



Marine Corps League
Smoky Mountain Detachment #973



Meeting Minutes

DATE: 3 February 2009

1. Opening Ceremony: Commenced at 1830
2. Roll Call of Officers: 6 Officers present
3. Applications of Membership/Oath for New Members : None
4. Past Meeting Minutes : Read with Marine Roberts making motion to accept as read, Marine Wanson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously
5. Mail/Correspondence : Letter read from CareNet, thanking Detachment for donation
6. Paymaster's Report : Read by Paymaster Marine Potter, copy for review by all, Marine Basey made motion to accept as read, Marine Walters 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 : Reported Color Guard has event on March 7th, Macon County GOP Convention
 - Veteran's Memorial : Marine Lanson reported committee working on deciding to go with artificial turf or real grass. Also reported that if someone didn't have \$100 to purchase a brick they could make a donation and their name would be included on the Roll Call and place within the Memorial. This Roll Call would be read during the official opening of the Memorial.
 - Awards/Recognition : None
 - Membership/Recruitment : Recruitment still a battle everyone needs to work on
10. Old Business

Marine Fendrick opened a discussion regarding a trip to Camp Lejeune for a CAPEX. Members present sounded off with a positive concensus on this. Marine Fendrick would get more information from contact at Camp Lejeune and relay it to Commandant Hunt for an email to be sent out to the Detachment.

Marine Lanson made a motion to purchase a Henry Golden Boy .22 cal rifle to be raffled by the Detachment as the Spring fundraiser, it was seconded by Marine Fendrick and passed unanimously. The raffle would last from April until 4th of July in the park. Marine Potter will order the rifle in March in order to have it by the first of April.

Commandant Hunt announced a sign up sheet was available for anyone who was interested in being nominated for an elected office or would be interested in serving in an appointed position.
11. New Business

Commandant Hunt announced that he had been approached by the Murphy Detachment in regards to participating in bringing the traveling wall to WNC in October. Commandant Hunt informed the Detachment that as he received information on this endeavor he would pass it along to the Detachment.

Commandant Hunt informed the Detachment of a crack down by DoNC Judge Advocate on the wearing of uniforms and unauthorized items being placed on them. One area of concern is the wearing of DOD ribbons on the khaki shirt for Color Guard details. In light of this crack down, Commandant Hunt announced that the Color Guard would no longer be wearing DOD ribbons on the khaki shirts.

Commandant Hunt mentioned the Annual DoNC Convention coming up in June, and if anyone was interested in attending to let him know and they could coordinate the trip and expenses.

Commandant Hunt also talked about generating a list of possible locations for the WNC Marine Corps Birthday Ball. He asked that if anyone had suggestions to get with him or Marine Basey.

Commandant Hunt announced the approved and signed Detachment Constitution and By-Laws were available.
12. Good of the League (anything of general concern that requires no voting)

A new DoNC website, NCL.org was announced by Commandant Hunt and the future plans will include all MCL forms to be available on this site to help expedite paperwork.

Marine Hughes stated that he felt he had been lied to and that he was wronged by Commandant Hunt in reference to an after meeting discussion in November 2008 regarding Toys for Tots. Marine Hughes expounded on what he felt was a lie and how he felt being told something in front of a witness that was flat out wrong. Commandant Hunt explained the answer he gave Marine Hughes during that discussion in November and how it was not a lie. Marine Hughes continued to state that he had been lied to and that he wanted something to be done. Commandant Hunt asked Marine Hughes what resolution he was seeking. Marine Hughes stated that he wanted Commandant Hunt to resign, at which Commandant Hunt replied “that’s not going to happen”, so that we can put this issue to bed and not have to deal with it again, Commandant Hunt gave a full and detailed account of the issue and what had transpired. After some discussion among members present, Commandant Hunt concluded the discussion.

Next general meeting announced –March 3rd @1830

13. Closing Ceremony

Meeting adjourned at 2005