

**Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 5, 2015**

**Roll Call of Officers:** All present

**New Members:** The following became new members:

- Al Aloia from Randolph
- James Papaganeres from Long Valley
- Nicholas Tedeschi from Butler
- Fred Hendricks from Fairfield
- Robert Cooney from Caldwell
- Kim Armstrong (Associate Member) from Succasuna

**Guests:** Corporal AJ Wilt joined the group as he was on leave.

**Commandant's Comments:** Bob Beck asked Tom Miller for the slate of officers to be nominated for the coming year. Nominations will take place at the September meeting and installation of officers will take place at the October meeting. Jimmy Heien is retiring from his position as Jr. Vice Commandant. Tom Miller introduced the new slate as follows:

- Commandant - Robert Beck
- Sr. Vice Commandant - Jim Wisecup
- Judge Advocate - Robert Stalzer

Bob stressed that a Jr. Vice Commandant was necessary and asked if someone would step up to take on that responsibility. No one at the meeting volunteered. Pete Gallo nominated Ed Moscariello but he declined due to many other obligations.

Bob discussed the Basilone Parade which is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> in Raritan at 1:00 p.m. He only had Jim Crupi, Tony Oszmianski and himself as participating. He asked for more members to participate. For those who prefer to ride, Ron Engle is bringing his car and is representing our Detachment. There is a conflict because the car show in W. Caldwell is on the same day.

**Report of Adjutant/Paymaster**

**Marines Care Secretary:** Steve Bliss indicated that we were in good shape as follows:

- Marines Care Foundation - over \$70,000
- Detachment - over \$15,000
- Received \$510 from the National which is based on the number of life members yearly.
- Bob Beck received \$3,000 from the Morris County American Legion.

Steve received a letter on behalf of the Alonso and Family Golf Benefit thanking us for support last year, and indicating the date this year is September 21 at Picatinny. Steve proposed sending the same donation amount we sent last year and the motion

was accepted. John Andrews suggested sending a blanket. Steve had the pamphlet regarding the outing with him.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Accepted.

**Correspondence:** Bob Beck had found a thank you note written by Rodney Frelinghuysen in his mail box regarding the Detachment's participation in the trip to 8<sup>th</sup> & I. Tom Miller also received a thank you for the eagle print he donated.

Tom Miller received an email from Alex Marrocco who was presenting some fund raisers and Tom will send him some prints.

**Members Sick or in Distress:** Bob Beck reported he and others have visited with Joe Ollerenshaw in the hospital. He is recovering.

Also Bob mentioned that he had sent an e-mail to Staff Sergeant Jeremy Curcio asking for an update on Joey Clayton's recent test report. Bob was happy to report that his recent MRI came back better than the previous MRI. Joey is continuing to improve.

**Report of Officers:**

**Marines Care:** Mario Monaco mentioned a request from Don Patterson to help Master Sergeant Daniel Dab who worked at Andrews AFB with Gunny Minix with his retirement ceremony. We had helped Gunny Minix with a retirement ceremony. Steve Bliss mentioned that although this isn't something we ordinarily contribute to, both men have worked with Detachment members that go down to the hospitals. A motion was accepted to donate \$1,000.

Mario indicated Dallas Poole who works with the Wounded Warriors Regiment at Camp Lejeune, requested financial help for a Marine Captain who is traveling to help his mother who has cancer. He is traveling 6 hours each way twice a week. A motion was accepted to send him a one time gift card for gas in the amount of \$200.

Dan Danzi indicated that the next Lyons breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, September 5. Everyone is to meet at the Legion at 9:00 a.m. for car pooling, or go directly if more convenient.

**Rose Program:** Keith Butler is taking care of the Rose Outings in August. August 22 is at Pathmark in Lake Hopatcong. Keith needs volunteers for the September 5 at Stop & Shop in Caldwell, September 12 at Stop & Shop in Morris Plains and September 26 at Shop Rite in Parsippany. Art Williams will be taking care of the Saturday, September 19, outing at Stop and Shop in Madison. Keith will get out e-mails regarding each outing. Gunny is taking care of the car show Rose collection. See Keith after the meeting in order to volunteer.

Monika Flaherty who is representing Operation Jersey Cares is in charge of the Vets Summer Fest on August 8 in Budd Lake which benefits homeless veterans. She needs volunteers.

Bob Stalzer indicated that he would take care of the November Rose outing at Our Lady of the Lake in November. Firm dates will be forthcoming. He will need volunteers to cover Saturday evening and all Sunday Masses.

**Old Business:** Art Bowie spoke about the very successful L/Cpl Chris Cosgrove III Golf Outing on Thursday, July 23. The amount of \$29,692 was the profit. He thanked all the volunteers, those who contributed to the silent auction and tricky trays. He also mentioned that there will be a 10<sup>th</sup> outing but it may be scaled back. Pictures are on the website. Bill Freeman won the red/white/blue bicycle at the Golf Outing and rode it through the dining hall.

**New Business:** Bob Beck asked for a volunteer to chair the Winter Social which will be held on Wednesday, January 6, instead of a regular monthly meeting. No one at the meeting volunteered.

Bob Stalzer talked about the renovation at OLL for the Father Michael Hanley Pastoral Center. They need to raise \$75,000. A motion was accepted to donate \$1,000. He also mentioned the OLL Oktoberfest regarding an advertising banner for \$500. The motion was accepted. The Detachment agreed that if possible we would use the banner we already have. The cost to attend the Oktoberfest is \$65.00 per person which includes all food and drink. The date for the Oktoberfest is October 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Tony Fiorentino is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming auto show on Sunday, September 13, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. It is the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette & Open Car Show located at Schumacher Chevrolet, 999 Route 46 East, Clifton, NJ. There will be another car show on Sunday, September 20, Wheels in Motion, being held at Konner Chevrolet, 950 Bloomfield Ave., W. Caldwell. Tony has arranged with both of these shows to donate half of their proceeds to the Marines Care Foundation.

Keith Butler mentioned that the 3 day German Christmas Market is another event coming up probably in October. Almost \$5,000 was collected last year.

Keith Butler received a call from Susan Woomer who is looking for a speaker for a PTSD forum at the American Legion in Jefferson or Lake Hopatcong on November 12. Let Keith know if interested.

**Good of the League:** Bob Beck indicated that Project 22 is a movie sponsored by FFFFF regarding veteran suicides, PTSD, brain injuries, etc. This will occur at the AMC Loews Wayne 14 in Willowbrook. He will put out a blast with details.

Ed Moscariello explained that the VFW is having someone from the VA explain veterans' benefits. This is scheduled for some time in September. He will get the information.

Jim Loizides was instrumental in getting Jimmy Johns to donate the sandwiches at the meeting. Jimmy Johns is located in Parsippany on Baldwin Road. Stop in and thank them.

Tom Miller asked where the photo demo was. Tom Richardson may have had it. Perhaps someone could call his wife.

**Announcements:** Tony Oszmianski announced that the next lunch bunch is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, at Charlotte's Web in Dover.

The 50/50 was won by Art Bowie.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2. The meetings will now be held upstairs.