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2016-2017 OFFICERS

Paul E. Hummel, Commandant

Senior Vice Commandant	William T. Pressley
Junior Vice Commandant	Russell T. Aronis
Past Commandant	Edgar S. Watson
Judge Advocate	Robert D. Jadlocki
Adjutant-Paymaster	Gary L. Bryan
Chaplain	Eli E. Galloway
Sergeant-at-Arms	Larry L. Shoe
Historian	Lawrence D. Roush

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Marines, as this year approaches the Christmas season and our elves are working with Toys for Tots program, we can all be proud of the efforts put forth to make the program successful. A lot of hard work and time to put a smile on a child's face but the joy we receive is well worth the effort. Thanks to all who have volunteered their services.

Our year has many memories, some sad and some rewarding. I want to express my gratitude to our Marines for their support and all the hard work with our fund raising and always being ready to step up whenever a call comes in for our services. The Honor Guard was especially a pleasure by performing our Duty to our Passing Comrades and when the families express their gratitude in such a positive manner one has to be proud to participate in these services.

As your Commandant, this past year I have tried to fulfill the duties of the office to the best of my abilities and was even successful in accomplishing our objectives and holding the standards high as we travel down the path. I truly enjoyed the opportunity and will continue to provide support to the Detachment and my fellow Marines. We may not get all the problems solved but I promise to do the best I can to make the journey as smooth as possible. I would encourage all members to attend our regular meetings whenever possible and our up-grade to the communication efforts can be a step in the right di-

rection. Thanks to Marine Roush and Bryan for improving the process.

I want to remind all Marines that our regularly scheduled meeting on 26 December 2016 has been changed to a Saturday morning breakfast on 17 December 2016 at 0900 at our Mess Hall of Choice, The Parkway House in Albemarle.

I would like to wish our Marines and their Families a very MERRY and JOYOUS CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Please keep our Comrades in arms in your thoughts and prayers this Holiday Season.

Thanks and as always

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Paul Hummel
Commandant

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE STANLY COUNTY DETACHMENT 1021 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 28, 2016

«Next Record»

Opening: Commandant Hummel called the meeting to order at 1902 and appropriate customs and ritual were carried out.

Roll Call of Officers: All Present except Judge Advocate Jadlocki and the Junior Vice Commandant Aronis. Members in attendance 19.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: There were no applications for membership.

Balloting on Applications – N/A

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt and seconded. The motion passed.

PAYMASTERS REPORT: Paymaster Bryan presented the following report.

NOVEMBER 2016:

RECEIPTS:

50/50	\$	44.00
Member Dues (Aronis)	\$	70.00

Wine Buyback	\$	38.40
Team Fee for Golf Tournament-Exchange	\$	250.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	367.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

Trader Joes (Ball Drinks)	\$	67.34
Trophy Shop (MOY & Pressley Gift)	\$	72.00
CHS Stanly (Ball)	\$	966.97
Gift Cards (For the ladies)	\$	109.88
Flowers (Pressley Gift and Ladies)	\$	55.37
Ball Supplies	\$	148.63
Cake	\$	38.00
DJ	\$	200.00
Red Blazer Drawing (York)	\$	100.00
National Dues (Aronis)	\$	20.00
Dept. Dues (Aronis)	\$	5.00
Team fee for Golf Tournament-Exchange	\$	250.00
Paul Hummel (DAV Sponsorship)	\$	90.00
VFW Post 2908 (Yearly Donation)	\$	250.00
Gold Hill UMC (Kirk Memorial)	\$	100.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 2,473.19

Certificate of Deposit (Bank of North Carolina)	\$	10,000.00
Checking Account Balance	\$	18,577.08
Cash on Hand	\$	26.20
Outstanding Checks	\$	1,263.30
TOTAL	\$	27,339.98

ACCOUNTS

BIRTHDAY BALL:

