

**Opening Ceremony** 1907 hours. All Officers Present.

**Applications for Membership:** None

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Approved as written.

**Correspondence:** None

**Report of the Paymaster:** Paymaster Goodrow reported the following: Beginning Balance- \$721.53, Total Disbursements- \$0.00, Ending Balance- \$1,149.53.

Additionally, the Paymaster reported that he issued a check to Commandant Dangler in the amount of \$500.00 as partial payment of money owed to him by the detachment for purchases he made on our behalf. This disbursement will be reflected in next months Report of the Paymaster.

**Sick or in Distress:** James Maroon's wife is having surgery soon.

**Report of the Officers:**

**Senior Vice Commandant Goodrow:** No report.

**Junior Vice Commandant O'Neill:** collected all outstanding raffle tickets, money, ticket stubs from the Marines present, and moved to the back of the room to record the ticket numbers and prepare for the drawing.

**Judge Advocate Peters:** Reported that we have a possible fraudulent Marine as a member of the detachment. He and the Commandant met with the individual, and he verbally confirmed that he was never in the Marine Corps. Judge Advocate Peters said that he is seeking a written statement from the individual and that he has statements from a number of detachment members who have heard the individual's claim of a POW status as well being a three-time Marine Purple Heart recipient. The statements, along with the member's application and a "questionable" copy of his DD-214, are being sent to the Department of NC Judge Advocate for further action.

**Commandant Dangler** advised the membership not to take any actions against the individual themselves, but rather to let the proper authorities handle it. **Senior Vice Goodrow** added that the officers would be looking more closely at the proofs of service from now on. Marines are not required to submit a document for our files, but they must present proof of service to the officers upon joining as a regular member so that we can at least verify that they are in fact who they say they are. **Adjutant Byrd** added that all DD-214's and other proofs of service in the detachment's files have been sanitized of the Social Security numbers.

**Chaplain Church:** Said that he was on vacation last month and had not had much time to work on the care packages for the troops, but he hopes to have a list ready by the next meeting.

**Adjutant Byrd:** Informed the Marines present that he has copies of the new detachment by-laws if needed. Copies have been mailed, e-mailed or hand delivered to every member. There will be a discussion and motion to accept the new by-laws at the next meeting of the detachment. **Commandant Dangler** added that if anyone wants to suggest additions or changes to contact the Junior Vice, preferably before the next meeting.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Wheeler:** Reported that he has been in touch with some Marines in the Butner area where Department of NC Commandant Petrarca had been looking to start a new detachment. Since the new detachment has been slow to materialize, the Sgt.-at-Arms has suggested to some of the Marines that they come join us. **Commandant Dangler** added that he has sent an e-mail to the leader of the Marines inviting them to join us at least for the time being.

**Report of Committees:** No committee reports were given. The Commandant suggested as a program, we look to the things that we have had success with this year and build on those for next year. He mentioned the picnic. He suggested we plan better for fundraising projects in the future by seeking the donation of items instead of having to buy them. Planning ahead will help us prepare for those kinds of things. **James Maroon** suggested that we run a fiscal calendar from November to October for programs. The Judge Advocate and others thought it would not be necessary because we already have the calendar planned out for the rest of the year. Judge Advocate Peters said that planning programs is something the officers should do at the staff meetings. **Commandant Dangler** said that we would advise the membership of who is on what committee and have them be prepared to meet at the next meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** A motion to accept the current detachment flag as the official detachment logo was passed unanimously.

**New Business:** **1.** The Commandant took a head count of who planned to go along with the detachment to the Marine Corps Museum on 21 July. The Commandant will call the members not present to see how many of them plan to go so that he can work out the final details on transportation. **2. James Maroon** said that while he was Senior Vice Commandant, he has been working on a list of awards for detachment members. James asked if anyone had been working on that project since he resigned. James said that he would take up the task once again and construct a board with the different Marine Corps League medals and awards listed on it. **3. Judge Advocate Peters** said that during the detachment's meeting in August, he will canvas the membership to find out who will be available to assist the 5th Marine Division Association by greeting members of the association and their guests at the airport as they arrive for the reunion later in the month. The Judge Advocate will send out a notice before the next meeting. **Commandant Dangler** suggested that the Judge Advocate invite other veterans' organizations to assist. **4. Commandant Dangler** said that James Maroon has volunteered to take the detachment's Charter around to the charter members who were not present at the Charter Presentation and have them sign it. Right now, it only has about eleven of the twenty-one charter members' signatures.

**Good of the League: Judge Advocate Peters** suggested that we place a container in the meeting room and fine the Commandant \$5.00 if the meetings are not started exactly at 1900-hours, that we fine the Commandant \$5.00 if the meetings run longer than 1-1/2 hours, and that we fine any member \$1.00 if he or she utters a curse word during the meeting. Additionally, the Judge Advocate suggested that we not allow food or drinks into the meeting room once the meetings start. Everyone thought it was a great idea, except the part about the drinks. We decided to discuss the subject at the next meeting. **Chaplain Church** suggested we make up a sheet to tell new members what is expected of them. It was decided that the Chaplain, Adjutant and Sgt.-at-Arms would work together on the sheets. The Sgt.-at-Arms will attach the sheets to the uniform guides he already distributes to the new members. **George Cattelona** reported on the 5th Marine Division Reunion. George said that the Marine Corps Band from Cherry Point is scheduled to play on Wednesday night of the reunion. The association is printing 1,800 tickets and plans to give them out free to the public. This will be the only time the public will be invited to attend the reunion.

**50/50 Raffle:** A total of \$37.00 was collected for the 50/50 raffle. Drawings were held with guest Taylor Moore drawing the tickets. Judge Advocate Peters won a USMC coaster; George Cattelona won a USMC refrigerator magnet and the Judge Advocate also one the 50/50 and donated his half of the winnings back to the detachment.

**"Thanks to detachment member Pat Conley for donating the aforementioned items."**

**Fundraiser Raffle:** We held the drawing for the fundraiser raffle with guest Taylor Moore drawing the tickets. Patrick Burton won the grill, the \$75.00 gift card donated by Ace Hardware went to Page Skexon, and the gift basket donated by Durngood Seasonings went to Patricia Church.

**Closing Ceremony:** 2023 hours.

Submitted by,

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