

Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Roll Call of Officers: All present

New Members: Robert Zuk from Wayne and George Johns from Morristown were introduced. George was a Captain and fighter pilot in WWII & Korea. Robert Zuk served from 1985 - 1996 and was involved in Dessert Storm.

Guests: Don Campbell who is a member of Operation Jersey Cares was introduced by Monika Flaherty. He is a Vietnam veteran.

Joe Armstrong from Succasunna was in attendance with his daughter.

Bob Beck welcomed Hector Schorno, a member of the Patterson Detachment.

Commandant's Comments: Bob announced that he was asked by the Department to accept the position of Assistant Chaplain working with Rich Basile. He will be sworn in at the Department Convention in June.

Bob explained that a liaison is needed for Picatinny and Keith Butler accepted the position.

A benefit dinner to support Joey Clayton is scheduled for May 15 at Zeris Inn, 372 Route 46, Mt. Lakes, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$75.00 per person.

Ed Moscariello is being honored by the Knights of Columbus as Patriot of the Year at the Hanover Manor in E. Hanover on May 31. There will be a mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by a breakfast at 9:45 a.m. Pete Gallo will put together a table with those interested in attending.

Bob had received a request asking if we could give magazines and periodicals to Sam Piccono who was wounded at Iwo. Bob thanked Gunny for visiting Sam at Merry Heart in Boonton and giving him magazines and periodicals along with some thank you letters from the kids from Bayer. Gunny also gave some of the Bayer letters to other veterans there.

Bob thanked Steve Bliss and Jim Loizides for a job well done for accomplishing an audit of the Detachment.

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster:

Marines Care Secretary: No financial report given.

A motion was accepted to give the same donation as last year to the John Basilone parade.

Steve mentioned that the Zimm's Fund & Marines Care is hosting their annual fund raiser which supports the men and women of our armed forces. It is being held at Just Jake's on May 16 from 4:30 - 9:30 p.m. in Montclair. The price is \$20.00.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted

Correspondence Received: Linda Neas sent a thank you for the edible arrangement. A thank you was sent from the MC Law Enforcement Foundation for a \$500 donation.

Members Sick or in Distress: Dan Danzi indicated that Frank Handy has been ill and he went for a checkup and they have found something else and they are working on it.

Report of Officers: Jimmy Heien reported that F.S.S. is holding a class on Saturday, May 9, at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 17, at 1:00 p.m. for approximately two hours each day. There will be a brief review at each session and then to a live range. It is not necessary to have taken their previous classes. You can take your own pistol and the ammunition will be provided by them. The cost is \$65.00 for both sessions. If you are interested, let Jimmy know as soon as possible.

Marines Care: Domenick Monaco spoke about his attendance along with Keith Butler and Henry Zimmermann at the annual cocktail reception hosted by the Law Offices of Geoffrey D. Mueller to benefit the US Marine Corps. It took place on April 30 in Closter, New Jersey. They collected \$5,704. At the benefit, Keith spoke about what the Detachment was all about.

Gunny was invited by Bayer in Whippany to attend the Bring Your Child to Work on April 23. Letters were written by the children to veterans, and Gunny distributed some of them to the Detachment at the meeting. A picture was taken with the members holding up the letters.

Marines Care along with the Lakeland Detachment #744 joined together to provide an XR7 Octane Fitness ZR7 Zero Runner for Marines and Sailors at the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East at Camp Lejeune, NC. The machine has less impact than standard ellipticals and treadmills.

Project Leaders: Art Bowie spoke about the 9th Annual L/Cpl Chris Cosgrove III Golf Outing which is scheduled for July 23 at Picatinny. He will have brochures soon. He indicated this will probably be the last one he and Charlene will be organizing and asked if someone would consider taking it over. Art mentioned that the Golf Outing information was on the Marines Care website for sponsorships.

Art Williams is planning to work with Jim Ward to possibly do two Rose Programs in June as May wouldn't work.

Keith Butler is doing a Rose Program at the Lake Hopatcong Block Party which he did the previous year. His daughter will be doing face painting for a \$5.00 donation. He asked for volunteers. It starts at 10:00 a.m. There was a discussion regarding the purchase of a tent. However, a tent may only be needed twice a year. A motion was accepted to purchase one but Keith will look into borrowing one or renting.

Eddie Neas spoke about the trip to Walter Reed on April 9. In attendance with him was Monika Flaherty, Marc Puricelli, Kevin Meara, Keith Butler, John Andrews, Art Williams, and Don Patterson. He is planning another trip in June. He had forms at the meeting that need to be filled out by those who want to attend. He will announce the June date in the next meeting. Gunny mentioned that Don Patterson drops off care packages once a week to Walter Reed provided by Operation Jersey Cares.

New Business: Art Williams indicated that he has medium and large red shirts in short and long sleeves. He mentioned Albert's Sport Shop in Madison who supplies the shirts at good prices and suggested that we try to frequent the store.

Pete indicated that the Detachment has purchased Faith Pavers at OLL honoring the Slattery Detachment deceased and its heroes. OLL does so much for us and their sources have donated a total of \$60,000! Pete thanked Bob Stalzer for the suggestion, and Bob Beck for the task of compiling the information on the Pavers. Total cost was \$900.00.

Keith Butler mentioned that Guitars for Vets purchase guitars from donations and gives free lessons to PTSD veterans. He is looking into this organization.

Keith mentioned a tree memorial service on June 13 at Picatinny and an All Saints Ball on June 6. Bob suggested that Keith send a blast with more information.

Good of the League: Tony Fiorentino spoke about the two future car club events that donate a portion of their proceeds to our Detachment.

- The 7th Annual Corvette & Open Car Show - Sunday, September 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. located at Schumacher Chevrolet of Clifton, 999 Route 46 East, Clifton, NJ.
- Wheels in Motion - September 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. sponsored by Konner Chevrolet, 950 Bloomfield Ave., W. Caldwell, NJ.

Eddie Neas has 4 tickets for a Yankees game given to him by a friend to be donated in a Chinese auction in August or September. He also mentioned that he has some books still available for sale entitled *Semper Cool, Memories of Vietnam* authored by Barry Fixler. The Barry Fixler Foundation helps families of wounded warriors.

Eddie Neas is planning to invite the Bruce Jensen family to one of our meetings.

Kim Goulding is developing a revised questionnaire for the members in order to do write ups about their lives.

From information received from Steve Bliss, Bob Beck mentioned that President Obama appointed Marine General Joseph F. Dunford as the next Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff.

Keith asked who would be interested in a bus trip to the Freedom Towers in NYC. Pete Gallo mentioned that he had already proposed this but did not get enough people to attend. Keith also did not get enough for a bus at the meeting as 40 are needed. Keith will look into this further and may just do a trip in his van for those interested.

Announcements: Tony Oszmianski announced that the next lunch bunch is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 21, at Billy & Madeline's Red Room in Whippany at noon but he suggested to be there earlier to order food.

Pete Gallo announced that Ascendent Spirits of California supports the National MCL "Marines Helping Marines" program with a portion of the proceeds from the sales of Semper Fi Corn Whiskey.

The 50/50 was won by Gloria Beck.

The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.