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Historian	Lawrence Roush

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Marines,

Looking forward to a new year with enthusiasm only a Marine could muster I would like to update all on the intentions recommended for our Detachment in 2016.

This past week the detachment lost Marine Howard E. Singletary, a detachment plank owner. I was privileged to assist our Detachment with Honor Guard duties at his viewing. This sad event was sudden and preparation for this duty was improvised as only Marines can do, "adapt and overcome". The Singletary Family was sincerely appreciative of our efforts and display of the Honor to our departed Marine brother. A committee will be appointed at the 29 February meeting to better prepare us for future Honor guard duties.

After discussing the Marine Corps Ball schedule for this year, it was agreed that the date would be Saturday 12 November, 2016. This will be a busy time for our Marines in as much as we will also be involved a the 10 Nov. get together "Hoist One for the Corps, the Veterans Day Parade on 11 Nov. and the Ball on 12 Nov. The Ball will be held at the Stanly Regional Medical Center, the same as last year. A menu will be discussed and the appointed committee will have plenty of time to get prepared for the celebration.

With the Spring weather approaching the building committee should be up and running soon, volunteers will be greatly appreciated. Post 2908 VFW has approved our request to site a movable storage facility on their property. Marine Wooten has agreed to serve as chairman of this task.

The Fund raising committee is considering a sale of fishing gear for this year and should be ready to set up at the BUD SHOOTOUT in April. Our Detachment has been invited to assist at the Bud Shootout and will sponsor a Hole as well as enter a Team. The Hole sponsor is \$100.00 but the team will pay individually to participate in the event. Any additional fund raising activities or events can be submitted to the Commandant for review and action.

Many of our Marines have endured casualties over this past year so here's to better health in 2016. It is necessary to keep the Officers informed of injuries or problems within our Marine Family so we can assist if possible. Please don't hesitate to contact any Officer with concerns.

A discussion and vote of a special request from the Stanly County Sheriff's Department for financial assistance to purchase a vest/shield for the K-9 Unit has been added to the agenda for the 29 Feb. meeting.

Our Marine Family has performed extremely well this past year with all the challenges and have set the bar quite high for 2016. Here is your goal for beating last year's accomplishments (KEEP POUNDING). A prediction of a Carolina Win in SB # 50.

We are making a difference in this community by using the Positive Attitude of our Marines and whenever we are in the public eye our professionalism shines bright as was evidence of the very successful Toys For Tots program. All are to be commended.

Thanks for all the hard work and your continued dedication to our Detachment. All our members are allowed to participate with our efforts so if you need a little persuasion to get involved I can help; Call me. You can only get satisfaction by being involved, not sitting on the bench.

SEMPER FI and GOD bless.

Paul Hummel, Commandant

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
STANLY COUNTY DETACHMENT 1021
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
25 JANUARY, 2016**

Commandant Hummel called the meeting to order. Prior to the formal opening ceremonies Detachment Commandant Hummel asked the Senior Vice Commandant Tim Pressley to come forward to recognize two of the significant groups that supported the Toys for Tots effort this past year. Marine Pressley called forward two representatives of the Guardian Nomads Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club that sponsored a fund and toys raising effort in Locust, and Tiffany Shaw representing of Lum's Ford in Albemarle who collected toys and very nice stuffed animals for the project. Certificates of Appreciation were given to each group and the membership took time to greet the representatives and express their individual thanks.

Commandant Hummel called for order and the opening ceremonies were performed.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Junior Vice Commandant Frank absent, Judge Advocate Jadlocki absent, Historian Roush absent, a quorum being present the meeting was called to order.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: None

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt. Motion was seconded, and was passed.

PAYMASTERS REPORT: The Paymaster provided two reports to the members. In as much as there was no December meeting, the first report covered the period from the November meeting until the end of the calendar year. The second report covered the period from January 1, 2016 until January 25th. The current cash on hand, both, in the checking account and petty cash, is \$24,059.33 which includes \$4,666.01 in the building fund and \$1,000.00 in the scholarship fund. A motion was made to accept the Paymasters reports, was seconded, and the motion passed.

