

**Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes - Wednesday,
November 5, 2014**

Roll Call of Officers: All present

New Members: Monica Butler's application was submitted as an Associate Member. Bob Bales is a new member. Gloria Beck is a new Associate Member and is the Recording Officer. Rudolph Wenzel was a guest and became a member at the meeting.

Guests: Sal Zaffarese, Jr. from Mendham and Walter Michura from Chester Township are considering transferring to our Detachment.

Report of adjutant/Paymaster:

Slattery Detachment & Rose Fund - \$26,771.00
Hanover Home Owners Association - \$12,000 being donated
In our own account - over \$3,000 - ad book at 2,880 with more to be added
Marines Care - \$73,000
Picatinny different groups - \$6,200 donation
Tuttle Funeral Home - \$100 donation - Pete involved
Paul Hackett, III - \$2,500 donation to Marines Care

Minutes from Previous meeting: Accepted

Correspondence Received: Thank you notes from both NC Wounded Warriors Regiment East. Thank you from hospital in Germany - we sent them 4 wheel chairs. 2 to Andrews Air Force Base.

Members Sick or in Distress: Frank Gargano who had a hip replacement is now home recovering and after the first two weeks which were rough is feeling much better. If anyone plans to visit him, it is important to call first as he is still going to Rehab. He was very happy to receive the Edible Arrangement.

Joe Donahue is scheduled for surgery for a hip replacement on November 25.

Dave Katz - is going in for a Pet Scan to check his lung.

Veterans Day Activities:

1030 hours at the Legion
1100 hours celebration starts
There will be refreshments

Reports of Standing Committees:

Ad Book: Jimmy Heien indicated that the ad book didn't do quite as well as last year due to the economy but came close to what we did last year.

Membership: Jim Wisecup mentioned that 3 components are necessary in becoming a member of the Detachment:

Membership application card filling in front and back. Card cannot be duplicated.
DD214
Check

There was quite a bit of discussion regarding the membership application form. The 2 page form on the website should not be used. There are cards to be used instead. It was decided to take the long form off of the website until further notice.

Rose Program: Keith estimated that to date they have collected \$10,300. He mentioned the 2 upcoming events at Our Lady of the Lake on December 8 & 9. Jim Ward has been doing the scheduling of the Saturday evening and Sunday services.

Last week, \$1,375 was collected at Stop & Shop in Madison. Bruce Jensen kept them in donuts.

There will be a German Christmas Market being held in Lake Mohawk in Sparta for 3 days, December 5, 6, and 7. We have been given a free 10 x 10 table located in a good spot.

Our Lady of the Lake has assembled some of the roses. Senior Centers in Oak Ridge and Clifton have also helped with assembling roses. A Certificate of Appreciation was given to them.

Marines Care: Gunny mentioned that it is important to have your ID when going to any of the Veterans Day functions.

We are sending supplies to Germany, Walter Reed & Bethesda.

Wounded Warriors Regiment East is looking for money. Don Paterson working how to do this.

Gunny and Domenick were in charge of running the cake cutting celebration at the Governor's Mansion, Drumthwacket, in Princeton on November 1, 2014. About 300 showed up honoring the United States Marine Corps and celebrating its 239th birthday.

We are working on our second service dog. The cost of the dog is 15,000 plus \$2,000 for supplies and support. Prior person very happy with his dog and can't do without him. BAE Systems has already donated 2 dogs and is planning to do another sometime in the early part of next year when the dog is available. We are giving 2,000 to support.

Toys for Tots needs some support.

We have donated to the 239th Anniversary US Marine Corps Birthday being held on November 15 for marines who can't pay for it. There are still tickets available. Let Gunny know if you would like to attend.

The Marine of the Year: The members were asked to vote for The Marine of the Year. The committee consists of: Steve Bliss, Dave Katz, Dan Danzi, Tom Miller and Tony Oszmianski.

Old business: Family & Friends For Freedom Beefsteak Dinner is scheduled for November 11 at The Brownstone, 351 W. Broadway, Paterson, NJ. Tickets are \$55.00 per person. All proceeds go to support the wounded Military and their families. You can call for tickets at 973-897-2237.

