

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

**Date:** 08/21/2021  
**Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
**Recorded By:** Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster

**Called to Order:** 0730 by Robert Jonson, Commandant

**Raffle:** \$43 won by Jim Doyle and donated back to the Detachment

**Attendance: Officers present:** Robert C. Jonson, Commandant  
Ron D. Russell, Senior Vice Commandant  
Michael Carreca, Junior Vice Commandant  
Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster  
John J. Reichmann, Sergeant at Arms  
Perry Caldwell, Chaplain  
John R. Alums, Junior Past Commandant  
Jim Doyle, Webmaster

**Offices absent:** Harry Hooper, Judge Advocate  
Ricardo Garcia, Marine for Life

**Members present:** Bob Jonson, Mike Carreca, Fred Harshbarger, Caleb Pipes, Perry Caldwell, John Reichmann, Rusty Alums, Ron Carson, Harry Waites, Charlie Block, Ron Russell, Earl Allen, Harry Hooper, Gene Stanaland, Lee Kelley, Rudy Vuchinich, Jim Doyle, Chris Richie

**Paymaster Report:** Current account balance is \$9757.50

**A new MCL Notice of Death form was presented by the Chaplain.**

**Health and Welfare:** Charles Block is recovering from knee surgery. Harry Hooper is in quarantine due to a Covid exposure. Harold Hodge is 95 and health is fragile. Larry Morgan remains in nursing home.

**New Junior Vice Commandant:** Michael Carreca was sworn into this office by Rusty Alums, Junior Past Commandant.

**USMC Birthday Dinner update:** The Detachment has a firm commitment to have the USMC Birthday dinner at the Marriott Hotel on November 10, 2021. Guest of Honor will be MGen. V. Goglianese. The menu options have not been determined. Reservations are available for \$30/person (actual cost to the Detachment will be \$60/person). Send check or money to Rudy Vuchinich, 2120 Springwood Dr, Auburn, AL 36830, or to MCL Detachment PO Box 1347, Auburn, AL 36831. If you send more than \$30 please indicate the number of persons. Reservations should be received by September 30,

2021. As discussed at the June meeting the Detachment will pay for Auburn University MESEPS (Marine enlisted scientific program students) and their wives/dates, but not for either the Auburn University midshipmen or the Marine Corps ROTC staff who attend our birthday dinner. The issue of whether or not to have music at the dinner was raised but not decided.

**Possible Covid Impact of MC Birthday Ball:** Mike Carreca is active in the local emergency medical community and gave a summary of current Covid spread. He and Rusty Alums noted that there may be covid-related lockdowns later this fall, which would affect our Birthday plans at the Marriott. Mike made a motion that we cancel this years Birthday Ball if the Marriott is closed due to a lockdown. The motion was passed with one dissenting vote. If we have to cancel the Ball we may try to have a virtual event online.

**Amendments to the Detachment Bylaws:** Seven amendments to the bylaws were considered and were passed unanimously by the Detachment. The amendments are in a separate document.

**Toys for Tots Update:** Rusty Alums reported that activity has been initiated with Ricardo Garcia, the Marine Corps group in Montgomery, and the Lee County Sheriff's Department for this year's program.

**Mentoring Program:** Ron Russell encouraged members to become familiar with material on the MCL National website regarding mentoring new members.

**VBA Disability Claims:** Rusty recommended that anyone who needs help with a VBA claim contact Jay Witloff in Columbus. Rusty has his contact information.

**Food Bank:** The Detachment still has a detail at the food bank on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**Social:** A Detachment Social has been scheduled at Durango's restaurant for Tuesday, September 14, at 5:30. Inform Earl Allen [earl.allen@myops.net](mailto:earl.allen@myops.net) or 334 559-9213 if you plan to attend.

**Adjourned** at 9:05

Amendments to the Billy Stelpflug Detachment (1064)  
2021 Bylaws

1. In the second paragraph of Article I, following the semi-colon after “to aid and render assistance to all Marines;” change “widow” to “widows.”
2. In the second paragraph of Article III, strike “Immediate Past Junior Commandant,”
3. In the third paragraph of Article III, strike “The Junior Vice Commandant shall be next in succession. He or she shall be responsible for parties and entertainment.” Add a new paragraph below the third paragraph to read, “The junior Vice Commandant shall be next in succession. He or she shall be responsible for parties and entertainment and for recruiting efforts.”
4. In the Article III paragraph setting forth the duties of the Junior Past Commandant, add to the first sentence a second sentence reading, “He or she shall be the chairman of the Nominating Committee, supervise the election of officers, and administer the oaths to newly elected officers.”
5. After the Article III paragraph addressing the duties of the Sergeant at Arms after the word “and,” insert “the detachment charter or copy thereof, a Bible,”
6. At the end of the Article III paragraph addressing the duties of the Paymaster add the following sentence: “The Paymaster shall ensure that an audit of all accounts be

conducted before the annual turn-over of the Commandant.”

7. At the end of Article VIII add the following sentence: “The Paymaster, the Commandant, and Senior Vice Commandant are authorized to sign checks on behalf of the Detachment.”

These amendments were approved by two-thirds of the members present on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 2021.

Commandant \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Vice Commandant \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Advocate \_\_\_\_\_