

"ALBERT E. SHOCKEY" DETACHMENT

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

KOKOMO AREA

M I N U T E S

27 September 2007  
1800  
Hours

Commandant Jeff Handy, Presiding

I. OFFICERS PRESENT - Jeff Handy, Commandant; Bill Gaunt, Vice Commandant; Ray Thompson, Paymaster; and Spencer Hayes, Quartermaster; Logan Sparling, Chaplain.

II. MEMBERS PRESENT - Nicholas L. Loffredo (acting Sgt-At-Arms), Larry Boughton, Bud McMullen, Jack Elkin, Jean Lushin, Tedd Shimp, Lester Creason, Lisa Chiavola (Acting Adjutant), Jim Cowan; Hod Peabody; Kenneth Grohman, John Pachmayr, Joseph Crousore, .

III. NEW MEMBERS -- New member, Jeffrey Straker has applied for membership in the detachment, but sent his application and DD214 to national MCL headquarters. Once we receive his information, steps will be taken to approve/disapprove his application.

IV. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - RESOLVED; that the minutes of the August 30, 2007 meeting are approved without changes.

V. PAYMASTER'S REPORT

Cash on hand with Harris Bank .....\$7,822.19

Certificate of Deposit, Harris Bank .....\$5,064.71



needs money as Ft. Wayne will not be donating their usual portion. Saturday, December 8 is scheduled for purchasing toys at Meijer. It is a drill week end and the reservist will be available to assist. December 20 and 21 is earmarked for distribution at the same location as last year. On a motion duly made, properly seconded, and unanimously approved; RESOLVED; that \$4,000.00 be donated for the 2007 Toys for Tots drive and the remaining \$407.25 will be reserved for the 2008 Golf Outing.

(d). Veterans Memorial - Marine Hayes reported that a new stone (\$6,000), new shed (\$3,100) and new equipment (\$3,000) has been purchased. Marine Hayes passed around photo and proposal for the new stone.

(e). Military Rites - Marine Hayes reported that military rites ceremonies during 2007 have reached 125 (of which 9 were Marines). Marine Hayes encouraged more participation.

(f). Quartermaster - Marine Hayes proposed that the League pay for uniforms needed by a few of our larger members. These uniforms need to be special made and are more expensive than the regular uniforms. On a motion duly made, properly seconded, and unanimously approved; RESOLVED; that uniforms will be purchased for these members so that they may participate in League events.

(g). Young Marines - Marine Sparling reported that progress is extremely slow and time consuming He has met with, and observed, (3) Young Marines detachments and noted that he was impressed with one particular detachment that is ran with consistency and discipline. Determining community interest will be a next step in bringing this endeavor to fruition.

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VIII. UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS- Coming Events include:

1. September 29, 2007 - Oktoberfest. Color Guard be there at 1730.
2. September 29, 2007 - VFW Birthday.
3. October 5, 2007 - VFW 1152, Chicken Noodle dinner/silent auction.
4. October 6, 2007 - Darrough Chapel Park. Color Guard be there at 1630 to honor the return of SSgt Schroeder back from Iraq. Marines Boughton, Gaunt, Chiavola and Hayes volunteered. Request was from Soldier's Angels.
5. October 6, 2007 - Indiana Veterans Retirement Center (Lafayette) open house 5-9 pm.
6. October 13-13, 2007 - Fall conference. All interested see Commandant Handy. Cost is \$15.00.
7. November 9, 10, 11, 12 - Golden Corral DAV event.
8. November 9, 2007 - Darrough Chapel School. 1400, Color Guard.
9. November 9, 2007 - Veterans Day Parade, Marion MCL. 1330, VA Northern Healthcare Systems.
10. November 10, 2007. Darrough Chapel Park. 1100. Marine Corps Birthday celebration. Dress Blues is uniform of the day.
11. November 12, 2007 - Washington School. 1400 Color Guard.

12. December 8, 2007 - Purchase toys for Toys For Tots at Meijer's.
13. December 20 & 21, 2007 - Distribution of toys for Toys for Tots.

(a). A presentation was made to the League members by Rita Bates from Blue Star Moms, an organization consisting of mothers who have active duty sons or daughters currently serving or have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. Those who are not mothers may be associate members but not full-fledged members. Blue Star Moms send care packages to deployed service members and offer support to each other while their sons and daughters are deployed in harm's way.

(b). Marine Gaunt expressed his thanks regarding United Way.

(c). Marine Boughton announced that our new trailer has been painted red, the dents taken out, and is awaiting new decals.

(d). Commandant Handy took a show of hands regarding the Marine Corps Birthday Ball this year. It was unanimous that the Marion Marine Corps League celebration would be in our best interest. Cost is unknown at this time.

(e). Special thanks to Wal-Mart for donating \$525.00 towards the purchase of the league trailer. Marine Lushin asked that a note of thanks to Wal-Mart be included on the detachment web page.

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IX. FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEAGUE - Remember our deployed Marines and their families in your prayers.

X.           NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Albert E. Shockey Detachment will be on Thursday, 25 October 2007, at 1800 hours, at 213 E. Jefferson St., Kokomo, IN.

XI.           ADJOURNMENT - After retiring The Colors and prayers offered by Chaplin Sparling, the meeting adjourned.

"Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Chiavola, Acting Adjuant.