

**KENTUCKIANA DETACHMENT 729 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
21 JANUARY 2019**

1. The 21 January General meeting of the Kentuckiana Detachment 729 was opened at 7:00 PM in the usual manner by Commandant Jerry L. McCandless.
2. The Chaplain opened the meeting with a prayer after which he reported on members and family members in distress. He reported that Rose Taylor (wife of member Bill Taylor) underwent shoulder surgery the previous week and was recovering. It was also reported that the sister of Russ Stone (Evone) had to be placed in an induced comma. Prayers from the membership was requested for these members and their families as well as all members who were ill and in distress.
2. Sergeant at Arms reported that there were 27 members and 1 guest in attendance. The guest was introduced as **Marine Paul Simone** who is an Operations Manager with PPM Fulfillment. Paul is a prospective member who served from 1986 – 1994. He attained the rank of Major and served in recruiting the past four years. He has a wife and 3 children. As we did not have sufficient time to complete an application, he indicated that he would attend our February meeting prepared with all proper credentials to join the Kentuckiana Detachment. He received an information packet and application for membership.
3. Commandant called for the approval of the minutes and was reminded by the Adjutant that we did not have a meeting in December as it was simply a Christmas Party and no business was discussed.
4. **Moment in Marine Corps History.** Marine Mary Broussard gave a brief history of Women Marines in preparation for the anniversary of Women Marines coming up in February. She remarked about the 1st Woman Marine and the history of the role of Women in the Corps from Opha May Johnson thru the official enlistment of Women in the Corps to “Free a Marine to Fight” in World War II. She emphasized the clerical nature of first women to enter the Corps in WW II and took us through the evolution of Women in combat arms. It was interesting and informative and kudo’s to Mary for a job well done. (in five minutes)!!
5. The first order of business was one of our Past Commandant’s, Bob Cross, who was speaking for the Department of Kentucky Commandant who asked him to address the Detachment on his behalf. The Department Commandant has asked the Kentuckiana Detachment to take on the project of **hosting the Central Division Conference in 2020**. It was noted that the Kentuckiana Detachment hosted this event in 2008 and that the Adjutant had a complete and thorough after action report from that event and that it can be dusted off, updated, and used to bring the Central Division Conference back to Louisville. It was also remarked that the 2008 Conference was one of the best put on by the Division. It was noted that this is a year long project and will need the assistance of the entire Detachment and all other Detachments from the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Department Commandant and our Past Commandant Bob Cross have agreed to head the committee to make this another great conference. **A Motion by John Froehlich, and seconded by Don Schofield, was made to make the commitment to host the 2020 Central Division Conference here in Louisville by the Kentuckiana Detachment. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. We will begin with addressing the plan of attack with the Department of Kentucky at the State meeting to be held in Corbin, KY on March 9th. We will be asking for assistance from our own membership as we develop the plan for this event.**
6. It was noted on the Year in Sight that February is not only the anniversary month of the Women Marines but it is also Black History Month. As such, the Detachment will ask for Commandant Charles Stallard of the Monfort Point Marines here in Louisville, to join us next month for our Moment in Marine Corps History.

OFFICER’S REPORTS.

Senior Vice Commandant Rick Borders addressed the membership regarding the roll out of a Rifle Raffle he had promised. He noted that his intention is to start the **Rifle Raffle sales** in February of tickets with a 2nd place cash

prize and 3rd place prize from the KY Gun Club for use. The plan is to have 1200 tickets to be sold. Rick indicated that we would also decide on a project in which to distribute the funds.

Junior Vice Commandant Phil Hughes emphasized the distribution of calling card to increase membership. He also encouraged members to active in the community by wearing Marine Corps covers and jackets as a way to promote the Detachment and the League to the community. Finally, he indicated that he will be heading the nominating committee for the elections later this year. **NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MARINES TO BE THINKING ABOUT TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE DETACHMENT. Please be ready when asked to serve.**

Judge Advocate – C. J. Wychulis indicated that he has been studying the changes in the new By-laws and how it impacts the Detachment. Be ready for changes...beginning with the proper wearing of uniforms.

