

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
OUTER BANKS DETACHMENT #1264
Thomas A. Baum Center
13 March 2007

Minutes of the general membership meeting of the Detachment.

Commandant Doug Wendling opened the meeting at 1900 and Sergeant-at-Arms, Robert Yanacek, secured the quarters and declared all present were qualified to be present.

The Sergeant-at-Arms posted the Colors and led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers in attendance:

Doug Wendling, Commandant

Bob Messinger, Adjutant Paymaster

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

Lee N. Baronet, Judge Advocate

John O. Strauss, Chaplain

John Jumet, Sr. Vice Commandant

Paul Strehan, Jr. Vice Commandant

Members in attendance: 4

The opening prayer was given by the Chaplain.

The Sergeant-at-Arms declared the meeting open to conduct official business.

All those present introduced themselves since some had not been able to attend the Charter Presentation or previous meeting, and they were asked to sign the Charter.

Adjutant Paymaster reported finances as of the end of February, 2007.

Copies of the report were handed out and approved. The Commandant reminded everyone that the financial report will not be posted on the website, but members can contact the Adjutant Paymaster at any time for financial information.

The Commandant informed members that an audit will be performed at a later date in the year.

The Commandant reported that he visited member Robert Van Zee who is very ill. He presented him with a cover with the Detachment name and number on it which Robert greatly appreciated.

The Commandant highlighted events in Robert's military career.

The Commandant requested a motion for approval of the by-laws. A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried. The Commandant will send them to the State Judge Advocate for their approval.

The Web Sergeant reported that the Website has received many favorable remarks from other Detachments, and that the OBX Detachment information has been added to the National MCL Website. Many new information/upgrades have been added and this Detachment currently ranks number 13 out of approximately 130 websites on Leatherneck.com, and according to the Alexa Ranking, we rank 148,675 against 55 million websites, with an average of 209 hits per day.

New Business:

Arrangements have been made to have the Detachment name and number sewn on our covers. Information will be posted on the Website. Shirts and sweatshirts are also available with Detachment name and number.

The Commandant stated that there is no uniform requirement, but there is a uniform code, with the minimum being a cover with emblem.

Detachment events:

Previous discussion had been held concerning Adopt-a-Highway;

Adopt-a-Beach, with little enthusiasm. There is enthusiasm, however, in regards to the Eagle Scout Program. Members will be appointed to finalize this program.

The Commandant suggested a Family Fun Day during the summer. He also suggested no meetings for June, July, and August. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

Suggestions were made for participation in the Memorial Day Parade. Discussion will be held at the April meeting.

The Commandant asked members to come to the Fitness Center at the Currituck Club on July 4 at 1030 for a get-together.

The Commandant assigned Richard Sulik to look into the possibility of holding the Marine Corps 232nd Birthday Celebration Brunch at the Duck Woods Country Club on Saturday 10 November 2007, 1000 to 1200.

All members were challenged to recruit new members.

Participation in the Toys For Tots program will be discussed at the April meeting. Over 100,000 toys were collected last year in North Carolina.

Veterans Affairs:

“Care of the people who need”. Discussion was held regarding the Veterans Administration office in Manteo. A request was made of them to attend a Detachment meeting to explain benefits available to veterans, but they could not accommodate us. The Commandant will look into arranging someone to talk on veterans benefits.

There being no further business, the Commandant requested members to stand in silent respect for deceased members.

Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors.

The Chaplain offered a closing prayer and the Commandant asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to declare the meeting officially closed at 2000.

The Sergeant-at-Arms declared that this meeting was officially closed until 10 April 2007 at 1900, when it will be reopened for the transaction of official business.