

**The Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 6, 2016**

**Roll Call of Officers:** All officers present. Jim Loizides was present for Steve Bliss.

**New Members:** None

**Guests:** Hector Schorno, District Vice Commandant, was present. Eddie Neas introduced his wife, Linda Neas.

**Commandant's Comments:**

- Bob Beck updated everyone on Pete Gallo's recovery. He is making good progress and may be back home in three weeks where he can continue his rehabilitation. Keith Butler had a card for Pete that was passed around for signatures.
- Bob and Gloria went to the Department Staff Meeting and the Division Conference. Bob & Jim Wisecup attended the Leadership School.
- The National is no longer sending out dues notices. It is important to pay your dues on time, especially if you have license plates. Dues need to be paid by the first of the month prior to the date on your membership card. All forms will now be available on the Department website. You can fill them out on the computer, but if you need any help, check with Bob.
- There are new appointees at the National and problems are being resolved. It is recommended that you go on the National Website and check what is going on. The Semper Fi Store is online.
- Bob spoke about recruitment and retention. It is not just important to solicit a new member one time, as it may take many contacts with them. It takes 6 contacts on the average to get a new member. The Department and the National are really focused on getting new members as we are losing membership due to illness and death.
- At the Division Meeting, a Brigadier General spoke about a new program at MC Bases that will offer periods when you can go and speak openly with transitioning Marines. However, the MC can't give out any information about the individuals due to privacy issues.
- Memorial Day was discussed. Jim Ward has agreed to be the Grand Marshall. Bob thanked all those who volunteered. We still need a speaker and Bob mentioned calling First Sergeant Piazza at Picatinny. Art Bowie mentioned that he would contact Colonel Lanza to get his participation.
- Coleen Lubertazzi, Bruce Jensen's daughter, had her class put together 300 roses. We have plenty of roses, but we need a volunteer to take care of the May 7 Lake Hopatcong event where Lee Moreau obtained a free booth for us. Art Bowie stepped up and indicated that he would be the Coordinator for the event. Keith Butler will get out the necessary information regarding this site. Jim Loizides volunteered to help as did Charlene Bowie. Jim Crupi usually helps with this program. Keith mentioned that they got the best turnout at the entrance as their booth was too far back.

- Bob read a section of the Marine Corps League Mission Statement in order to encourage participation in activities that allow our Detachment to fund such activities as the monthly amount we partner with FFFFF. For the Rose Program, all that is needed is one person as Coordinator per outing. Art Williams mentioned paying someone to run the Rose Program. A motion was accepted that the executive leadership would check out the feasibility of doing it.
- Due to lack of graphics support, the ad book will not be done this year.

### Old Business

#### **Report of Adjutant/Paymaster**

**Marines Care Secretary:** Jim Loizides reported the following:

Detachment \$31,000

Marines Care \$72,000

Jim indicated that \$18,000 of the Detachment funds are from the Rose Program. It is a major money maker, and we need to keep the program active.

**Minutes of Meeting:** Accepted

**Members Sick or in Distress:** Jimmy Heien had visited with Ed Moscariello who was out of the hospital after having surgery. He is doing well.

### New Business

Bob Beck showed The NE Division Conference ad book and thanked Tom Miller for his art work contribution.

Bob Beck mentioned the Department Convention is being held on June 9 - 11 at the Seaview Hotel & Golf Club in Galloway, NJ.

A new Marine Corps League brochure was shown by Bob Beck and was made available at the front desk.

Bob Beck mentioned the Department's Scholarship Program that now has \$17,386.50 in the account. Only one application has been received so far. You can go on the Department website to download the new application. The deadline is June 1, 2016, and they will not accept any after that date.

Rutgers has Free Health Care for anyone who has ever served in the military by calling 866-838-7654.

Casino Night is being held on October 14, 2016 at The Hanover Manor, Eagle Rock Avenue, East Hanover, NJ. This is being hosted by Legacy Of A Hero, The L/Cpl Chris Cosgrove III Foundation, Inc. A leashing ceremony will take place on that evening. Mark your calendars.

