

The Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Roll Call of Officers: Jim Loizides stood in for Steve Bliss, Adjutant/Paymaster. All other officers present.

New Members: Wayne Seaberg from Lake Hiawatha joined.

Keith Butler indicated that Keith Chapman and Lorraine Zales plan to join at a future meeting. Bob Beck indicated that he had hoped that Major Murray would be joining us this evening.

Guests: Art Williams introduced Paul Shaput who is considering joining our Detachment.

Commandant's Comments:

- Thanks went out to John Andrews, Kim Goulding and all for a very successful Social.
- Thanks was given to Kim Armstrong for the management of the Wreaths Across America and the article Kim Goulding wrote for it. Next year we should be more active in this program.
- Bob indicated his concern regarding the Rose Program Chairman. Ideally it would be best having one person coordinate this program, but the possibility of having individuals take on one event only is workable. He felt that less events would be sufficient to help fund the Slattery Detachment. Much discussion followed on how to continue this very important function. Bob will work with Keith to further discuss options. Keith indicated he would help work with anyone interested, and Jim Ward will continue to help. Since this is our chief earnings program, serious thought needs to be given to it.
- Another important fund raising function addressed was the ad book. Suzy Becker was not at the meeting. Bob wanted to know if she will continue to take on the art graphic work. Tony Fiorentino will be the Chairman.
- Bob wanted to give recognition to Jim Ward for all he does working with the Department and the VA in East Orange. Jim was not present.
- Bob asked if anyone belonged to the Detachment for 50 - 60 years. It was concluded that no one has.
- Hector Schorno gave Bob a booklet from Operation Give Back which explains how to get an ID card, and lists participants. You can get a free Veteran's ID card if you can show one form of ID to prove Morris County residence, and an original or certified copy of the DD214 discharge document (if it is already on file with their office, they will look it up).
- An hour class at the Department was spent on explaining the different uniforms. Bob mentioned that if you have a computer, this information can be found on www.mclnational.org. It is very important that DOD and League metals/ribbons not be mixed.
- Raffle tickets were sent to us from the Department. Our Detachment plans to send a check in the amount of \$30.00 for the raffle books. The prizes will be given at the Department Convention and are being donated by the Garden State Detachment. The prizes are 3 Hamilton Collection "Semper Fi Salute" statues from the Devil Dog collection which are complete with certificates of authenticity.

Old Business

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster

Marines Care Secretary: Jim Loizides reported the following:

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| Checking Balance: | Marines Care | \$ 77,438 |
| | Rose Fund | \$ 26,465 |
| | Detachment | \$ 5,303 |
| | Total Donations Received: | \$133,939 |
| | Total Donations Made: | \$ 95,519 |

Minutes of Meeting: Accepted.

Correspondence Received:

- Don Patterson received a card from Linda Deleo Giusti thanking us for what we do and a donation of \$50.
- Letter from Mary Beth Hynoski, Voluntary Service Program Manager, from the Department of Veterans Affairs thanking the Detachment for a recent contribution of a HP M252 Color Laser Jet Pro Printer. Thanks goes to the efforts of Tom Miller and Dave Katz.
- A thank you card from Mark, Mary, Enzo, Nina, & Bazil Voorhees to Gunny Monaco and all at Marines Care for the donation made to help their family.
- Community Hopes sent Bill Freeman correspondence requesting donations. They make homes for veterans. It was decided that there would be no further action taken.
- Ed Moscariello submitted a Chubb & Son Matching Gift Program form from his wife, Judy Iradi, in the amount of \$200.00 that needs to be filled out.
- A thank you letter from Tom O'Reilly for gifts given to the Home For Veterans in Garfield, N.J. It was gift baskets made by Liz Hackett's crew and Mahwah Moms.
- A thank you letter for support of the Semper Fi For Alonso Golf Benefit from the Alonso family.

Pete Gallo asked to receive copies of the thank you correspondence.

Members Sick or in Distress: Maureen Tice who had back surgery was sent an Edible Fruit arrangement.

Pete Gallo on behalf of his wife, Marie, and himself thanked the Detachment for the sympathy card for the passing of Marie's brother.

Report of Project Leaders & Committee Leaders

Marines Care: Gunny reported that a check in the amount of \$10,000 was received from Bayer. He indicated that the T4T went very well this year.

He handed out Marine Corps Reserve Program Commander's Awards to the following:

- Jim Loizides
- Jim Loizides daughter
- Bill Freeman
- John Andrews
- Keith Butler
- Bob Stalzer

Gunny is working with Don Patterson in sending supplies to Walter Reed Hospital.

Brochures need to be ordered, but they need some editing. Kim Goulding volunteered to re-write. Please send Kim what you want edited.

License Plates: Jim Wisecup explained the current information regarding the new car plates. He explained that in order to get them your membership dues must be paid and current each year. See Jim if you want new plates and he will walk you through the process. If you need a membership card, Jim can help you get it.

Rose Program: Bob and Gloria Beck will be in charge of the Rose Program at St. Bartholomew's. Father Mike has already collected donations in the amount of \$300.00. The Rose Program will take place after the following masses, February 6 at 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 7, at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. This is a joint effort between Father Mike and the 8th graders who will help with the collections.

Lyons Hospital: The next Lyons date is Saturday, February 13. Plan to meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Legion or go directly if more convenient.

New Business

Lee Moreau indicated that a booth will be available on May 7 at the Lake Hopatcong Block Party.

Bob Beck mentioned the Department's Scholarship Program having made good progress with a total of \$16,963.50 in donations. New scholarship application forms are on the Department's website. Check with Bob Beck if you need help. Our Detachment gives \$500 from our general fund to the Department to be used on any of their programs.

Keith Butler asked for a donation for Guitars for Vets whose organization gives guitar lessons to PTSD veterans. The Detachment accepted a motion for \$250. He also asked for a donation to be made to his friend who takes veterans out for hunting. A motion was accepted for \$250.

Bob Beck mentioned that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in Washington DC is looking for contributions to maintain the Monument Wall. No further action was taken.

Good of the League: Bob Beck spoke about Cornerstone Financial Services, an organization that helps individuals plan their future social security needs who have not yet applied. He had cards if anyone was interested in attending one of their free seminars.

Art Williams indicated that he has many short and long sleeve blue shirts available for sale for \$10.00. See him after the meeting.

Tom Miller spoke briefly about his great trip to Israel. He felt it was safe and the food was excellent. He also renewed his wedding vows while there.

Tony Oszmianski announced that the lunch bunch is being held at Charlotte's Web in Dover on Thursday, February 18, at 12:00 noon.

The 50/50 was won by Keith Butler.

The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

