

Marine Corps League

Northwest Arkansas Detachment # 854

Meeting of August 19, 2019

Meeting Opening: Commandant Graham opened the meeting at 1830, according to ritual.

Roll Call of Officers:

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| Commandant | Craig Graham | Present |
| Senior Vice Commandant | Kenny Evans | Present |
| Junior Vice Commandant | Tom Wanket | Present |
| Judge Advocate | Kathy Jeffrey | Present |
| Paymaster/Adjutant | Kelley Collins | Present |
| Sergeant at Arms | Gene Rogers | Present |
| Chaplain | Rhonda Evans | Excused |
| Web Sergeant | Kelley Collins | Present |
| Junior Past Commandant | David Niemann | Present |

Acknowledgement of Visitors:

- National officers; David Niemann, Kelley Collins
- Bennie Gallant; 63-68;

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Amend meeting minutes to include Lloyds' last name Muirhead
- Steve Coil made motion to accept meeting minutes after amendment. David Niemann 2nd motion; no further discussion; members voted, and motion passed.

Paymaster Report:

- No discussion.

Sick and Distressed:

- Rhonda Evans – at home and recovering
- Don Burri – no news
- Lloyd Muirhead – turning 96 in a few weeks. Lewis would like to get a group to celebrate his birthday; stay tuned more to come
- Richard James – wife Hazel is in End of Life Hospice
- Jay Adams will be going into surgery soon; this will be number 12 & 13 on his back

New Members:

- Bennie Gallant

Correspondences:

- David Niemann – National Convention news
 - Get your paper work in on time; you have a charter to abide by
 - Need more attendance at Division & Department Meetings
 - 55% of members have a life membership; grow you members
 - Moving more to electronic filing of paperwork; payments will still have to go through local paymaster
 - National Database is coming in August
 - Members will be able to change their information on line
 - National Convention is in Daytona, FL August 2020
 - Southern Division conference March 20-21 in Tyler, TX

Report of Officers:

Commandant Graham –

- none

Senior Vice Commandant Evans –

- 244th USMC Birthday Ball plan are underway. Sell tickets and be sure to purchase your tickets. If you are unable to attend think about donations or purchasing tickets for someone that cannot afford it.

Junior Vice Commandant Wanket –

- Young Marines
 - Lance Corporal Edwards; graduated 12 out of 25 and has joined the Marines.
 - Sgt Cousins; graduated 23 out of 35

Judge Advocate Jeffrey –

- Sent out revision of By-Laws for review. Will finish up and finalize for final printing.

Junior Past Commandant Niemann –

- September 7th at 10:00 state meeting in Fort Smith River Valley.

New Business:

- Lonnie Young made motion for the league to get a storage building for holding pop-up; POW; flags; etc. Need to be climate control. Motion is tabled till next meeting, Lonnie will get some cost to present to members.
- David Niemann will e-mail out the new Southern Division officers list; if you would like a copy let David know.
- BB&BBQ – They said no to the additional money requested so it will be the \$1000 again. We need 6 volunteers a day to work the lot. Wed – Sat; Sept 25-28 8am – 7pm. David Niemann made motion to stay with the one lot same as last year; Tom Wanket 2nd motion; members voted, and motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

- Need Mike Johnson to come in and provide a Toys 4 Tots update to the league.

Good of the league:

- Ball is coming up so get it on your calendar and start inviting people. It was a great time last year.
- Looking for a potential new location for our meetings; one option is the old hospital in Rogers. We will keep everyone posted.

Committees:

- Ball Committee
 - Tickets are available now; Book your room using code MCL; commandeer donations for silent auction items.
 - We need wine and whiskey for the Wine & Whisky grab. Pick up a bottle or two and bring to the meeting (\$10 or over)
 - Looking for 2 big ticket items
- Food truck
 - Ann Marie –
 - ✦ More help is needed during future food truck events.

Meeting Closed:

Being no further business, Commandant Graham asked Sergeant at Arms to close the meeting at 1920, according to ritual, until September 16 at 1830 when it will reopen for official business.

Upcoming events:

- 244th USMC Birthday Ball, November 16, 2019 5:00 – 11:00; Embassy Suites Rogers AR
- National Convention – Daytona, FL
- Southern Division – Tyler, TX March 20-21;

If you have an event, please let Kelley know and be sure to check out our calendar on the web to see what we have coming up.

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