

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OUTER BANKS DETACHMENT

Minutes of the first staff meeting of the Detachment:

Officers Call was on 10 January, 2007 at the Black Pelican. Commandant, Doug Wendling opened the meeting at 1200 and the Sergeant-at-Arms (Robert Yanacek) secured the quarters and declared that all present were qualified to be present.

In attendance were:

Doug Wendling, Commandant

Bob Messinger, Adjutant Paymaster

Robert J. Yanacek, Sergeant-At-Arms & Web Sergeant

Lee N. Baronet, Judge Advocate

John O. Strauss, Chaplain

Not in attendance:

John Jumet, Sr. Vice Commandant

Paul Strehan, Jr. Vice Commandant

Opening prayer was conducted by the Chaplain.

Doug provided all detachment officers with personalized MCL business cards.

At 1200 Sergeant-at-Arms declared the meeting open to conduct official business. Roll Call was taken. Request was given for minutes of the previous meeting to be read. (There were none.)

Paymaster reported finances as of the end of December, 2006. Financial report was handed out and approved. [It was emphasized that Detachment financial records are open for review by any member upon request.]

All in attendance congratulated Robert Yanacek for his outstanding job in developing the Detachment website, www.obxmarines.com.

There was discussion about the upcoming Charter Presentation meeting/ceremony. Primary concern was that the Detachment be given enough time to properly plan the event, ensure appropriate lead time for invited guests and members, location scheduling, etc. The Commandant agreed to get answers to Staff questions from Ron Cooper, Vice Commandant Northeastern North Carolina and Commandant, Down East Detachment #1186 and report back via email.

Thanks were offered for donations of a Bible [Member, Kelly Chamberlain] and a laptop computer and printer [Ray-D-O Biz Towers, Inc.]. Discussion followed concerning the appropriate way to document future donations. After discussion and inputs from the Detachment Judge Advocate it was decided that donated items would be reported to the Adjutant Paymaster and listed in meeting minutes for the record. Monetary donations will be accounted for in the Paymasters monthly financial records.

Discussion was held on the times, frequency and possible location(s) for general membership meetings. It was decided to hold these meetings once per month, except in the summer months when tourist traffic would be heavy. Monthly meetings will be held on a weekday evening, time subject to meeting room availability. Possible locations for monthly meetings are the American Legion Post in Kill Devil Hills, the American Legion Post in Manteo, and the Baum Center in Kill Devil Hills. It was decided to pursue the Baum Center option. Bob Messinger was given the assignment to look into the possibility of using the Baum Center as our future meeting site, and to report his findings back to the Commandant.

Robert Yanacek was given the assignment to explore the possibility of our Detachment cooperating with the Boy Scout program on the Outer Banks.

The Commandant indicates that the only uniform item necessary to be considered 'in uniform' for meetings and public functions was a

standard Marine Corp League cover with gold emblem available from the Ship's Store on the National MCL website. [There is **no required uniform**. However, there is a uniform code established by the National MCL and published in the Bylaws, Enclosure 2 on the National website for those members who wish to purchase uniform items.]

Recruiting was also discussed. Posters were handed out to the staff who will post them, with permission, in various places with high traffic volume. The key to successful recruiting is to become known in the community as a group. Posters and business cards will provide visibility to the public. Robert Yanacek added that we should seek detachment projects that will also put us in front of large numbers of the public. He suggested that presentation of certificates for Eagle Scouts or awards presented at school assemblies are good ways to reach parents who served in the Marine Corps.

The Chaplain offered a closing prayer and the Commandant asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to declare the meeting officially closed at 1345.

The Sergeant-at-Arms declared that this meeting was officially closed until a date to be announced when it will be reopened for the transaction of official business.

Minutes recorded by Adjutant Paymaster, Bob Messinger.