

## Minutes: 14 August 2007

**Note:** Prior to opening ceremony, we had Bill Dixon, a representative from North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, as our guest speaker. Additionally, Rich Heroux told us about the International Books for Kids Program.

**Opening Ceremony:** 1950 hours, Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Prayer led by Commandant Dangler.

**Roll Call of Officers: Present** – Commandant Dangler, Junior Vice Commandant O'Neill, Judge Advocate Peters, and Adjutant Byrd. **Absent** – Senior Vice Commandant / Paymaster Goodrow, Chaplain Church and Sergeant-at-Arms Wheeler.

**Applications for Membership:** None

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

**Correspondence:** Commandant Dangler read a letter, which he received from Congressman William D. Delahunt of Massachusetts in regards to Sergeant Lawrence Hutchins, a Marine from his home state who has been charged with premeditated murder arising from his actions in Iraq during combat. The letter request for everyone to write letters of support for Sergeant Hutchins and e-mail them to the Congressman at the following address: [William.Delahunt@mail.house.gov](mailto:William.Delahunt@mail.house.gov) The letter listed the following website in addition to the e-mail address: <http://www.house.gov/Delahunt/hutchins.shtml>.

**Report of Paymaster:** Report given by Adjutant Byrd. Beginning Balance: \$1,149.53. Total Disbursements: \$554.95. Total Deposits: \$413.50. Ending Balance: \$947.08

**Sick or in Distress:** No Reports.

### Report of the Officers:

**Junior Vice Commandant O'Neill:** Ray said that membership has hit a lull as of late. Ray urged everyone to “beat the bush” to try to bring in new members for the detachment. Commandant Dangler added that we should not be shy about asking prospects to join the MCL. The worst that could happen is for them to say no.

**Adjutant Byrd:** The detachment currently stands at 32 members. Many of our memberships will expire during the month of October so be sure to get your dues to the paymaster in time. The Department of NC will be holding its 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting on 22 September in Greensborough.

**Report of Standing Committees:** Commandant Dangler said that he would like to see the committees become more organized. The Adjutant will post the names of all committees and their members in the forthcoming newsletter. We will hold quarterly committee meetings during the October meeting of the detachment.

**Unfinished Business:** **1. Adopt-a-Highway:** Commandant Dangler passed around a roster for members that are willing to help with the program to sign up. **2. 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Division Reunion:** George Cattelona reported that the coordination of the reunion was going well. He visited the airport recently and everything is order there. George passed out free tickets to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing Band's concert during the reunion. Judge Advocate Peters said that he is still seeking volunteers to greet the arriving guest at the airport. Bob said that he needs three Marines for three days, between the hours of 1000 and 1400. James Maroon added his name to the list of volunteers. **3. By-Laws:** The by-laws were accepted as written by motion and unanimous vote. **4. Toys-for-Tots:** Commandant Dangler said that Lee Cox, a Toys-for-Tots Liaison Officer, would speak at the September meeting of the detachment. **5. Marine Corps Birthday Ball:** David Hochstrasser volunteered to coordinate the detachment's participation in the Marine Corps Ball this year. David will contact Richard Patric, the Tarheel Detachment Commandant, to find out what they are doing and then report to us at our next meeting. **6. Nomination**

**Committee:** Richard Maxey agreed to head up the nominating committee for the 2008 detachment officers. He chose Bob Peters and George Cattelona to staff the committee.

**New Business:** **1.** Commandant Dangler presented a motion to commit \$50.00 of the detachment's funds to be donated to the book fund Rich Heroux spoke about at the beginning of the meeting. Richard Maxey offered to match the donation if raised to \$100.00, which it was. The motion passed after much debate. **2.** George Cattelona said that he and Ray Gerald would like to cook a meal for our detachment once we are in the new building. Everyone thought it was a great idea. We decided to have them cook for the installation banquet during the December meeting of the detachment. **3.** James Maroon passed around a poster with pictures of all of the MCL medals and ribbons. **4.** Judge Advocate Peters said that he has found a former Marine who can embroider golf shirts for the detachment. The cost would be \$23.00 per shirt. Bob will try to bring one to the next meeting for us to see. **5.** Judge Advocate Peters said that he is looking into the possibility of starting a chess club. Which we, the Legion and the VFW, would sponsor. Bob said that the will continue to research and keep us posted.

**Raffle:** Drawings were held with the following results: Commandant Dangle won a USMC cap and David Hochstrasser won a USMC key chain. A total of \$25.00 was collected for the 50/50, with George Cattelona holding the winning ticket. George donated all but his \$5.00 investment back to the detachment. **“Thanks to Pat Connolly for the donations!”**

**Closing Ceremony:** Salute to Colors and closing prayer led by Commandant Dangler.

Submitted by,

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