

# Minutes: 11 December 2007

**OPENING CEREMONY:** 1905 HOURS (FOLLOWING DINNER AT 1800 HOSTED BY RAY GERALD AND GEORGE CATTELONA) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, FOLLOWED BY OPENING PRAYER BY JR. VICE RAY O'NEILL.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** **PRESENT** – SR. VICE/PAYMASTER JOE GOODROW, JR. VICE RAY O'NEILL, JUDGE ADVOCATE BOB PETERS AND ADJUTANT MARK BYRD. **EXCUSED** – COMMANDANT JERRY DANGLER, CHAPLAIN KEITH CHURCH AND SGT-AT-ARMS WILLIAM WHEELER.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RICHARD MAXEY, FRED LEENERTS, ROB O'LOUGHLIN, FRANK KILDEA, GEORGE CATTELONA, NATHAN SACHS, PAT CONNELLY, JOHNNY VAUGHN, RAY GERALD AND JIM MILLER.

**GUEST PRESENT:** JEAN GERALD AND FRED LEENERTS, JR.

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** NONE RECEIVED.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** SR.VICE/PAYMASTER GOODROW READ THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCES TO THE DETACHMENT:

- A NOTE FROM THE SUNRISE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY THANKING US FOR PARTICIPATING IN THEIR VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE CEREMONY.
- A FLYER REGARDING THE PROPOSED "MUSEUM OF THE MARINE" IN JACKSONVILLE, NC. THE FLYER ISSUES A CHALLENGE FOR ALL DETACHMENTS TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS TO BUILD THE MUSEUM WITH A DONATION OF \$25.00 PER MEMBER. MARINE RICHARD MAXEY SUGGESTED THAT WE NOT OVER COMMIT OURSELVES UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO BUILD UP SOME MORE FUNDS IN OUR ACCOUNT, AND ALL AGREED TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL NEXT YEAR.
- A LETTER TO THE PAYMASTER WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEW METHOD OF FILING THE DETACHMENT'S TAX RETURN FOR 2007. ALL DETACHMENT PAYMASTERS MUST FILE VIA AN "E-CARD" ONLINE NOW.
- A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE WAS GIVEN BY THE SR./VICE/PAYMASTER TO THE ADJUTANT FOR THE DETACHMENT FILES.

**REPORT OF PAYMASTER:** BEGINNING BALANCE - \$515.28; TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - \$135.60; TOTAL DEPOSITS - \$150.00; ENDING BALANCE - \$529.68.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

- **JR. VICE O'NEILL** – RAY SAID THAT WE ARE NOW OUT OF RECRUITING FLYERS. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE PRINT SOMETHING UP LIKE THE ONE WE WERE GIVEN AT THE DEPARTMENT'S QUARTERLY MEETING, WHICH WOULD BE SIMPLER AND CHEAPER TO PRODUCE. THE SR. VICE SAID THAT HE WOULD RATHER WAIT UNTIL THE STAFF MEETING ON 05 JANUARY TO DISCUSS THE ITEM BECAUSE HE HAS SOME IDEAS, AND THE INCOMING JR. VICE MAY HAVE SOME INPUT. THE ITEM WAS TABLED FOR THE STAFF MEETING. **FRANK KILDEA** ASKED IF WE PLAN TO SEND CERTIFICATES TO THE BUSINESSES AND OTHERS WHO ALLOWED OUR DETACHMENT MEMBERS TO PLACE TOYS FOR TOTS BOXES. THE SR. VICE ANSWERED THAT HE ALREADY HAS IT IN THE WORKS.
- **JUDGE ADVOCATE PETERS** – BOB WANTS ALL TOYS AT HIS HOME ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17. BOB WILL STORE ANY TOYS PICKED UP BEYOND THAT DATE FOR NEXT YEAR. BRING ANY TOYS PICKED UP AFTER THE 17<sup>TH</sup> TO THE DETACHMENT MEETING ON JANUARY 8 FOR BOB TO COLLECT.
- **ADJUTANT BYRD** – REMINDED EVERYONE OF THE FOOD LION PROGRAM AND TO REGISTER THEIR CARD NUMBER WITH HIM IF THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY. WE NEED TWENTY-FIVE CARDS TO START COLLECTING, AND SO FAR WE ONLY HAVE TWENTY.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION WERE PRESENTED TO RICHARD MAXEY AND GEORGE CATTELONA FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MARINE DIVISION REUNION BACK IN AUGUST.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **ELECTION** – NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR RICHARD MAXEY READ ALOUD THE LIST OF CANDIDATES, AND BEING THAT THERE WERE NO OPPOSING NOMINATIONS, THE ADJUTANT CAST ONE VOTE FOR EACH OFFICER AND A MOTION TO ACCEPT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**DETACHMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR & WOMAN OF THE YEAR** – ALL NOMINATIONS WERE UNSEALED BEFORE THE DETACHMENT AND READ ALOUD BY THE JR. VICE COMMANDANT WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS: MARK BYRD WAS ELECTED MARINE OF THE YEAR, AND KATHRYN SPIEGEL (WIFE OF RICHARD MAXEY) WAS ELECTED WOMAN OF THE YEAR. JUDGE ADVOCATE PETERS PRESENTED A MOTION TO ADVANCE THE NOMINATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT LEVEL. THE MOTION PASSED, AND FRANK KILDEA AGREED TO TAKE THE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS AND WRITE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR REVIEW BY THE OFFICERS AND ADVANCEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT.

