

**Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 2, 2015**

**Roll Call of Officers:** Sr. Vice Jim Wisecup was not present. Jim Loizides stood in for Steve Bliss, Adjutant/Paymaster.

**Applications for New Members:** None

**Guests:** None

**Commandant's Comments:** Bob Beck explained that the following organizations received a statue, and flag that flew over the Capitol Building as awards from Hanover Township in recognition of their distinguished service both in peacetime and war:

- Whippanong Post No. 155 of the American Legion
- F/O Robert C. Gulick Post No. 5351 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- L/C R. J. Slattery Detachment #206 of the Marine Corps League

Bob will check with Tony Oszmianski regarding the disposition of the flag.

Bob mentioned that Frank Possert contacted him indicating that he is donating books, magazines and a KA-BAR. It was decided that he could donate them to the Detachment and take the write off. We may be able to donate the items to the Picatinny library. A motion was accepted. Bob asked if a volunteer would collect these items in Kenvil and John Andrews volunteered.

**Old Business**

**Report of Adjutant/Paymaster**

**Marines Care Secretary:**

- Jim Loizides indicated that \$1,000 was donated by the Natural Corvette Association.
- Gunny Monaco received a donation from the Bridgewater Eagles Club in the amount of \$2,000 for Marines Care.

Bob Beck mentioned that the Detachment was in good shape and asked for a vote on continuing to contribute \$500 monthly from Slattery to FFFFF. The motion was accepted. Also, Marines Care will continue to contribute \$1,500 per month.

Gunny and Domenick Monaco were not present at the meeting and could not report on their many activities for the month of November.

**Minutes of Meeting:** Accepted.

**Correspondence Received:** A letter was received from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Governor signed by Chris Christie, Governor, and Kim Guadagno, Lt Governor. The letter extended greetings to all those celebrating the 240<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

Bob Beck received a copy of Dick Schreck's ad book. He had it with him for anyone to review. Dick Schreck had put 6 ads in our ad book.

Bob received a letter from Our Lady of the Lake Church from Father D'Amico addressed to Bob Stalzer. Father D'Amico praised and thanked our Detachment for all of our efforts. Keith Butler put up a vote for replacing the American flag at OLL. Motion was accepted.

**Member Sick or in Distress:** Dan Danzi informed everyone that Jim Ward was in the hospital. He has fallen a few times.

Tom Miller thanked the Detachment for the edible fruit basket he received.

Bob Beck mentioned that he went to Frank Handy's funeral and spoke with his wife.

### **Report of Project Leaders & Committee Leaders**

**Marines Care:** Don Patterson let Pete Gallo know that his daughter is planning to give a substantial check to Marines Care from the Hanover Home Owners Association again at the end of this year.

**January Social:** Jim Loizides indicated that the Social scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, has 39 members signed up. He stated that it is important to let him know tonight if you will be attending even if you don't have the money with you. The number of those attending is required to order food, etc. Kim Goulding is doing the desserts so she also needs to know the number attending.

John Andrews asked if there are individuals outside of our Detachment who have greatly helped us. Let him know so he can invite them to the Social and give them Certificates of Appreciation.

**Rose Program:** Keith Butler indicated that the Christmas Market at Lake Mohawk is the last Rose event this year. The dates are December 4, 5, and 6. He asked that volunteers sign up. Keith would like to have a certificate given to the Lake Mohawk German Christmas Market Organization. So far, the Rose Program has collected approximately \$17,500.

Keith thanked everyone who stepped up to assembly roses.

Keith indicated that he would not be doing the Rose Program or the Toys For Tots Program next year but indicated he would plan to mentor anyone who volunteers to take those positions.

**Toys For Tots:** The deadline for collecting the toys is December 18. Let Keith know if a pickup is necessary.

Bob Beck mentioned that he and Gloria would be at Applebee's in East Hanover on December 5 in order to promote Toys For Tots. Gunny sent out an email listing other locations.

**Unfinished Business from Previous Meeting:** Bob Beck brought up the presentation made by Tom Frodella from Emmaus for Veterans, who is interested in purchasing and renovating a building for homeless Veterans. Bob asked if there should be any follow up. Pete Gallo suggested that we don't get involved and that Tom Frodella should contact Home Depot. Perhaps when they are up and running, we can be of help.

**New Business:** Dave Katz had received correspondence from Suzanne Roscher from Lyons VA who is seeking financial help from our Detachment to purchase a color printer needed to do their Newsletter. The Veterans with TBI and PTSD are involved in a therapeutic group in which they write articles for their newsletter. Tom Miller volunteered to check out the purchase of a laser printer. Pete Gallo made a motion that Tom Miller do the research and that the Detachment purchase the printer. The motion was accepted.

**Good of the League:** Kim Armstrong spoke about the Wreaths Across America Program which honors Veterans by laying wreaths on their graves. This is taking place on Saturday, December 12, at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church and the United Methodist Church in Succasunna. A memorial ceremony is scheduled for noon. She asked for volunteers to help unload boxes this weekend.

Pete Gallo indicated his disappointment that no one signed up to have access to the Members Only section on the website which has the roster and bylaws. Bob Beck, who has been keeping the roster updated, promoted the use of the Members Only section. Pete Gallo has been sending letters out to members who haven't been active in the Detachment in order to get updated information.

Keith mentioned the Star Ledger had pictures of the recipients of the Distinguished Service Award that were given at the Morristown County Building in Morristown. At our meeting, Keith gave Al Bischoff his award as he was not present at the award ceremony.

Tony Oszmianski announced that the next lunch bunch is being held at the Black Horse Pub in Mendham on Thursday, December 17. Be there between 11:30 - 12:00 noon.

**Announcements:** Bob Beck mentioned the following:

- Public Hearing on Friday, December 4, at the American Legion Post #331 in Stone Harbor at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. regarding how Veterans diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder are treated in judicial proceedings.
- Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony at the American Legion Post 155 on Monday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. Attend with the proper Detachment uniform. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Jimmy Heien announced that FSS is planning a new program. After doing the shooting, a policeman will be available to ask questions. He will need 5 or 6 members in order to have the class sometime in January. Let him know if you are interested and what would be a good time.

The 50/50 was won by Kim Armstrong.

Kim Goulding made a special Christmas gingerbread tree that was raffled off and was won by Tony Oszmianski.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.