

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

**Date:** 10/19/2024  
**Location:** Clubhouse at Auburn Legends,  
41 Lee Rd, Auburn, AL 36832  
**Recorded By:** Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster

**Called to Order:** 0800 by Gene Stanaland, Commandant

**Donations:** \$45.00

**Coffee and Biscuits:** Thanks to Gene Stanaland

**Attendance: Officers present:** Gene Stanaland, Commandant  
Rudy Vuchinich, Adjutant/Paymaster  
John Reichman, Sgt at Arms  
Rusty Alums, Jr Past Commandant/  
Detachment Liaison  
Ron Russell, Chaplin  
Jim Doyle, Webmaster  
Bob Jonson, Judge Advocate

**Officers absent:** Matt Wilson, Sr Vice Commandant  
Mike Carreca, Jr Vice Commandant

**Members present:** Rudy Vuchinich, Gene Stanaland, Fred Hamff, John Reichman, Rusty Alums, Ron Russell, Earl Allen, Harry Waites, Gene Wiggins, Jim Doyle, Harry Hooper, Bob Jonson

**Adjutant/Paymaster Report:** Current account balance is \$9104.51

**Health and Welfare Report:** Perry and Edna Caldwell continue to reside in Room 136 Arbor Springs. They would welcome more visitors. Caleb Pipes is residing in Auburn Assisted Living and would welcome more visitors. Matt Wilson has had multiple surgeries and is recovering well. Bob Jonson had both knees replaced and is recovering well. Ed Whealdon had two strokes and a bacterial infection and is recovering well. , Jim Doyle and Rusty Alums are in treatment. Jim's son is back under medical care for observation. Leonard Riley is in the diagnostic and treatment planning phase. Vicki Jones is under medical care.

**Food Bank:** Gene Stanaland participated in the Food Bank this month. Our shift is from 8:00 to 12:00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Food bank is located at 355 Industry Dr, Auburn, AL 36832, 334 821-9006.

**Marine Corps Birthday Dinner:** The dinner will be at Vendatori's on Sunday, November 10, 2024, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Bob Jonson moved and Harry Hooper seconded a motion to have the dinner on a different night; it was defeated 2 – 10. Cost is \$25.00/person; cash bar will be available. Mail to Rudy Vuchinich, 2120 Springwood Dr, Auburn, AL 36830, or MCL, PO Box 1347, Auburn, AL 36830. There will be no Guest of Honor this year. John Reichman will arrange for the sword and cake for the ceremony. Fred Hamff will take a piece of cake from the dinner to Perry Caldwell, Caleb Pipes, and Peggy Stelpflug. Efforts are underway to determine how many AU MESEPs will attend (free of charge).

**Auburn University:** November 11-15 will be AU's Military Appreciation Week, with the festivities recognizing Vietnam veterans at the ULM game. Each day that week will be devoted to a branch of the military. More information and opportunities for member-involvement will be forthcoming from Jeff Dyal.

**Toys For Tots:** The organizational structure of this year's effort is taking shape, with Gene Stanaland taking the lead. Gene has the collection boxes and is waiting for a call-back regarding the AU basketball game. Rusty Alums, Detachment Liaison, will assist as his situation allows. Jeff Dyal will assist as his situation allows.

**City of Auburn Veterans Day Ceremony:** This event will be at 10:00 am on November 11, 2024, at the Veteran's Memorial at the intersection of Glenn and Ross streets.

**City of Auburn Veterans Committee:** Gene Stanaland, a committee member, said that nominations are open for the honor of being recognized at next year's Memorial Day Breakfast. Bob Jonson wishes to nominate Jack Sims, Rusty Alums wishes to nominate Grady Jones, each will write the respective biographies.

**Detachment Social:** Earl Allen is organizing and hosting the next Social at Durango's restaurant ([Durango Mexican Grill | Opelika AL \(durangomexicangrillal.com\)](http://durangomexicangrillal.com)) in January, 2025.

**Announcements:** Jim Doyle announced that a memorial ceremony for Major William E. Hunter will be held Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 7:00 am at the ROTC building on the AU campus. Ron Russell said that the AU Student Veterans dinner was a great success.

**Facility:** Thanks to Fred Hamff for the facility for our meetings.

**Adjourned** at 0900

**Next Meeting:** The next regular business meeting will be in January 2025.