EXPENSES

Deposit Stanly Regional Medical Center	\$	250.00
MOY & Pressley Gift	\$	72.00
Gift Cards (For the ladies)	\$	109.88
Flowers (Pressley Gift and Ladies)	\$	55.37
Red Blazer Drawing (York)	\$	100.00
DJ	\$	200.00
Cake	\$	38.00
Drinks	\$	28.94
Ball Supplies	\$	148.63
CHS Stanly (Ball)	\$	966.97
Certified Check for ABC Permit	\$	50.00
Clerk of Court Criminal Background Background Check (Bryan)	\$	25.00
TOTAL	\$	2,044.79

SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$ unfunded

CONTINGENCY FUND \$ 5,526.91

A short discussion of costs of the Marine Ball expenses followed and several suggestions were made to save on ABC Permit costs for next year's Ball. Marine Francis suggested the detachment consider using the VFW facilities and have the event catered. No action was taken at this time. A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report, it was seconded and the motion was passed.

MEMBERS/FAMILIES IN DISTRESS: The de-

tachment had an excellent representation of fourteen members for the Memorial for Jim Kirk last Saturday. Marine Walker mentioned that we did not uphold the highest standards of precision in our representation of the Marine Corps. Several points of discussion on the proper procedure for such an event followed. We have had three such memorials/funerals this year and while our heart is in the right place the general agreement is that we have to coordinate better in the future to present the respect due a fallen Marine.

Marine Shoe reported on Rick Thompson's fight with cancer which is in a particularly rough period. Commandant Hummel reports that Marine Epps is having a tough time with his ongoing medical treatment, and that Marine Aronis' girlfriend has been recovering from her allergy to peanuts over Thanksgiving and spent some time in the ER.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Toys for Tots: Marine Pressley reported on the condition of the Toys for Tots effort. At the end of the week November 27th six toys and 119 books had been donated, they purchased 157 toys and five stocking stuffers. They distributed 112 kindergarten books to Locust and Millingport schools. So far this year 123 toys have been donated, 119 books, 420 stocking stuffers (\$5 or less), and \$1,175.21 cash.

If you can help loading, they will be loading Toys for Tots on December the 7th at the Pressley Estate and delivering them to the West Stanly Christian Ministries on the 8th. The times will be sent as soon as they are finalized.

There will be a Palestine Christmas Parade on Sunday December 3rd if anyone is free. The Commandant will try to contact Marine Butler to see if his vehicle is available.

Marine Corps Ball: No Activity

Scholarship: No activity

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Commandant Hummel asked Marine Clontz to step forward and noted that we had unfinished business leftover from the Ball. Marine Clontz was awarded the 2016 Marine of the Year for her dedication to the Veteran Visitation program she started and continues to operate. Well done Marine.

Commandant Hummel also opened discussion on the subject of a Raffle for next year. We need to plan on what we will have, e.g. rifle, and decide so that we can have the tickets and posters prepared. Several comments were made about the need for the members to commit to supporting the sales at various events and to sell their own allocation of tickets for us to have a successful year. One comment was that maybe there was too much competition in the gun raffle business. The Commandant asked people to consider what had been said and this would be the subject at our next meeting.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Commandant Hummel suggested a Quarterly Breakfast for next month. Following a discussion it was decided to meet at the Parkway Restaurant at 0900 on December 17th for a breakfast meeting which will replace the December 26th meeting.

Adjutant Bryan brought up that the Department Winter Quarterly meeting will be held in Salisbury, NC at the VA Hospital on Saturday January 7th, 2017. Names of those wishing to attend must be forwarded to the host by December 28th. At least three will be carpooling so if you wish to go notify Adjutant Bryan (704) 986 0517 before the 28th.

There being no further business Commandant Hummel called for closing ceremonies which were carried out and the meeting was closed until 0900 December 17th, 2016 at the Parkway Restaurant.

