

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

**Date:** 10/21/2023  
**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

**Donations to Detachment:** \$36 from Matt Wilson

**Attendance: Officers present:** Gene Stanaland, Commandant  
Rusty Alums, Jr Past Commandant  
Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster  
Ron Russell, Chaplin  
Bob Jonson, Judge Advocate  
Mike Carreca, Jr Vice Commandant  
John Reichman, Sgt at Arms  
Matt Wilson, Sr Vice Commandant

**Officers absent:** Jim Doyle, Webmaster  
Ricardo Garcia, Marine for Life

**Members present:** Rusty Alums, Rudy Vuchinich, Gene Stanaland, Fred Hamff, Bob Jonson, Ron Russell, Harry Waite, Earl Allen, John Reichman, Matt Wilson, Caleb Pipes

**Adjutant/Paymaster Report:** Current account balance is \$8591.41.

**Health and Welfare Report:** Perry and Edna Caldwell now reside in Room 136 Arbor Springs. Philipp Martin current health status is unknown.

**Marine Corps Birthday Dinner:** Options for the venue for the Marine Corps Birthday Dinner were 11/10 at Saugahatchee Country Club or 11/9 at Venditori's Italian Restaurant. Bob Jonson moved and Caleb Pipes seconded to have the dinner at Ventitoris. Vote was nine yeses and two noes. Matt Wilson moved and Rusty Alums seconded that the cost should be \$50/plate. Vote was unanimous yeses. Details about the dinner will be forthcoming in a separate email.

**Food Bank:** Three individuals volunteered this month. Our shift is from 8:00 to 12:00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Food bank is located at 355 Industry Dr, Auburn, AL 36832, 334 821-9006.

**Toys For Tots:** Rusty Alums reported that the 2023 T4T program has not been completely organized. Details will follow when available.

**Eugene Sledge Uniform Display Case:** The display case has been completed but several setbacks have arisen regarding implementation. Details will follow when available.

**City of Auburn Veterans Committee:** Gene Stanaland is now a member of this committee and reported on his first meeting. The issue of the last Memorial Day Breakfast not having mentioned military service members KIA was discussed. Options to redress this issue include asking the invited speakers to address this issue, devoting ten minutes of the program to remember a veteran KIA, and/or provide all attendees with a poppy. More information will be forthcoming.

**City of Auburn Veterans Day Memorial:** Gene Stanaland reported that this ceremony will be on Nov 10 at 10:00 am at the city's Veterans Memorial. Red jackets and garrison covers are the preferred attire for Detachment attendees.

**Auburn University Military Appreciation Day:** This day will be Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at the Mississippi State home football game. Rusty Alums reported that planning for and permission to conduct these events has not been completed. More details to follow.

The operating assumption is that the Detachment will do what we did last year, including walking ahead of the team during Tiger Walk. Members who want to walk should dress in red jackets and garrison covers and show up at the dormitory at the corner of Samford Ave and Donahue Ave at 12:00 noon, 2 ½ hours before kickoff.

**Detachment Social:** Next Detachment Social is scheduled for Tue 1/9 2024 at 5:30 pm at Durango's. RSVP the week before to Earl Allen [eorballen@gmail.com](mailto:eorballen@gmail.com) or 334 559-9213.

**Miscellaneous:** Bob Jonson recommended that the Detachment should consider the Vintage 2298 restaurant for next year's Marine Corps Birthday Dinner.

Many thanks to Fred Hamff for preparing the venue for our monthly meetings.

**Adjourned** at 0830

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

