

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

Date: 01/21/2023
Location: Commandant Matt Wilson's community residence clubhouse
Recorded By: Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster

Called to Order: 0740 by Matt Wilson, Commandant

Raffle: \$31.00 won by Rudy Vuchinich and donated back to the Detachment

Attendance: Officers present: Matt Wilson, Commandant
Gene Stanaland, Sr Vice Commandant
Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster
John Reichman, Sgt at Arms
Jim Doyle, Webmaster
Mike Carreca, Jr Vice Commandant
Ron Russell, Chaplin
Ricardo Garcia, Marine for Life

Officers absent:
Harry Hooper, Judge Advocate
Robert C. Jonson, Jr Past Commandant

Members present: Mike Carreca, John Reichmann, Rusty Alums, Rudy Vuchinich, Earl Allen, Gene Stanaland, Caleb Pipes, Harry Waites, Jim Doyle, Ricardo Garcia, Ron Russell, Matt Wilson.

Adjutant/Paymaster Report: Current account balance is \$8706.80. Transactions since October 2022 meeting: \$1950.00 was collected for tickets for the Marine Corps Birthday Dinner (including donations from Jim Doyle and Harry Hooper). Bill from the country club was \$2684.05. Difference was made up by donations from Matt Wilson and Gene Stanaland. Reimbursed Bob Jonson \$300.00 for Marine Corps Heritage Foundation brick for LCpl Billy Stelpflug, \$88.41 for framing the certificate, and \$327.01 for flowers for the dinner. \$1000.00 scholarships were given to: Jaymes Chambless, Jamie Iwaniak, Travis Sanders, Lawrence Scott, and Avery Wells, all active duty MESEP Marines. The \$5000 was paid by donations by Matt Wilson, Gene Stanaland, Rusty Amums, Fred Hamff, Jim Doyle, Harry Hooper, Earl Allen, and Rudy Vuchinich.

Semper Fi Magazine: We collected seven copies of the Fall 2022 issue of the magazine with the article about our Detachment and a photo of Billy Stelpflug. John Reichman will present them to Peggy Stelpflug.

Health and Welfare Report: Jim Doyle's son is in late-stage renal failure. Mike Carreca reported that (1) he and his wife have had Covid over the holidays (despite

being vaccinated), (2) the CDC is investigating an increase in Transient Ischemic Attack events among persons over 65 years of age who received the Pfizer Covid vaccine (including Mike's wife; no such increase has been noted among recipients of the Moderna vaccine), and (3) the National Weather Service is predicting increased major storm activity in the coming Spring.

Toys For Tots: Rusty Alums and Ricardo Garcia reported that the Toys For Tots drive last year was a resounding success. The Auburn Athletic Department agreed to always have a basketball game during which toys will be collected. The game will be the closest one to Christmas. Student veterans were a major help during the game last year.

Food Bank: Rusty Alums reported that two Marines showed up for the last Food Bank day (2nd Wednesday). Perhaps the Auburn student veterans could be asked to participate in this community service.

Auburn University Military Appreciation Day: Ricardo Garcia reported that this event will occur during the football games against Ole Miss on 10/21/2023 or Mississippi State on 10/28/2023.

Student Veterans: Ricardo Garcia has been a tremendous asset for the Detachment as the liaison to the Auburn Student Veterans organization. Ricardo will likely move sometime soon. The Detachment needs to find a replacement to fill this role and maintain the relationship.

Motion to Continue Activities: Gene Stanaland moved and Rusty Alums seconded that the Detachment should continue the scholarship program, Toys For Tots, Food Bank, and encourage (Marine) student veteran involvement.

TAG Fund: Ron Russell will pursue the issue of the Detachment receiving reimbursement from the TAG fund for the \$5000 scholarships.

Detachment Social: Social scheduled for Tuesday, 2/21, at 5:30 at Durango's. RSVP to Earl Allen by 2/20, 334 559-9213, eorballen@gmail.com.

Adjourned at 0920

Next Meeting: The next regular business meeting will be in February 2023.