MELVIN M. SMITH DETACHMENT #586
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETING AGENDA
December 10, 2020

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Roll Call of Officers—

- Commandant – Kari Sobisky
- Junior Vice Commandant
- Chaplain-Dennis Dressler
- Adjutant-Celeste Morton
- Junior Past Commandant- Randy Ott

Senior Vice Commandant Tim Kruse
Judge Advocate John Brown
Sergeant-At-Arms Carl Schauppner
Paymaster -Randy Ott

2. Recognition of Past Commandants—Randy, Dennis, Jim
Recognition of Past & Current Department Officers- Dennis and Randy
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) Jim Brown, Dennis Dressler,

3. Applications for membership/Guests to be recognized— (Follow Ritual for Balloting)
New member Oath of Membership –

4. Minutes of previous meeting- posted, moved to approve and accepted

5. Correspondence—From Officers

6. Paymaster's Report—. Randy gave report and sent via e-mail. Reported and Accepted.

7. Chaplain's Report— (Deaths, Sickness or Distress)
Dennis submitted the following via email:

Since the November meeting I have contracted COVID-19; the most likely place I was exposed was at the meeting. Being a considerate husband I shared the virus with my wife.

I have sent "in hospice" cards (from both Detachment and Department) to Past Department Commandant Jim Renton who has since passed into rest. If you have never written such a card I will tell you that is not easy to write it from scratch.

There are several of our members who are "sick and in distress"; David "Doc" Kaltenbaugh made a trip to the ER, Mike O'Flarety is in Mann- Grandstaff VAMC with both the flu and COVID-19. While Randy has not contracted the virus his wife, Lori has.

Remember to stay 6 feet apart, where a mask and wash your hands; stay healthy so we can see you at the January meeting (however it is held)!
Semper Fi,
Dennis

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

9. Report of Standing Committees

- VAVS-
- Americanism-
- Calling tree
- Awards- Randy is working on awards on dept and detachment level. He will have to mail them and needs Kari's signature.
- Spokane County Young Marines- Jim gave report
  National is requiring a PFT and they are trying to figure that out. They are having zoom meetings. Losing 3 seniors.
- Newsletter- posted on internet Please get articles to Randy promptly.
- Coffee Stops-
- Memorial Day-
- BSA Awards-
- Toys For Tots-
  Jim reports coming along well. In White Elephant bldg. floor is covered with pre-filled orders. Folks will drive around and volunteers will check ID and they will pop the trunk and the volunteers will put orders in trunk. Police have been called when some have tried to get orders filled more than once. Over 5000 orders on the books. Ahead of where we were last year at this time. May have filled 7000 to 10,000 by Christmas. 2000 orders bagged and ready to be picked up.
  Are running the warehouse with fewer volunteers than last year due to COVID. We are still meeting the needs. The building was donated by owners of White Elephant and are taking care of utilities and wifi and garbage and other expenses. They have been extremely generous. This has even included use of a fork lift and driver donated by Connelly family. Carl and Ivan and Manny and Larry are drivers and there have been many volunteers.
- Homeless Vets-

10. Report of Special Committees

- USMC Ball-
- Planning- Tuesday September 15th.
- MOY Society-
- Honor Guard- Kari- we're doing funerals but only 1 or 2 a week
- Veterans Court -John they will have a forum for phase 1 and 2 people. Randy was presented with a quilt of honors by the veteran's court ladies.
- Gun shows-
- Hoop Fest-
- Lilac Parade-
- Department Convention-
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11. Old Business—
Randy – dept convention. It is a go for June 2021. Our previous contract still applies. 03-06JUN21. Membership renewals there are a few league members who have not renewed.

12. New Business—
Jim- Don Crain, last Friday Jim's church had fundraiser for Toys for Tots and Jim met Don's granddaughter's husband.

13. Ceremony of Installation of Officers. (June)

14. Good of the League—

15. Announcements—

- Bingo @ VA Hospital at 1900
- Regular Meeting at 1900
- Upcoming Events—
- Gun Shows
- BBQ MCLA
- Invite vets to the League and let vets know that the MCL can help but they must ask for help.
- Next meeting is January 14, 2021

Closing Ceremony—Moment of Silence, Taps, Closing Prayer, Dismissed