

The Alleghany Leatherneck
The Walter Frank Osborne, Jr. Detachment 1298
Marine Corps League
P.O. Box 1298 Sparta, NC 28675

OFFICERS

Commandant:
Present
Robert Overbay
336-372-4649

Senior
Vice Commandant:
Present
David W. Brinegar
336-200-2422

Junior
Vice Commandant:
Absent
Joe Hornung
336-372-2368

Judge Advocate:
Present
Wade "Bobby" Irwin
336-372-4401

Adjutant/Paymaster:
Present
Suzanne M. Irwin
336-372-4401

Chaplain:
Present
Gary Edwards
336-372-5513

Sergeant at Arms:
Absent
Tim F. Wetzel
336-372-2621



8 July 2021 Monthly Detachment Meeting Minutes

Opening: Commandant Overbay called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 8 July 2021, in the Sparta Town meeting room, properly secured by the acting Sergeant-at-Arms. A quorum of voting members was present. After the Pledge of Allegiance and salute to the United States flag, the Chaplain led the assembled in prayer.

Roll Call of Officers: Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate, Adjutant/Paymaster, and Chaplain were present.

Applications for Membership: None.

Minutes: The Minutes of our 10 June 2021 meeting have previously been circulated. Motion to approve the Minutes was made seconded and voted approved.

Correspondence: None

Paymaster Report: Various balances in our 3 commercial bank accounts were reported. Discussion of recent expenses and deposits followed. Our Paymaster reported the June month end account balances for our four scholarships with the Alleghany County Education Foundation Scholarships.

- Paymaster was very complimentary of the work Michael Connelly had previously done while he was our Detachment Paymaster and Adjutant.

- The IRS Form 990N for the past year has been filed online as required.

Motion to approve Paymaster Report was made, seconded, and voted approved.

Adjutant Report:

- Have requested D of NC Compliance Officer to clean up remarks that are not correct in the Comments Column for our Detachment. This request is outstanding with no reply yet.

- The Commandant discussed our previous tabling of consideration of our \$600 annual donation for the Christmas toy fund at local churches. A motion 'Not to make the donation this year' was made, seconded and passed.

- Senior Vice Commandant will individually represent the Detachment at Alleghany Cares store on 7 August. Thank you, Wes.

- A motion to use our tent only at this year's Mountain Heritage Festival was approved.

- Marge Gray brought up her willingness to help the Detachment with the purchase, at bulk-discount, of needed new Marine Corps grave flags.

Report of Members sick or in distress: Only Tim Wetzel was mentioned, and we must follow up on his details.

Report of Officers: We need to update our flags used on the float with finials too. We need a Certificate of Appreciation for John Wishon for his help with the trailer. Consideration should be made of removing \$2,000.00 from our Savings account and adding it to our Detachment Scholarship Fund (for later meeting discussion). Adjutant reported progress in organizing a Marine Corps cake cutting with a simple dinner at Olde Beau in November.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Marge Gray, our County Veteran Service Officer, discussed a presentation she will do to the local VFW Auxiliary regarding 'what to do' if a veteran has sudden medical problems or even death. Information to help a spouse react and move forward. At the VFW on 29 July at about 7:00 p.m., all are invited. The Commandant mentioned his having been contacted by a State representative about our interest in starting a MCL Detachment Auxiliary group in a separate matter.

Good of the Leagues: The Commandant will follow up regarding Tim Wetzel to discover how he is doing. We have not heard from him lately and know he had some medical procedures at the beginning of this year.

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Announcements: The Detachment Members and Associates have a busy summer of varied activities ahead of us, the Commandant pointed out. "Stay active, promote the Marine Corps League in all you do. Recruit new members and polish the Detachment's image all the time." Help the Marine Corps family in any way you can.

Closing Ceremonies:

- A moment of silence for all deceased Members, Associates, and our Marine family.
- Formal retirement of United States and Marine Corps colors.
- Ritual of closing the meeting with announcement of next meeting on August 12 in this location and the Sergeant at Arms declaring the meeting officially closed.

End at 7:24 p.m.



4th of July Parade preparations of Detachment's float on Main Street in Sparta

Reminder: Annual MCL membership dues must be paid by September 1 of each year. Are yours up to date? When will you pay them? Should you become a Life Member of MCL?