

# **Kentuciana Detachment 729**

## **Membership Meeting**

**November 15,2021**

The meeting began at 1900 hrs with Chaplain Richard Schmidt providing opening prayer. He mentioned member Phil Hughes who is now home from back surgery and recovering. He also spoke to Col. Preston who is a retirement home and that a group of members visited him on the Marine Corps birthday and had a cake cutting ceremony. He had cards that had been received and read to him.

Commandant Dan Haddix advised that MOH recipient Woody Williams had taken a fall and was injured with several broken bones. The Veterans for Veterans Raffle drawing had been held before the meeting. \$39900 had been raised along with \$217 in donations. Now the challenge is to make good use of the funds. Past Commandant Jerry McCandless will chair a committee on the process to spend the funds. 30 Marines were helped last year along with the Veterans Club help.

There were no guests. Member applicant Jim Mulrooney was sworn in. He is in uniform and has helped several occasions with the Honors Detail.

Senior Vice Mike Smith spoke on the need for volunteers. The process is ongoing for possible Marine House management. The Detachment is in need for a liaison member for the Boy Scout program. The Detachment is in need to work on Retention and Recruitment of members. We need to grow.

**Junior Vice Ramon Turner indicated that recruitment is necessary. Activities focusing on families will help with the recruiting.**

**Commandant Haddix spoke on behalf of Past Commandant Jerry McCandless and gave a report on the Investment fund.**

**Judge Advocate CJ Wychulis advised that the Detachment By Laws are now posted on the Detachment website.**

**Paymaster Ron Knight gave the financial report.**

**Adjutant Ted Barber advised with the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday any articles for the newsletter need to be given to him as soon as is possible.**

**Community Report was given by John Bishop. He gave credit to Haddix and all those members who had helped with the competed raffle. He mentioned that visits had been and are in process to be planned for Veterans in retirement facilities. January 15 of 2022 is the date planned for a Defensive Driving class that is free to members. December 23 , the Marine House will be used as a location to provide a Christmas dinner for homeless veterans. The Veterans Club will be working on the details. If/when this happens this could be an opportunity to have a winter clothing drive for the veterans. Mike Smith asked for those who helped at the tables selling tickets for the raffle and he gave sandwich tickets provided by Mission BBQ.**

**Bob LeBlond inquired of the members present who was planning to attend the Roving Mess the next day as he felt it was embarrassing to call a restaurant and then only a few members attend. The Roving Mess for December will not happen but will resume in January 2022.**

**Al Broussard spoke on the Honors Detail which has been very busy and on occasion having more than one on any given day. He also spoke on members considering the Detachment Marine of the Year**

for 2022. Al also mentioned that member Lt. Col. Scott Detrick has passed and he is waiting on information for his funeral.

Mary Broussard advised that building rentals are frequent and help is needed.

Toys For Tots- Wayne Hall advised that drivers are needed to recover boxes between Dec 3 and Dec 10. If anyone can help to please contact him. Warehouse help will be needed. Light Up Louisville is the next night and if anyone wants to ride to contact Cletis Evans. The TFT motorcycle ride is on the horizon.

Commandant Haddix commented on the most recent Honor Flight program. Mike Rice and CJ Wychulis were able to be guests and they both expressed their appreciation. Jason Thompson and Don Schofield were the Guardians respectively and the Detachment paid for their trip.

Butch Moore advised the Nation MCL pistol competition had completed and the new season will start March 1, 2020.

Commandant Haddix advised that the December meeting will be the Christmas party in lieu of a regular meeting.

Mary Broussard advised that the tile for the Kitchen and Bathrooms will be paid for by a member who asks to be anonymous once we decide to move forward with the work. She also talked about various requests for donations for veterans needs to be looked into. With some, very little actually goes to veterans and most to the promotion of same.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Pat Crowe.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

**Respectfully submitted**

**Ted Barber, Adjutant**