

**HIRAM I. BEARSS DETACHMENT #089  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
12 FEBRUARY 2009**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

- 1700

**OFFICER ROLE CALL**

- Commandant Bud Albright – present
- Senior Vice Commandant – Tom Terpinas – present
- Junior Vice Commandant – Gary Nasby – present
- Judge Advocate- Lloyd Louks – **not present**
- Adjutant/Paymaster – Melissa Jacobs – present
- Chaplain – Jesus Quintana – present
- Sergeant at Arms – David Hansell – present
- Past Commandant – Russ Eaglin – present

**GUESTS**

- Mike Becker – new member
- Greg Troxell – new member
- Leroy Ellington – transfer from Brookings, OR detachment

**NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

- Michael (Mike) Becker
- Zach Fuhrman
- Greg Troxell
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the new members. The motion was unanimously approved.
- **New member swear-in will be held on 12 March 2009**

**READING OF THE MINUTES – 8 JAN 2009**

- The minutes were read and unanimously approved

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Information was received about changes to National bylaws – see Commandant Albright for more information
  - Changes will be provided to the Judge Advocate for inclusion in the detachment's bylaws
- Donations
  - Nobel and Novella Beck donated in memory of John Flack
  - Dean Shanklin contributed as a Scuttlebutt Booster

**PAYMASTER'S REPORT**

- A detailed report was provided to everyone in attendance
- A copy of the Paymaster's Report is on file in the Detachment office.

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Paymaster's Report. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **REPORT OF SICK AND IN DISTRESS**

- Rocky is getting treatment for his problems. See Commandant Albright if you have any questions.
- Gilbert Kett passed away

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- Commandant – Bud Albright
  - The detachment has made a lot of progress on the building, but there is still a bit of work to do:
    - Recent heavy winds ripped shingles off the roof and rain leaked into the building
    - The siding needs to be patched
    - Need to get the kitchen operating in order to start holding pancake breakfasts
  - Request that Jesus go around the building to ensure that it is wheel chair accessible
- Senior Vice Commandant – Tom Terpinas
  - Contacted the great grandson of HIB to attend the open house. Will provide more info on this visit after the next meeting.
  - Don Myers volunteered to help plan this event.
- Junior Vice Commandant – Gary Nasby
  - Welcomed the three new members who were present and made himself available to answer questions.
- Judge Advocate – Lloyd Louks
  - Not present
- Chaplain – Jesus Quintana
  - Participated in two funerals (John Flack and Gilbert Kett)
  - See MSgt Lund for the write-up on a funeral in Greenwood
  - A Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal was presented to Gary Schraeder's son for Gary's service. His Navy Corpsman flew in for the event.
- Quartermaster – Russ Eaglin
  - Ship Store is open – still working on getting inventory
  - Right now there is \$2360.00 in inventory
  - See Russ if you have any orders you'd like to place
- Department Officer – Russ Eaglin (Department of Indiana Junior Vice Commandant)
  - Russ will announce that he will be running for Department Commandant at the next department meeting

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Young Marines – Jim Wade
  - YMs are on a break – the next platoon will pick up the first Thursday in March
  - YMs are looking for some adult leaders

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- Stars & Stripes – Jim Wade

- Diane and Jesus are working hard to bring in money through their sales
- Have sold about 4 flags through the website
- Selling flags is easy money – get a few order forms and drop them off at sites that need new flags
- Building Liaison and Projects Officer (BLAPO) – Don Myers
  - Building Committee met and is discussing how to address the leaky roof, torn siding, etc.
- Concessions – Diane Ward and Jesus Quintana
  - Selling items at the hospital twice a month
- Parades – Tony Mungovan
  - Nothing scheduled until spring
- Gaming – Tony Mungovan
  - Gaming license is good until November 2009
- Scuttlebutt – Gary Nasby
  - Nothing to pass
- Eagle Scouts
  - Went to Camp Belzer for District Meeting
  - District is building a new center at Belzer for the Scouts
- Awards – Don Myers
  - There are awards that will be presented to members who were not present to receive them at the annual Christmas Dinner

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- State Convention will be at the Radisson in June

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Don Myers
  - VA Hospital Director took down a 1945 newspaper after an employee complained that it was offensive (the headline had the word “Jap” in it)
  - A motion was made and seconded for Don to write a letter to the VA on League letterhead demanding that the historical newspaper be put back on display. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Charlie Haislip – Building Committee Update
  - \$13K has been pledged through the Plank Program so far; have received about \$2.5K.
  - Need at least \$6K to operate the building per year (this number needs to be revised)
  - We need some big fundraiser to get more money for the repairs needed and normal operating expenses
  - We need to push the Donate-A-Car Program, Stars and Stripes, etc.
  - Need to prioritize our expenses
- Bud Albright
  - Nominations for Officers are due tonight

### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

- Award for Diana Ward
  - Diana received the Distinguished Citizens Award – Gold (the highest honor in the Marine Corps League)

- Foosball Table Raffle
  - Gary will put announcement in the Scuttlebutt
  - \$1/ticket or \$5/6 tickets
- Vets To Vets – Loren Minnix
  - Peer support groups for vets to talk about combat experiences
  - Proven to have an impact – some vets will only open up to other vets that have been through similar experiences
  - American Legion may nationally sponsor the program – would the Marine Corps League like to do that?
  - A motion was made and seconded for Loren to draw up a resolution to be brought to the Department of Indiana meeting in June. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Coffee Mess at Camp Atterbury
  - Key Volunteer Network would like to put a coffee mess together for the March/April drill – Charlie Haislip will get more information and share at future meetings.
- Grand Opening of Building
  - It was suggested that we invite Mayor Ballard to the event
- MCCC Meeting at the Building
  - The February MCCC meeting will be held at the building
  - Russ and Don will plan the event
- Other Groups Who Plan to Use the Building
  - Montford Point
  - Women Marines Association
  - Marine For Life

## **ADJOURN**

- The next membership meeting will be held on 12 March 2009 at 3561 English Avenue.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2020.