

Minutes of the General Membership meeting of the Col. Phillip C Delong MCL Detachment #1267. Meeting held on 19 December 2011 at 1900 Hours at the Bacall Recreation Building, the Villages, Fl. Commandant Joe Olimpio presiding.

Call to order: Commandant Olimpio called the meeting to order at 1902 hours. Sgt at Arms Angelo Grotticelli declared that all present were qualified to remain. He orders the color guard to Post the colors. Roger Carrigan led the color guard in the absence of Charles Miner and led the detachment in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Ralph Hoffman led the Detachment in prayer. Sgt at Arms Grottecelli Declared meeting opened for official business.

Roll call of Officers: Officers present: Commandant Joe Olimpio, S VC Fred Geier, Paymaster John Ryan, Adjutant Don Westlake, Chaplain Ralph Hoffman, Quartermaster, Jim Coleman, Sgt at Arms, Angelo Grotticelli, Past Commandants, Jack Maiz, Dan Smyczynski, and Lee Radford. Adjutant reports all present or accounted for.

Commandants opening remarks: Comm. Olimpio welcomed all to the meeting. He introduced Charlie Smith, Commandant of District 5 and Worthy Pac leader of Florida. Also, Bob Beale, Department Adjutant, and director of the Leadership Program. Introduced Dan Smyczynski Past Commandant and Pound Keeper #335, and past Commandants Jack Maiz, and Lee Radford.

Application for membership: Adjutant reports John C. Wittmeyer USMC served 1963-1967. Application, DD214, dues all in order by Com. Olimpio in the absence of the Judge Advocate. Candidate escorted from room. Motion to accept into Detachment J. Coleman, 2nd Angelo Grotticelli, unanimous vote by membership. To be Sworn in at January Meeting.

Swearing in of New Members: Ralph H. Files, USMC Enl. 1956, Commissioned in 1973 retired 1Nov81. Swearing in Ceremony by Com. Olimpio and SVC Geier. PComm Jack Maiz added that Files had worked two weeks at the T4Ts warehouse. After swearing in, 5 minute recess to welcome him aboard.

Correspondence: Letter from Lake Hill School, Howey in the Hills thanks Devil Dogs for specialized equipment for its handicapped students. Com. Olimpio told of the Schools activities and our support.

Paymaster: John Ryan, \$8,000 in operating account and \$3000. In special account.

Chaplain: Ralph Hoffman, reports on Jim Kelly in hospital for heart stent. Stent not necessary. Blockage removed. Jim is recuperating.

Bob Baden in bed at home. Ralph turned report over to Jack Maiz. Jack reports Bob is in bad shape. Original cause was prostate Cancer which spread to his backbone. Bob has been fighting this for over 5 years. Bob is unable to move his legs anymore. He must be transported to hospital a few times a week for radiation treatment. Each trip amounts to \$95.00 plus. Jack asked for donations to go directly into Bob's checking account.

Report of Officers: Com Olimpio, Wounded Warriors at Tampa Hosp, reports bringing personal items that are not ordinarily given to them. Shaving cream, razors, tooth paste, socks, mouth wash. Gratefully accepted by them. Many of the patients are severely wounded, some have severe head injuries. Next trip Jan 19, 2011.. Major contributors, the Auxiliary and Devil Dogs. Dragon boaters, Third Thursday of month leave villages at 2:30pm 4 hours roundtrip. Also, received a call from lady who moved into house and didn't want the washer and dryer which were in great shape. Ended up giving them to a recruitment station Sergeant. His machines have just died. That's what we do Marines helping Marines.. Special guest for the January Meeting, Christ Clauson who was Colonel DeLong driver for 11 months in Okinawa. He has some mementos of the Colonel.

SVC Fred Geier, The scholarship program has been run by the same people for years and requested some volunteers to come aboard and learn the details of the program. The aim is the eventual task of the program by new blood. Application for scholarship now available. Also, reported on the Moonlight Golf to be held in April at Saddlebrook. Looking for players and volunteers.

Jack Maiz, Toys for Tots Thanks all those that worked in the warehouse, outside details members, auxiliaries,, associates, et all. It was one of the most successful events.

Dan Smyczynski: Future Pancake breakfast details to follow... Looking for Devil Dog recruits.

Announcements: Com Olimpio, announce that January start the new officer election process. Final election will be held in April of 2011. Anyone wishing to run for an office turn in their names. Leadership school although not mandatory is high desirable. If are not getting emails make sure you contact the web master Grotticelli and give him your e mail address. Web site and newsletter is a wealth of information and should be used.

Unfinished business: None

Award: Jim Johnson bought forward and awarded life membership status and presented with gold ID card. John Nichols, transferred from 089. Life member

Announcement: Com Olimpio announce a check was given to the detachment for \$100.00 by the Orange Blossoms Square. The color guard opened their Christmas Party and received over 180 toys in addition to the check. He also thanked the color guard for their participation in numerous events that garnered many toys.

Good of the League: tonight's 50/50 tickets are still available. The department has issued raffle tickets with prizes of \$1000. \$500. \$250. For the department scholarship. We will offer the tickets at 3 for \$5.00. If you purchase 3 tickets you will receive 6 tickets. 2 for 1 ! Tickets ready for sale this evening. Detachment that sells the most earns \$350.00

Award: Roger Carrigan wins a Marine Jacket for recruiting the most new members.

Joe Apichella. Told of his church in Bellevue had a toy drive for its poor parishioners and local children. Because of the neighborhoods economic situation, there were very donations. He went to Jack Maiz and explained the

situation. Soon after those eight deliveries of toys was made to the Church from our warehouse. The priest wrote a letter praising the Marines. Marines did what Marines do! Joe thanks Jack Maiz and all who helped out. A total of 800 toys were given. Semper Fi.

Closing: There being no further business, Comm. Olimpio preceded to close; Sgt at Arms Grotticelli ordered color guard to retire the colors. Chaplain Ralph Hoffman gave final prayer; Grotticelli declared business closed until next meeting 16 January 2012 at 1900 hours. Marine Corps Hymn sang by all. Meeting adjourned, Merry Christmas.

Respectfully submitted

Don Westlake, Adjutant.