

**Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 4, 2015**

**Roll Call of Officers:** All present

**New Members:** None

**Commandant's Comments:** Bob spoke about the passing of Bruce Jensen and wished him God speed.

Bob and Gloria Beck attended the Department Meetings in Red Bank on January 18. The first meeting was the council meeting at 10:00 a.m. by Tony Modzelewski. He presented information for the Adjutants and Paymasters. The business meeting followed at 12:00 a.m. Bob encouraged the Detachment Members to try to attend some of the meetings as he felt they are worthwhile.

Bob reminded everyone that as Commandant he can only approve \$300 in expenditures without authorization. The recent purchase of Rose banners exceeded that limit. The cost of two banners was \$440 which, therefore, needs to be incorporated into the minutes and the membership needs to be notified.

The Department has annual raffle tickets and the Detachment will be taking 3 books which Steve will take care of. The prize is a Devil Dog Cold-Cast Bronze Sculpture.

Lee Moreau, who was not present, sent a request that the Detachment join the Lake Hopatcong block party on May 9. Proceeds go to the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. Keith did this program last year and was able to collect \$300 for the Rose Program despite the bad weather. Pete mentioned that we could either do this again or send a donation of \$300 as this is a community service.

Chairman and Co-Chairman are needed to continue the Rose program which starts in April. Jim Ward will continue to advise, send letters, make phone calls, and do scheduling of the events. Please let Bob know if you can take on these major fund raising events. No one volunteered.

The Northeast Division Conference is scheduled for March 27 - 28 at the Best Western Albany Airport Inn in Albany, New York. Thanks to Tom Miller for preparing the ad for their book. The 87<sup>th</sup> Department Convention is scheduled for June 11 - 13 in Galloway, NJ. If you have any interest, contact Bob. Bob and Gloria will be attending both the conference and the convention.

**Report of Adjutant/Paymaster**

**Marines Care Secretary:** No financial report but Steve indicated that we are in good shape.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Accepted

**Correspondence Received:**

- Steve received a letter from Brendan Morrocco thanking the Detachment for our donation to his Trust. He is doing well but remains at Walter Reed for an extended period of time.
- Barbara O'Hagen sent a letter to Mario with a small donation for the Morrocco family. Also enclosed was a USO business card.

- Laurie, Hector Schorno's wife, sent a thank you for our covering the cost of shipping Christmas packages.
- \$700 in honor of Tim Fallon was received from Chris & Maureen Fallon.
- \$200 check received from JR Rubio thanks to Mario.
- Thank you was received from the VA East Orange Fund for the \$100 donation we sent to their general purpose fund.

Steve mentioned the bricks purchased for the Marine Corps Museum. You can go on the website, [marinesheritage.org](http://marinesheritage.org).

#### **Members Sick or in Distress:**

Dave Katz is on the mend from his operation for lung cancer.

Jim Ward is in the process of moving. His wife is ill and he has much on his plate.

**Report of Officers:** Jimmy Heien reported that he got a deal from F.S.S. If 5 or 6 members take their 4 hour class they will only charge \$25.00 per person. The usual cost is \$200.00. It is an NRA pistol orientation and safety course that uses their simulation range. The course can be done on Wednesdays and Thursdays 2 hours each or on Sundays 4 hours. Up to 10 people can be in a class. Before leaving tonight, sign up if you are interested. Bob Beck took the NRA course elsewhere and indicated that you can use your own pistol or they will supply one. The simulation range uses supplied pistols. A certificate will be issued. He mentioned that it was an excellent class.

**Report of Standing Committees:** Pete Gallo spoke about the January 7 Social which was a total success. Pete thanked the following:

- Monica Butler - menu & setting up
- Tom Miller - prints, table decorations, etc.
- Kim Goulding - for dress blue cookies & set up
- John Andrews - wine and MC
- Jim Loizides - checking everyone in
- Bob & Gloria Beck - set up & meet & seat
- Keith Butler - setup
- Steve Bliss - who paid and who didn't
- Jack Gartenberg - his presentation of the Battle For Iwo Jima

Pete received a round of applause for a job well done. A special thank you to John Andrews for donating the Jarhead Red wine. The Detachment had 78 paid members and 7 non-members who paid at the door. The social was paid in full by those attending along with the \$500 gift cards.

**Camp Lejeune:** Eddy Neas reported on their trip to Camp Lejeune NC on January 21 - 24 for the Wounded Warrior Battalion East Symposium. He felt it was a worthwhile trip. Gift cards amounting to \$1,500 were given out. The entire report is on the website along with Keith's photos. The group also had the opportunity to visit the Marine Corps Museum.

**Lunch Bunch:** Tony Oszmianski indicated that the next lunch bunch will be on Thursday, February 19, at Charlotte's Web in Dover at 12:00 noon but come earlier.

**New Business:** Don Patterson had made a request to the Detachment for \$1,000 for Gunny Minix who was having a retirement party. Steve Bliss made a motion to accept. Because the

funds would be coming out of Slattery, the Detachment would have to vote on it. The motion was accepted.

Eddy Neas mentioned that there are new shirts - \$35.00 each.

Mario Monaco spoke about the DD214. He indicated that it was important that a family member know where the document was in case of a death. This should be shown to the Funeral Director who is in charge of making the arrangements for a military burial ceremony. Eddie Neas requested that he speak at the funeral home ceremony for Bruce. Father Mike will also be speaking at that ceremony.

**Good of the League:** Eddie Neas mentioned that he and Jack Gartenberg had discussed having members take 5 minutes to speak at the meetings about their experiences in the service. Bob Beck indicated that he was also in touch with Jack on this same subject and had Marty Rosen speak about his experience in the December 3 meeting. Kim Goulding offered to write future stories and maybe have them put in a book. It was mentioned that Tom Miller had written a book. Pete Gallo mentioned that a write-up could be sent to the Newsletter.

**Announcements:** Eddie Neas announced that he was going to Vietnam in September. He was invited by a university to work with students who are studying that part of history. The university is paying for the 2 week trip.

50/50 was won by Frank Handy.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:00 p.m.