

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

Date: 02/17/2024
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: \$55 donated to Detachment

Attendance: Officers present: Gene Stanaland, Commandant
Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster
Ron Russell, Chaplin
Mike Carreca, Jr Vice Commandant
John Reichman, Sgt at Arms
Jim Doyle, Webmaster
Rusty Alums, Jr Past Commandant

Officers absent: Matt Wilson, Sr Vice Commandant
Ricardo Garcia, Marine for Life
Bob Jonson, Judge Advocate

Members present: Mike Carreca, Donald Sanders, Rudy Vuchinich, Gene Stanaland, Fred Hamff, Ron Russell, Earl Allen, John Reichman, Caleb Pipes, Jim Doyle, Harry Waites, Earl Allen, Rusty Alums

Adjutant/Paymaster Report: Current account balance is \$7862.72.

Health and Welfare Report: Perry and Edna Caldwell continue to reside in Room 136 Arbor Springs, and they would welcome visitors. Peggy Stelpflug is home and is receiving daily nursing care and also is in high spirits. Leonard Riley had to terminate his employment for medical reasons and is understandably concerned about his well-being.

Officer Nominations: All current officers agreed to be nominated to stand for election or appointment in the current cycle. There were no nominations from the floor.

Food Bank: Donald Sanders and family and Gene Stanaland volunteered this month. Our shift is from 8:00 to 12:00 on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Food bank is located at 355 Industry Dr, Auburn, AL 36832, 334 821-9006.

Toys For Tots and Community Relations: There was an extended discussion about the Detachment's ongoing relations with various institutions in the community. This is

an important issue currently because of Ricardo (Gunny) Garcia leaving Auburn (see below). Gunny was very active in this regard and a tremendous asset to the Detachment. Rusty Alums worked alongside Gunny in these various endeavors and will continue this work in the critical role of Detachment Liaison.

Ricardo “Gunny” Garcia: The Gunny has completed his masters degree in Construction Engineering and has accepted a position in Phoenix, AZ, as a Supervising Engineer on a construction project. He will be sorely missed and we wish him and his family all the best.

Veterans Committee: Gene Stanaland reported that the City of Auburn has scheduled the next meeting of the committee later in the Spring.

Miscellaneous Items: (A). Gene Stanaland received a call from associate member Charles O’Brien, who was scheduled to be our main speaker at last year’s Marine Corps Birthday Dinner but had to cancel because of an injury. Charles said he has recovered and is preparing a presentation about his Navy experiences that he will deliver at a later date.

(B). Gene Stanaland received a call from an active duty Marine in Texas who said that there is a Marine veteran in our community in distress. Gene called the veteran’s mother who said the veteran had a brief inpatient hospitalization. The mother also said that she has another son who is also a Marine veteran, and she would encourage both to join the Detachment.

(C). New Detachment business cards were distributed.

Detachment Social: The next Detachment Social was not scheduled.

Adjourned at 0810

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