

**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:  
**Excused**  
Gary Edwards  
336-372-5513

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



**12 August 2021 Monthly Detachment Meeting Minutes**

**Opening:** Commandant Overbay called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 12 August 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 acting Chaplain led the assembled in prayer.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate, and Adjutant/Paymaster were present. Chaplain has just had quadruple heart valve surgery and has returned home to recover.

**Applications for Membership:** An applicant for Associate Member, Marge Gray, who is our Alleghany County Veterans Service Officer. She was introduced and provided several remarks about her background. Her DD-214 confirming eligibility as a US Navy veteran had been examined by the Commandant and Judge Advocate prior to the meeting.

**Ballot on Application for Membership:** A motion to approve Marge Gray as an Associate Member of our Detachment and the Marine Corps League was made and seconded. On voice vote, she was approved as an Associate Member in good standing.

**Ceremony of Member Installation:** A full, by the book, Installation Ceremony was conducted by the Commandant and all other Officers present for new Associate Member Marge Gray.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of our 8 July 2021 meeting have previously been circulated. Motion to approve the Minutes was made seconded and voted approved.

**Correspondence:** The Detachment received a nice notice from Karen Leys of the Alleghany Education Foundation regarding the recent graduation of Jasmine Lee Kimber a prior recipient of our Scholarship Funds. Ms. Kimber is well on her way to becoming a medical doctor and is a fine success story for Alleghany County. Her achievements make us proud. No other correspondence was reported.

**Paymaster Report:** Various balances in our three commercial bank accounts were reported. Discussion of recent expenses and deposits followed. The Detachment received a \$200 payment for a LIFE membership and that was sent on to MCL National. The value of the Savings account is unchanged as interest is paid only quarterly. Small transactions of less than fifty dollars were reported. We await a report of how much we will receive from Alleghany CARES for our August 7, 2021, efforts. Thank you to Senior Vice Commandant Wes Brinegar for doing it on his own all day. Motion to approve Paymaster Report was made, seconded, and voted approved.

**Adjutant Report:**

- From last month's report, we 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 next Quarterly Report period to the Department closes on August 31. The number of service hours must be calculated. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, and other service activities must be considered.
- A card of appreciation should be sent to Kelly and Vickie at the Alleghany CARES.

**Report of Members sick or in distress:** Chaplain Gary Edwards had surgery last week at Wake Forrest Hospital and has just come home to recover. We all wish him a speedy recovery. Tim Wetzel was also mentioned, and we must follow up on his details.

**Report of Officers:** At the direction of our Commandant, a MCL Certificate of Appreciation have been prepared for Johnny Wishon, son of Marine John Wishon, for his help with shelter/storage of our trailer. Major Michael Connolly also was awarded a MCL Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding service as Paymaster & Adjutant for several years. Johnny Wishon will be requested to attend our next meeting for a presentation ceremony.

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**Special Committee:** Marine Corps Birthday Committee members met with the Olde Beau Golf Club Manager to arrange for a Friday, November 12 Marine Corps Birthday cake cutting dinner. Prime Rib and Chicken Cordon Bleu dinners will be served at 6 p.m. with a prior reception at 5:30 p.m. The cake cutting ceremony, as traditionally observed on the Marine Corps Birthday will be conducted right after the dinner. Tickets to the dinner will be sold in advance only with the sales ending on about October 15, 2021.

**Unfinished:** The Commandant raised the issue tabled during the last meeting, of transferring \$2,000.00 from our savings account to our Scholarships funds. Marine Irwin moved, and Marine Brinegar seconded, a motion to table the topic until our January 2022 meeting. The Alleghany Education Foundation is internally considering changes that make it appropriate to wait to hear what they are before deciding on such a topic. The motion passed.

There was a concern expressed regarding the condition of Marine Corps flags at the Laurel Springs Church. The situation will be looked in to by the acting Paymaster.

**Good of the League:** The Commandant reminded 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 and for all Marines currently involved in the Afghanistan situation.
- Formal retirement of United States and Marine Corps colors.
- Ritual of closing the meeting with announcement of next meeting on September 9 in this location and the Sergeant at Arms declaring the meeting officially closed.

**Adjournment:** Meeting ended at 7:49 p.m.



**Our U. S. Marines preparing for the Evacuation from Kabul, Afghanistan August 2021**  
(U. S. News service photo)