

The Col Phillip C. DeLong Detachment #1267

Marine Corp League, The Villages, Florida

Jack Maiz, Commandant

Minutes of the Detachment Meeting

June 21, 2010

Bacall Recreation Center

1900hr.

CALL TO ORDER: **Commandant** Maiz directed the **Sergeant at Arms** Polkinghorn to secure the quarters and post the colors. **Color Guard Sergeant Charles Miner** directed the color guard in posting of the colors and led the detachment in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplin Hoffman gave the opening prayer and the Sergeant of Arms declared the meeting open for business. The Commandant recognized special guest Department of Florida Commandant Bill Backus, his newly appointed public relations officer Phil Riggins, Department of Florida Judge Adjutant Bob Beale, Department of Florida Vice Commandant Charles Smith, Past Commandant Bernie McCarthy, Past Commandant Lee Radford, and Past Commandant Dan Smyczynski. Other guests present were Rudy Debasio, Andy Langston, Bob Fitzgerald, Bob King, James Johnson, and Richard Pran.

A guest speaker was also introduced Board of Sumter County Commissioners Veterans Service Department Manager Fred Harrop, USAF (Ret). Mr. Harrop spoke at length of services provided and the difference between the Veterans Service Department and the Veterans Administration. After Mr. Harrop concluded his business Commandant Maiz asked for a five minute recess.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICE AWARD: Presented to Past Commandant Dan Smyczynski for service from June 2009 thru June 2010

MERITORIOUS COMMANDATION AWARD: Presented to Angelo Grotticelli for his work on the Detachment website from 1st of July 2009 thru 15 June 2010.

Commandant Maiz asked Colonel Fred Geier to present awards to several of the membership for their work on the Moonlight Golf tournament.

Past Commandant Dan Smyczynski announced while representing the detachment at the Florida State Convention, the Detachment received a **Meritorious Unit Commendation 2nd place for Best Informative Detachment Website** for period of June 1st 2009 thru June 19, 2010. All members during this period are authorized to wear the Meritorious Unit Commendation ribbon. The 2nd award from the State, Meritorious Unit Commendation for Meritorious Service in the interest of the United States of America, The United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corp League awarded June 1st 2009 thru June 19, 2010. Again, all members during this period are authorized to wear the Meritorious Unit Commendation ribbon. The detachment also received streamers off the post for attendance at the convention.

Past Commandant Dan Smyczynski also handed out the Distinguished Citizens award to John Nabet and Colonel Fred Geier.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Officers and staff present were Commandant-Jack Maiz, Sr. Vice Commandant-Joseph Olimpio, Jr. Vice Commandant-Lydia Leduc, Judge Advocate-Robert Baden, Past Commandant-Lee Radford, Paymaster-John Ryan, Chaplin-Ralph Hoffman, Sergeant at arms-Norman Polkinghorn, Historian, Detachment Web Sergeant- Angelo Grotticelli, Public Relations- Angelo Grotticelli, Newsletter Editor-Lee Radford, Color Guard Sergeant-Charles Miner and Adjutant- Dennis Faillo (excused absence).

NEW MEMBERS: Two new applicants for membership in the detachment. Commandant Maiz asked the Sergeant at arms to escort the two new applicants, Samuel Shaw & Eric Citron from the meeting room and proceeded to give a brief statement about both applicants. Commandant Maiz then nominated both applicants for membership in the league and asked for a motion to accept the new members. Both applicants DD-214's were reviewed and found to be in order. The membership voted unanimously to accept both applicants. The new applicants were returned to the meeting room and sworn in by Commandant Maiz. A five minute recess was declared for the membership to welcome the new members.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Jr. Vice Commandant-Lydia Leduc reported the minutes of the last meeting May 17th 2010 were posted on the bulletin board located at the rear of the meeting hall and is available for review on the detachment website.

CORRESPONDANCE: Commandant Maiz read a letter he received on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cape Coral Community Foundation thanking the detachment for a donation of \$100.00 for the Craig Fuller Iwo Jima fund.

Commandant Maiz also read a letter addressed to Roger Carignan thanking the detachment for their participation in the fund raiser at Hope Lutheran Church for the American Lung Association.

The league also received a Thank you card from a student who received a Scholarship award from the league.

REPORT OF PAYMASTER: Paymaster John Ryan reported there was \$6,108.00 in the operating fund.

REPORT OF CHAPLIN: Chaplin Ralph Hoffman gave an update on Fred Fuchs. The detachment was asked to keep Fred in their prayers. Fred was one of the original members of the detachment and was a very active member.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Sr. Vice Joe Olimpio had nothing to report. Jr. vice Commandant Lydia Leduc reported the membership was currently at 132 which included the two new members. Judge Advocate Bob Baden advised there was one piece of business that was urgent. This was piece of business was related to section 87 of the election process, and the detachments need to comply with Department and Nationals.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES: Colonial Fred Geier reported he would be heading up the Toys for Tots golf tournament September 25th 2010 and asked for volunteers to assist. Next meeting scheduled for 11:00am September 28th, 2010 at Havana.

