

Marine Corps League Slattery Detachment #206 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Roll Call of Officers: All present except Jim Wisecup, Senior Vice Commandant.

Application for New Members: Grisson Gamba, a 20 year Marine Veteran, submitted his paperwork for membership. He thanked us for the donation which enabled him to attend classes at Rutgers.

Guests: Dan Zurich, Linda Conaway and Alvin Robinson were present from the East Orange Chapter of Guitars for Vets. Keith Butler presented Dan Zurich with a \$500 donation check. Dan Zurich thanked the Detachment and spoke briefly about their organization and the successful fund raiser that was held on August 13 which Keith attended. Dan mentioned that Alvin Robinson has been taking lessons, and when he has completed 10, he will receive a new guitar. John Abbott has opened a Guitars for Vets Chapter at Lyons Hospital in Basking Ridge, and a second check in the amount of \$500 will be given to them.

Commandant Comments:

- Bob Beck indicated that the slate of officers needed for the October meeting has not been met due to a lack of participation. He further explained if we don't have a Commandant and Sr. Vice Commandant for the October 5 meeting, there will not be an installation of officers. We would be at risk of losing our Charter. A very aggressive discussion followed. Bill Freeman volunteered to be Commandant for one year and Tom Miller volunteered to be the Senior Vice Commandant for one year. They were given a very robust applause with many thanks. Therefore, there will be an installation at our next meeting which will start at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, at which time Bob will turn the gavel over to Bill. The following slate was approved:

1. Commandant	Bill Freeman
2. Senior Vice Commandant	Tom Miller
3. Junior Vice Commandant	Tony Fiorentino
4. Judge Advocate	Bob Stalzer
5. Chaplain	Dan Danzi
6. Quartermaster	Art Williams
7. Jim Loizides	Adjutant/Paymaster
8. Tony Oszmianski	Sgt. at Arms
- The new procedure for payment of dues was explained and there were handouts regarding this subject. The goal is to have all members' dues paid on the same date. It is a complicated procedure and is further described on the website.

Old Business

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster

Marines Care Secretary: No report given.

Marines Care: Gunny Monaco informed everyone that the Veteran who received a laptop from the Detachment has died. Fortunately, the Veteran enjoyed the use of it for the time he had.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted.

Correspondence Received: Bob Beck read a note sent from Dan & Angie Danzi thanking our Detachment for the edible arrangement.

Members Sick or in Distress:

- Wayne Seaberg had a double hernia operation and is at home recovering.
- Jim Ward is putting up a good fight and is still anxious to help the Detachment with letters and phone calls for the Rose Program.
- Joe Donahue has to have another back surgery.

Report of Project Leaders & Committee Leaders

Rose Program: Bob Beck again asked for help in assembling roses with cards. All roses have been distributed for assembly. There are no more on order.

Two auto shows that include the Rose Program are as follows:

- North Jersey Corvette Club - 8th Annual Corvette & Open Car Show on Sunday, September 11, 9:00 a.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.

Let Tony Fiorentino know if you can volunteer.

New Business

Eddie Neas mentioned the following:

- The USO at Terminal B in Newark Airport needs volunteers to cover 4 hour shifts. It is open to active and retired military along with gold star mothers and fathers. There is free parking right next door. Eddie attended a training session and will get more information to the Detachment. The USO is being sponsored by Prudential and Johnson & Johnson.
- He announced that on September 9 he is attending the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East 2nd Annual Veteran & Charitable Organization Symposium. He is being accompanied by his wife, Linda, and John Meara.
- He has set up to visit Bethesda on Thursday, September 29. Anyone interested can meet him at the Newark Penn train station. Let him know if you plan to attend.
- Work is progressing on the new brochure.

Art Bowie indicated that the Hanover Township Committee is honoring L/Cpl Chris Cosgrove as an honorary police officer with the Hanover Police Department. This is planned for September 22.

Tom Miller asked financial support for a local patrolman, Peter Herman, whose wife, Jessica, contracted Swine Flu and now has a heart condition and has lost both legs below the knees. They have an 8 year old and a 3 year old. They need financial help. Pete Gallo asked for a \$5,000 donation be given as a community activity to the Hanover PBA. The funds can be taken from the Rose Program funds. The motion was accepted. Pete Gallo mentioned that Tom Miller is donating double eagle prints to give to donors.

Keith Butler asked for volunteers for the Oktoberfest being held by the Lions Club in Chester on September 24 & 25. Give your name to Monika Flaherty.

Keith Butler mentioned that BAE is looking to work at JT Gabriel's on September 23, 24, and 25. Let Keith know if you can help.

Good of the League: Tony Oszmianski announced that the next lunch bunch is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, at Billy's and Madeline's Red Room at 12:00 noon but get there earlier.

Announcements:

- The Basilone parade is scheduled for Sunday, September 18. For those interested in participating, meet at the Legion at 10:00 a.m. in order to car pool. This is the only parade for Marines.
- The Pastoral Center at Our Lady of the Lake honoring Father Michael Hanly is scheduled at a Mass on Sunday, September 18, at 12:00 noon followed by a reception.
- The Memorial honoring L/Cpl Chris Cosgrove III is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, at 10:00 a.m. at the Whippany Park High School. The dress is Detachment uniform or red blazer. No baseball hats. A piece of steel from the Twin Towers is also part of the Memorial. Make every effort to be there.
- Legacy of a Hero, The L/Cpl Chris Cosgrove III Foundation, is hosting Casino Night on Friday, October 14, starting at 6:15 p.m. at the Hanover Manor, Eagle Rock Avenue, East Hanover, NJ.
- The fifth annual Veterans Stand Down in Morristown is scheduled for November 3, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. located at the Ukrainian American Cultural Center, 60 North Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ. They are offering at-risk and homeless Veterans free supportive services, care and resources.

The 50/50 was won by Tony Fiorentino.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5. At this meeting the slate of officers will be installed. This meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. followed with light refreshments.