

Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Roll Call of Officers: Jim Wisecup, Senior Vice Commandant, was not in attendance. All others present.

Applications for New Members: Staff Sergeant Grisson Gamba applied for a transfer to our Detachment from West Hudson Detachment. Grisson thanked Gunny Monaco and the Detachment for the \$1,800 donation so he could continue his studies at Rutgers.

Guests: Bob Beck introduced his son, Chris Beck, who was visiting from Illinois.

Charlene Bowie introduced Jim Grawehr, a policeman who has been instrumental in creating a Memorial honoring L/Cpl Chris Cosgrove III. Jim updated everyone on the progress of this project which he feels will be accomplished and presented on October 1, 2016, the anniversary of the loss of Chris Cosgrove. The Memorial will be located at the football field at Whippany High School where Chris graduated. This project has been in the making for 4½ years.

Steve Bliss will check if the \$10,000 donation from the Detachment slated for the Monument was sent.

Commandant's Comments:

- Domenick Monaco was inducted into the Legion of Honor of The Chapel of Four Chaplains.
- Bob visited Jim Ward who is in the Special Skilled Nursing Division at Crane's Mill in West Caldwell. Jim will let us know when he would like visitors. Charlene Bowie has sent him a patriotic floral arrangement delivered on Memorial Day along with a get well card. Also sent was a floral arrangement for his wife, Shirley, who is also in Special Skilled Nursing.
- Bob presented John Andrews with a plaque for the speech he wrote for the Memorial Day Service held at the Legion. In John's absence, it was read by Bob Beck.
- Bob reviewed instructions on how to access the Members Only Section on the Slattery website making special mention that the roster and the minutes are available there.

Old Business

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster

Marines Care Secretary: No reports. Steve Bliss mentioned that it was difficult to give a number because funds were coming in for the Golf Outing, and there would also be expenses.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted.

Correspondence Received: Bob Beck mentioned a letter from Jim Ward regarding Recruitment and Retention. He read the letter and indicated that it would be in the July Newsletter.

Steve Bliss received a letter from Ruth Westerfield from the Loantaka-Parsippanong Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. Jack Gartenberg presented a talk on Iwo Jima, but he declined an honorarium and suggested that they send a donation to Marines Care. A check for \$100.00 was received.

Steve Bliss also mentioned a letter received from Karen Neary, Treasurer of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Department of New Jersey, thanking us for the donation of \$20.00 for the purchase of 24 raffle tickets.

Steve Bliss indicated that the Annual John Basilone Memorial Parade is scheduled for Sunday, September 18, in Raritan. Marchers are needed. The Detachment will donate the same amount as last year. More will be discussed closer to the event date.

Chaplain's Report

Marine or Marine's Family Sick or Distress: Keith Butler mentioned that Dave Katz's wife, Carol, is ill. Bob will check.

Bob Beck mentioned that Pete Gallo is getting better every day and is more active in the Newsletter.

Norman Nutt is improving.

Report of Project Leaders & Committee Leaders

Rose Program: Bob Stalzer needs volunteers for his Rose Outing at Foodtown in Cedar Grove on June 11 at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet was available.

Bob Beck thanked Dan Daly who had assembled 150 roses and mailed them back. He also thanked Dan Danzi for his 150 roses. Rose kits were available for volunteers to take home and put together.

Bill Freeman indicated that he would be Coordinator for the Rose Program at Shoprite in Chester on June 25. He will need volunteers.

Tony Fiorentino had flyers for the two auto shows that include a Rose Programs, the 8th Annual Corvette & Open Car Show, 999 Route 46 East, Clifton, NJ on September 11 with a rain date of September 18, and Wheels In Motion Car Show at 950 Bloomfield Avenue, W. Caldwell, NJ on September 25. Each club also donates.

Lyons Hospital: Dan Danzi will let us know when a date has been set to visit Lyons in July.

Golf Outing: Art brought in flyers for the July 28, 10th Annual L/Cpl Chris Cosgrove III Golf Outing at Picatinny. So far, 23 golfers have signed up with promises for more. Sponsors and golfers are needed and volunteers to help at this function.

New Business

Tom Miller brought up a motion to donate to the Legion for the use of their facility. The motion was accepted for \$1,000.

Good of the League: Bob Beck asked that articles for the Newsletter be sent to him. This can include antidotes, etc. Tom Miller has already sent some in.

Tony Oszmianski announced that the next lunch bunch is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, at Charlotte's Web in Dover at 12:00 noon but come early to order food.

Announcements: There is a scheduled flag retirement ceremony at the Legion on June 14 at dusk.

Hector Schorno thanked the Detachment for paying shipping costs for the Christmas stockings that were sent to the Troops in Iraq.

Keith Butler mentioned the following:

- BAE Systems had John Harris, a Veterans Service Officer, speak. Kathy Sturla from FFFFF and Monika Flaherty from Jersey Cares were also in attendance. A new guard that was at the door became the recipient of the gifts from Operation Jersey Cares.
- Detachment members along with 2 people from Guitars For Vets met at Lyons on May 21. Lyons would like Guitar For Vets to return in future functions in order to perform again.
- Along with Keith and Wayne Seaberg, BAE employees worked to revitalize the property at the K-9 Soldiers. BAE Systems funded this project. On June 25, another K-9 Soldiers event will take place.
- Detachment members participated at the flag placement at the Gate of Heaven that took place on May 28th. They were able to find Colonel Peter O'Hagan's grave and flag it.
- Keith wanted to attend the USS Ling Naval Museum in Hackensack. This would be their final Memorial Day Ceremony. This museum is being evicted by land developers.

The 50/50 was won by Jim Loizides.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 6 at 7:30 p.m.