Cash Flow Reports

DECEMBER 2015:

RECEIPTS:

50/50	\$	36.00
Refund Union St.		
Bistro	\$	100.00
Dues:	\$	140.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 276.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Christmas gift baskets for sr. vets.	\$	138.48
Quarterly breakfast	\$	161.77
Postage	\$	1.32
New detachment Checks	\$	35.70

Forks of Little River Baptist Church	\$	50.00
MCL blazer (Wooten)	\$	149.99
Gift Cards	\$	107.88
Dues to National	\$	85.00
Dues to Dept.	\$	20.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$	642.26

CHECKING ACCOUNT BAL.	\$	24,332.67
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$	(320.25)
CASH ON HAND	\$	36.91
TOTAL	\$	24,049.33

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

MARINE CORPS BALL (Revised final)

RECEIPTS

Refund from Union Street Bistro	\$	100.00
Members & Guests	\$	430.00

DISBURSEMENTS

SRMC Deposit	\$	(250.00)
Ball Supplies	\$	(256.80)
Food for MC Ball	\$	(576.00)
Room Rent for BC Ball	\$	(200.00)
Wine/Beer and Consumables	\$	(64.85)

Marine of the Year Plaque and Medal	\$	(100.48)
Bartender Services	\$	(250.00)
DJ Services	\$	(200.00)
Gift Cards	\$	(107.88)

TOTAL COSTS	\$	(1,476.01)
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JANUARY 2016

RECEIPTS

Dues:	\$	35.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	35.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Dues to national	\$	20.00
Dues to national	\$	5.00
TOTAL DISBURSMENTS	\$	25.00

CHECKING ACCOUNT BAL.	\$	24,185.90
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$	(163.48)
CASH ON HAND	\$	36.91
TOTAL	\$	24,059.33

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

SCHOLAESHIP FUND	\$	1,000.00
BUILDING FUND	\$	4,666.01

SICK AND DISTRESSED: Remember the following and their families in your thought and prayers: Marine Epps who is under the weather after clearing his driveway following the recent weather, and also Randall's sister was in the Emergency Room for several days but she is home; Marine Watson will be getting a new hip on February 10th please remember him; Marine Jadlocki is recovering from Prostate Surgery and the biopsy was clear; Marine Aronis lost his grandmother and is back safely from New York. Marine Bryan reported to the membership that Marine Singletary fell on Sunday after slipping on the ice, and this morning at about 10 AM fell

unconscious in a Fayetteville courtroom while representing a client and was pronounced dead. Information about the funeral arrangements will be provided as soon as available. Marine Singletary was a founding member of this Detachment. Marine Shoe read an article from the SNAP on the information available. Marine Singletary is survived by his wife Tamara, daughter Lauren, and son David. Marine Shoe reported that his Mother-in-Law passed away. Marine Roush's wife, Nellie, is recovering from a broken left elbow.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Toys for Tots: Toys for Tots - Marine Pressley reported on the success of last year's Toys for Tots effort. Almost \$10,000.00 was spent, 6,867 gifts were provided to 1,149 children. Tim also expressed his personal thanks for the unfailing support from the Detachment whenever it was requested. It must also be recognized that Mrs. Pressley's devotion and commitment was also a key to the success of the program.

Toys for Tots Report 2015

Beginning balance	\$ 128.35
Transfer from Foundation	\$8,303.00
Donation TOYS R US	\$1,000.00
Motorcycle Ride	\$701.00
Donation Checks	\$250.00
Donations Cans and Boxes	\$372.42
Total	\$10,754.77
Spent on Toys	\$ 9,999.33
Current Balance	\$ 755.44
Toys Distributed	2,168
Books Distributed	2,411
Stocking Stuffers	2,288

Total Number Children Receiving toys 1,149

Total Collected by MCL \$1,323.42

After Stanley News and Press refused to run the article and photos concerning the recognition of Toys for Tots cooperators, Marine Pressley posted the following on ALBEMARLE NEWS AND WEATHER'S FACEBOOK page.



Stanly County Marine Corps League 1021 wants to thank everyone for helping their first Toys for Tots cam-

aign a success! 3428 toys were distributed to 1149 children through Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM), West Stanly Christian Ministries (WSCM), and Community Coalition for Christ.

Many businesses and clubs supported Toys for Tots, Commander's Awards were presented to Guardian Nomad Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club and Tiffany Shaw of Lum's Ford. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Tim Marburger Honda, 73 Surplus and the lunch bunch from VFW 2908 Aux.

Thank you Stanly County!"



