

**Melvin M. Smith Detachment #586
Marine Corps League Meeting Agenda**

December 12, 2019

Opening Ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance, Colors, Marines Hymn, Opening Prayer

Order Of Business

1. Roll Call of Officers—

- Commandant Kari Sobiski
- Senior Vice Commandant Tim Kruse
- Jr Vice Commandant Alvin Parker
- Judge Advocate John Brown
- Chaplain Dennis Dressler
- Sergeant-At-Arms ***Carl Acting
- Adjutant Celeste Morton
- Paymaster *Randy Ott
- Junior Past Commandant

2. Recognition of Past Commandants—Dennis and Randy

Recognition of Past & Current Department Officers—

Recognition of Past & Current National Officers—

Recognition of Military Order of the Devil Dogs Kennel Staff—

Recognition of Marine of the Year Recipients (Department & Detachment & Division)—

3. Applications for membership/Guests to be recognized— (Follow Ritual for Balloting)

New member Oath of Membership

Dave Lucas Ret Lt Col. Artillery joining as a member

Joe Wilson, joining as an associate

Sworn in by commandant

4. Minutes of previous meeting approved

5. Correspondence—From Officers

John- applying for ammo for new rifles but must hit 3 sources. Going through the process. No et

6. Paymaster's Report—Randy has official report

**ask for hard copy

Checking balance

Relief fund

Raffles and interest

Ym

Honor guard had uniform expenses

\$4,409 from dinner to Toys for Tots

Hoopfest

Gunshow

Dues

Hospitality room

Gave info to Carl and Z to do review (audit)

In process of making some corrections to process. There were some discrepancies between income and out going expenses

\$4500 overall balance

Paymaster report accepted

** Randy has emailed copy of official report to officers.

7. Chaplain's Report— (Deaths, Sickness or Distress)

Busy month

Ted 45k hours volunteer at VA passed before thanksgiving

Larry Marks died before thanksgiving

Gunny Ray Moon died in June

Bill Town was at spaghetti dinner has been in veterans' home for last 4 months. Dennis has visited recently. He had a good time visiting. Please go visit him to keep him connected.

Please notify Dennis if there is someone sick and that needs a card

8. Report of Officers—Commandant, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Judge Advocate, Adjutant, Paymaster

9. Report of Standing Committees

- VAVS- Mike- request: needs 1st, 2nd or 3rd sunday there is an opening for bingo at clc.

There is only 1 dr in clc and hospice unit and there are 12 people. 54 beds in those two units.

There were no players present at clc. There are not enough drs for the amount of patients in clc. Bingo is done every sunday afternoon. There is a single individual running bingo by himself every sunday. If there is anyone interested in stepping in and taking over a sunday afternoon bingo. It only takes a few people. Please let mike know.

also, this past week, stocking stuffer was done for christmas. This is all patients in hospital at vets centers approx 250 stockings. Mcl contributes deck of cards. Tj gets these from the casino.

****mike would like card from marine corps league to thank casino. Randy will get card to kari to sign.

there are 11 bbq's done every year and a turkey dinner. This was this past tues.

- Americanism- ivan this committee was dormant for a few years but ivan will submit article for randy and the newsletter. Describes what our org does for the community. Nat expects us to keep a scrap book to describe what takes place. This has to be hand delivered to the convention. Minutes, verbal reports, and ivan needs info, photos, programs, letters of thanks so he can document and put these things in the scrapbook. Veterans court, young marines, hoop fest, the ball, toys for tots, honor guard, parade, memorial day, boy scout/ eagle, va volunteering.

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- Calling tree/membership- randy has report for alvin for delinquent members

- Awards- randy has awards

Robert lynch, james wilson, richard verdusco (membership awards)

- Spokane county young marines- per randy they are working at warehouse for toys for tots. It is up in the air if they will continue the young marines breakfasts.

- Newsletter- randy, need stories from new members if they have anything they want to share. He does not need new input for this next newsletter. This copy will go out electronically and will get a hard copy to those who don't have access.

- Coffee stops-

- Memorial day-

- Bsa awards-

- Toys for tots- dennis has note from bill: to date they have had requests for approx 17k have served 3400 but need volunteers for additional requests.

They will take volunteers whatever you can spare and they will run through the 21st. They will need trucks and vans to help pick up boxes

- Homeless vets-

- Per dave lucas veterans stand down. January 25th, 2020 west central community center 1603 n. Belt st. 1000-1500

10. Report of special committees

- Usmc ball-

- Planning-

- Moy society-

- Breakfast-

- Honor guard-funeral tomorrow. New gloves, new coats, john will by blank adapters so they can be converted.

- Veterans court-dennis- we need more volunteers. According to county officer there are an additional 100 vets that need mentors. This is a worthwhile program. The most you would do is court 2x/ month. We have the lowest rate in the country of recidivism.

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- Gun shows- alvin, gun show last weekend. Only half of the normal dealers but still made money \$685 made profit of \$635. Next gun show is jan 4th and 5th. Gun shows have been slow even though mcl made money.

- Hoop fest-

- Lilac parade-ivan will take a look at possible options for vehicles to get something more acceptable to everyone. He will consult with bill.

- Department convention- randy we will get working on this in january. Will start putting things together and getting info out.

11. Old business—

12. New business—

Spaghetti dinner last week was a success.

Dennis- wrote up new protocol for donations and relief fund. This will deal with all aspects of the relief funds and how funds get dispersed, recipients get vetted, privacy, etc. We are not a benevolent association. We are to aid marines and their families and our bylaws say we are to aid marines and their families. This lays out our procedures and how the whole process works. This can be attached to the bylaws and voted on by the body. There are also options to help people when we cannot wait to take it to the body. The body will have to give authority to do this. We have always had a relief fund. Dennis is asking that we pass the protocols so we can get it into the bylaws.

Per kari we will vote on this in january

13. Ceremony of installation of officers. (june)

14. Good of the league—

what kind of money did we make on silent auction. Auxiliary has exact amount

Kari has card from family for toys for tots. They returned all but one gift for kids so they could return the rest for other kids that need it.

We need volunteers to help with toys for tots and with meeting dinners with set up, clean up or cooking

Randy has new info for new members

Dinner will start at 6pm. Open to public.

Next meeting is january 9th.

Alvin - telehealth. Robot calls every morning and asks for your code and you give it and report your vitals and it will ask you questions and you just answer. Once a month a person from va calls you and goes over the info you have given.

Wreaths across america is this saturday

Army/navy game is this weekend northern quest room sponsored by veterans court for this game. \$50/person

15. Announcements—

- Bingo @ va hospital at 1900
- Regular meeting at 1900
- Upcoming events—
- Coffee stops
- Gun shows
- Bbq mcla
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Closing ceremony—moment of silence, taps, closing prayer, dismissed