Colonial Geier also reported on the results of the individuals from the detachment that volunteered to work for the Baby Boomers poker run. In appreciation for the volunteers work, the President of the Baby Boomers informed Colonial Geier that the detachment would be receiving a check for over \$500.00 for 2010 Toys for Tots!

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Past Commandant Dan Smyczynski reported the Toys for breakfast would be held on August 28, 2010 from 7:00am to 10:00am. Tickets for the breakfast will be available at the July meeting. We'll have five and a half weeks to sell 500 tickets. At the last breakfast we served 335 which 55 were walk-ins. Cost for the tickets is \$6.00. The split is \$2.00 for restaurant and 4.00 for Toys for Tots.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Commandant Maiz reported there was a documentary made about the Chosin Reservoir in Korea which the league is attempting to obtain for an all out red carpet showing and fund raiser for Wounded Warriors with 50/50 tickets etc. Commandant Maiz also stated we would contact several of the Veterans organizations locally to see if they would have any interest in working with us.

Commandant Maiz also notified the detachment of a planned get together on Friday evening for the detachment and their spouses at the American Legion on Rolling Acres road & 466 any time after 5:00pm. Commandant Maiz also reported that during a previous visit to the Legion it was obvious that there wasn't a table with the Marine Corp Emblem. Immediately following, that evening there was \$200.00 raised and an anonymous gift of \$150.00 which covered the \$350.00 cost for the table!

Commandant Maiz notified the membership of an outing on July 11th to see the Tampa Rays play the Cleveland Indians. Cost is \$45.00 which includes, bus fare from Walmart on 466, tickets, lunch, beer & soda going and beer and soda for the return trip.

Commandant Maiz asked if there would be any interest in starting a shooting club during the fall of this year. Commandant Maiz asked the membership if anyone would be interested in heading up the shooting club.

Next, Commandant Maiz announced a fishing outing sometime in the fall is being put together by, Sr. Vice Joe Olimpio, Judge Advocate Bob Baden, and Chaplin Ralph Hoffman.

Past Commandant Dan Smyczynski reported on the Toys for Tots cruise that is scheduled for February 5th 2011 on the Norwegian Cruise Line. Cost is, \$582 for an inside cabin, balconies \$890 with check or money order, \$100 more with a credit card. \$25 dollars of this goes to Toys for Tots in 2011. Legendary Journey is the travel agency handling the details for the cruise.

Commandant Maiz informed the membership about past visits to the V.A. head trauma unit in Tampa. He asked if Mary Sanders would be the point contact person and try to schedule visits at least quarterly for the detachment to make visits.

Next, Past Commandant Dan Smyczynski reported on a flag presentation ceremony scheduled for July 1st at the Tampa airport where one of the flags flown over Mount Surabachi on Iwo Jima will be put on permanent display. Dan asked for volunteers to attend the presentation being present at the Tampa airport by 9:00am on July 1st.

The next new business item Commandant Maiz reported on was the Rose Program which is scheduled for October 8th and 9th. Chaplin Hoffman has sign up sheets available in the back of the meeting room.

Also, Commandant Maiz notified the membership that the detachment picnic will be held on October 2nd at the Sea Breeze recreation center. More information will be available for the picnic at a later date.

Next Commandant Maiz stated that the minor league baseball team Leesburg Lightning, will be playing a game in Leesburg on July 3rd at 7:00pm that they call, Christmas Time in July, Toys for Tots. The detachment color guard will be present during the game to present the colors. Everyone is invited to attend at no cost.

Another open issue Commandant Maiz mentioned was the new Mentor program which will began at the start of next months meeting. The mentor position will sponsor a new member or members for the first year of their membership showing them the ropes and helping them better understand what the Marine Corp League is all about. Jack asked Roger Carignan to be the point of contact for the new program. Roger also informed the group of the new brochures with membership applications which are a tool to use in recruiting new members.

Angelo Grotticelli mentioned having an all services Combat Golf Tournament sometime towards the end of the year.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Drew Loiacono Senior Pound Leader reported on the Devil Dogs Bocce Golf outing. Drew reported that the outing was a great success and a good time was had by all. Drew also asked if anyone had a year of service in the League and was interested in joining the Devil Dogs to see Bob Beale after the meeting for an application.

CLOSING: Commandant asked the detachment to stand in a silent prayer for our deceased members. Chaplin Hoffman asked he could have a moment prior to the closing prayer to share the following information. June 25th is the 60th anniversary of the U.S. entering the Korean War. Prior to the Korean War Congress was debating on eliminating the Marine Corp. When the Korean War started the Marines were in Korea within 40 days demonstrating the combat readiness that the Marine Corp has exemplified which proved the need for the Corp! Chaplin asked that we all remember those who served in Korea and stated there will be a ceremony at Memorial Park celebrating 57 years since the end of the Korean War and asked for members to attend. Chaplin Hoffman then gave the closing prayer. Commandant directed the Color Guard to retire the Colors. The Commandant then asked Lydia Leduc to lead the detachment in singing the Marine Corp Hymn. Commandant asked the Sr. Vice Commandant to perform the last duty of his post and asked the Sergeant at Arms to declare the meeting adjourned. The meeting was

adjourned until the next meeting on July 19th at 1900 hrs. at the, Bacall Recreation Center in the Villages, Florida.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis J. Faillo - Adjutant