

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
OUTER BANKS DETACHMENT #1264
Thomas A. Baum Center
13Feb07 1900-2000

Minutes of the first general membership meeting of the Detachment:

Commandant, Doug Wendling opened the meeting at 1900 and the Sergeant-at-Arms (Robert Yanacek) secured the quarters and declared that all present were qualified to be present.

Sergeant-at-Arms posted the Colors and led membership in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers in attendance:

Doug Wendling, Commandant

Bob Messinger, Adjutant Paymaster

Robert J. Yanacek, Sergeant-At-Arms & Web Sergeant

Lee N. Baronet, Judge Advocate

John O. Strauss, Chaplain

Not in attendance:

John Jumet, Sr. Vice Commandant

Paul Strehan, Jr. Vice Commandant

Members in attendance: 6

Opening prayer was conducted by the Chaplain.

Sergeant-at-Arms declared the meeting open to conduct official business. Request was given for minutes of the previous meeting to be read. (Since this was the first general membership meeting there were no previous minutes to be read.)

Adjutant/Paymaster reported finances as of the end of January, 2007. Financial report was handed out and approved. Adjutant/Paymaster requested that Financial Report not be posted

on Detachment Website. Approved. [Commandant emphasized that Detachment financial records are always open for review by any member upon request.]

All in attendance congratulated Web Sergeant Robert Yanacek for his outstanding job in developing the Detachment website, www.obxmarines.com.

Discussion about the upcoming Charter Presentation meeting/ceremony on 17Feb07 at the Colington Harbour Yacht & Racquet Club. Commandant requested volunteers to help set up the facility on Friday, 16Feb. Light refreshments to be provided by the Detachment.

Recognition:

Certificate of Recognition presented to Rick Galganski, Property Manager of The Currituck Club, Corolla, for exhibiting overall support of the Marine Corps League and correct observance of flag etiquette following the death of President Gerald Ford.

Community Service Ideas:

Boy Scouts - Eagle Scout program/Veterans History Project
[More information needed. Will ask BSA official to make a presentation at future meeting.]

Driver Volunteers

Detachment has implemented a volunteer listing for individuals needing transportation to VA Hospital, Hampton, Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Norfolk Airport, etc. Members can contact any officer of the Detachment for that list or consult the Detachment website for more information.

Adopt a Highway/Beach

[Member reaction to Department Sergeant-at-Arms request we consider participation was luke warm, at best. No decision made by membership.]

Fallen Marine Program [Discussion only.]

Commandant emphasized that the only uniform item necessary to be considered 'in uniform' for meetings and public functions was a standard Marine Corp League cover with gold emblem available from the Ship's Store on the National MCL website. [There is **no required uniform**. However, there is a uniform code established by the National MCL and published in the Bylaws, Enclosure 2 on the National website for those members who wish to purchase uniform items.]

Commandant stated that recruiting was every member's responsibility. Posters, postcards and membership applications were made available to all attendees. The key to successful recruiting is to become known in the community as a group. Posters and business cards will provide visibility to the public.

There being no further business, Commandant requested members stand in silent respect for deceased Marines and their families.

Sergeant-at-Arms retired the Colors.

The Chaplain offered a closing prayer and the Commandant asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to declare the meeting officially closed at 2005.

The Sergeant-at-Arms declared that this meeting was officially closed until 13 March 2007, when it will be reopened for the transaction of official business.