



Marine Corps League
Smoky Mountain Detachment #973



Meeting Minutes

DATE: 3 March 2009

1. Opening Ceremony: Commenced at 1830

2. Roll Call of Officer: All Officers present

3. Applications of Membership/Oath for New Members : Bryant Stiles : Motion to accept: Marine Hughes, 2nd: Marine Walters, passed unanimously

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

5. Mail/Correspondence : Letter from Suzanne Dilthey read and made available for full review

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 : DoNC Past Judge Advocate John Staffieri, 6 By Pass heart surgery, DoNC Sr. Vice Commandant, recovering from broken leg

8. Report of Officers : None

9. Committee Reports

- **Color Guard:** Commandant Hunt reported the Color Guard had a detail on Saturday, March 7th at the Macon County Community Building for the County GOP Annual Convention.
- **Veteran's Memorial:** Marine Lanson reported that the committee is still undecided on going with sod or turf for memorial park. Also, brick sales are still ongoing and donations can be made to have names listed on Roll Call.
- **Awards/Recognition :** None
- **Membership/Recruitment :** Recruitment still a battle everyone needs to work on
- **Elections:** Commandant Hunt announced elections were upcoming and anyone interested in running for an elected office or wanted to be considered for an appointment to sign up prior to April 7th meeting, otherwise nominations would be accepted from the floor on the night of the election.

10. Old Business

Discussion was put on the floor concerning a trip to Camp Lejeune, a vote by showing of hands for dates available, revealed lack of interest for the trip with only 5 Marines casting a vote for the trip. With this, Commandant Hunt took the suggestion for a trip off the table.

Commandant Hunt spoke on taking suggestions for a location for the 234th Marine Corps Ball. He stated that to date the locations on the list for consideration are: Waynesville CC, Harrah's Hotel, Cherokee Holiday Inn, and Smoky Mountain PAC. Marine Cloer suggested adding the Slagle Building, after discussion concerning heating and parking issues, this location was not added to the list.

11. New Business

Commandant Hunt put on the table for discussion the idea of the Detachment sponsoring a Family fun run/walk 5K in the fall. He gave a brief detail of how and what would be involved in this type of event. After a full discussion with questions and answers, Marine Howells made a motion to proceed with planning the event, Marine Cloer 2nd the motion and with no further discussion it passed unanimously. Commandant Hunt informed the Detachment that he would begin the preliminary planning phase for the event and report back at the next meeting.

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

Commandant Hunt mentioned the following events and items upcoming in 2009 and 2010:

DoNC Annual Convention in Burlington, NC and if any Marines wanted to attend to let him know.

TWS Gathering in DC/Quantico in August.

Molly Marine 5K at PISC in February 2010, if any Marines wanted to participate get with him for registration.

There would be a 1st Annual NC GTG of TWS Marines and everyone is invited to attend, dates are still being decided.

Rifle is being ordered for the spring raffle and once it was received, a schedule of table set up would be sent out.

Information being disseminated regarding saluting in civilian attire, it's a personal choice, but to remember Marine Corps tradition and customs.

Marine Fendrick stated he had a 1957 Winchester Lever Action rifle for sale, if anyone is interested get with him.

Marine Lanson voiced concern over equipment for Color Guard and Honor Detail could be kept in the American Legion gun locker to make it accessible in case those in possession of the items were out of town and a detail was called up. After discussion Commandant Hunt asked Marines Lanson and Potter to get together and price a locker that could be placed in the gun locker for the Detachment equipment.

Corpsman DuBose asked if any Marines had received a letter from the VA recently, if so unless they were 100% disabled to disregard the letter.

Marine N. Roberts announced a chili lunch to be held at the American Legion on Thursday, 5 March 2009 and he had tickets if anyone was interested.

Marine Hughes announced his son SSgt Hughes has completed training for Crew Chief of the Osprey and was awaiting assignment. Also, his grandson Orion was selling Vidalia Onions and if anyone wanted to place an order to get with him.

Commandant Hunt mentioned a framed picture that Associate member Chapman was donating to the Detachment to donate to the VA CBOC. He stated he would get a time for the donation and send out an email.

Next general meeting announced –April 7th @1830

13. Closing Ceremony

14. Meeting adjourned at 1941