

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

Date: 03/16/2024
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: \$47 won by Gene Stanaland and 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
Rusty Alums, Jr Past Commandant /
Detachment Liaison
Matt Wilson, Sr Vice Commandant
Bob Jonson, Judge Advocate

Officers absent: Jim Doyle, Webmaster

Members present: Mike Carreca, Donald Sanders, Rudy Vuchinich, Gene Stanaland, Fred Hamff, Ron Russell, Earl Allen, John Reichman, Rusty Alums, Matt Wilson

Adjutant/Paymaster Report: Current account balance is \$7793.97. Received \$50 donation from Matt Wilson.

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 returned to work but remains understandably concerned about his well-being. Ron Russell talked to a friend of Billy Stelpflug who is sending the Detachment some sand from Iwo Jima,

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.

Department of Alabama Quarterly Meeting: Gene Stanaland attended and reported on this meeting. (1) Because there is no longer Tag income the Department has reduced the amount that can be reimbursed for Dept. Commandant travel to visit the Detachments. (2) At the Dept. convention all members present will now be allowed to

vote for officers, instead of the proportional rule as before. (3) Marines-Helping-Marines requests are now limited to \$5,000 and to two lifetime allocations.

Food Bank: Rusty Alums, Fred Hamff, Gene Stanaland and Donald Sanders and family 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.

Momentos for Perry Caldwell and Peggy Stelpflug: The Detachment purchased two 0311 MOS challenge coins for Perry, two 0351 MOS challenge coins for Peggy, and two Marine Corps greeting cards. The cards were signed by all present and will be delivered by Ron Russell and Gene Stanaland.

Emergency Operations Center Update: Mike Carreca reported on the EOC current activities. The weather-related emails Mike sends to the Detachment are much appreciated, especially now as we enter the storm season. The weather reports will continue, as this coming summer promises to include some difficult weather. The Center had the unenviable task of moving bodies buried in a cemetery because of ground contamination. All Detachment members have a standing invitation to tour the EOC facilities at 908 Avenue B in Opelika.

Detachment Social: Earl Allen is organizing and hosting the next Social at Durango's restaurant ([Durango Mexican Grill | Opelika AL \(durangomexicangrillal.com\)](http://DurangoMexicanGrill.com)) on Tuesday, April 16, at 5:30. RSVP to Earl at eorballen@gmail.com or 334 559-9213 by Mon 4/15 with number in party.

Adjourned at 0830

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