

Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 3, 2016

Bob Beck called for a moment of silence in honor of past Detachment member, Joe Ollerenshaw, who passed in August of 2015.

Roll Call of Officers: Chaplain, Dan Danzi, who is recovering from an operation was not present along with Jim Wisecup, Sr. Vice Commandant.

Application for New Members: Jack Brenneis is transferring from Naples, Florida to our Detachment.

Guests: Ben Tucker introduced his friend, Alan Bensen who represented NADRA, Deck for a Soldier. He explained that the organization is looking for active service personnel or those retired from the armed forces that are in need of a deck or a ramp. The labor, time and materials are all donated. Application forms were available at the meeting. Gunny Monaco may have a candidate.

Barbara O'Hagan spoke about her attendance at the opening of the USO located in Terminal B at Newark Airport. The Center is in Concourse B, Door 9. There is secure parking conveniently located near the entrance. They are looking for volunteers to staff the facility 24 hours a day. You can go online to www.volunteers.uso.org for further information and the opportunity to register.

Lee Moreau spoke about the two boat cruises he conducted at Lake Hopatcong for Veterans which were attended by Gunny and Domenick Monaco. One hundred Veterans participated and were given homemade service blankets or pillows donated by our Detachment. The items were made by members of Operation Jersey Cares.

Commandant's Comments:

- Bob Beck indicated that he will not seek a third term as Commandant and Gloria Beck will not seek a third term as Recording Officer. Tom Miller has been working on the slate of officers to present at the next meeting for voting. So far, no one has volunteered to fill the positions of Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant. Also, needed is a Recording Officer whose responsibility is to do the minutes. Voting will take place at the September meeting. Please contact Tom in order to volunteer. The following have indicated that they will continue in their current positions:
 1. Junior Vice Commandant Tony Fiorentino
 2. Judge Advocate Bob Stalzer
 3. Chaplain Dan Danzi
 4. Sgt. at Arms Tony Oszmianski
 5. Quartermaster Art Williams
 6. Steve Bliss will continue being the Adjutant/Paymaster until January at which time Jim Loizides will take over the position.
- Tom Miller, John Andrews, Jim Loizides and Eddie Neas have volunteered to re-write the Detachment brochure instead of using the National brochure.
- Everyone was asked to volunteer to attach roses to cards which were on hand to give out. Anyone taking them should let Gloria know so she can keep track of where they are.
- Bob showed a collector's knife to be raffled that is serialized with a certificate of authenticity that was donated by Frank Possert. As the knife is an airborne knife,

Gunny Monaco wanted to check with his friend who served with the Air Force to see if he would like to buy it.

Old Business

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster

Marines Care Secretary: No reports given.

Marines Care: Gunny Monaco reported on the following:

- A Marine in Walter Reed Hospital with a brain injury was in need of a laptop. A laptop was purchased and Don Patterson delivered it to him.
- Don Patterson keeps Gunny alerted to anyone who needs help at the hospital. Gunny sent him a box of quilts and blankets to help the wounded which is an ongoing endeavor.
- He indicated that Marines Care and Operation Jersey Cares wanted to help finance sending Veterans to a Maritime School in order to enable them to get security guard jobs aboard ships. However, the Veterans got together and in two weeks put together a beef steak dinner to offset the cost. They ended up collecting \$15,000. A check was given to Gunny in the amount of \$690. Monika Flaherty was present at this event.
- Gunny confirmed that there will be a Marines Care meeting at the Legion Saturday, August 6, at 11:00 a.m.
- Gunny and Domenick performed a mock flag raiser of Iwo Jima and were given empty M1 clips which he gave away at the meeting.
- Gunny reported that Lyons shut down their museum, so Tom Miller and John Andrews took Chris Cosgrove's uniform and displayed it at Golf Company/Picatinny.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted.

Correspondence Received: A letter was received from Rich Basile, Adjutant of the Garden State Detachment, regarding Parris Island platoon tee shirts. The order form is on the Department website. Pete Gallo indicated that this information will be in the next Newsletter. Bob Beck took this opportunity to let everyone know that Pete is back with Don Patterson doing the Newsletter. Pete needs input for the Newsletter from Detachment members. If you have any articles or photos taken at events, please send to him with names of the individuals along with a write up.

Members Sick or in Distress: Bob Beck mentioned that Jim Ward is putting up a good fight and is back in his unit at Crane's Mill ready to receive visitors. He is still available to write letters and make phone calls for the Rose Program.

Dan Danzi is out of the hospital following knee surgery.

Keith Butler mentioned that Jack Gartenberg got a pacemaker and is doing well.

Unfinished Business from Previous Meetings: Tony Fiorentino still has some lapel pins to give away from the 50th Vietnam War Anniversary.

Report of Project Leaders & Committee Leaders

Rose Program: Bob Stalzer coordinated the Rose outing at ShopRite in W. Caldwell and received \$1,377.

Bill Freeman and John Andrews need volunteers for the Rose Program Saturday, October 29, in Chester.

Art Williams volunteered to book another Rose Program.

Bob Stalzer is coordinating a Rose Program at Our Lady of the Lake Church on Saturday, November 5, after the 5:30 Mass and on Sunday, November 6, after all the Masses.

Tony Fiorentino needs volunteers for the following car shows which include the Rose Program:

- North Jersey Corvette Club - 8th Annual Corvette & Open Car Show on Sunday, September 11, 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. located at 999 Rt. 46 East, Clifton, NJ
- Wheels in Motion, Natural Glass Corvette Association on Sunday, September 25, at 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. located at Konner Chevrolet 950 Bloomfield Ave., W. Caldwell, NJ 07006.

Golf Outing: Art Bowie spoke about the 10th Annual Golf Outing. The total income from the event was \$39,490 and the expenses were \$18,153.91 with a profit of \$21,336.09. In the last 10 years, they collected over \$245,000. The next date for the Golf Outing is already scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2017.

He also mentioned that the Memorial at Whippany High School will be dedicated on Saturday, October 1. Steve Bliss indicated that \$10,000 has already been allocated for this project out of Slattery Detachment funds.

New Business

Lyons Hospital: No Lyons breakfast social date yet.

Keith Butler indicated that the Golf Outing photos are on the website.

Keith Butler mentioned that Eddie Neas is planning to go the CLNC WWBE Symposium on September 9 and wanted to know if anyone else was interested in going. Steve Bliss said that since there will not be an ad book this year, events such as this may not be funded.

Good of the League: Tony Oszmianski announced that the next lunch bunch is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, at Charlotte's Web in Dover at 12:00 noon but come early to order food.

Bill Freeman has raffle tickets for an Audi car that is being sponsored by Operation Jersey Cares. The cost per ticket is \$100. Only 800 tickets are being sold.

Announcements:

- On Saturday, August 13, there is a Vets Summer Fest, a benefit for homeless Veterans, from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. It is being held at Vasa Park, Wolfe Road, Budd Lake, NJ.
- Our Lady of the Lake is having the Father Hanly Pastoral Center dedication after the 12:00 mass on Sunday, August 18, with a reception to follow.
- Basilone Parade is scheduled for Sunday, September 18.
- Veterans of America Day is scheduled on Sunday, August 28, at 4:00 p.m. It is located at TD Bank Ballpark, 1 Patriot Park, Bridgewater, NJ. Free tickets for Veterans.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 7. At this meeting, the slate of officers will be presented and voted upon.

