

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

Date: 08/20/2022
Location: Commandant Matt Wilson's community residence clubhouse
Recorded By: Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster

Called to Order: 0755 by Matt Wilson, Commandant

Raffle: \$46 won by Matt Wilson 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
Robert C. Jonson, Jr Past Commandant
Ricardo Garcia, Marine for Life

Officers absent: Harry Hooper, Judge Advocate
Mike Carreca, Jr Vice Commandant
Ron Russell, Chaplin

Members present: John Reichmann, Rusty Alums, Ron Russell, Rudy Vuchinich, Earl Allen, Gene Stanaland, Matt Wilson, Fred Hamff, Harry Waites, Caleb Pipes, Donald Sanders, Jim Doyle, George Thompson, Bob Jonson, Michael O'Brien

Adjutant/Paymaster Report: Current account balance is \$11478.84. Annual MCL renewal dues have not yet been submitted by 5 members.

Scholarships: Over \$2000 now exists in our scholarship fund. Ricardo Garcia is a committee of one to communicate with Marine Corps and veterans' organizations on AU campus to determine the allocation of scholarship funds.

Health and Welfare Report by Rusty Alums: Ron Russel is recovering from shoulder surgery. George Thompson's wife is recovering from surgery. Matt Wilson is recovering from back surgery. Rusty Alums brought a copy of the book Black Dragon, which includes Jack Sims, for member perusal. He also brought copies of Semper Fi magazine.

Department of Alabama Quarterly Meeting: Bob Jonson and Ron Russell represented the Detachment at this meeting. Bob Jonson reiterated the main points from his earlier email communication on the meeting. It was emphasized that the Detachment keep its scholarship funds separate from any Department of AL funds.

Marine Corps Birthday: Bob Jonson and Rusty Alums are the members of the Marine Corps Birthday Dinner committee. Our reservation at the Saugahatchee Country Club has been confirmed. Bob Jonson moved and Gene Stanaland seconded that Peggy Stelpflug be the Guest of Honor at the event; it was passed unanimously. The committee will consider what additional honor may be bestowed on Peggy. The committee will confer and make recommendations on how much to charge for the event as well as how many and who will be invited as guests. The committee will also consider if the Detachment should hold a large social event in Spring 2023.

Other Fund Raising: Donald Sanders will lead an effort for additional fund-raising events. Specifically, he will inquire about holding a bowling tournament at Auburn Lanes.

Service Awards: The Detachment awarded engraved K-Bar knives to the current, Rudy Vuchinich, and the previous, John Reichman, Adjutant/Paymasters.

Detachment Social: The next social will be Durangos restaurant on Tuesday, September 13, at 5:30. Please RSVP to Earl Allen, 334 559-9213 or eorballen@gmail.com, if you plan to attend.

Other Items: (1) Charles Block announced that VBA has recently added a number of the diseases to the “presumptive” list due to Agent Orange exposure. (2) Ricardo Garcia reported that Detachment member can participate in Tiger Walk this year prior to the Texas A&M game. (3) Ricardo also reported that the Toys for Tots campaign will start during basketball season. (4) Detachment members continue to try to get on Bruce Pearl’s schedule to give him a certificate of thanks for his support during last year’s Toys for Tots campaign.

Adjourned at 0915

Next Meeting: The August meeting will be at the same location, even though that will be the day of the PSU v AU game.

