

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
OUTER BANKS DETACHMENT #1264
Kerns Pit Center, Southern Shores, NC**

Minutes of Detachment Meeting February 12, 2013

Attendance: Dean Tyler, Commandant; Pat Riley, Adjutant; Dan Hudson, Judge Advocate; John Jumet; Judge Advocate, Doug Wendling, PIO; Rick Lawrenson,; Chaplain, Dan Beall, Leroy Spivey, Jr Vice Commandant; Larry Czernick, Craig Clark, Dale Draper, Elizabeth Wendling, Jack Figura

Opening ceremonies were completed by Commandant Tyler and Chaplain Lawrenson completed the opening with a prayer.

A new member (associated member) was sworn in by the Commandant and will be a not voting member as the new member (name?) is a retired naval member.

Pay Master Bob Messinger was not able to make the meeting due to knee replacement surgery but passed the financial data to Commandant Tyler who informed the detachment that our total account balance was \$2,083.90. Our detachment totals 39 members and 12 have not paid their dues as of this meeting.

Old Business:

Installation of new officers (see December minutes for new officers that were elected in December and installed by PIO Doug Wendling at the direction of Commandant Tyler:

Sr. Vice Commandant: Pat Riley
Jr. Vice Commandant: Leroy Spivey
Judge Advocate: Dan Hudson
Adjutant: Dan Beall
Pay Master: Bob Messinger
Chaplain: Rick Lawrenson
Doug Wendling: Public Affairs Officer
Jack Figura: Sgt at Arms
Dale Draper: Veterans Services Officer

The oath of officers was presented by Doug Wendling, Public Affairs Officer and all officers were sworn in and duly installed into office.

New Business:

The Commandant received two letters. One from the Commandant out of the North Carolina Mid East division Marine Corps League praising our detachment for reducing the unpaid membership by over 50% from quarter 1 to quarter 4. The other letter was from Geneva Perry, President of the "First Flight Society" thanking our Detachment for our participation in the December celebration program at the Wright Brothers National Memorial recognizing 100 years of Marine Corps aviation.

The Commandant then went over some of the detachment achievements of 2012:

- Belk Charity Day sale was done by the detachment and netted about \$1,500.00.
- Detachment marched in the Kelly's St Patrick's Day parade and also rode in a WWII jeep and seemed to be well received by the people watching the parade.
- In May we had a picnic in Kitty Hawk and all members and families enjoyed themselves. We intend to do the same this year.
- Dale Draper has been selected to participate in the Veterans Advisory Council and he will be a sincere member supporting veteran's needs.

Marsha Brown who writes a column in the local paper has contacted the Detachment to try to promote a picnic honoring veterans. Commandant responded back to Mrs. Brown that we would be interested in participating and would contact the Detachment via email.

Veteran discounts were discussed at length but no decisions were made but Dale indicated that it will be discussed in the Veteran's Advisory Council and he will advise the Detachment in our next meeting.

PIO Doug advised that the veteran identification card process has reached a stone wall and would not proceed through the State DMV at this time. He indicated that the State Marine Detachment has hired a member to respond as a liaison between veterans and the DMV to get this program moving.

Commandant reported that he had gone to the birthday celebration of the USMC and all who attended had a wonderful time.

Commandant Tyler informed the Detachment that we were not able to participate in the Toys for Tots program but would participate this year.

The Detachment participated in the Wounded Warrior program.

The Commandant stated he was proud of what the Detachment had accomplished in 2012 and he looked forward to heading the Detachment in 2013.

The Commandant read a letter from the League regarding the contaminated water that goes all the way back to 1963. So if any one was there during this time period be aware that problems with health issues can result. Be sure if you have issues be sure to pursue post haste.

PIO Doug Wedling informed the Detachment regarding John Comstat.

Commandant closed the meeting after the Chaplain gave the prayer for veterans active, retired and those who paid the ultimate price.

March 12th will be our next meeting.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Dan Beall.