

KENTUCKIANA DETACHMENT 729 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2019

1. The 18 February 2019 General meeting of the Kentuckiana Detachment 729 was opened at 7:00 PM in the usual manner by Commandant Jerry L. McCandless. There were 29 members present and two guests, Scott New and David Herbig plus our speaker and 2 other members of the MPMA.
2. The Chaplain opened the meeting with a prayer after which he reported on members and family members in distress. It was great to see Norman Preston at the meeting and reminded us of his upcoming 94th Birthday this month. Prayers from the membership were requested for those members and their families who are ill and in distress particularly our Quartermaster Mike Rice who is recovering from surgery to his foot. He will be out of action for about 6 weeks.
3. **Moment in Marine Corps History.** We had a special guest in honor of Black History month. Charles Stallard, President of the Montford Point Marines Assn, Louisville Chapter and he gave a fine talk about the history of African Americans in the Corps and their contributions in WW II, Korea, and Vietnam. There were several of the MPMA members from Louisville also in attendance. The Detachment presented him with a program Ad and sponsored a table to support their upcoming banquet. At least 8 of our members will be present at their Banquet on 9 March 2019.
4. The Adjutant introduced a new member (literally). **Master Sergeant William “Scott” New USMC (Ret)** served from 1996 and retired in 2016. He has had a rather impressive career as an Avionics Chief, RT Class Technician, Martial Arts Instructor, Drill Instructor at PI and Sgt Instructor at OCS. He earned an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in the Adriatic Sea, along with Defense Meritorious Service Metal, Navy & MC Commendation Medal, among a host of other joint service Medals. He also served in Afghanistan, Global War on Terrorism, and earned a Sea service deployment Medal. These are just a handful of Ribbons and Medals. He was inducted into the Detachment and we are pleased to welcome him into the fold.
5. We had several guests from the MPMA whom we acknowledged and welcomed them to our Marine House. In addition, another guest was introduced, **David Wayne Herbig who served in the USMC from 1968 to 1970.** David arrived at the meeting as an observer and at the end of the meeting he met with the Adjutant and completed an application. We will welcome him at the March Meeting for introduction and induction into the detachment. David is retired from General Electric.
6. Commandant Jerry McCandless then presented member **Pat Beam with his Life membership Certificate**, pin, metal Life member card and he purchased a cover. Thanks Pat for supporting the League with a Life Membership.
7. Minutes from our last meeting were approved as written and posted.
8. Commandant McCandless asked Adjutant Al Broussard to discuss the donation to the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. He reported that the Board had approved a **\$1000.00 donation to the KVHOF** and made a pitch to ask the members to match the \$1000.00 donation in order to become a **“Sponsor”** of the KVHOF. A memo will be sent out to the membership for donations to add to our. Members should make checks out to the Kentuckiana Detachment 729 with memo notation: **“Kentucky Vets Hall of Fame”. (KVHOF).** We will accept donations, cash or checks until 1 May 2019. **Al Broussard also reminded the Detachment that we have 8 current members that have been inducted into the KVHOF and that he has sent out a nomination package for Cletis Evans this past week.**
9. Al Broussard made a motion that Cletis Evans be approved for the nomination by the Detachment to be considered for the Central Division MOY. Commandant McCandless moved to close the nominations and was seconded by Dan Haddix. Original Motion by Al Broussard was seconded by Sgt At Arms and was unanimously approved. Adjutant, will mail off the nomination the following day.
10. Commandant announced that the **Flags for Vets** will have a Memorial Day Vigil on the Great Lawn on **Saturday 25 May 2119.** (please see the flyer attached). This is an annual event will be placing out 15,000 Grave flags on the Great Lawn. Our own member Fred Moore sponsors this every year. Our Rifle Team will be opening the program at Noon and afterward volunteers will place out the flags. **He also announced that our friends at Mission BBQ will have a National Viet Nam War Veterans Day for Vietnam Vets. All Vietnam Veterans will get a FREE Sandwich on that day. (see flyer attached).**

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Senior Vice Commandant Rick Borders showed off the rifle to be raffled off and announced that tickets are now available. The Raffle will be held at our November 2019 meeting. There are 1200 tickets available, and there will be a 2nd place prize of \$200.00, and 3rd place prize of ?????? HURRY AND GET YOUR TICKETS. WE WILL ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO GO OUT AND SELL. Please contact Sr Vice Commandant Rick Borders for information and to obtain tickets to sell.

Junior Vice Commandant Phil Hughes opened up the nomination committee drive for members wishing to run for one of the four elected offices. Commandant, Sr.Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate. If you are interested in holding one of the Elected Offices, please contact Phil Hughes. Commandant McCandless recommended nominations by "Slate". If you want to be part of the leadership please step up. We have an amazing group of Officers that are here to assist you.

Judge Advocate C. J. Wichulis briefed the membership on the tightening up of the uniform regulations, particularly the Red Cover, collar emblems, and appropriate wear of the uniform. There is a great article in your Semper Fi Magazine. Please look it over.

Paymaster Ron Knight gave an account balance for all of the accounts approved by the Board of Directors. They all balance and we are in very positive position. Due to privacy issues if you wish a copy of the statements or balances please contact Ron Knight. The records are not private, just not for general dissemination to the public.

OTHER OFFICER REPORTS

Toys for Tots. No report other than that the Annual report was sent to TFT National.

Building: Mary Broussard - Rentals have quieting down but we continue to receive calls daily with renters seeking party dates. Mary thanked all the members who worked to put in new lightening in the hall, as well as painters, and volunteers making minor upgrades and sprucing up the building during the down period in January. All is well and keeping us busy.

Benevolence Committee: Dan Haddix reported that there have been no emergency requests and that \$100.00 in the form of a Gift card was donated to the committee from the Rifle Honors Detail.

Investment Committee: Bob Cross announced that the market is up and has made up for a few weeks of a down turn.

Conferences : Bob Cross also indicated that he and Paymaster Ron Knight will be attending **the Mid-Winter Conference in Fredericksburg, VA in February** to sit in on the new membership Program rollout. If any member wants uniform items from the National ships store, please contact Bob and he can pick up uniform items with having to pay the outrageous shipping charges for ordering on line. Additionally, Al Broussard will be attending **the Central Division Conference in Rock Island, IL** in late March for the same class.

In preparation for **Sponsoring the Division Conference in 20/20**, a large contingent of our officers and members will be attending the Quarterly meeting in London, KY to begin discussions on getting the rest of the Department of Kentucky behind our efforts.

New Business - OTIS FOX is commencing weekly pistol team practices. Interested please call Otis or any member of the pistol team for more information.

50/50 Drawing was won by Bob Cross. Bob generously donated his share of the winnings \$39.00 to the Benevolence Fund.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 20:25 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen D. Broussard
Adjutant

