

Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Bob Beck opened the meeting by calling up Eddie Neas who performed a short memorial service for our Detachment's namesake, Robert J. Slattery. Eddie served with Slattery at Parris Island 50 years ago and they became good friends. This was the 49th anniversary of his death. He was killed in Vietnam 9 days before turning 21. There was a moment of silence in his honor.

Roll Call of Officers: All Present

Applications for New Members: John A. Brenneis, who lived in Florida, transferred to our Detachment.

Guests: Eddie Neas introduced James Smith who was in the same Platoon with him along with Slattery at Parris Island. Eddie also introduced Paul Brown who served with him in Vietnam. Along with James Smith was his wife, Louise, Paul Brown's wife, Margaret, and Eddie's wife, Linda.

Bob Stalzer introduced his guest, Marine Tom DelloRusso, from W. Orange.

Keith introduced Dan Zurich from Guitars For Vets. Dan accepted a donated guitar from Monika Flaherty. Dan indicated that the organization gives 10 guitar lessons to Veterans, and when they have completed them, they receive a new guitar. Dan is looking for guitar donations. He also mentioned the time spent at the Lyons breakfast and that his Organization decided to open a Chapter there probably sometime in September.

Commandant's Comments:

- Bob Beck had the pleasure of giving out deserved awards from the Department:
 1. The Meritorious Unit Commendation. All members are authorized to wear the ribbon.
 2. Tom Miller received the Distinguished Service Award Certificate and ribbon.
 3. Gunny Monaco received the Distinguished Service Award Certificate and ribbon.
 4. The Eagle Scout Certificate was given to Gunny Monaco.
 5. 100% Strength Certificate and streamer.
 6. Alexander P. Ormsby Plaque – over 125 Members – for maintaining our membership level (195).
 7. Jim Ward received a VAVS award for the work he has been doing with the East Orange VA.
 8. Bob Beck received the Detachment Commandant of the Year award.
- Bob asked Wayne Seaberg, Tom Miller and Bob Stalzer to come to the front in order for them to display their newly acquired covers.
- Jim Ward has been a staff member for years. He has been going to the East Orange VA's monthly meetings acting as a liaison. Dave Katz has been the staff member at Lyons. Bob asked for a volunteer to take the position of staff member for the East Orange VA, but no one volunteered.
- Jim Wisecup, the License Plate Chairman, was given the updated forms required for those who want to sign up for plates.
- The Midwest doubled their membership in one year using the Fire Team approach. Bob went on to explain the process and that he will get this information on the website.

- Bob explained the Honorary Active Duty Membership program, HADM, which helps Marines who are transitioning out of active duty. The Marine Corps is going to make them honorary members of Detachments around the country. Some will come to us for comradery or our help. Bob will get this information on the website.
- The brochures we have for our Detachment are out of date. We can order brochures from the National, and at the bottom we can put our Detachment information. This would help in not having to totally rewrite the brochure. Tom Miller offered to look into having our information printed on them.

Jimmy Heien mentioned that on the bottom of the cards given out with the roses, there is information regarding the website and how to donate. Gunny Monaco also mentioned that when he is asked who to make out a check to, he recommends they check out the Detachment through Google, Facebook or the Newsletter. Keith Butler mentioned that the Slattery Detachment has a Facebook page run by Art Bowie where there is also information.

Old Business

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster

Marines Care Secretary: No financial report given.

Steve Bliss received a letter from Janet Noll with a \$500 donation in memory of her mother, Janet Noll.

Stuart Patrick sent a letter with a donation of \$500 from the Joseph A. Patrick Foundation, Inc.

Bruce Jensen's daughter, Karen Dispenziere, and Suzy Becker from the Peck's School donated \$1,300 received from their yearly fundraiser.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted.

Correspondence Received: Charlotte Hall from the Veterans Home Program sent a thank you letter for the 13 cases of quilts and pillows that were sent to Don Patterson for him to ship to the troops.

Bob Beck read a thank you letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs thanking the Detachment for the coffee social at Lyons. Bob thanked Dan Danzi for his efforts and the Detachment for their help.

Thanks to Monika Flaherty, Gunny Monaco and Eddie Neas, a letter was received from Phillip Guidone from Chester Lions with a \$2,500 donation.

Members Sick or in Distress:

- Pete Gallo is continuing to recover and has taken back his responsibilities with the Newsletter.
- Jim Ward is now out of the Skilled Nursing Section and now back in his unit at Crane's Mill and is ready to receive visitors.
- Dave Katz's wife, Carol, is doing better with her back problem but she now has much dental work to be done.

Bob gave Dan Danzi a new form from the Department that is now required to be filled out for each Lyons breakfast.

Report of Project Leaders & Committee Leaders

Marines Care: Gunny Monaco reported the following:

- A Marine in Walter Reed Hospital has a brain injury. Marines Care approved the purchase of a laptop for him. Don Patterson will deliver the laptop to this Marine.
- Gunny Monaco was told by Lee Moreau that he set up 2 cruises and 100 Veterans participated. Quilts and pillows were given to those on board. Gunny mentioned that not only are these items sent overseas but are also given to organizations in the area.
- Gunny Clayton's friend, an I&I Staff Marine, lost his son and funds may be needed to help with his expenses. The Detachment voted that whatever amount is needed would be given.

Rose Program:

- Bob Stalzer indicated that the next Rose Outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 16, at the ShopRite in West Caldwell. A signup list was available.
- At the June 11 outing at Foodtown in Cedar Grove, \$1,314 was collected.
- At the June 25 outing at ShopRite in Chester, \$1,360 was collected. John Andrews thanked the following who helped at this program: Tom Miller, Monika Flaherty, Bill Freeman, Tony Fiorentino, Jimmy Heien, Don Campbell, Bob Stalzer, Ed Moscariello and Ted Jemas.
- There were many completed roses available at the meeting, but more supplies are needed.
- Tony Fiorentino mentioned the two car shows which include Rose Programs:
 1. Corvette & Open Car Show, Sunday September 11 at 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. located at Schumacher Chevrolet, 999 Route 46 East, Clifton, NJ.
 2. Wheels in Motion, Sunday, September 25 at 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. located at Konner Chevrolet, 950 Bloomfield Avenue, W. Caldwell, NJ.

Bob Beck asked Bob Stalzer and Keith Butler to look into the purchase of more rose supplies.

Lyons Hospital: Dan Danzi indicated that the next Lyons breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, July 9. Plan to be at the Legion at 9:15 a.m. for a car pool or go there directly.

Golf Outing: Art Bowie indicated that the numbers are down from the previous year. The outing is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, at Picatinny. There is still time to get more sponsorships, etc. Art showed the outstanding art work donated by Tom Miller that will be available at this outing.

New Business

Eddie Neas and Don Patterson have been planning the possibility of a pizza luncheon at the Center for Rehabilitation at Camp Lejeune during the summer.

Eddie Neas and Gunny were invited to speak at the Lions Club in Chester and Eddie was invited to attend a golf outing on July 20. He requested that the Detachment donate a blanket which was approved.

Good of the League: Bill Freeman mentioned that he had some raffle tickets for the car raffle that is being held by Jersey Cares. The tickets are priced at \$100.

Tony Fiorentino gave anyone interested a 50th Vietnam War Anniversary lapel pin.

Announcements: Tony Oszmianski announced that the next lunch bunch is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, at the Black Horse Pub in Mendham at 12:00 noon but come early.

The 50/50 was won by Bill Freeman.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 3 at 7:30 p.m.