



Three Rivers Leatherneck Detachment 310 – Marine Corps League, Inc.
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MINUTES OF DETACHMENT MEETING 12 FEBRUARY 2020

Commandant Matt Popovich called the meeting to order at 1930 hours, with the appropriate ceremony. Chaplain Bob Timet read the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers:

Commandant – Matt Popovich, Sr. Vice Commandant – Frank Kelly, Jr. Vice Commandant – Calvin Reichhold, Staff Judge Advocate – Jim Hughes (absent)

Detachment Directors:

Past Commandant – Karl Wilzer, Sgt. at Arms – Ed Peters, Chaplain – Bob Timet, Adjutant/Paymaster – Karl Wilzer, Quartermaster, Recording Secretary – Janet Lindner, Trustees – Karl Wilzer, Matt Popovich, Calvin Reichhold, Jim Hughes; Finance Committee – Karl Wilzer, Frank Kelly, Gerry Kunic, Paul Cusick, Calvin Reichhold

Members and Guests Present:

Members in attendance are listed in the meeting roster.

Standing Committees:

Honor Guards/Parades, Veterans Hospital (VAVS), Rose Campaign, Ways & Means, Communication, Pasta Dinner, Social Events, Pistol Team, Awards/Ceremonies, Audit Committee – Trustees, Finance Committee

Installation of Sr. Vice Commandant:

There was a brief diversion from the regular meeting agenda. Commandant Matt Popovich conducted the swearing in of Frank Kelly as Sr. Vice Commandant.

Application for Detachment Membership:

There were no new applications for membership.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Tom Szmed and seconded by George Bigelow to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting as written. The motion was approved by the membership.

Commandant's Report – Correspondence, Announcements, etc. (Matt Popovich):

- Matt apologized for sharing incorrect information at the last meeting regarding commissary benefits and ID cards for veterans. If a veteran is not retired from the military and they have service connected disabilities they are allowed to go to the commissaries. If that is not listed on your VA ID card you should get a new card.
- Matt also noted that you can register your VA card to allow access to any military base. To register for this access, you need to go to the Air Force base main gate, get finger printed and register.

Chaplain's Report (Bob Timet):

- Cards were circulated for signature for Wilma Pakuszewski, who is in ill health; Jim Hughes who fell and broke a rib; Adam Hofmeister, Associate member (and Bob's grandson) who is deployed in Saudi Arabia.

Senior Vice Commandant's Report (Frank Kelly): *Nothing to report at this time.*

Junior Vice Commandant's Report (Calvin Reichhold): *Nothing to report at this time.*

Adjutant/Paymaster Report (Karl Wilzer):

Karl also reported that the audit of the 2019 financial records was completed two weeks ago by Gerry Kunic, Paul Cusick, Karl Wilzer and Janet Lindner. All records are in order.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Honor Guards/Parades** – *Dave Thens (absent) – No report at this time.*
- **VAVS** – *Bob Timet* reported that it is business as usual.
 - There were 16 veterans present at the recent bingo. There has been a decrease in the number of hospitalized veterans participating in the bingo. Nine members of the Detachment helped at the bingo: Jim Eichner & Cathy, Tom & Audrey Szmed, Don & Joyce Bailey, Bob, Karl, and Matt.
 - Bob suggested that members donate mugs for use at the VA. They can be brought to the next meeting.
 - Bob attended the quarterly meeting of VAVS which included review of activities and programs, including programs looking for donations such as bus passes, serviceable clothing, etc.
- **Rose Campaign** – *Bob Timet* – *There was nothing to report at this time.*
- **Ways & Means/Strip Tickets** – *Matt Popovich* reported that the winning numbers for February were #437 – Ed Peters, and #822 – Janet Lindner. Janet donated her winnings to the 2020 Christmas Service Project. Matt notes that due to the low attendance at the meeting no strip tickets would be sold for March.
- **Quartermaster Report** – See Karl Wilzer for any items needed.
- **Communication** – *Frank Kelly* reported that he is making updates to the website. H also discussed the potential Detachment use of Constant Contact as a means of communication, etc.
- **Fundraisers**

- **Pasta Dinner** fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd. The Committee will meet next month to discuss plans.
- **Social Events** – *Nothing to report at this time.*
- **Pistol Match** – *Phil Cerussi (absent) – No report at this time.* It was noted that practice will begin when the weather breaks.
- **Ceremonies, Events, Awards, etc.** – *Nothing to report at this time.*
- **Marines Helping Marines** – *Joe Wadlow, Bill Howrilla – Nothing to report at this time.*
- **Young Marines** – *Matt Popovich* reported on the following:
 - The Young Marines will be distributing cookies to all first responders in Washington County on the second Thursday of March.
 - Every Thursday there is a class for the Young Marines. Matt will be attending.
 - The young Marines participated in removing the holiday wreaths at the Cemetery of the Alleghenies on January 25th.

Unfinished Business: *There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

New Business:

- Frank Kelly suggested that the Detachment utilize Constant Contact for communicating via email with members, etc. Cost is \$20 per month or \$240 per year. Discussion focused on pros, cons, potential benefits, etc.. Janet recommended a trial period, utilizing Constant Contact for 3 months, then evaluating, before committing to a one year contract. A motion was made by Jim Eichner and seconded by Dominic Novak to use Constant Contact for a 3-month trial period, followed by an evaluation of the results before committing to an extended contract. The motion was approved by the membership.
- Matt will submit a Donation Request Form to the Finance Committee for their approval to donate \$250 to Sharing and Caring. The Detachment will vote on the request at a future meeting after the approval of the Finance Committee.

For the Good of the League:

- Joe Piccioni noted that the Veterans Breakfast Club is planning a trip to the Air and Space Museum and the Marine Corps Museum on Thursday, April 30th through Friday, May 1st. Contact Ellie at 412-623-9029 or ellie@veteransbreakfastclub.com for more information.
- Janet Lindner noted that North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO) reported on its Holiday Toy Shops, a beneficiary of our Christmas Service Project. In 2019 parents were able to select gifts for 797 children because of donations to NHCO.
- There will be a *Coffee with the Doctors* session at the VA in Cranberry on February 27th from 9:30–11:00 A.M.
- Ed Heyl noted that on Friday, March 27th at 9:00 A.M. at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies there will be an event honoring those who served from November 1, 1955 through May 15, 1975. A lapel pin may be presented. Bob Timet asked if the Detachment could get a group together to attend. More discussion will be held at the March meeting.
- Janet read the note on a Thank You card the Detachment received from the John & Theresa White, for the card sent to John last month.

Adjournment:

The meeting concluded with one stanza of the Marine Hymn, salute to the colors, and prayers. Semper Fi.

The Sgt. at Arms declared the meeting officially closed at 2015 hours.

Winner of the 50/50 Raffle of \$55 was Rita Weiss. Rita donated \$20 of her winnings to the Christmas Service Project.

The next meeting will be held on March 11, 2020.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Associate Member Janet D. Lindner.

Note: The section below follows the end of the minutes to summarize all motions made during the monthly meeting.

Motions

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Jim Eichner	Dominic Novak	To use Constant Contact for a 3-month trial period, followed by an evaluation of the results before committing to an extended contract.	Approved



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