

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

CPL J. R. SPEARS DETACHMENT 066

August 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

There were 35 members and 6 guests present.

Opening ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

Senior Vice Commandant Fernandez gave opening remarks and reported that TEL is now a co-sponsor for the Semper Fi 5K Run. Need all members to sign-up for race even if not running/walking. Gray Detachment T-Shirt is the Uniform of the Day for volunteers.

Ed Rouse, HAU Project Officer, briefly addressed this month's HAU program on August 31st at Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park with our own LtCol Chuck Lea USMC (Ret.) to discuss "Marine Aviation". There will be an HAU Action Team Meeting on Monday, August 28th at Goat Lips to go over final arrangements for the HAU event on August 31st.

Camila Sharp from Running Wild gave a brief overview of the upcoming Semper Fi 5K Run race execution on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Muster for volunteers is 0500 at Seville Quarter where the race begins and ends. Packet pick-up on Friday, September 8th, will be from 1500-1800 at Running Wild, and on race day 0600-0700 at Seville Quarter. Parking, awards and shirts are MCL responsibility.

Ken Morrow (S-3) gave a quick overview of this quarter's events to include the Jay Peanut Festival October 7th & 8th. August 13-18 MCL National Convention in Overland Park, KS; August 19 Tile Placing Ceremony at the Marine Aviation Bell Tower; August 20 5K and Car Show Planning Meeting at Goat Lips; August 31 HAU; September 9 5K and September 12 Detachment Monthly Meeting.

Dave Glassman addressed the Memorial Plaque Placement Ceremony at 1000 on August 19th at the Marine Aviation Memorial Bell Tower in Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park. The family members (maybe 40) will assemble at Gulf Power 0900-0915, needs MCL members there to greet. 0940 Marine Corps Reserve Force Band will begin playing. Immediately following ceremony there will be a "Toast to the Fallen" at the Pensacola Bay Brewery followed by a reception at the Fish House. This looks to be a very well-attended event to honor the 19 Fallen Marines of Vengeance 01, Pegasus 31 & 32, and Blue Angel 6. Additionally, August 19th is "National Aviation Day".

Senior Vice Commandant Fernandez briefly reported the Car Show in October. The sponsor/fund raising window starts September 1st; and, anyone wanting to help with the Car show should contact him.

The Paymaster gave his report and addressed the new MCL Membership Year (September 1st-August 31st) and the current renewal process. All Annual Members and Associates need to renew now. Moved by Rob Fernandez, second by Ken Morrow, to receive the Paymaster's Report subject to audit. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Moved by Mark Kilgore, second by Pete Southerland, that the reading of the July Meeting Minutes be waived without objection and approved as disseminated in "Bunker Talk" and posted on-line. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Mark Kilgore, Adjutant, announced his resignation as Adjutant effective immediately due to health concerns. Maggie Rogers has agreed to pick up the gauntlet again to serve as Adjutant.

Ed Rouse, PAO, reported that Carmen Jones, a local photographer, is at our HAU events and may do a photo book of our HAU events. This "Coffee Table Book" would cover the past five years of HAU events. He also stated that this year's Marine Corps Ball will be in conjunction with the "Yacht Club Marines" to be held November 10th at the Pensacola Yacht Club. Cost and details will be forthcoming.

George Dodge, Service Officer, gave an up-date on several individuals he is working with on various issues.

Mr. Patrick McGraw, Clear Caption, gave a presentation on the no-cost caption phone service available to anyone with some degree of hearing loss.

Sergeant-at-Arms introduced two guests and new member Allen Vandyk. All three briefly spoke.

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- 1) Elbert "Ebbie" Jermyn had an exhibit of Marine Corps memorabilia set-up in the room next to where the meeting was held.
- 2) Dave Seiler briefly spoke.
- 3) Chuck Miller discussed the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheons as a great source for networking as the Detachment is already a member. Moved by Ed Rouse, seconded by Ken Morrow that the detachment sponsor a monthly luncheon at a cost of \$325.00. Voice vote taken, motion carried. Chuck stated that the next month available is June 2018. Chuck also stated that the AHERO Program is expanding and suggested an increase in our donation of \$500.00. Moved by Chuck Miller, seconded by Ken Morrow, to increase our donation to AHERO to \$2,000.00 which will come from our Veterans in Need Fund. Voice vote taken, motion carried.
- 4) Jay Fitch spoke on the 25th Anniversary of the Wall South and Pensacola Veterans Park which will be on October 24th. Discussion will be held with the Pensacola Veterans Park Committee this month on how to commemorate.
- 5) Clifford Zack discussed the Young Marines Ball to be held on November 4th at the VFW in Elberta, AL. Also he addressed the increased cost to potential Young Marine recruit to join which is now \$275.00. Moved by Ken Morrow, seconded by Ed Schaier, to sponsor two (2) Young Marines at a cost of \$550.00. Voice vote taken, motion carried.
- 6) Bob Rivera reported on the success at the Outback Grand Opening last month. He thanked all participants and stated a future date is in the works for a check presentation from Outback to the Veterans in Need Fund. Also, he is working on a new patch and pin both for the Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park and the Detachment.
- 7) Pete Southerland brought up the possibility of the Detachment getting metal challenge coins. To be staffed.

Senior Vice Commandant Fernandez gave some brief closing remarks.

Closing ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 2005.

Submitted,



M. A. Kilgore, Adjutant