

From: Commandant Bob Jonson
To: Members of the Bily Stelpflug Detachment, 1064, MCL

Subj.: Minutes of the Detachment Monthly Meeting on 19 September 2020

1. The meeting was opened at approximately 0740 hours with the following members in attendance: Philip Martin, Ron Russell, Ed Whealdon, Harry Waites, Bob Jonson, Perry Caldwell, Earl Allen, John Reichmann, Gene Stanaland, Ron Carson, Jim Doyle, Ricardo Garcia, and Fred Harshbarger.
2. Officers absent: Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate, Adjutant and Paymaster, Junior Past Commandant.
3. Sickness and welfare: We have several members who need our thoughts and prayers: Larry Morgan, who is home-bound and being assisted by a VA nurse; Rusty and, especially, Peggy Alums, who are under quarantine for the Wuhan Virus; Jim Doyle's wife, Linda, who is fighting cancer.
4. Membership applications: Mike O'Brien, a retired dentist, who served as a naval dentist and who helped identify the Marines killed in the Beirut bombing using their dental records, has applied to become an associate member.
5. Old Business
 - A. Philip Martin won the raffle and \$30.00, which he donated back to the detachment.
 - B. Baumhowers Bar and Grill was confirmed as the site of our Marine Corps Birthday Dinner and Cake-cutting on Tuesday, 10 November. Bob Jonson will pay for all alcoholic beverages consumed at the dinner. Rusty Alums will have the menu items and prices detailed at our next monthly meeting, Earl Allen will provide the birthday cake, and John Reichmann will provide the sword with which to cut the cake. In case an outbreak of the virus forces us not to be able to use Baumhowers, Trinity Lutheran Church will be the backup site for a cake-cutting ceremony only. In case of the latter, we will need a healthy number of members to volunteer to stay to cleanup after the ceremony. Also, please contact Rusty ASAP to let him know that you will be attending this event as he will need to provide the number of expected attendees to Baumhowers' management.
6. New Business
 - A. Perry Caldwell expressed frustration that we have been unable to attract more of the area Marines to join our detachment. In the ensuing discussion the following initiatives were voted to be undertaken.
 1. Distribute our business cards to our members so that we can place them on a windscreen of an automobile that indicates a Marine owner.
 2. Investigate placing advertisements in the local newspapers (i.e., O-A News, Opelika Observer, Auburn Plainsman)
 3. Inviting a journalist to one of our meetings to see if we could effect a story about our detachment in a local newspaper.
 - B. Liaison with the Montgomery Marine Reserve unit. The Montgomery unit provides a Marine Corps burial detail to area Marine Corps funerals. Currently they are short-handed and often call on our detachment to assist in their details. Both Matt Wilson and Rusty Alums have volunteered to be the "bugler" for this detail, and it has become evident that we need a rotating 3-man detail to be on call to assist our Montgomery Marines. I'm happy to report that our first liaison team is composed of Rusty Alums, Ricardo Garcia, and Earl Allen. Ricardo will give the names and phone numbers of this time to the GySgt. at the

Reserve HQ. This team will be reformed with new members in March, 2021; i.e., a 6 month tour of duty. I expect all of us, if physically able, to take a turn at standing this duty.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 0845 hours.