

Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Roll Call of Officers: All present

Application for New Members: Diane Adams from Caldwell and Stephen Oremus from Whippany became members.

Installations of Officers: The following were installed by Don Mack and Hector Schorno from the Department:

- Commandant - Robert Beck
- Sr. Vice Commandant - James Wisecup
- Jr. Vice Commandant - Anthony Fiorentino
- Judge Advocate - Robert Stalzer
- Adjutant/Paymaster - Steve Bliss
- Chaplain - Dan Danzi
- Sergeant at Arms - Anthony Oszmianski

Commandant's Comments: Bob Beck thanked Tom Miller, Gloria Beck and Kim Goulding for taking care of the refreshments. Kim made and donated the desserts.

Bob Beck asked Pete Gallo to come forward in order to give him the National Award plaque for second place for the Newsletter. Pete thanked everyone in the Detachment for their input.

Bob also thanked Pete for getting letters out to members who haven't been active in the Detachment. Included with the letters was an ad book form. Pete indicated that he has gotten responses.

A flyer for each of the following events are available at the front table:

- The Marine 240th Birthday Ball hosted by G Company is scheduled for November 7. Further information will be blasted when available.
- There is a pancake breakfast to honor our Veterans being held on November 8, at 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon at the Hanover Township Recreation Center, North Jefferson Road, Whippany. It is free to Veterans.
- There is a Veterans Ceremony at the Legion on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. Plan to be there at 10:30 a.m.
- A Veterans Day Open House is being held on November 11 at 449 Broad Street, Newark at 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. by the Rutgers Focus Wellness Center. You can respond to Wilrodri@andromeda.rutgers.edu or call 862-902-7873.
- Family & Friends For Freedom Funds is holding its 12th Annual Beefsteak Dinner on November 10 at 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. at The Brownstone, 351 W. Broadway, Paterson. Tickets are \$55.00.
- The 240th Birthday Celebration is being held at the residence of the Governor, Drumthwacket, 354 Stockton Street (Route 206), Princeton on November 14.
- The 120th Anniversary Celebration in partnership with the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Luncheon is being held on Saturday, November 14 at 11-30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Grain House in Basking Ridge. The invited speaker is Vietnam Veteran, U.S. Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen. The cost is \$50 per person. You can respond at rakshareader@me.com or call 973-292-1874.

Old Business

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster

Marines Care Secretary: No report available

Steve Bliss indicated that at the next meeting a vote for the Board of Directors for Marines Care Foundation will take place. If you have any interest in being a board member, give your name to Mario Monaco. Steve further indicated that Marines Care was created as a tax deductible charitable institution. It is a 501(c)(3) which accepts donations and allows for matching funds in order to help veterans and their families.

Steve indicated that a check was received from Prudential in memory of L/Cpl Chris Cosgrove III in the amount of \$1,350 as a matching fund.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted

Correspondence: Bob Beck received a letter from Sergeant DeFrancisci asking for support for the Travis Manion Run he and his son, both Marines, are participating in. It is being held in Washington, DC on October 25. Travis Manion was a hero who was killed in 2007 in Iraq. We made a donation.

Members Sick or in Distress: Frank Handy and Norman Nutt are recovering at home. An edible arrangement was sent to them. Art Bowie delivered an edible arrangement to Tony Mini who is doing well. Nick Tedeschi had a lung operation and is recovering at home and an edible arrangement will be sent to him.

Pete Gallo mentioned that Gert, Joe Ollerenshaw's companion, is looking for senior living. If anyone has any information, let Pete know.

Report of Project Leaders & Committee Leaders

Marines Care: Mario Monaco was not available to give his report.

Rose Program: Keith Butler requested that Detachment members meet with him at the bar before the Installation Meeting to help put together the roses. Art Bowie, Charlene Bowie, Dave Katz, John Andrews, Monika Flaherty and Walter Machura helped with assembling the roses over a free pitcher of beer. Our Lady of the Lake Church and some senior facilities are also working on this. Keith thanked Don Campbell for assembling 2 gross.

The Rose Program to date has collected over \$7,000.

Keith mentioned that Coordinators are needed for the following:

- Stop & Shop in Morris Plains - October 10
- Kings in Florham Park - October 17
- Verona Kings - October 31
- ShopRite of Greater Morristown - November 7
- ShopRite in Chester - November 14, not confirmed

Keith is the Coordinator for the German Christmas Market in Sparta - December 5, 6, 7. Face painters needed.

Please let Keith know if you can support any of these events.

Bob Stalzer is the Coordinator for Our Lady of the Lake Church on November 14 and November 15 following Masses.

Dan Danzi indicated that the next Lyons breakfast would be announced soon.

Bob Beck indicated that the cutoff for receiving ads for the ad book is October 24. The form can be found on the website. Tony Fiorentino is taking over the responsibility for the ad book with Jimmy Heien's advice.

Good of the League: If you are not receiving the Newsletter, Pete Gallo requested that you give your email address to him.

Tony Oszmianski announced that the next lunch bunch is scheduled to be at Charlotte's Web in Dover on October 15 at 12:00 noon, but get there earlier to order food.

Tony Oszmianski mentioned that John Andrews was able to get the I&I color guard for the the Basilone parade. The following from our Detachment attended the parade, Jim Crupi, Walter Michura, Tony Oszmianski, Ed Moscariello, Bob Beck, and John Andrews. The Major and 1st/Sgt from Picatinny joined them.

The 50/50 was won by Bob Dante.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:00 p.m. followed by light refreshments.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4 at 7:30 p.m.