

Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc.
1631 Bridge Street,
New Cumberland, PA 17070

Minutes of the Staff Meeting
October 24, 2009 at the MCL of PA Dept. Headquarters

Commandant Leanna Dietrich opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Sgt at Arms Vince Poandl followed by the opening prayer by Chaplain Johnny Gill.

A motion was made by SE District Vice Commandant Bill Miller to hold the meeting in memory PDC Jack Davis and Charles Hollon Jr. Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Acknowledgments:

Past National Commandants:

PNC Paul Hastings, PNC Helen Hicks

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PNC Paul Hastings, PDC Dave Pavey, PDC Paul Semanco, PDC Tom Tanner, PDC Tony DeGregorio
PDC Dick Brown

National Staff:

PNC Paul Hastings, Tom Minchin, Neil Corley, PDC Dave Pavey, Liz McCleaster, PDC Tom Tanner
PDC Tony DeGregorio, PNC Helen Hicks

2009 MOY: PDC Tom Tanner

Past Department MOY:

PNC Paul Hastings, PDC Dick Brown, Department Commandant Leanna Dietrich, Dick Kondash

Adjutant Eric Fussenegger called the roll of elected officers as follows:

Commandant Leanna Dietrich, present

Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley, present

Jr. Vice Commandant Gordy Sheriff, present

Jr. Past Commandant Dick Brown, present

Judge Advocate Ed Ringer, present

Paymaster Kathy Van Gorder, present

Adjutant Eric Fussenegger, present

Chaplain Johnny Gill, present

Central District Vice Commandant Gary German, present

Northeast District Vice Commandant Edmund Pienta, present

Assistant Northwest District Vice Commandant William P. Smith, present

Southeast District Vice Commandant William Miller, present

Southwest District Vice Commandant Jim Walters, present

Roll of Appointed Staff was also called

Roll call of Detachment was made with 32 Detachments being present

Sick and Distress:

- Sgt at Arms Ed Baranski has an ear infection
- Gloria Krug had foot surgery
- Ray Kline with 1st Capitol had bowel and hernia surgery
- Bob Clouse from Lewis B. Puller Jr. Detachment is not doing well
- PDC Don Kohler is not doing well

Minutes of previous meeting: An amendment was made to include the Veterans and Youth info the same as last year. Jr. Vice Commandant Gordy Sheriff made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Elected Officers:

- Central District Vice Commandant Gary German: Report written and submitted on back table
- Northeast District Vice Commandant Ed Pienta: Report written and submitted on back table
- Assistant Northwest District Vice Commandant Bill Smith: Report written and submitted on back table
- Southeast District Vice Commandant Bill Miller: Report written and submitted on back table. He is also asking Detachments in his District to sponsor the 2012 Convention
- Southwest District Vice Commandant Jim Walters: Report written and submitted on back table. Also reported on last District meeting that was held. He's not satisfied with the turnout. He also wants to work on awards
- Jr. Past Commandant PDC Dick Brown: Spoke about adding new committee's
- Chaplain Johnny Gill: Report written and submitted on back table
- Paymaster: Report written and submitted on back table. Kathy also spoke about the investment losses due to market conditions.
- Adjutant Eric Fussenegger: Spoke about Laptop and speaker purchase and the search for Internet access for the Department
- Judge Advocate Ed Ringer: Reported on Fundraiser successes. He also reported on the Medal of Honor presentation for SSgt Taylor
- Jr. Vice Commandant Gordy Sheriff: Report written and submitted on back table. Also spoke about V&Y tickets and calendar sales.
- Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley: Reported on attendance of Scotland School funding demonstrations and also reported on the Modern Marine Expo.
- Commandant Leanna Dietrich: Spoke about Scotland Schools. She mentioned she learned a lot this quarter. She also reported that they were successful in getting cable TV installed at the Coatesville Veterans Home.

Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley made a motion to accept the Elected Officer reports. Central District Vice Commandant Gary German seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Appointed Officers:

- Chief of Staff PDC Paul Semanco: Oral report presented
- Parliamentarian - Paul Hastings: Spoke of reduced Veterans benefits in Budget.
 - Legislative: Presented report
 - Audit: Presented completed Audit team report
 - Convention : Spoke about convention committee
 - MCL of PA Foundation: Presented report
 - Veterans Commission: Presented report
- Aide de Camp Tony Capelli: Oral report presented
- Southwest VHAB Ed Vogel needs to step down due to health problems
- Americanism committee - Cam Kulick: Nothing to report. Awards were presented
- Awards – Neil Corley: Awards were presented
- JROTC – Bill Miller: Underway and there's an order in with the Quartermaster for medals etc
- Boy Scouts of America – Tom Minchin: Reported that 50 Eagle Scouts have been presented YTD
- Budget and Finance – Gordy Sheriff: Budget numbers need to be in by January. All calendars are out.
- By-laws – Ed Ringer: Spoke about Detachment By-Laws and the need to get any changes to the Department JA for approval.
- Chapel of Four Chaplains – PDC Tom Tanner: Applications need to go to Tom Tanner 1st
 - Uniforms: Report written and submitted
- Headquarters Building – PDC Dave Pavey: Looking for Display cases

- History: Looking to get copies of all of the Detachment Charters
- Rifle match: Next year they are back at FIG for AR15 shoot. Awards were presented and the scores will be posted on the web.
- Internet – Don Miller: Presented verbal report
 - Protocol: Defined protocol, Spoke about how to properly host a Department Officer. Designate a Detachment member to stay with the Guest the entire time.
- Member Benefits – PDC Dick Brown: No change in benefit amount
- Pistol match – Ed Pienta: Hand carried letter to FIG for use of range 5A for pistol shoot June 4th-June 6th, 2010. Registrations will be accepted starting February 1st, 2010.
- Public Relations – Liz McCleaster: Spoke about TV spots and Newsletters. A very informative presentation was given by Ashley and Liz McCleaster on the new Department Facebook page.
- Scholarship – Doug Sversko: Rousing status report was given
- Sgt at Arms – Vince Poandl: Thanked Robert Mosley and Doug Sversko for the help during these meetings.
- Ships Store – Don Campanile: 30 November order deadline via email for January meeting delivery. \$1400 in sales this meeting.
- Toys for Tots – Jim Washington Jr.: Report filed electronically and a verbal report was given. After action reports need to go to Jim Washington.
- VAVS – Jim Miller: Applications need to be received no later than January 1 for a January 8 check stipend. Final report is due June 1st.
- WMA – Kathy Van Gorder: No report

Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley made a motion to accept the Appointed Officer reports. Jr. Past Commandant PDC Dick Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Past Department Commandants Society – PDC Dick Brown: No meeting held

Commandants Council – Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley: Very productive with 32 Detachment present Awards were also presented.

National Officer reports – PDC Dick Brown:

- Presented Division membership numbers. The Division is down 500. He wants to stop back door loss and the continued recruiting efforts.
- Spoke about National updates: Ships store and Database
- Spoke about Ceremonial uniform change
- Spoke about vetting new members
- Spoke about the Modern Marine Expo
- NY Web Sergeant would like the ability to update all Detachment websites
- Spoke about NE Division meeting in March 2010
- Also spoke about donating \$1M to the “memory zone” at Camp Lejeune. No one from the PA Department is in favor of this

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Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Accept resignations:
 - Newsletter Editor - Hal Foss
 - Awards committee – Leanna Dietrich

Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley made a motion to accept the resignations. Jr. Vice Commandant Gordy Sheriff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Appointments:
 - Public Relations – Ashley McCleaster
 - Awards - Johnny Gill
 - Awards – Tom Hazlett
 - Assistant Chair, Local Convention Committee – Gordy Sheriff
 - Department Trainer – Jim Reed

Jr. Past Department Commandant PDC Dick Brown made a motion to accept the appointments. Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Motion by Jr. Vice Commandant Sheriff to continue the Calendar program for 2011

Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley made the motion to continue the calendar program. Jr. Vice Commandant Gordy Sheriff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- National Guest Expenses for MODD at 2010 Department Convention

Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley made the motion to continue the calendar program. Jr. Vice Commandant Gordy Sheriff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Good of the League: None

Announcements:

- PDC Dick Brown: Keystone Headquarters Detachment will meet after the meeting in the Commandant's Office.
- PDC Dave Pavey: Looking for help to field day the Barracks prior to the Spring meeting.

The next Staff meeting will be January 9th, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Grantville

There being no further business, the meeting proceeded to close at 1635 with a salute to the Colors and the closing prayer by Chaplain Gill.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric E. Fussenegger
Department Adjutant