



# Marine Corps League Smoky Mountain Detachment #973

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## Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** 6 October 2009

**1. Opening Ceremony:** Commenced at 1830

**2. Roll Call of Officer:** All Officers present and/or accounted for

**3. Applications of Membership/Oath for New Members:** Clyde Fricks, Associate – Marine Whittaker made a motion to accept applicant for membership, Marine Basey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Oath of Associate membership was administered to Clyde Fricks and Brenda DuBose.

**4. Past Meeting Minutes :** Read, with Marine Whittaker making motion to accept as read, Marine Potter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

**5. Mail/Correspondence :** None

**6. Paymaster's Report :** Financial report given by Corpsman DuBose, Marine Whittaker made a motion to accept Financial Report as read, Marine Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

**7. Members/family sick and/or distressed :** None

**8. Report of Officers:** None

**9. Committee Reports**

- **Color Guard:** Commandant Hunt reminded members of upcoming home football games
- **Birthday Ball:** Commandant Hunt gave update of event
- **Veteran's Memorial:** Committee reports it's an ongoing process

### **10. Old Business**

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- ❖ No Old Business

### **11. New Business**

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- ❖ Commandant Hunt passed information regarding the Toys for Tots campaign and the changes to the SOP for the program, indicating that MCL Detachment would receive preference on applications for local campaigns over local coordinators. He also stated that the Detachment should be thinking about if the Detachment wanted to submit an application for 2010.
- ❖ Commandant Hunt talked about the MCL 2010 National Convention raffle that is underway.
- ❖ Suzanne Dilthey submitted a written request for a donation to continue the Detachment support of care packages being sent overseas. Marine Vinson made a motion to donation \$200 to the care package effort, Marine Potter seconded the motion and it passed with an overwhelmingly vote, with Marine Hughes being the lone Nay vote.

### **12. Good of the League (anything of general concern that requires no voting)**

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- Commandant Hunt announced a trip to PISC in October is anyone would like to go.
- Commandant Hunt announced the Moving Wall coming to Dillsboro on October 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>
- Marine Potter suggested the Detachment begin to look at possible donations that might be given for the remainder of 2009 and budget them out accordingly. Commandant Hunt stated that it's impossible to know what donations will be given out until they are requested, but concurred that thought and consideration be given to any request. This comes from the 3 large donations given out in December 2008, depleting the Detachment bank account in half.
- Marine Collins asked for volunteers to help out with the local T4T campaign and announced their new location for 2009.
- Marine Moore stated that the Detachment needed to decide on a location for the holiday dinner, with a consensus of hands it was agreed to hold the dinner again at Cody's in Franklin on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.
- Marine Yanchis expressed a concern with the Detachment doing Pall Bearer duties at funeral and highlight the difficulty encountered at a recent burial in Cherokee. He stated that those on disability could be in jeopardy of losing that disability if someone witnessed them carrying a heavy coffin. Commandant Hunt clarified that it's each Marines responsibility to self police, and if they feel they cannot or should not be lifting or doing any work that could put their disability payments into question, they should not do it. Commandant Hunt also stated that the Detachment would only accept honorary pall bearer appointments in the future.

✓ Next general meeting announced –3 November 2009 @1830

**13. Closing Ceremony**

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**14. Meeting adjourned at 1902**

**Minutes approved as read and/or amended on 3 November 2009**

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Gregory Hunt, Commandant

Date