New Business

Pete Gallo made a proposal to facilitate Detachment Meetings which was accepted:

1. That the Commandant be given the authority to appropriate up to \$300 with the okay from the Detachment Trustees & Adjutant Paymaster for all requests for donations, raffles, ad books, fundraisers, etc.: From National, Dept. NJ, other Detachments and civic organizations that the Adjutant receives via mail or email.
2. This would eliminate the need to read, introduce or vote on these requests that are the every detachment business and functions that can be efficiently handled by our Commandant and officers.
3. The Commandant will be required to give a written report of any expenditures to the recording officer at the next regular meeting so they can be added to the meeting minutes allowing members the opportunity to read the minutes before the next regular meeting.

Pete indicated that the minutes of the meetings are on the members only website.

Steve Bliss announced the Board of Directors for Marines Care as follows: John Andrews, Steve Bliss, Art Bowie, Keith Butler, Pete Gallo, Jimmy Heien, Bill Freeman, Dave katz, Tom Miller, Mario Monaco, Bob Beck, Eddie Neas, Joe Ollerenshaw and Jim Loizides. All names were approved.

Jim Ward requested \$100 for the VA in E. Orange. This will go to the Patient Holiday Gift Program. This was accepted.

F.S.S. had a one night demo where 4 of our members went to their site to do a firing simulation. F.S.S. stores fire arms, sells guns, ammo and equipment. They are located in Whippany, Pine Plaza on Route 10. Two weeks from now there will be another demo. If there is any interest in going give \$10.00 deposit which will be returned when you attend or the money will go to F.S.S. Let Jimmy Heien know if you're planning to attend.

\$5,000 was agreed for Brendan Morrocco.

\$250 for the Picatinny Unit Fund agreed.

Keith indicated that he has 41 collection boxes for Toys for Tots from Picatinny. He has extra boxes in his van for those who can place them somewhere. He also mentioned that volunteers are needed at Picatinny on Monday and Wednesdays. Call the main phone number by 10:00 a.m. See Keith for the volunteer's service agreement form that is required - can also get the form at Picatinny. Someone donated 351 real microscopes. Needed for Toys for Tots are 0-2 years, 6-9 and 10+ male or female. See Keith after the meeting.

Announcements: John Andrews mentioned that the luncheon for the Marine birthday held at the Madison Hotel on November 10 was cancelled. He indicated that if anyone wants to join him on Veterans Day to meet him at the Madison Hotel at noon. Jack Gartenberg suggested that next year consideration should be given to having this event at the November Detachment meeting with a cake. Kim volunteered to make the cake and the suggestion was accepted. There was much discussion as to the possibility of celebrating the Marines Birthday at the November meeting or on the actual date of November 10. It was decided to delay action on this for another time. John Andrews indicated he would volunteer to help Col. Walters with the luncheon program next year.

Thanks to Carol and Dave Katz who have been doing the certificates and plaques. Jim Wisecup volunteered to backup this process when and if necessary.

Good of the League: There was an announcement of a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the American Legion given by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #155 on November 30, 2014 at

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Get out and support it!

Also mentioned was a Tribute to Our Veterans pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at the Hanover Township Recreation Center, North Jefferson Road, Whippany. Veterans free, adults \$7, Seniors & Children 6 -12 \$5 and children under 6 free. This is being sponsored by VFW Post 5351 Ladies Auxiliary. Last year we donated \$200. This was accepted for this year.

Family & Friends For Freedom Funds is having its annual beefsteak dinner at The Brownstone in Paterson, NJ on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. Cost \$55.00 per person.

Tony Oszmianski indicated that the next lunch bunch is on Thursday, November 20, at Charlotte's Web in Dover at 11:30.

Pete Gallo indicated that Monica Butler was taking care of the food for the Wednesday, January 7, Social. Tom Miller is doing the set up. The cost is \$20 per person. It was requested that those attending give their money to Steve Bliss after the meeting. Pete needs to know how many are going to the social so the committee can plan accordingly.

Gunny mentioned that he had 2 tickets to the Walter Reed Ball in Maryland if anyone was interested.

50/50 was won by Tim Murdy.

The meeting ended at 2045.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, December 3.