



Marine Corps League Smoky Mountain Detachment #973

Meeting Minutes

DATE: 1 December 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: Michael Kenny, and Charles Wright for regular membership – Marine Whittaker made a motion to accept applicant for membership, Corpsman DuBose seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Oath of membership was administered to both .

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

5. Mail/Correspondence : Thank you card from Angel Medical Center

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

7. Members/family sick and/or distressed : Randy Hughes' 2 sons having surgery, Brenda DuBose recovering from surgery, Tom Mintz's brother in law with broken hip, Jim Bell's son, and the Travis family

8. Report of Officers: Commandant Hunt gave report on money spent on souvenir sale items.

9. Committee Reports

- **Color Guard:** Nothing to report.
- **Birthday Ball:** Commandant Hunt gave after action report.
- **Veteran's Memorial:** Marine Lanson presented Marine Corps flag that had been flown at the Veterans Memorial. Also stated a workday would be at the Memorial on Tuesday, 12 December 2009.

10. Old Business

- ❖ Commandant Hunt reminded the Detachment of the holiday dinner coming up at Cody's Roadhouse and that it was a pay as you go event.

11. New Business

- ❖ Commandant Hunt started a discussion on the proposed amendment to the Detachment By-Laws. The amendment would be a change that would allow the Detachment to provide financial assistance to members and their families in need. After in depth discussion and all members given an opportunity to voice an opinion on the proposed change, Corpsman DuBose made a motion to accept the proposed change, Marine Whittaker seconded the motion and it passed by majority with 4 nay votes.
- ❖ Commandant Hunt asked for a motion to allocate \$200 for the upcoming DoNC Quarterly meeting to represent the Detachment. Marine Cloer made a motion to allocate \$200 for the trip, Marine Moore seconded the motion and during the discussion, Marine Hughes presented opposition to the motion stating that "it should only cost \$125 and that Commandant Hunt shouldn't be allowed to pocket the other \$75". Commandant Hunt explained that the motion is only to allocate the amount, and all charges would be done so with the Detachment Debit Card, so exact expenses would be used. After the discussion, the motion passed with a majority vote, with 1 nay vote being cast.
- ❖ Marine Hughes made a motion for the Detachment to donate \$500 to T4T with Marine Collins seconding the motion. During the discussion session, Marine Cloer stated that even though the VFW and American Legion (according to Marine Hughes) was giving \$500, with the size of our Detachment our donation should be smaller and asked for an amendment to the motion in the amount of \$250. Marine Hughes accepted the amended motion and it passed unanimously.
- ❖ Marine Cloer asked to discuss the T4T situation and what the Detachment intentions were. Commandant Hunt informed him that the discussion regarding T4T and the Detachment would be taken up at the February 2010 meeting.

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

- Commandant Hunt clarified the wearing of the Marine Corps League uniform at T4T or other non-MCL events.
- Donations were collected for the MCL members Thagards to help in a financial crisis.
- Corpsman DuBose showed the Detachment a wooden plague that a local service member had done.
- Marine Lanson expressed concern regarding the Detachment Color Guard and it's participation.
- Marine Cloer spoke on the Honor Air Flights and that Rotary was beginning work on the Spring schedule.
- ✓ Next general meeting announced – 2 February 2010 @ 1830

13. Closing Ceremony

14. Meeting adjourned at 1930

Minutes approved as read and/or amended on 2 February 2010

Gregory Hunt

2 February 2010

Gregory Hunt, Commandant

Date