

**Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes - Wednesday,
December 3, 2014**

Roll Call of Officers: All present

New Members: Robert Lesnick, a new member, lives in Fairfield. He served from 1964 - 1970. He is now a private investigator.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Accepted

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster:

Hanover Home Owners Association - \$12,000 check has been received and being put toward a

service dog for MGST Christopher "Aggie" Aguilera
Gunny received \$500 from Edgewood Consulting Group for T4T
Other small donations

Steve indicated that no one should collect any money designated for T4T. It should be sent to the National Group.

Steve's end of year report indicated that the Detachment did extremely well:

Marines Care: \$57,000 Direct Donations
\$24,000 Golf Tournament
For 2015 - \$65,000 in bank
Slattery: \$ 4,800 Ad Book
\$ 8,000 Donations
\$14,000 Rose Program
For 2015 - \$25,000 Rose, \$5,000 Admin.
\$90,000 ear marked for donations

We donated \$24,000 this year to FFFFF and plan to continue this next year.

Gunny made a strong caution not to commit to give out money just because we have it. Any requests for money must be discussed with the Detachment.

Correspondence Received: Bob Beck received an e-mail from Nancy (Slattery) Grochowski informing him that her son, AJ Wilt, was promoted to Lance Corporal and that he is thriving in Iwakuni, Japan Aviation Ordnance.

Bob also received an e-mail from Richard Schreck commending the Slattery Detachment.

Members Sick or in Distress: Dave Katz had his operation today and his wife, Carol, called Pete indicating that everything went well and Dave is resting today and will be up tomorrow. He is at St. Clare's having had lung surgery.

Hector Schorno was at the meeting and thanked everyone for sending an edible arrangement.

Frank Gargano was at the meeting. He had a total hip replacement which went well. He thanked everyone for their concern and the edible arrangement.

Joe Donahue had his hip replacement operation. No update.

Anne Patterson, Don Patterson's wife, had a stent put in and is doing better.

Reports of Standing Committees:

VA East Orange: In Jim Ward's absence, Bob Beck reported that there will be an open meeting for discussion purposes on Wednesday, December 17, from 1:30 - 3:30. If interested, call Jim for further details.

Rose Program: The last of the Rose Program is scheduled at The German Christmas Market on December 5, 6 and 7. There will be a table at this affair at Lake Mohawk in Sparta, NJ. Volunteers are still needed to cover the three days. Domenick Monaco will be there in dress blues.

Keith indicated that they have collected approximately \$14,000 for the Rose Program so far.

Toys For Tots: Keith has delivered approximately 50 boxes. Picatinny needs volunteers to cover Mondays and Wednesdays. Call them if you can help. Picatinny still needs donations of toys especially for 0-2 and 6-10 male or female.

Keith mentioned that his daughter's boyfriend is a member of a car club and they are doing a T4T Drive. They will have a convoy of approximately 70 cars driving the toys to Picatinny. They will also have a raffle with the proceeds going to Marines Care.

There will be an event at Bayer on December 10 and 2 or 3 members from the Detachment will be in attendance.

Bob had indicated that he has been putting together a meeting with Lorraine Zales and Gunny at Bayer in order to keep in touch.

Social On January 7: Pete Gallo indicated that they now have 55 people attending from the Detachment and approximately 20 guests so far. The American Legion Unit #155 is planning to contribute the desserts. Tom Miller and Kim Goulding need help setting up the day before. Monica Butler will need help on the 7th. Brendan Morrocco's parents will be attending the social and the father will speak about his son. Lisa Smith, Don Patterson's step-daughter, has been invited. She is affiliated with the Hanover Home Owners Association in Hanover, PA. This organization in the past 3 years has donated \$72,000. John Andrews will be the MC that night.

Marines Care: Gunny indicated that a PTSD dog is now certified at a cost of \$4,000 with donations from other organizations along with Marines Care.

Gunny indicated ceremonial rifles have been stored at F.S.S. Those who can access them are Domenick Monaco, Mario Monaco, Bob Beck and Jimmy Heien.

Don Patterson requested sheets and bathrobes for Andrews Air Force Base. Gunny and Domenick have a company they do work for and that company volunteered 350 lbs. of sheets. Also, Pete is giving one of the \$500 gift cards for the service uniforms needed.

Gunny is planning to attend a Motor Cycle Club event in Totowa on Sunday. They have \$10,000 to donate but haven't decided how much will be given to Marines Care and T4T.

Gunny also said it is important that any requests for financial commitments be checked with the Detachment.

Lunch Bunch: Tony Oszmianski indicated that the next lunch will be on Thursday, December 18, at 12:00 noon at the Black Horse in Mendham.

New Business

Bob Beck mentioned the following events. For further information, contact Bob.

- Pearl Harbor event is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, at the Legion with refreshments to follow
- New Year's Day Ceremony - January 1, 12:00 noon at the Township's Municipal Building followed by a reception and refreshments
- A Mid Winter Conference - February 12 - 14 in Falls Church, Virginia
- North East Conference - March 27 - 28 in Albany, NY
- Department Convention - June 11 - 13 in Galloway, NJ
- National Convention - August 8 - 15 in Scottsdale, AZ

BAE Systems needs help with Christmas Trees. See Keith if you can volunteer.

Jack Gartenberg inquired about the Whippany High School scholarship program. We donate to the Legacy of a Hero fund in honor of Chris Cosgrove.

The cheerleaders who helped with the Rose program at Walmart ran a raffle. The Detachment bought a raffle book for \$200 and won \$3,000. Pete gave back a \$500 gift card to them. Also, \$500 will be used for the social and \$500 will be given to buy toys for T4T. Many thanks to Marie Gallo who was the one to fill in the raffle tickets.

Good of the League: Jack Gartenberg introduced Marty Rosen who was in Company D, Second Battalion, 5th Marines of 1st Marine Division. Marty spoke about his experiences at The Chosin Reservoir during the Korean Conflict.

Keith mentioned that the party for Father Mike was very successful and wished him the best in his retirement.

Keith indicated that Jimmy Heien did a great job in putting together the event at F.S.S.

Keith asked if anyone would be interested in a trip to the 911 museum sometime in the spring.

50/50 was won by Kim Goulding. Kim donated two baskets of cookies she made and they were won by Lee Moreau and Ceceilia Gargano.

The next meeting is on January 7 which is the Winter Social. There will be no meeting! Awards and dinner only!

The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.