Paymaster Ron Knight made a report of the three Accounts. The Detachment is in good financial situation thanks to all the efforts of our members. The Building Account is giving us a great ability to do things for the Veteran Community and the Rifle Honors Detail is also doing it's part to keep us in the black. Kudo's to both chairpersons of those two activities. Regular account is healthy currently with \$18,078.85. Building Account is showing a good balance as well with \$7,608.18. Gaming Account is currently \$2245.00. He has also taken action on the Charitable Gaming form change for the Financial Gaming Report and completed the Report. Our paymaster s doing a great job keeping us all up to date on reports

Adjutant – Al Broussard reported that the Board approved a full page Ad for the Central Division Conference. He will be sending the proof out as soon as possible. The Detachment also received a Thank you note from the Semper Fi Fund thanking us for the \$500.00 donation in December which was read to the members present. He also gave a report on the Rifle Honors detail income from the KDVA and other donations. Current donations from Rifle Honors was in excess of \$4500.00 thru the first 6 months of the Fiscal year. Finally, It is that time of the year for nominations to Central Division for Marine of the Year. Al Broussard made a case for nominating Cletis Evans, and indicated he would make an all call for nominations for others.

Quartermaster: A shout out to our Quartermaster for his keeping our members in the correct uniforms. Asked Honors Detail members for glove sizes as we need to order additional gloves for the Honors detail. Ear Muffs have been provided to all the Honors Detail members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roving Mess: John Froehlich indicated that there would be a Valentine Day Party with live entertainment in lieu of a Roving Mess for February. It will be held at the Marine House on Tuesday February 12, 2019 at 12:30 PM. Soft drinks and coffee available – bring your own booze!. All hands welcome.

Toys for Tots: Cletis Evans thanked the Detachment for a very successful year indicating that this year had it challenges but through a team effort we had a very successful year. Of note he offered that 44,461 toys were distributed to 16, 243 children, 2500 bicycles and 1751 child bikes were distributed with only 81 bikes left over. He indicated that the hero of this year's campaign was Mission B-B-Q for providing warehouse space at their location. He also indicated that Jennifer Lawrence (actress) will use her resourses to try to find us a building before the next campaign. The TFT Team amassed over 551 hours in this year's campaign. (see attached report)

Building Report: Mary Broussard reported that the building was shut down for two weeks and underwent an annual maintenance week. New lights (LED), painting, repairing and touch up painting was accomplished. Kudos to the following Marines and Auxiliary: Nancy Wallace, Patty Cross, Mike Rice, Otis and Kathy Phelps, Bob Cross, Russ Stone and many other members joined this crew to make that happen. Rentals have resumed and the building is generating much interest and business from the community.

Benevolence Committee: Dan Haddix was added as a member of the Board of Directors for his duties as the Chairperson of this committee. He reported no applications received during this period. He also noted that the

Women's Auxiliary has earmarked a \$500.00 donation to the Benevolence Committee funds. Also, Bob Cross noted that \$45.00 was donated to the Benevolence Committee from Mike Rice

Investment Committee: Bob Cross reported that the Investment fund is down a little this past month to \$146,302.02. He reminded us that we are invested in this fund for the long run.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Commandant remarked that he feels very privileged to work with the members of the Detachment and thanked all for their efforts to make this a remarkable organization.

Doug Pugh brought up an item of interest for Vietnam Veterans. AFVN – GI's Companion with Harry Simons. This is a 10 hour documentary with (5) 2 hour segments. He is asking to put the link on our facebook page. Or you can go straight to the link at: <http://rockradioscrapbook.ca/afvn.html>.

Otis Fox announced the start of practice at the Jefferson County Sportsman Club reminding new potential members interested that the member must provide their own weapon and ammo as we prepare for our National Match in October. Please arrive 12:00 Noon on practice days. It is an indoor range.

50/50 Draw was won by Otis Phelps. The \$40.00 prize was won by Otis Phelps and he kindly donated his share to the Rifle Honors Detail. \$40.00 went to the General Fund.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 20:32 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen D. Broussard
Adjutant