



Marine Corps League  
Smoky Mountain Detachment #973

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## Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** 4 August 2009

**1. Opening Ceremony:** Commenced at 1835

**2. Roll Call of Officer:** All Officers present and/or accounted for

**3. Applications of Membership/Oath for New Members:** *Brenda DuBose, Associate; Gary Bray, regular* – Marine Whittaker made a motion to accept both applicants for membership, Marine Long seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Oath of membership was administered to Gary Bray. Brenda DuBose will take oath upon attendance at upcoming meeting.

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

**5. Mail/Correspondence :** Thank you card from Ms. George Garland, widow of Marine, for Color Guard and Funeral Detail

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

**7. Members/family sick and/or distressed :** Chuck Taliano, Joe Pippio, and Hoyt Penland

**8. Report of Officers:** Commandant Hunt read section from By Laws regarding Conduct of Members at Meetings.

### **9. Committee Reports**

- **Color Guard:** Commandant Hunt reminded members of the need for people to sign up for the detail
- **Birthday Ball:** Commandant Hunt announced the invitations had been mailed out.
- **Veteran's Memorial:** Corpsman DuBose announced the VA Memorial is moving along and the committee had met with an architect regarding the entrance area. Marine Lanson informed the membership that the MCL Detachment brick was in and placed at the head of the Marine Corps flag pole. Marine Hughes asked if a non-veteran could have a brick purchased for them for the memorial and the answer from Corpsman DuBose was no, it was for veterans only, but a non-veteran could donate a substantial amount and have their names engraved on the thank you wall.

### **10. Old Business**

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- ❖ Commandant Hunt announced Detachment Challenge Coins were in and the cost was \$456. He also mentioned that on 5 August, the coins would be made available to the general public for \$10 each, while remaining at \$5 for Detachment members.
- ❖ Commandant Hunt gave estimates of cost for sponsoring a 5K event. He also announced a sign up sheet was being passed around for members to sign up.

### **11. New Business**

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- ❖ Marine Long gave presentation on Fuel Club program that he is a member of. Marine Roberts made a motion after the presentation for the Detachment to participate in the program, Marine Howells seconded the motion, after extensive discussion it was decided to table the vote and further discussion until the September meeting.
- ❖ Commandant Hunt reminded the membership of the raffle table and the need for volunteers to man the table.
- ❖ Marine Hughes made a motion for discussion purposes to include the Detachment Monthly Financial report in the newsletter, Marine Stiles seconded the motion. After discussion and clarifications, a majority Nay vote decided to not include the report in the monthly newsletter, but that with standing parallel to Federal Freedom of Information Act as a non-profit organization, the report would be available for public viewing upon request.

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

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- Commandant Hunt announced a trip to PISC in October is anyone would like to go.
- Commandant Hunt announced his appointment to the DoNC West District Vice Commandant office for 2009-2010
- New member packets of information are available for anyone in need.
- Museum of Marines brick sales applications are available for those interested.
- Applications for 5K and Birthday Ball are available.
- Marine Roberts mentioned recently released Health Bill information and website LC.org
- Marine Hughes read card from 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division

✓ Next general meeting announced – 1 September 2009 @1830

**13. Closing Ceremony**

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**14. Meeting adjourned at 1948**

**Minutes approved as read and/or amended on 1 September 2009**

*Gregory Hunt*

Gregory Hunt, Commandant

*1 September 2009*

Date

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