



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
FRESNO DETACHMENT #014
MEETING MINUTES
26 August 2017

The Monthly General Meeting of MCL Detachment 14 was held on Saturday, August 26th, 2017 at 0936. The Commandant was in the Chair and the Adjutant was present. A quorum was present. Opening Ceremonies were conducted.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present were Commandant William Cardinal, Jr. Vice Commandant Wes Messer, Judge Advocate Mike Borrell, Paymaster Jessica Montano & Adjutant Chris Gonzalez. Absent were Sr. Vice Commandant Jim Leyser, Junior Past Commandant Dan Payne & Chaplain Mike Aguilar.

Guests / Guest Speaker:

- Michelle Borrell – starting her Master's program on Monday

Applications for Membership:

- Leon Lucas, Major, 28 years in (1971 through 1998), served aboard ships for about 5 ½ years, on Admiral Staff for six weeks. Motion made by Neil to accept Leon Lucas, DD214 verified, Jon Crawford seconded the motion, approval was unanimous.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Approval of minutes delayed until next meeting.

Correspondence:

- William Cardinal and his daughter are greatly appreciative of being recipients of the Marine Corps League Scholarships.

Paymaster:

- Currently our reconciled budget is \$2,368.21 – Savings \$14,497.94. Last month we replenished the funds for last year's ball. Scholarships and Young Marines were paid out. Next Thursday (Sept. 1), everyone who has not renewed their dues will be expired. Dues are \$50 to renew.

Chaplain:

- Fallen Marines: LCPL Jody J. Haley, killed in training August 7th, 1st Marine Div. Three Marines killed in Osprey crash were Capt. Benjamin Cross, Cpl Nathan Ordway and Cpl Ruben Velasco. Other fallen Marines are LCpl Tyler Jarrell, LCpl Cody J. Haley & LCpl Lenin Priegozurita.
- Please keep Terry Aguilar in your prayers, she is not completely healed yet.

Jr. Past Commandant:

- No Report

Judge Advocate:

- No Report

Jr. Vice Commandant:

- No Report

Sr. Vice Commandant:

- No Report

Commandant:

- No Report

Standing Committees:

- Parade Committee – if you would like to help, please meet Jessica Montano at her house at 1980 Indianapolis Ave, Clovis, CA. She is available Labor Day weekend either on Sunday or Monday, September 30th, October 14th, October 28th after the General meeting and lastly after the mandatory parade meeting on November 10th. The tasks are the painting of the chuck wagon that was donated, chicken wire and tissue Eagle Globe and Anchor to affix to the top of the chuck wagon, Toys for Tots miniature fire truck prep, and prepping of another couple of trucks for those who cannot walk. Steffon Hicklin proposes that we remember Ron Stebles by having a large picture of him to display on the float. If you have any pictures of Ron, please share them with Steffon.
- Toys for Tots – Met with distribution partners, United Way has been removed from responsibility. If you have a Toys for Tots shirt with the United Way logo, please bring it in to be replaced with a current shirt. We are looking to provide for 50,000 children. Events schedule is in the works.
- By Laws Committee – Mike Borrell will reach out to those involved.

Old Business:

- Marine Corps Ball – Date of the ball is Friday, November 17th. Tickets are \$45. Will be held at the CVMD in the really big room in the back (where the Kris “Tanto” Paronto event was held). Cocktails at 5pm, Ceremony at 6pm. This will be a joint Marine Corps Ball with MWSS 473 Det. A from Lemoore. They will be conducting the entire ceremony. They will honor Vic on a side note, but will be choosing the youngest and oldest Marine from their unit. Dinner will be chicken and steak, but a vegetarian option is available upon personal request. A commemorative coin will be included in the price of the ticket. Engraved metal water bottles will be given in lieu of glasses. We are limited to 250 tickets – 600 total available but MWSS expects 350 Marines to attend.
- The 2018 Convention will be with the Modesto (Bill King) Detachment, not the Merced Detachment.
- Fallen Heroes car show will be Saturday October 7th at the Sierra Vista Mall.

New Business

- Staff meetings will now be on Thursdays at Clovis Veterans Memorial District.

Good of the League:

- Janet Nelson’s other organization is holding a Luau fundraiser, Janet would be honored if you would attend. \$50 per ticket, held at Tahoe Joes. Please call Janet for tickets at 559-288-2987. September 23rd, 5 to 10pm.
- PBS has approached the Memorial District to work on a documentary regarding Vietnam Veterans. Every Thursday at 3pm they have a meeting here at the CVMD. We are looking to have a Vietnam Marine represent the Marine Corps League on those dates. WC Helton has volunteered.
- The Military Order of the Purple Heart are having a fundraiser golf tournament September 23rd, Riverside Golf Course starting 8am. See WC Helton for details.
- Fresno State is holding a Veterans Appreciation Luncheon at the East University Hall on November 7th.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced.

Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned by Commandant William Cardinal at 1105.

The next staff and officers meeting will be September 7th, 2017. The next general meeting will be September 23rd, 2017.

For the Commandant,

Chris Gonzalez – Adjutant