(Editors note: Other Stanley County businesses that collected toys or placed money donation boxes were Friendly Chevrolet; Crown Auto Sales & Finance; Stanly Cabinet; Dollar General in East Alb., North Alb., Richfield, & Norwood; Uwharrie Branch Banks in Stanly County; Walgreens Pharmacies; Piney Point Golf Club; Midway Salvage; Albemarle Academy of Dance; Superior Insurance; 73 Surplus; Walmart, Locust; Fresh House Tailgators; Parkway House; VFW Post 2908; Sherwin-Williams Paint; DAV Chapter 9; Stanly ACE Hardware; AmVets 910; 1010 WSPC; American Legion Post 76; and Stanly News and Press")

Marine Smith reported that Marine Clontz called and reported that she had delivered ten gift baskets to Veterans in Stanly County Nursing Homes. Well done.

BUILDING COMMITTEE - Marine Wooten described the initial planning for the storage building. The size of the building and height are key to the final design. The VFW has given permission for the building to be placed on their land, but the final site has not been coordinated. There was some discussion regarding the ability to move the building should it be necessary in the future. The committee will meet before the next meeting and try to finalize their proposal.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - Marine Watson discussed the 2016 Scholarship competition and the need to ensure that all applicants are eligible. Last year one finalist turned out to be ineligible due to the sponsor's status. Applications were passed out, and Marine Pressley pointed out that the application should be modified to eliminate the requirement for a Social Security Number. It is unnecessary. The due date for receipt of ap-

plications is 30 April 2016 at the Detachment Post Office Box.

Rick Burris is now a Life Member!

Old Business – None

New Business - Commandant Hummel reported that the Detachment will be planning a fall Golf Tournament. Marine Epps will be heading up a Bud Shootout this spring and has offered us an opportunity to participate. We could set up a table and sell our flags, in addition to selling hole sponsorship's. Marine Watson mentioned donating passes to the Quail Hollow Golf Tournament. There was discussion of another raffle item for this year. Marine Watson reported that he would check on getting the Detachment on the Bass Pro Shop national listing to explore the possibility of fishing gear for our next raffle during the Golf Tournament.

Adjutant Bryan is developing a master membership list with addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses. Members are asked to check the list to verify their information and add any information that may be missing.

Marine Pressley reported that the Stanly County Register of Deeds has announced the Thank You for Your Service program. Any Veteran can take their DD 214 to the Register of Deeds office in the Stanly County Courthouse where a record of your service will be made and you will be given a picture ID attesting to your service. A number of merchants will recognize this card and offer discounts on products and services. You will need a drivers license to prove you are the veteran on the DD 214. This is a free service so get your card and take advantage.

The Commandant initiated the closing ceremonies.

UPDATE: Marines Pressley, Hummel, Watson, Smith, and Bryan performed Honor Guard duty at Marine Singletary's viewing. It took over six hours for all the viewers to pass.

THIS MONTH IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY (From USMC HANGOUT)

FEBRUARY

1 February 1967: Operation Prairie II was begun in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3d Marine Division. During the 46-day search-and-destroy operation which terminated 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 of the enemy were killed.

2 February 1944: The 4th Marine Division, as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the start of World War II, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll.

6 February 1968: Two reduced Marine battalions, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and 2d Battalion, 5th Marines with three, recaptured Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines killed and wounded, before the imperial city was secured.

11 February 1922: BGen John H. Russell was appointed U.S. High Commissioner and personal representative of the President to the government of Haiti. This nine-year assignment placed this future Commandant in supreme command of both the occupying American force and the Haitian Gendarmerie.

15 February 1998: One hundred years ago this date, 28 Marines and 232 seamen lost their lives when the battleship MAINE was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Though no definitive evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, the cry went up, "Remember the Maine!", and by late April the U.S. and Spain were at war.

(ed. note - In 2002, the History Channel produced an episode of the Unsolved History documentaries titled "Death of the U.S.S. Maine" that used photographic evidence, naval experts, and archival information to determine the cause of the explosion. Its conclusion was that a coal bunker fire caused the explosion, and it identified a weakness or gap in the bulkhead separating the coal and powder bunkers that allowed the fire to spread from the coal bunker to the powder bunker.)

