



Marine Corps League  
Smoky Mountain Detachment #973

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: 2 December 2008

1. Opening Ceremony: Commenced at 1835
2. Roll Call of Officers: 1 excused, 7 present
3. Applications of Membership/Oath for New Members : None
4. Past Meeting Minutes : Read with Marine Whittaker making motion to accept as read, Corpsman DuBose seconded the motion and it passed unanimously
5. Mail/Correspondence : None
6. Paymaster's Report : Read by Paymaster Marine Potter, copy for review by all, Marine Whittaker made motion to accept as read, Marine Basey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously
7. Members/family sick and/or distressed : Cheri Basey, wife of Marine Basey had knee operation, doing better
8. Report of Officers : None
9. Committee Reports
  - Color Guard : Reported Color Guard did Veterans Day parade on 11 November 2008
  - Veteran's Memorial : Marine Lanson reported on surveillance system being considered for Memorial park due to vandalism and theft, he will keep the Detachment informed on progress
  - Awards/Recognition : None
  - Membership/Recruitment : Recruitment still a battle everyone needs to work on
10. Old Business

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It was announced that the Adjutant office was vacated by Marine Darold Long; he has gone to Florida and will not return until March or April of 2009. Marilyn Long asked that her Associate membership be held until their return to the area in the spring 2009.

Commandant Hunt announced the donations that were approved at the November meeting had been distributed to CareNet, Meals on Wheels, and Suzanne Dilthey. It was also announced that the fall rifle raffle winner was George Bradley of Franklin and the exchange of the rifle had been completed.

An open discussion took place regarding a Christmas dinner for the Detachment. The ideas of a catered dinner, a buffet dinner at a local restaurant, and a covered dish dinner were put on the table for discussion. All members present were given the opportunity to voice an opinion and suggestions. After approximately 15 minutes of talk, Marine Moore suggested having a dinner at Cody's Roadhouse in Franklin and each Marine taking care of their own checks. This was a consensus with the Detachment and it was decided to hold the dinner at Cody's Roadhouse on 18 December 2008.

### 11. New Business

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The offer of volunteer support for T4T was discussed and any foggy areas of concern were cleared up as to what this offer of support means. The dates of upcoming T4T events were given and any Marine wanting to volunteer their time and energy was welcomed. Also Marine Hughes announced a T4T appreciation dinner to be held on 27 December 2008 and everyone was invited to attend.

Commandant Hunt talked about his discussion with the Franklin High School Counselors office regarding setting up a scholarship by the Detachment for a graduating senior. After a lengthy discussion, weighing pro's and con's, no motion was placed forth for vote, so the idea was killed.

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

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Next general meeting announced –January 6th @1830

### 13. Closing Ceremony

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Meeting adjourned at 2010