

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

Date: 10/16/2021
Location: Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Recorded By: Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster

Called to Order: 0740 by Robert Jonson, Commandant

Raffle: \$55 won by Earl Allen 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

Offices absent: Harry Hooper, Judge Advocate
Ricardo Garcia, Marine for Life
Jim Doyle, Webmaster

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, Rudy Vuchinich, Peggy Stelpflug, and Ed Whealdon

Paymaster Report: In the last membership renewal cycle the Detachment lost two members who did not renew. There are three new members pending: Ron Carson, Ricardo Garcia, and Chris Richie. The current account balance is \$11,512.23.

Health and Welfare: Kirk Meinhardt's wife is currently dealing with multiple health issues.

USMC Birthday Dinner update: USMC Birthday dinner is scheduled at the Marriott Hotel on November 10, 2021. All members who have made reservations have paid the fee and have made their menu selections. The number of guests, including the Auburn University MESEPS students, 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. Happy Hour will be at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and closing at 9:30. An agenda for the evening is forthcoming.

Toys for Tots Update: Ricardo Garcia was not present at the meeting and Rusty Alums gave an update: Toys for Tots 2021 is moving ahead on schedule. Ricardo Garcia is the liaison between us and MCL Montgomery. Rusty gave a summary of the myriad organizations involved in collecting toys during the holiday season, which makes coordination complicated. Auburn University basketball program will again have a game designated for Toys for Tots contributions. Donations for the program should be made by check to the Detachment, which will be earmarked for the program, and then a check will be made out for the program from the Detachment.

Detachment Bylaw Revision: The Judge Advocate was not present at the meeting, so presentation and voting on the bylaw revisions was postponed.

Funeral Detail: Earl Allen and Ron Russell will be on this detail for the next six-month period.

Recruiting: Junior Vice Commandant Mike Carreca reported that the younger Marines he has talked with regarding membership in the MCL have a lack of interest. The point was raised that a larger presence on social media may help in recruitment efforts. Mike Carreca made a motion, seconded by Fred Harshbarger, that the Detachment create a Facebook page. Charlie Block volunteered to create the page.

Food Bank: The Detachment still has a detail at the food bank on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. However, this past month only two members showed up. The Detachment will consider in the future whether or not to continue this commitment.

Social: No Detachment Social has been scheduled at this time.

Beirut Bombing: October 23rd is the anniversary of the incident that claimed the life of Billy Stelpflug, the Detachment's namesake, and hundreds of other Marines and other military personnel. The Detachment expressed extreme gratitude to Peggy Stelpflug, Billy's mother, for her continued involvement and support. Rusty Alums led us in a moving prayer in memorial.

Adjourned at 8:45