

From: Commandant Bob Jonson

To: Marines of the Billy Stelpflug Detachment, 1064, MCL

Subj: Minutes of Detachment Meeting on 20 February 2021

1. Meeting was opened at 0735 hours with the following Marines in attendance: Bob Jonson, Caleb Pipes, Perry Caldwell, John Reichman, Harry Waites, Rusty Alums, Harry Hooper, Earl Allen, Ron Russell, Mike Carreca, Gene Stanaland, and Matt Wilson.
2. Officers absent: Jr. Vice Cmdt., Adjutant and Paymaster, and Webmaster.
3. Sickness and welfare:
  - A. Jean Weidner's family is having a memorial service on March 27 at 2:00 P.M. at the Town Creek Cemetery Columbarium. Our detachment will attend as a unit formation beside the seats at the columbarium. Uniform will be red blazers with black field scarves.
  - B. All of our members present have received Covid19 vaccinations, with all but one having received two shots.
4. Membership applications: None
5. Financial report: Our income since , January, 2021 is \$223.00. Our expenses for the same period are \$150.00. Our bank balance is \$9,429.89. Since January, our income has come from donations.
6. Old Business
  - A. Raffle: \$16.00 won by John Reichmann, donated to the detachment.
  - B. Our USMC Dinner will be hosted again at Baumhowers Bar and Grill. Members of the Birthday Dinner Committee are now Rusty Alums, chair; Mike Carreca, and Perry Caldwell.
  - C. Toys for Tots: Rusty Alums told us HQMC has issued new regulations for Toys for Tots, which include the prohibition of toy solicitors handling money. This stipulation appears to be unworkable and will likely be ignored.
  - D. Our funeral detail, consisting of Rusty Alums, Ricardo Garcia, and Earl Allen will have served for 6 months in March and will be replaced at our next meeting. We need 3 volunteers to serve for the next 6 months, so please step up! This is an important detail and it will be shared among us.
  - E. We will elect a new Junior Vice Commandant at our April meeting. The other officers have agreed to remain in place for another year.
  - F. Kudos to Perry Caldwell and Ron Russell for developing newspaper articles. Ron's appeared last week in the Opelika Observer and Perry's is pending at the O-A News.
  - G. Harry Hooper submitted an article for publication in the Semper Fi magazine describing the origin of our detachment's name. It seems to have disappeared in the void, so I will see if I can contact "higher headquarters" and track it down.
7. New Business
  - A. At the Dept. of Alabama MCL on January 23, which I attended, the following are salient:

- 1) The Department has issued its revised bylaws, so we are now able to revise our detachment bylaws. Our Judge Advocate, Harry Hooper, has taken that for action.
- 2) The detachment commandants passed a resolution that the funding of the Marion Military Institute scholarship that for which each detachment has been making a yearly \$100.00 contribution will now be funded from our tag money.
- 3) National Headquarters is in the process of mailing new, plastic member cards to each detachment's paymaster, who will distribute them to our members.
- 4) National has developed a new data base for all MCL members. Each member may now go on-line to view their profile to insure their mailing address, phone number, and email address are correct, and to edit their info if need be. The process is well-explained in a video on the National MCL website. To reach the video, follow these steps:
  - a) Go to our detachment website: [auburnmarines.org](http://auburnmarines.org)
  - b) Under "Links" go to the "Marine Corps League" website
  - c) Scroll down and click on "Visit our library for additional information."
  - d) Click on "Member Library."
  - e) The password to enter the member library is dd4.
  - f) Scroll down and click on "Video: Database 101\_Member Portal."
  - g) The video is 10 – 15 minutes long and explains how to edit your profile.
  - h) Please contact me or Rudy Vuchinich if you have any difficulty in doing this and we will assist you.
8. Our meeting was adjourned at 0825 hours. Our next meeting will be at 0730 hours Saturday, 20 March 2021, Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, Alabama

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Jonson, Commandant