**INSTALLATION CEREMONY** – WE AGREED THAT THE RECOMMENDED UNIFORM FOR THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY WOULD BE THE CASUAL DRESS UNIFORM (RED BLAZERS). MARINES RAY GERALD AND GEORGE CATTELONA AGREED TO COOK FOR THE DINNER. RAY AND GEORGE ADVISED US OF A PROBLEM THEY ENCOUNTERED WITH THE DINNER TONIGHT, AS SEVERAL PEOPLE RESPONDED THAT THEY WERE COMING AND THEN DID NOT SHOW UP. RAY AND GEORGE PURCHASED ENOUGH FOOD FOR THESE PEOPLE AND AS A RESULT OF THEIR NOT COMING, THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO RECOUP THEIR MONEY THEY SPENT FOR THE FOOD. THEY WOULD LIKE FOR US TO ENSURE THAT THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. THE ONLY THING THE DETACHMENT MEMBERS COULD COME UP WITH WAS TO SEND OUT A NOTICE TO RSVP BY JANUARY 8, AND IF A MEMBER ADDS THEIR NAME TO THE LIST THEN THEY WILL BE OBLIGATED TO PAY FOR THE MEAL EVEN IF THEY DO NOT ATTEND. IF A PERSON'S NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DINE, BUT STILL MAY ATTEND THE MEETING. WE WILL HAVE A CAKE AT THE END OF THE CEREMONY, PROVIDED BY THE DETACHMENT FOR EVERYONE PRESENT.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** FRED LEENERTS SAID THAT HE FELT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE A DIFFERENT MARINE TAKE ABOUT FIVE MINUTES EACH MONTH DURING THE MEETINGS EACH MONTH TO TELL OF THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THE MARINE CORPS. EVERYONE THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA. THE SR. VICE/PAYMASTER SAID THAT HE WOULD PRESENT THAT IDEA DURING THE NEXT STAFF MEETING TO SEE HOW WE MIGHT FIT IT INTO THE MEETINGS.

**RAFFLE:** FRED LEENERTS WON A MARINE CORPS FLAG (DONATED BY PAT CONNELLY). A TOTAL OF \$58.00 WAS COLLECTED FOR THE 50/50, WITH FRED LEENERTS WINNING THAT DRAW ALSO. FRED DONATED HIS HALF OF THE 50/50 TO THE DETACHMENT'S GENERAL FUNDS.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 2003 HOURS. PRAYER BY JR. VICE COMMANDANT O'NEILL.

SUBMITTED BY:

*Mark Byrd*  
ADJUTANT