

**Billy Stelpflug Detachment #1064  
Marine Corps League  
Business Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 01/20/2024  
**Location:** Clubhouse at Auburn Legends,  
41 Lee Rd, Auburn, AL 36832  
**Recorded By:** Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster

**Called to Order:** 0730 by Gene Stanaland, Commandant

**Raffle:** \$45 Charlie Block donated to Detachment

**Attendance: Officers present:** Gene Stanaland, Commandant  
Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster  
Ron Russell, Chaplin  
Bob Jonson, Judge Advocate  
Mike Carreca, Jr Vice Commandant  
John Reichman, Sgt at Arms  
Jim Doyle, Webmaster

**Officers absent:** Matt Wilson, Sr Vice Commandant  
Rusty Alums, Jr Past Commandant  
Ricardo Garcia, Marine for Life

**Members present:** Charlie Block, Mike Carreca, Donald Sanders, Rudy Vuchinich, Gene Stanaland, Fred Hamff, Bob Jonson, Ron Russell, Earl Allen, John Reichman, Caleb Pipes

**Adjutant/Paymaster Report:** Current account balance is \$8342.72

**Health and Welfare Report:** Perry and Edna Caldwell now reside in Room 136 Arbor Springs. Peggy Stelpflug will have surgery next week; rehab destination unknown.

**Marine Corps Birthday Dinner:** The Venditori's Italian Restaurant was a great venue for the dinner. Reservations have been made for 2024. The Detachment collected \$2750.00 (including meal tickets [\$50.00] and donations by Matt Wilson, Gene Stanaland, Bob Jonson, Jim Doyle, and Fred Hamff.

**Food Bank:** Three individuals (Rusty Alums, Fred Hamff, Gene Stanaland) volunteered in December and two (Rusty, Gene) in January. Our shift is from 8:00 to 12:00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Food bank is located at 355 Industry Dr, Auburn, AL 36832, 334 821-9006.

**Toys For Tots:** Rusty Alums estimated that 2,000 toys were collected. The Auburn University Athletic Department assisted by allowing members to collect toys at a women's gymnastics meet, women's basketball game, and men's basketball game. The following members participated in all or some of the Toys For Tots events: Bob Jonson, Gene Stanaland, Rusty Alums, Fred Hamff, Ron Russell, Ricardo Garcia.

**Report of AL Department Quarterly Meeting:** Gene Stanaland attended the meeting. There are now 970 MCL members in the state. Current bank balance is \$5041. The Tag Program has been discontinued. Current balance in the account is approximately \$428,000.00. A request for aid was approved to a Marine in need for \$6791. The Young Marine Program received a donation of \$1000. This year's convention will be in Muscle Shoals. Marines can acquire a tag with the Globe and Anchor emblem on it by submitting a DD 214 and \$3.00.

**Detachment Social:** Next Detachment Social is scheduled for Tue 02/13/2024 2024 at 5:30 pm at Durango's. RSVP the week before to Earl Allen [eorballen@gmail.com](mailto:eorballen@gmail.com) or 334 559-9213.

Many thanks to Fred Hamff for preparing the venue for our monthly meetings.

**Adjourned** at 0810

**Next Meeting:** The next regular business meeting will be in February 2024.