. SMITH DETACHMENT #586
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2017

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1. Roll Call of Officers—

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| • Commandant Ott | Senior Vice Commandant Kruse |
| • Junior Vice Commandant Parker | Chaplain Melanson |
| • Judge Advocate Zaragoza (Excused) | Sergeant-At-Arms Esparza |
| • Adjutant Sobisky (Excused) | Paymaster Stailey |
| • Junior Past Commandant Brown (Excused) | |

2. Recognition of Dignitaries—

- Recognition of Past & Current Department Officers
- Recognition of Past & Current National Officers
- Recognition of Military Order of the Devil Dogs Kennel Staff
- Recognition of Marine of the Year Recipients (Department & Detachment)

3. Applications for membership/Guests to be recognized—Sean Flick was motioned to be accepted by Dennis Dressler seconded by Walt Mabe. Membership approved.

4. Minutes of previous meeting—Motion by Dennis Dressler, seconded by James Stailey. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence—From Officers: None.

6. Paymaster's Report—Paymaster read his report, with some disbursements pending. Mike O'Flaherty motioned, second by Dick Jamieson to accept. Approved.

7. Chaplain's Report—Chaplain Melanson shared the names of local Marines who passed away since the last meeting. Bill Town reported that Ann Whitney has been hanging tough at the Veterans Home. Visitors are encouraged.

8. Report of Officers—Commandant reported he is getting ready for the National Convention.

9. Report of Standing Committees

- VAVS- Mike O'Flaherty reported on Building updates.
- Americanism-No report.
- Membership/Calling Tree-No report.
- Awards-Dave Johnson was recognized as a new member. Jim Stailey for 15 years.
- Spokane County Young Marines-Jeremy Jones reported a change of command for the Unit and the successful Sky Fest recruitment of 12 new members.
- Newsletter-Eric Yurcisin set the deadline for the next newsletter as Sept 10-15th.
- Coffee Stops-Doug Shurtleff reported on July's stop and the need for more volunteers for the August stops. Due to the limited volunteers we may be cutting out one stop for next year.
- Memorial Day-No report.
- BSA Awards-Randy Ott presented BSA Eagle Scout, Scotty Bray a flag and certificate.
- Toys For Tots-No Report.
- Homeless Vets-No Report.

10. Report of Special Committees

- USMC Ball-No Report
- Planning-No Report
- MOY Society-No Report
- Breakfast-Bill Bean needs volunteers for the upcoming September 9th breakfast. Also more food handler permits needed. Please go online to get yours before the breakfast.
- Funeral Details/Honor Guard-Three details in June and July at Medical Lake.
- Veterans Court-Tim Fitzgerald has stepped up to be the new chairman for this.
- Gun Shows-Al Parker reported we are doing well on the shows and fundraising.
- Hoop Fest-Manny Esparza reported the extreme success of this event.
- Audit-No Report.
- Veterans Day-No Report.
- Department Convention-Closed.
- Lilac Parade-No Report.

11. Old Business—

1. Ivan Urnovitz reported on the success of the Sky Fest for our Detachment and thanked everyone involved. He requested that we provide a certificate to the Command.

12. New Business—

1. Tim Fitzgerald motioned to donate \$400 to the Veterans Forum to cover the costs of meals. Second by Dennis Dressler. Commandant Ott requested to amend the amount to \$1000 because we haven't donated to the forum in the past 7 years. Discussion followed. Amendment was accepted. Amended Motion carried. Servers for our dinner are needed and Tim will send the info
2. Walt Mabe motioned to donate \$200 to March for the Fallen. Second by Dennis Dressler. Discussion. Motion carried.
3. Jeremy Jones motioned for \$750 for the Young Marines to help the newest batch of recruits. Second by Bill Bean. Discussion. Motion carried.
4. Walt Mabe motioned for \$200 to the Meaghan McClung Run for Semper Fi. Second by Mike O'Flaherty. Discussion. Motioned carried.
5. Tim Kruse motioned for \$200 to the Free Rein Therapeutic Riding Program. Second by Jeremy Jones. Discussion. Motioned carried.
6. Commandant brought back the discussion about how the Rifle Raffles are being split so that an amount may be determined and approved by the MCL/MODD. Second by Mike O'Flaherty. Discussion. Motion carried. MODD will return with amount.

13. Ceremony of Installation of Officers. (Completed in June)

14. Good of the League—

1. Al Parker presented a MCL metal sign he is donating to the Det.
2. Walt Mabe gave an update on the Veteran Wheelchair games he attended in Cincinnati, OH where he won 2 Gold Medals and 1 Silver. Way to go Walt!
3. Mike O'Flaherty shared that the Vietnam Healing Wall will be at Mirabeau Meadows Park from Aug 26-28. This is near the Vet Center in the Valley. Volunteers encouraged.
4. MCLA Jr. Vice President announced that October's meeting will be a BBQ event open to our families. Cost will be approx. \$14. RSVP to the Auxiliary by Oct 6th. Serving time will be between 6 pm to 6:30 pm.

15. Announcements—

- Bingo @ VA Hospital at 1900.
- MODD Growl Sept 30 at 1500.
- Business MCL/MCLA Meeting at 1900.
- Coffee Stops
- Gun Show
- BBQ with the MCLA at October's meeting at TBD.

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