

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

CPL J. R. SPEAR DETACHMENT 066

April 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commandant Holzworth called the meeting to order at 1905 at the National Guard Armory, 8790 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL.

There were 37 members and 5 guests present.

Opening ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

Past Detachment Commandant Pete Southerland installed Commandant-Elect Holzworth as Detachment Commandant for the ensuing year.

Commandant Holzworth installed Junior Vice Commandant Chuck Lea and Staff Judge Advocate Tom Fitzgerald. Senior Vice Commandant Rob Fernandez was excused and will be officially installed next month.

Commandant Holzworth announced his Staff Appointments: Adjutant, Mark Kilgore; Paymaster, Ben Sandoval; Sergeant-at-Arms, Hiram Johnson; Chaplain, William Broach; S-1, JoAnn Lee; S-3, Ken Morrow; S-4, Kaci Sloan; S-6 (Web Gunny), Ralph Koeniger; PAO, Ed Rouse; and Service Officer, George "Doc" Dodge.

Sgt-at-Arms reported that SgtMaj Ralph Hyatt will be having knee surgery.

Commandant Holzworth recognized Maggie Rogers, out-going Adjutant, for her service and numerous contributions to the success of the Detachment during her tenure as Adjutant.

The Adjutant's Report for March was not available.

The Paymaster's Report was received subject to audit. MCL has changed the dues renewal procedure, more to follow at May's meeting.

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 will be held at 1400 on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Goat Lips. (See "Mark Your Calendar" or the Detachment website).

Ed Rouse, PAO, gave updates on the raffle for the 1972 Dodge Challenger (Flyer on Page 6) and the "Heroes Among Us" program. Raffle tickets for the car can be purchased on-line at our website for your convenience. Over the past four years the Detachment has raised almost \$100K through corporate sponsors, gifts in kind, grants, and donations. He stated that he is working on setting a time and date to present Mayor Hayward with a framed HAU poster as this year's Honorary Chairman. Also there will be a full-page ad placed in the Pensacola News Journal sometime in May.

Ralph Koeniger, S-6, briefly addressed the Detachment's website which is a new platform and 90% complete. He gave kudos to Dave Glassman for his input and work on developing the state of the art website. Moved by Dave Glassman, seconded by Ken Morrow, to expend \$12.00 to purchase a new URL for the Detachment's website. The current URL is not exactly "search-engine friendly" often directing inquiries to "Master of Ceremonies" websites. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

George "Doc" Hodge, Service Officer, announced there is a new Director for the VA Joint Ambulatory Care Clinic (JACC) on Hwy 98; and discussed the apparent success of the VA's "Veterans Choice" Card Program in getting more expedient medical care for veterans. He introduced his guest, Marvin Merillatt, Escambia County Veterans Service Officer, who briefly addressed the members about services he offers.

Good of the League:

- 1) Commandant Holzworth swore in new members Ted Bizko, Mike Hammac, and Wayne Sasser.
- 2) Judd Richardson thanked the Detachment for their concern and assistance over the holidays.
- 3) Bill Bledsoe briefly discussed the Santa Rosa County Fair held in April and our booth and the need for better communications and earlier planning for better participation.
- 4) Bob Burge briefly addressed last month's Mission of Mercy Dental Program. He moved to have the Detachment present two plaques to the lead dentists in charge of the event, seconded by Ken Morrow. Voice vote taken, motion carried.
- 5) Mark Kilgore reported briefly on the recent MCL Southeast Division Convention he attended last month and presented the Detachment with an "attendance" streamer for the Detachment Colors. Also he reported that the 10,000 USMC 16mm and 35mm films have been turned over to The University of South Carolina Library for archiving and preservation. In the future the library hopes to convert many of the films into a digital format for viewing on-line. Anyone interested in attending the Department of Florida Convention in June should contact either the Paymaster or Adjutant to be placed on the Registration Form.

The 50/50 (\$38.00 collected) was won by Marvin Merillat (\$19.00).

Closing ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 2012.

Submitted,


M. A. Kilgore, Adjutant