

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
OUTER BANKS DETACHMENT #1264
Thomas A. Baum Center
10 April 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

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: 2

Guests: 1

The opening prayer was given by the Chaplain.

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

Commandant reported finances as of the end of March, 2007, on behalf of Adjutant/Paymaster Bob Messinger. Copies of the report were handed out and approved.

Chaplain and Commandant reported that member Robert Van Zee seems

very strong in deference to his illness. Member Joe Montgomery is in Sentara Virginia Beach Hospital with heart problems. Joe will be undergoing surgery on Thursday, 12 April. He may be contacted at 757-395-8204. Members are urged to keep these members in their prayers and call or mail words of encouragement.

The Web Sergeant reminded members of the availability of FREE obxmarines.com email addresses. Contact him for further info. Our website has been crawled and indexed by major search engines, and a streaming webcam of Avalon Pier has been added. A photo of Commandant Ron Cooper, Down East Detachment #1186 has been added to Charter Presentation section of the website, and a site search engine has been installed. This will allow members to more easily find information and updated information. A number of new links were also added regarding veteran's death and burial benefits. Traffic to the site was down slightly from the previous month.

New Business:

The Commandant again suggested a Family Fun Day during the summer.

There was discussion about whether or not the Detachment was scheduling anything for Memorial Day. Nothing scheduled at this time.

The Commandant reminded members of the invitation to participate in the Independence Day parade at the Currituck Club and a follow-on barbeque at his house. [More details to follow.]

More discussion regarding the 232nd Marine Corps Birthday Brunch to be held at the Duck Woods Country Club. The Detachment needs to pay a nonrefundable \$500 fee to 'lock it in'. Also, a DWCC member needs to inform the Club that they will sponsor us. It was agreed that guests will be required to make their payments in advance this year as opposed to 'at the door' to ensure the Detachment has sufficient funds to cover expenses.

Jr. Vice Commandant, Paul Strehan raised the possibility of the Detachment getting involved with the Outer Banks Gun Club in Manteo, e.g., trap/skeet shoots, small bore competition, etc. To be discussed further. If members are interested, please contact Paul.

Veterans Affairs:

The Commandant has arranged for a guest speaker at our next Detachment meeting, 8May07. Jason Lowry, veteran's liaison in Congressman Walter Jones' office will give an overview of recent veteran's legislation. He will also carry feedback from local veterans as to their issues in accessing veteran's benefits, etc. to Congressman Jones and forward that feedback to the Governor's office, as well. It is important that Detachment members attend. An invitation will be issued to non-members and veterans of other services, too. Let's ensure that our issues are heard and addressed.

Old Business:

The Commandant reiterated the need for more volunteers to provide transportation to members, other veterans, as needed. Members are urged to register their willingness to volunteer for this activity with the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Recruiting: Members are encouraged to continue recruitment efforts.

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 officially closed until 8 May 2007 at 1900, when it will be reopened for the transaction of official business.