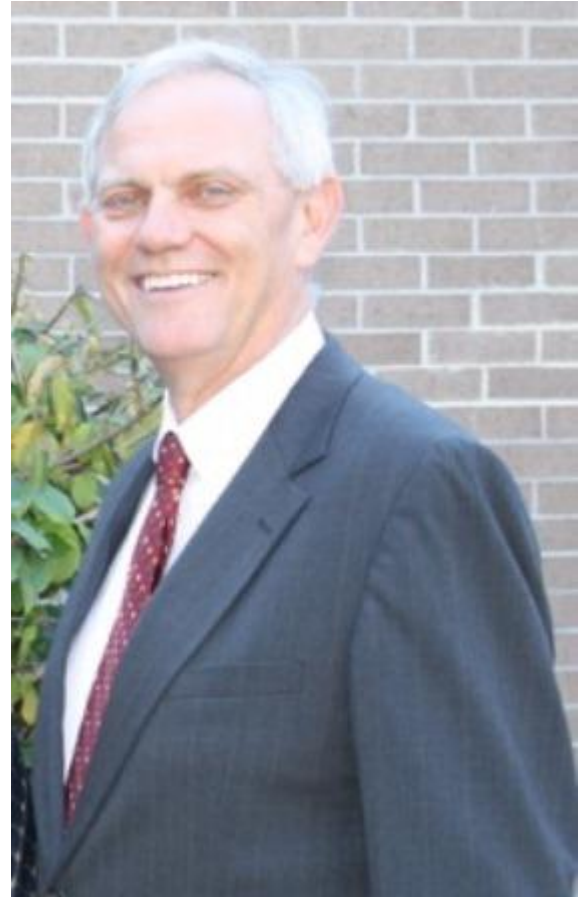
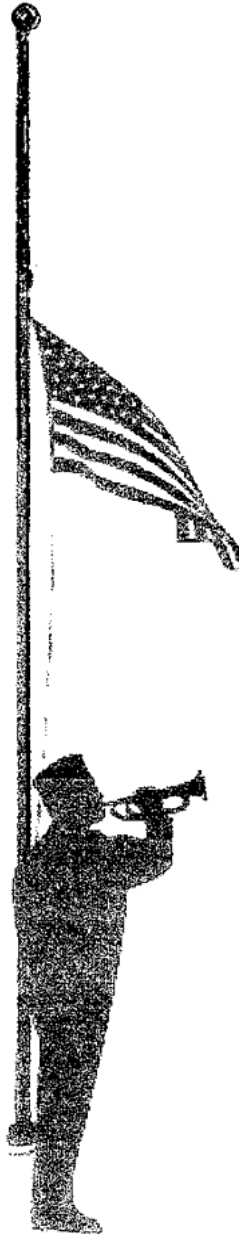
17 February 1967: The first full day of Operation DECKHOUSE VI, which lasted until 3 March, was conducted near Quang Ngai city. The Special Landing Force (BLT Y4 and HMM-363) accounted for 280 enemy killed.

23 February 1945: Four days after the initial landings on Iwo Jima, 1stLt. Harold G. Schrier led 40 men from Company E, 2d Battalion, 28th Marines, up Mt. Suribachi to secure the crest and raise the small American flag that battalion commander LtCol. Chandler Johnson had given Schrier. Within an hour, the patrol reached the rim of the crater. After a short fire-fight with Japanese defenders emerging from several caves, the small American flag was attached to an iron pipe and raised over the island.

24 February 1991: The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm. The 1st and 2d Marine Divisions stormed into the teeth of Iraqi defenses while heavily armored allied forces attacked the Iraqi defenses in Iraq from behind. In 100 hours, U.S. and allied forces defeated the Iraqi Army.

28 February 1991: Operation Desert Storm ended when the cease-fire declared by President George Bush went into effect. I Marine Expeditionary Force had a strength of more than 92,000 making Operation Desert Storm the largest Marine Corps operation in history. A total of 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

WELL DONE MARINE REST IN PEACE



H. EARL "BUD" SINGLETARY JR.

20 JULY 1956 – 25 JANUARY 2016

MEMBER NUMBER 158073

Stanley County Detachment 1021 Plankowner

He is survived by his wife Tamara Mcswain Singletary and children, Lauren N. and David E. Singletary of Albemarle. He is also survived by his sister Rhonda S. deGategno of West Chester, PA.