

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

**Date:** 01/17/2026

**Location:** Clubhouse at Auburn Legends  
41 Lee Rd. 051, Auburn, AL 36832

**Recorded By:** Bob Jonson, Adjutant/Paymaster

**Called to Order:** 0805 by Gene Stanaland, Commandant

**Raffle:** \$88.00 donated to Detachment

**Attendance: Officers present:** Gene Stanaland, Commandant  
Mike Carreca, Jr Vice Commandant  
Bob Jonson, Adjutant/Paymaster  
Ron Russell, Chaplain  
Fred Hamff, Webmaster

**Officers absent:** Matt Wilson, Sr Vice Commandant  
Harry Hooper, Judge Advocate  
John Reichman, Sgt. at Arms  
Rusty Alums, Jr Past Commandant

**Members present:** Gene Stanaland, Harry Waites, Bob Jonson, Fred Hamff,  
Ron Russell, Mike Carreca, Jim Doyle

**Guests present:** Sam Whittington

**Adjutant/Paymaster Report:** Current account balance is \$10,749.42

**Health and Welfare Report:** Perry and Edna Caldwell and Caleb Pipes enjoy getting visits from our members. They are often asleep, so leave a note if they are when you visit. We've no information on the status of Earl Allen but hope he's receiving good care in the facility where he is residing in Evans, GA. John Reichmann is suffering greatly from dementia, as is Caleb Pipes. Matt Wilson is also experiencing memory issues but is still living at home. Ed Whealdon is reasonably healthy, but must be accompanied by his wife, Jana, when he goes out. Harry Hooper is still having health issues. Jim Doyle continues to wage a courageous and remarkable battle against pancreatic cancer and we wish him well. Rusty Alums is having kidney stone issues and is currently hospitalized in Birmingham, AL. We hope it's a short stay for him.

**Food Bank:** Gene Stanaland and Fred Hamff volunteered four (4) hours this month.

**Birthday Dinner:** Ron Russell and several others opined that last November's Birthday Dinner was the best one they've ever been to.

**Toys for Tots:** There is a question of whether we will be involved in future Toys for Tots endeavors, as it seems that the Marine Reserves in Montgomery and the Lee County Sheriffs Department are now handling it for this area.

**Miscellaneous:**

- A) An Auburn student named Emma-Claire Foster has asked our detachment if our members could meet with AU student volunteers at least four times a quarter to learn about their military experiences. After a brief discussion we decided we'd be delighted to. I have already emailed Miss Foster to let her know it's a GO!
- B) Gene Stanaland proposed a donation to the Food Bank of \$1,000. Bob Jonson moved, and Jim Doyle seconded, a motion to make the donation to the Food Bank. After a brief discussion, the motion was passed.
- C) Our chance of snow this evening is 20%.
- D) Fred Hamff has offered to purchase a book about unsung heroes for several of our members. This book was written by one of our local Marines, Col. (Ret.) Chris Richie.

**Nexts:**

- A) Coffee: Thursday, January 22, at Another Broken Egg at 0800 hours.
- B) Social: Tuesday, February 10, at Durango's Mexican Restaurant at 1730 hours.
- C) Meeting: Saturday, February 21, at the Legends RV Clubhouse at 0800 hours.

**Meeting Adjourned: 0825**