

**Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

**Roll Call of Officers:** All present

**New Members:** Jim Wisecup, Membership Chairman, introduced new members Donald Campbell and Robert Dante both from Chester.

**Guests:** Ken Rohlf introduced his friend, Fred Hendricks, who is a member of the VFW, American Legion and NRA and served in Korea 1952 - 1955.

**Commandant's Comments:** Bob reported that AJ Wilt's mother, Nancy Grochowski, sent an e-mail indicating that AJ was meritoriously promoted to Corporal E4. He outranks his uncle, L/Cpl Robert J. Slattery and his uncle L/Cpl John E. Slattery.

Bob spoke about the Knights of Columbus event which honored Ed Moscariello as Patriot of the Year which he very much deserves. A round of applause followed.

Jim Ward is no longer able to be involved as the VAVS Officer and the DSO Officer to the VA in E. Orange. Bob asked for a volunteer to take either office or both. Chris Holleran volunteered to do both.

Bob stressed the need for the membership to become more active by volunteering. Out of approximately 200 members, only about 20% are helping. Feel free to call Bob to discuss.

Bob presented his copy of the *Marine Corps League Membership Album - 2015*. Also, a CD comes with the book.

Bob put forth a proposal regarding the Fore & Aft cover. He suggested that a new member coming on board receive the cover free of charge and current members pay half. The baseball hat can be purchased by new members if they want it. There was much discussion regarding this proposal and the majority agreed 50% off for both new and old members. This includes embroidery of the Slattery Detachment, MCL & EGA. Steve indicated that the current and new members individually buy it and give him the receipt for reimbursement of 50%. The Fore & Aft can be purchased from the Semper Fi Store or at the Department meeting store.

**Report of Adjutant/Paymaster:**

**Marines Care Secretary:** No financial report given.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Accepted. Pete Gallo suggested that a copy of the previous minutes be available at the next meeting. Gloria will take care of that. Minutes are posted on the website.

**Correspondence:** Bob Beck indicated that he received information about the National Convention being held on August 9 - 14 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

**Members Sick or in Distress:** Keith mentioned that Joe Donahue's second hip surgery went well and that he will plan to be at the next meeting. John Andrews said he would check on Joe Ollerenshaw who was not present.

**Report of Officers:** Jimmy Heien gave a report on the F.S.S. program that occurred last month. He indicated that it was very successful and there were eight in attendance. The

girls scored better than the guys. He is planning another class which will be geared to how to protect those in your home.

**Marines Care:** Mario Monaco reported on the following:

- At the fundraiser at Just Jakes \$7,060 was collected. He also mentioned the fundraiser by the Law Offices of Geoffrey D. Mueller that collected \$5,114.
- Lakeland and Marines Care were given certifications for the combined donation of the Fitness Machine by the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East at Camp Lejeune, NC.
- The Sports Authority is giving 20% off an entire purchase, and he has some coupons with him.
- K9 Soldiers, Inc. is working on 2 more dogs.
- He received a call from a 91 year old lady who has a 10 year old handicap equipped vehicle with 17,000 miles on it and wants to give it to a Veteran. After making a few calls, Gunny Johnson, a health care provider for Nutley responded. They are now using it to transport veterans.
- Two marines last month that were down on their luck were supported along with FFFFF.

**New Business:** Keith mentioned that the Rose Program collected \$736.10 from the Lake Hopatcong Block Party. From the Macy's Rockaway Town Square Mall they collected \$628.40. Keith mentioned a Rose Program at the A&P in Oak Ridge on June 27<sup>th</sup> which he will confirm.

John Andrews is planning Rose Program events but doesn't have confirmed dates.

Keith mentioned doing Rose Programs in September and Art Williams volunteered to do the Rose Program at the Madison Stop & Shop.

Keith will be hearing when the Crickett Hill Golf Outing in Little Falls will take place. It only takes one person to be present with the Rose Program.

Eddie Neas indicated that there would not be a trip to the hospital in June as it is fortunately very quiet there.

Art Bowie indicated that he has brochures for the Golf Outing being held on Thursday, July 23. They have 19 golfers already signed up. If you have any items for the tricky tray, please let him know. At the next meeting, Art would like to know who can volunteer to help. John Andrews indicated he would be there. Art mentioned that he and Pete are giving some thought to keeping the future Golf Outings going, but without all the extras.

Eddie Neas reported on a fundraiser for Nick Taylor of Chester Township being held at the Russian Hall in Little Falls on June 19 from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Nick Taylor was injured in a car accident that paralyzed him from the chest down. He needs modifications to his home.

Monika Flaherty had sent an e-mail to Bob regarding an Octoberfest in Chester the last week in September by the Chester Lions Club of which she is a member. She wanted to know if there would be any interest in having the Rose Program there. She was not present at the meeting to discuss further.

Pete asked for a count of those going to DC for the 8<sup>th</sup> & I Trip on June 26. There are 35 tickets available for Slattery. It is important that if you put your name on the list of attendees that you show up. Keith is making the arrangements for the bus.

The Flag Retirement is scheduled for Monday, June 15, at the Legion at dusk.

Eddie Neas replaced the flag at Slattery Lane in Whippany.

**Good of the League:** Bruce Jensen's daughter, Karen Dispenziere, wrote a song as tribute to her father which can be found on Facebook and Sound Cloud links. Keith recommended you check it out and if you need the links, let him know.

Keith was invited to Fort Dix by Operation Jersey Cares along with Monika Flaherty and Don Campbell. Infantry 114 were coming back from Afghanistan after being there one year. He took 300 photos which he plans to share.

When Keith was in France, he collected some sand from Omaha Beach which he gave to Jim Smith and Mario Monaco at the meeting. He plans to give some to Jack Gartenberg who was not at the meeting.

Eddie Neas reported his trip to Washington, DC during Memorial Day to attend the Rolling Thunder Motor Cycle Club. He indicated that it was awesome and worth the trip. 100,000 bikes were there.

**Announcements:** Tony Oszmianski announced that the next lunch bunch is scheduled to meet on Thursday, June 18, at Charlotte's Web in Dover at noon, but plan to be there earlier to order food.

Keith mentioned that Aaron Alonzo who lost both legs, climbed the stairs at the Lincoln Memorial.

The 50/50 was won by Bob Stalzer.

The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 1.