

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

Date: 07/16/2022
Location: Commandant Matt Wilson's community residence clubhouse
Recorded By: Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster

Called to Order: 0800 by Matt Wilson, Commandant

Raffle: \$46 won by Earl Allen and donated back to the Detachment

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

Officers absent: Harry Hooper, Judge Advocate
Robert C. Jonson, Jr Past Commandant
Ricardo Garcia, Marine for Life

Members present: John Reichmann, Rusty Alums, Ron Russell, Rudy Vuchinich, Earl Allen, Gene Stanaland, Matt Wilson, Mike Carreca, Fred Hamff, Harry Waites, Caleb Pipes, Donald Sanders, Jim Doyle, Lee Roy Kelley, Mike Carreca

Adjutant/Paymaster Report: Current account balance is \$9799.84. Donald Sanders, who recently relocated to this area from North Carolina, will submit an MCL Membership application. Annual MCL renewal dues have not yet been submitted by 10 members.

Health and Welfare Report by Ron Russell: Peggy Stelpflug is having increasing issues with ambulating but otherwise is doing well. Ron Russell will have shoulder surgery next Month. Matt Wilson will have back surgery next Month.

DARE: Either four or five Marines came to the DARE lunch work detail on each of the four days that were needed. Grady Jones's legacy of support for this program has continued.

Food Bank: Rusty Alums reported that three Detachment members worked at the food bank on our most recent scheduled day. The Detachment still has a detail at the food bank on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Rusty Alums will send out email reminders for these dates and hopefully increase attendance.

Marine Corps Birthday: At the June meeting Bob Jonson reported that the Saugahatchee Country Club offered a chicken or pork menu items for \$33.00 per person for the November banquet. The Detachment voted to have the function at that facility. It is not known if the reservation has been confirmed.

Auburn City Veteran's Committee: At the June meeting Rusty Alums reported that the Veteran's committee has not had a Marine member since Grady Jones's death. The Detachment voted to nominate Gene Stanaland to serve on the committee. Material regarding the nomination will be submitted soon.

Scholarship Program: To date \$1120.00 has been donated by three members for the Detachment's scholarship program, and there is a commitment for \$500.00 donation for each of two other members. The amount of the scholarship(s) will depend on the donations.

Other Items: (1) There was an extended discussion regarding problems in receiving needed health care at VHA. Matt Wilson reported that he talked to a veterans advocate at VHA in Washington, DC, regarding his issues, and was told that action will be taken. It would be nice if the Detachment had its own advocate and volunteers are welcome.

Mike Carreca noted that the EMA he works with has a veterans advocate who would be glad to help. Contact:

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There is a monthly DAV meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at 206 N. 26th St, Opelika, AL.

Adjourned at 0900

Next Meeting: The August meeting will be at the same location.