THIS MONTH IN USMC HISTORY

4 December, 1941: 12 F4F-3 Grumman Wildcat fighters of VMF -211 fly from Carrier Enterprise to Wake Island.



GRUMMAN F4F-3

1950: LtCol Raymond G. Davis led his battalion into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force. His battalion, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines, and LtCol Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

6 December 1928: A small detail of Marines under Captain Maurice G. Holmes defeated Nicaraguan bandits near Chuyelite. GySgt Charles Williams was mortally wounded during the fighting. Capt Holmes was later awarded the Navy Cross for gallantry, and a posthumous award was given to GySgt Williams.



Marines in Nicaragua

7 December 1941: Pearl Harbor; Japanese carrier aircraft attack U. S. Forces on Oahu, sinking 19 ships, destroying 188 planes, killing 2,080, military

and civilian personnel. Marine losses were 111 killed or missing and 75 wounded. Japanese Destroyers bombard Midway Island, inflicting 14 Marine casualties.

8 December 1941: Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor. Marines of the 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.

9 December 1992: Marines of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations capable) landed in Somalia kicking off Operation Restore Hope, the largest humanitarian relief operation of its kind.

10 December 1995: In Bosnia, 22 Marines from Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naples, Italy were among the first American troops to arrive. They provided the security for Allied Forces Southern Europe headquartered at Sarajevo. About 2,500 NATO troops would be in place by 19 December taking on the task of peace enforcement in former Yugoslavia from the U.N.

15 December 1948: The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.

19 December 1972: The Marine detachment of the USS TICONDEROGA provided shipboard security for three U.S. astronauts, Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans, Harrison Schmitt, and their Apollo-17 space capsule. The astronauts had successfully completed a (then) record lunar stay of more than 75 hours.

20 December 1989: Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend dictator General Manuel Antonio Noriega. One Marine, Corporal Garreth C. Isaak, was killed and three other were wounded during the operation.

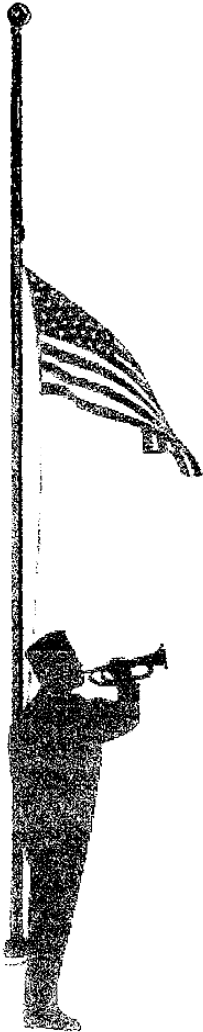
23 December 1941: Japanese forces launched a predawn landing on Wake Island and Wilkes Island, while their carriers launched air strikes against Wilkes, Wake, and Peale islands in support of the landing force. After nearly 12 hours of desperate fighting, the three islands were surrendered.

26 December 1957: Twenty helicopters from Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 162, were rushed to Ceylon onboard the USS PRINCETON where Marines participated in the rescue and evacuation of flood victims.

From: Marine Hangout and USMC: A Complete History

WELL DONE MARINE

REST IN PEACE



JAMES F. KIRK
“JIM”

03 MARCH, 1926 - 17 NOVEMBER 2016

Our last WWII Veteran

With 1/28th Marines, he was in one of the first waves to hit the beach of Iwo Jima.

He was wounded on 10th day of fighting.

Detachment 1021 Plank Owner

Member Number 156792

Served as Chaplin 2001-2002, and 2002-2003;

Served as Commandant 2004-2005

Survived by: his wife of 68 years, Glenna Collett Kirk: his son, Ronald James Kirk of New London, daughter, Sandra Lee Kirk and husband Ed Griffin of New London, two grandchildren, Margaret Ann Kirk, James Andrew McPherson and wife Michelle, six great-grandchildren, Liliana, Annabelle, Olivia, Jacob, and Joseph McPherson, Karlie Griffin, and one granddaughter-in-law Deborah McPherson.