



Three Rivers Leatherneck Detachment 310 – Marine Corps League, Inc.  
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## **MINUTES OF DETACHMENT MEETING 8 JANUARY 2020**

**Commandant Karl Wilzer called the meeting to order at 1935 hours, with the appropriate ceremony. Chaplain Bob Timet read the opening prayer**

### **Roll Call of Officers:**

Commandant – Karl Wilzer, Sr. Vice Commandant – Matt Popovich, Jr. Vice Commandant – Calvin Reichhold, Staff Judge Advocate – Dave Thens (absent)

### **Detachment Directors:**

Past Commandant – Matt Popovich, Sgt. at Arms – Ed Peters, Chaplain – Bob Timet, Adjutant/Paymaster – Janet Lindner, Quartermaster – Rick Barzen, Trustees–Karl Wilzer, Matt Popovich, Calvin Reichhold, Dave Thens; Finance Committee – Matt Popovich, Phil Cerussi, 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, Golf Outing, Pasta Dinner, Social Events, Pistol Team, Awards/Ceremonies, Audit Committee (Trustees), Finance Committee

### **Application for Detachment Membership:**

An application for Associate membership was received from Steven McNeil, Jr., a fireman from Delmont, PA. He attended the Detachment's Pasta Dinner and our Marine Corps Birthday Dinner. His application and fee were submitted. All is in order, except that he needs to sign the application form on the back. A motion to accept his application for Associate membership was made by Jim Hughes, seconded by Dominic Novak, and approved by the membership. A transmittal will be processed as soon as the signed form is received.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

A motion was made by Jim Hughes and seconded by Tom Szmed to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting as written. The motion was approved by the membership.

### **Commandant's Report – Correspondence, Announcements, etc. (Karl Wilzer):**

- Installation of the newly elected and appointed officers will be held later in the meeting.
- Karl thanked Janet for her dedicated service as Adjutant/Paymaster over the past two years. She is remaining in the role of Recording Secretary.
- Upcoming meetings:
  - January 26<sup>th</sup> – District 10 meeting to prepare for the Dept of PA Convention in Greensburg on June 24-28, 2020. Each Detachment is asked to donate \$100, a basket for the raffle, and a bottle of liquor for the hospitality room, like last year.
  - The next Dept of PA Meeting will be held January 17-18, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg (Hershey).
  - The National Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 28-29, 2020 at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside, Norfolk, VA.
  - The Dept of PA Spring Meeting will be held on March 20-21, 2020 at Headquarters Building in Jonestown/Lebanon, PA.
- Member Adam Hofmeister and his mother, (grandson & daughter of Bob Timet), got involved with Wounded Heroes Hunting Camp (WHHC). They received a Thank You letter from WHHC for a donation of \$1,318 that was raised by her class at McIntyre Elementary. The letter was read at the meeting. Bob noted that Adam is currently stationed overseas in Saudi Arabia.
- Karl alerted members to look at the photo of Don and Joyce Bailey on page 25 of the *Semper Fi* magazine. Many thanks to Don and Joyce for all that they do.

### **Chaplain's Report (Bob Timet):**

- A Get Well card for John White was circulated for signature.
- Paul Cusick thanked the Detachment for the card sent to him after his recent surgery.

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

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

### **Adjutant/Paymaster Report (Janet Lindner):**

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

- **Honor Guards/Parades** – *Dave Thens (absent) – No report at this time.*
- **VAVS** – *Bob Timet* reported that the VA Bingo will be held next Monday. Raffle items for the veterans are needed. See Bob if you have items to donate. The Detachment received Thank You letters from the VA for participation in the monthly bingos.
- **Rose Campaign** – *Bob Timet* – *Nothing to report at this time.*
- **Ways & Means/Strip Tickets** – *Matt Popovich* reported that the winners for the January numbers were Joe Turba with #597 and Pat Bresselsmith with #052. He has some tickets left for the February numbers. See Matt after the meeting to purchase tickets.
- **Quartermaster Report** – *Nothing to report.*

- **Communication** – *Frank Kelly (absent) – No report at this time.*
- **Fundraisers** -
  - **The Pasta Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the VFW.**
- **Social Events** – Nothing to report at this time. The Detachment’s Marine Corps Birthday dinner will be held in November. If anyone has any suggestions for this year, please let Matt & Karl know.
- **Pistol Match** – *Phil Cerussi (absent) – No report at this time.*
- **Ceremonies, Events, Awards, etc.** – *Nothing to report at this time.*
- **Marines Helping Marines** – *Bill Howrilla – Nothing to report at this time.*
- **Young Marines** – *Joyce Bailey reported on the following:*
  - The Young Marines participated, in constant rain, in Wreaths Across America at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Two Young Marines were honored to present wreaths, representing the Marine Corps and Coast Guard.
  - Sixty attended the Family Christmas Dinner on December 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - The group donated 20 blankets/throws for VAVS events.
  - The first meeting of 2020 will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - On January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. the wreaths will be removed at the National Cemetery.

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

**New Business:** *There was no new business to discuss.*

**Installation of Officers for 2020** was conducted by Paul Cusick. Elected and appointed officers were installed as follows:

- **Commandant** – **Matt Popovich**
- **Sr Vice Commandant** – **Frank Kelly** (absent due to illness)
- **Jr Vice Commandant** – **Calvin Reichhold**
- **Judge Advocate** – **Jim Hughes**
- **Adjutant/Paymaster** – **Karl Wilzer**
- **Chaplain** – **Bob Timet**
- **Sgt. At Arms** – **Ed Peters**
- After the installation Matt presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**For the Good of the League:**

- If anyone needs flag stars contact John and Theresa White.
- Matt thanked Karl for three outstanding years of service to the Detachment. He also thanked Janet for all that she has done as Adjutant/Paymaster and with the Pasta Dinner and Christmas Service Project. He thanked the members for their vote of confidence for the Commandant position. He would like to see the Detachment get more involved with Wounded Heroes Hunting Camp, and community activities that we could assist. He would also like to see funds used for charitable services benefitting veterans.
- Jim Hughes urged all to enroll in the VA, if they have not done so already. Jim will assist anyone who needs help with the process of enrolling.
- Rick Barzen noted that he takes other to register. He commented that the Camp Lejeune water issue affects most. Rick emphasized the need to, and the ease of enrollment.

- Paul Cusick reaffirmed that George Coppola also assists others with various issues; he also supported the benefits available through the VA.
- Matt & Bob Timet also supported enrollment in the VA program and use of benefits.
- Gerry Kunic noted that there has been significant turnaround in services. The process is much better than in the past.
- Bill Howrilla suggested we support Operation Troop Appreciation (OTA) with a donation. Monica Orlock is still in charge of OTA. They are also helping homeless veterans and accepting donations of items.

**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 2022 hours.

Winner of the 50/50 Raffle of \$53 was Joe Turba.

The next meeting will be held on February 12, 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**

<b>Motion made by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>	<b>Content of Motion</b>	<b>Action by Membership</b>
Jim Hughes	Dominic Novak	To accept the application of Steven McNeil, Jr. for Associate membership.	Approved
Jim Hughes	Tom Szmed	To accept the minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting as written.	Approved