



Marine Corps League Smoky Mountain Detachment #973

Meeting Minutes

DATE: 6 April 2010

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: None

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

7. Members/family sick and/or distressed : Rodney Chastain – Hip replacement: Jason Watts – Home accident

8. Report of Officers: None

9. Committee Reports

- **Veteran's Memorial:** Corpsman DuBose announced the entry way should be up soon.

10. Old Business

- ❖ Commandant Hunt announced the application submitted to T4T on behalf of the Detachment had been denied.
- ❖ Marine Wright made a motion that if anyone from T4T local campaign approaches the Detachment requesting a donation, that any donation is in the form of toys only. Marine Hancock seconded the motion. During the discussion period, all present were given an opportunity to speak and to voice their pros and con's on this motion. After the discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 10 yea's and 6 nay's.
- ❖ Commandant Hunt gave an update on the raffle item and the monies collected at the gun show. He stated that \$697.00 was collected from raffle ticket sales and \$72.00 from souvenir sales. Commandant Hunt noted that enough was raised to reimburse Marine Mintz for the purchase of the M1 Rifle.

11. New Business

- ❖ Commandant Hunt announced Detachment Officers election was to begin at this time. Each member present was given a ballot for the 4 elected officer slots. Marine Roberts asked for a Point of Information, the POI was in regards to how the names listed on the ballot came to be and if names could only be listed if the Detachment nominated and seconded them onto the ballot. Commandant Hunt informed the Detachment that according to Roberts Rules of Order a person can either announce before the election date that they would like to be on the ballot or they can rise at the appropriate time before the election and nominate themselves without a second from the floor. Commandant Hunt then began the nominating and election process. Each office was announced and nominations sought, through this process there was only one person nominated for each office. Marine Potter moved that the record would reflect one vote for each nomination be entered into the record and recorded that those listed would be the official elected officers of the Detachment, seconded by Corpsman DuBose, and this was accepted and the record has so reflected one vote for each office. Those elected are as follows: Commandant Hunt, Sr. Vice Commandant Skip Howells, Jr. Vice Commandant Tom Mintz, Judge Advocate Robert Wright.
- ❖ Commandant Hunt asked for volunteers to step up for Appointed offices, those appointments are as follows: Paymaster Corpsman Jim DuBose, Sgt at Arms Marine Graham Hancock, Historian Marine Dennis Vinson, Chaplain Marine Norm Roberts, Secretary Associate member Brenda DuBose. The Adjutant position is still vacant.
- ❖ Commandant Hunt spoke on the need to form committees to conduct the Detachment business, thus eliminating any confusion and only a few doing the majority of the work. The Committees are as follows:

 Birthday Ball: Chairman Marine Don Lanson, Assistant Chairman Marine Skip Howells
 Honor Detail (Funeral): Chairman Marine Don Lanson, Assistant Chairman Marine Ivy Stiles
 Color Guard: Chairman Marine Gregory Hunt
 Fundraising: Chairman Robert Wright
 Veterans Organization Liaison: Corpsman Jim DuBose

- ❖ Commandant Hunt informed the Detachment that an offer has been made for a headquarters for the Detachment. This would be a place for the Detachment to hold monthly meetings, social gatherings, and conduct possible fundraisers out of. Commandant Hunt gave a brief description of the offer and the location of the building. This was table until the next meeting to give members a chance to think about the offer and to see the building.

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

- Marine Wright asked the Detachment to show their gratitude and support to the current leadership of the Detachment for all hard work they have done to keep the Detachment prospering.

✓ Next general meeting announced –4 May 2010 @1830

13. **Closing Ceremony** _____

14. **Meeting adjourned at 1950**

Gregory Hunt

May 4, 2010

Gregory Hunt, Commandant