



## Lance Corporal Robert J. Slattery Detachment No. 206

### Minutes of Meeting

Date: February 1, 2023  
Time: 1930  
Location: American Legion Hall, Whippany, NJ

### Call to Order

Commandant Paul Brown called the meeting to order at 1930.  
We had a quorum.

### Roll Call Of Officers

Commandant	X Present	___ Absent	___ Excused
Sr. Vice Commandant	X Present	___ Absent	___ Excused
Jr. Vice Commandant	X Present	___ Absent	___ Excused
Judge Advocate	X Present	___ Absent	___ Excused
Adjutant	X Present	___ Absent	___ Excused
Acting Paymaster	X Present	___ Absent	___ Excused
Sergeant-at-Arms	X Present	___ Absent	X_ Excused
Chaplain	Present	_X_ Absent	___ Excused
Quartermaster	Present	___ Absent	X_ Excused

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was decided that we read the minutes. Adjutant read the minutes. The minutes were accepted.

**Applications For Membership:** Commandant: Baudarak G. was accepted as a new member.

**Introduction of New Members and Guests:** There were no guests.

### Old Business

#### 1. Adjutants Report

##### A. Correspondence Received

There was a letter received from Kimberly Gregory at the US Department of Veterans affairs by Welby Lloyd thanking the detachment for our donation of boots to a homeless veteran.

**Paymaster's Report:** Bank balances, incoming funds and expenditures were shared. Paymaster report. January Balance = \$36100.59, January Deposits = \$320.00, Paid out = \$409.74.



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### 2. Chaplain's Report – No Chaplains report

#### A. Report of any Member or Member's Family sick or in distress

Bob Donte is sick and in rehab. He is 84 years old and now has COVID.

### 3. Report Of Officers

**A. Judge Advocate:** Amendments to the by-laws are still being worked on by the JA and other officers and this will be put before all when completed.

**B. Jr. Vice Commandant** Stan Zon said we need articles for the newsletter, therefore if members are at an event please submit any photos and articles to the commandant. Recommend that this is done for any anything that is for the good of the detachment. Please wear MCL league Covers in the photos. Further these details and accurate ledgers help with grants. The Judge Advocate will help write articles if anyone would like that.

- Stan Zon mentioned we have a grant outstanding: one with Columbia Savings for 500.0, there will be an update at the next meeting.

**C. Sr. Vice Commandant:** Reiterated that if a donation is requested, that it must be in writing and reviewed by the officers, and within the mission statement of the MCL / detachment. Once reviewed by the officers then a response will be given.

**D. Commandant:** Commandant Paul Brown said that there is an event coming up (Margaret and Eddie Neas) to honor Maj. Murphy of the Battle of Hue City. On January 31, 2023 My Wife Margaret, myself, Eddie Neas and his Wife Linda went to a memorial in Staten Island to Honor Major Walter Murphy USMC. Before going to Vietnam then Captain Murphy went to McSorley's bar in New York. He knew of the legend regarding the WW1 soldiers leaving chicken bones and saying "I'll be back for them". Captain Murphy had a pair of handcuffs with him because he was with the Military Police in Quantico, Virginia he put the handcuffs on the bar rail and said "I'll get these when I come back for Vietnam" he never returned and the cuffs are still there. On January 31, 1968 10,000 NVA Regulars swept into all the major cities of South Vietnam, with the sole purpose of claiming them for the North. Major Walter Murphy Operations Officer for 1st Battalion 1st Marine Regiment lead a contingent of Marines toward Hue City to relieve the besieged MACV compound. His Marines came under intense fire and fought their way into Hue City. While trying to evacuate the killed and wounded Major Murphy was mortally wounded his last words were "God please take care of my Marines".

- Regarding the MCL Magazine, we should be in there with our photos and newsletters. Don Patterson needs articles for this, like the cake cutting ceremony. If we have nothing for the newsletter we will cancel it. The Veterans cruise can go into the newsletter.
- Debbie has an event at FDU, for those going, get pictures.



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- There was a press release. Need help interviewing with the government, If someone wants help getting into the academies.
- Mike Kane (R) Vets center for mental health act is in the works. Trying to help Vets.

### **E. District Vice Commandant**

Nothing to report

## **4. Report of Project Leaders/Special Committees**

A. **Marines Care** - If a ramp is needed to be installed for disabled veterans, Mario Monaco may get it installed for free.

B. **Home for the Holidays** – Regarding welcoming home vets Commandant Brown will ask Tom Miller about this effort. This is still open.

### **C. Rose Outings**

- Lake Hopatcong State Park 10-4 May 20<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers. There is a 2-hour cruise with great photo opportunities. A reminder e-mail will be sent.
- Garden State Mustang Club, MCL Slattery gets a tent at their auto show. This will be in June, details to follow, proceeds will go to our detachment.
- Breakfast at the Lyons? Stan to update next meeting. I need clarity on this.

D. **Quartermaster:** Nothing to report.

### **E. Toys For Tots**

No updates.

### **F. Scholarship Committee**

Nothing to report

## **New Business**

1. Regarding selling Ads. In our Ad book. Perhaps get businesses to sponsor us? Ideas of a silver gold or platinum ad was mentioned. The question is how to promote this.
2. Commandant mentioned the Memorial Day Parade. We have gone for years. Brian Cahill can find a date (might be May 27<sup>th</sup>). Commandant will finalize and let us know.
3. Mario Monaco has Certificates of Appreciation for donations.
4. 50-50 drawing. \$38.00 was won. Commandant pulled the ticket, this was donated back to the detachment by the winner.

## **Meeting Closed**

**Next Meeting** – Wednesday, March 1 - 19:30 - IN PERSON at the American Legion



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Submitted By: Patrick McGinley, Adjutant

February 10, 2023