There is a membership recruitment award if a Detachment member has 5-24 new members. This form must be submitted no later than May 15 prior to the Department of NJ Convention. The form with directions can be found on the Department website.

Bob Beck brought up the cost of duplicating the Newsletter. It was suggested that the cover only be in color for the members and all color for others. Tom Miller will look into the cost at Fairleigh Dickinson that he believes is much lower than at Staples. Bob gave thanks to Don Patterson for working with him on the Newsletter.

Gunny Monaco supplied the name of the person who does embroidery at a reasonable cost. This information is in the Newsletter. Bob Beck reminded everyone that the Detachment will pay half the cost of the Fore & Aft cover and half the cost of the EGA. He would like to see that everyone has the proper cover at funerals, special occasions and parades.

Jimmy Heien announced that F.S.S. is doing a personal home protection course. Participants will have to have some previous exposure of basic handling of guns. The course is from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and 6 participants are needed at the cost of \$25.00 per person. Jimmy will supply a sub to eat. Check with Jimmy if interested.

Art Bowie had printed information available at the meeting for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual L/Cpl Chris Cosgrove III Golf Outing which raises funds for the Marines Care Foundation, Inc. It is being held on Thursday, July 28, 2016. Art indicated that they need sponsors and items for the tricky tray baskets. You can attend the dinner only at the cost of \$60.00.

Art Bowie indicated that Pete Gallo had mentioned to him that everyone needs to give the Commandant support and participation to keep our Detachment running.

Ron Engle brought up the subject of an electronic bugle that he is promoting to buy with the help of the three Alliance Members, the VFW, Slattery Detachment and the Legion. The motion was accepted to donate our share of \$175.00. The bugle will be accessible at the Legion.

Keith Butler wants volunteers from the Detachment that will do work at JT Gabriel's facility, along with employees of BAE. Keith can car pool leaving the Legion at 9:00 a.m. on May 14. Give your name to Keith, and he will also put out a blast.

If anyone wants to attend, Keith Butler indicated that BAE Systems is planning to have John Harris, a Veterans Service Officer, give a talk at their facility sometime in the first week in May.

Gunny Monaco and Keith Butler attended a small ceremony for Charles Jorgenson, retired VSO. Keith took pictures.

Guitar For Vets has a Marine graduating from their program, and he may become a member of our Detachment. Keith mentioned that perhaps they can play at Lyons. Dan Danzi will check with Lyons for the May visit.

Keith Butler mentioned Todd Love, a young Marine and a triple amputee, who lives in Georgia. Since Todd is frequently in Madison, NJ, Keith would like to have him involved with the Detachment when he is in our area. Todd may be able to attend our meeting in May or June.

Keith is trying to get matching funds established at BAE.

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

**Hospital Visits:** Eddie Neas indicated that there are no planned visits.

**Lyons Hospital:** The April date has been changed to May 21. Plan to meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Legion or go directly if more convenient.

Dan Danzi indicated that we need EGA's for funerals. Bob will check with Gunny.

**Good of the League:** Eddie Neas spoke about his recent 14 day trip to Vietnam which was sponsored by the College of the Old Guard in the Midwest. He was among the 12 Veterans that were matched up with students in order to monitor them as they went through the different locations in Vietnam. He will look into having a large screen brought to the next meeting to show the many pictures. Eddie also mentioned that he was able to buy a dog tag which belonged to B. Freed who was killed September 1968 in Vietnam and who was from Montclair, NJ. Eddie is looking to give it to the family.

Tony Oszmianski announced that the next Lunch Bunch is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, at Charlotte's Web in Dover. Plan to be there by 12:00 noon.

Tom Miller warned that if an e-mail from Ollerenshaw shows up, be sure to delete it as Ollerenshaw has been deceased for at least 6 months.

The 50/50 was won by Ron Engle.

The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4 at 7:30 p.m.