

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

- 1900

**OFFICER ROLE CALL**

- Commandant Bud Albright – present
- Senior Vice Commandant – Tom Terpinas – present
- Junior Vice Commandant – Gary Nasby – present
- Judge Advocate- Lloyd Louks – present
- Adjutant/Paymaster – Melissa Jacobs – present
- Chaplain – Jesus Quintana – present
- Sergeant at Arms – David Hansell – present
- Past Commandant – Russ Eaglin – present

**GUESTS**

- Ron Sutton

**NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

- Ron Sutton
- A motion was made by Russ Eaglin and seconded by Jim Wade to accept the new member. The motion was unanimously approved.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

- The following new members were installed:
  - Mike Becker
  - Ron Sutton
  - Greg Troxell

**READING OF THE MINUTES – 12 FEB 2009**

- The minutes were read and unanimously approved

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- The Flack family thanked the League for its tribute to John Flack
- Miscellaneous letters were made available to members to read after the meeting
- There was a letter from Indianapolis VA Hospital director
- There was a letter recognizing Jesus Quintana and all the volunteers at the VA Hospital National HQ

**PAYMASTER'S REPORT**

- A detailed report was provided to everyone in attendance
- A motion was made by Jim Wade and seconded by Russ Eaglin to accept the Paymaster's Report. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

- IWO Jima Vet Stan Lamerson has been in the hospital for four weeks and has had his colon removed.
- Mike Becker's brother, John Becker (who is also a former Marine), was diagnosed with brain cancer.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- Commandant – Bud Albright
  - Indiana State convention flyers are available. HIB may be asked to help out with the convention.
  - The Fire Marshall has seen the building. The fire suppression system didn't pass but everything else is fine. Getting quotes to see how much a new or used one will cost. Currently, the quotes are around \$2K, but we may be able to find a used system. Jeff Milner mentioned that a restaurant supply company in Beech Grove may be able to get us a used system for less than \$1K. The hood in the kitchen is fine.
- Senior Vice Commandant – Tom Terpinas
  - Requested to know when the grand opening is scheduled for so the family of Hiram I. Bearss can be invited. The grand opening was tabled until the building is ready for a more formal event worthy of inviting the mayor and his supporters.
- Junior Vice Commandant – Gary Nasby
  - Nothing to pass
- Judge Advocate – Lloyd Louks
  - Nothing to pass
- Chaplain – Jesus Quintana
  - Nothing to pass
- MCL Auxiliary – Martha Albright
  - Would like to get the Auxiliary together to help the League. If you are interested in meeting, please let Martha know.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Young Marines – Jim Wade
  - A new platoon just picked up with 25 new Marines.
  - The YMs still need donations to help send kids to training
  - There is a spaghetti dinner scheduled for Monday, 20 April at 1700 at the American Legion Post 500 across from the Speedway. Cost is \$6/person, all you can eat.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- Stars & Stripes – Jim Wade
  - Recognized Diana Ward selling lots of flags
  - Don Myers suggested that we write a letter stating that we noticed the flag was frayed and that the Det could take care of it
- Building Liaison and Projects Officer (BLAPO) – Don Myers
  - Museum is a work in progress. \$200 was donated to the museum that should be kept separate from the rest of the det's money.
- Concessions – Diane Ward and Jesus Quintana

- Nothing to pass
- Parades – Tony Mungovan
  - The first parade will be in Noblesville at the end of April or beginning of May
- Gaming – Tony Mungovan
  - Nothing to pass
- Scuttlebutt – Gary Nasby
  - Nothing to pass
- Eagle Scouts
  - Going strong - two are scheduled for this weekend and one for next Sunday
- Awards – Don Myers and Lloyd Louks
  - Dept Commandant is requiring award write-ups earlier than what is in the manual
  - Bud's biography is required for the Marine Corps Leaguer of the Year award
- Web Sergeants - Lloyd Louks and Gary Nasby
  - Semper Fi Ride coming up. This is a collaborative fundraiser for the building between the League and the Foundation. Flyers are on the semperfiindy.org website. You can register on line by making an online donation. You can also donate to plank program on the website.
  - Gary is helping with a new page on the indymarines.org site called "official documents." The minutes are there, other documents that belong to det, the National Act of Congress that created the League, etc

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- In February, the Det took on the director of the VA Hospital in Indianapolis. Since then, several things have happened. There was a meeting with the director where the Det gave ideas on how to fix the situation concerning the WWII headline, but he decided not to go along with the idea.
- Mike Lieber, Dept of IN Commandant, was originally 100% behind the Det. It now appears as though he has buckled under National pressure. The response that the Det received from National concerning the issue was personally insulting. The Det was told to stand down and not do anything else. In addition, at the Department conference, the Dept Commandant decided to degrade the Det in front of entire department.
- Russ has a meeting with the state American Legion and the State VFW to get backing. The Det needs to keep moving forward and standing up for what it believes in.
- Don has already sent an email to the National Commandant on this issue. If the National Commandant tells us to back off, the Det will back off.
- In the end, if the Det can't get the headlines back up at the hospital, maybe they can be displayed them in the Det's museum.
- Gary Nasby made a motion to allow Don, Bud and Russ to continue with effort at their discretion. The motion was seconded by Jeff Milner. There was one member opposed the motion, all others accepted it.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Russ Eaglin – Marine Barracks Indianapolis Logo
  - A motion was made by Russ to approve the logo and Fred seconded it. 8 members were for the logo and 8 were against it. The Commandant declined to vote.
  - The logo was tabled until the April meeting. Bud requested more designs to pick from.

- Fred Axthelm - Sutterfield's Information
  - Sutterfield's offered to make up to \$200 in banners/signs for free. He will also give gifts to the Det to raffle off.
- Gary Nasby – Scuttlebutt Ad Rates
  - Would like to change the rate structure to one year for a business card ad for \$50
  - A cost analysis will be provided
  - The issue was tabled until next meeting
- Melissa Jacobs – Budget
  - Each committee and officer needs to submit a budget no later than the next membership meeting

### **ELECTIONS**

- The slate will stay the same
  - Jim Wade made a motion to accept the slate of current officers. The motion was seconded by Fred Axthelm and unanimously approved.

### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

- Nothing to pass

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- YMS will be at the building this Saturday from 9-11:00 for community service.
- The museum has real sands of Iwo Jima, thanks to Fred Axthelm

### **ADJOURN**

- The next membership meeting will be held on 9 April 2009 at 3561 English Avenue.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2106.