

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

**Date:** 09/18/2021  
**Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
**Recorded By:** Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster

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

**Raffle:** \$43.00 won by John Reichman 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  
Harry Hooper, Judge Advocate

**Offices absent:** Ricardo Garcia, Marine for Life  
John R. Alums, Junior Past Commandant  
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, Harry Hooper, Gene Stanaland, Rudy Vuchinich, Charlie Block, Ed Whealdon

**Paymaster Report:** Five annual pay members have not yet paid their dues. Names and contact information were given to the Commandant who will contact them. Current account balance is \$11,238.23

**Health and Welfare:** Earl Allen is home recovering from a heart procedure.

**USMC Birthday Dinner update:** USMC Birthday dinner is scheduled at the Marriott Hotel on November 10, 2021. 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.

Invitations will be sent out by the Birthday committee to the Auburn University MESEPS students and selected local dignitaries. Mike Carreca raised the important point regarding staff shortages and many local restaurants. The Marriott staff needs to keep us apprised of any issues in this area that would affect our gathering. It was

decided that if anyone has paid for a reservation and cannot attend the dinner for any legitimate reason their money will be refunded.

**Toys for Tots Update:** Ricardo Garcia was not present at the meeting so there was no update regarding this program.

**Mentoring Program:** Ron Russell made three points about the treatment of any potential new members who attend a meeting: (1) Welcome and pay special attention to these folks. (2) Introduce the individual to the Detachment members. (3) Be sure to include the individual in any side or after-meeting conversations.

**Covid Update by Mike Carreca, Junior Vice Commandant:** Mike has lost a nephew and three friends to Covid. Members in the scientific and medical communities now recognize that (1) there are many variants of the virus in circulation, and that (2) the vaccines are not as effective as originally thought. There were lots of medical problems at the last Auburn football game. The Covid virus is now endemic in the population and it is critical to adhere to health guidelines, although it likely is impossible to avoid exposure altogether.

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

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

**Adjourned** at 8:40