

**Marine Corps League
Jerry Murphy Detachment 381
Albuquerque, New Mexico
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Minutes of Meeting of July 9, 2009**

Commandant Bill O'Mara declared the monthly meeting open at 1915 and ordered the acting Sgt.-at-Arms, Todd Hulsey to lead the membership in the **Opening Ceremony**, which he did and then declared the meeting open for the conduct of official business.

John Cleveland asked if could have the floor for a few minutes before we got underway and he was given permission to address the membership. He presented a petition for the members to sign, if they wanted, and this would then be presented to the District Attorney of the 13th, District, requesting a review of a young Marine locked up for shooting an intruder in his home in self defense.

No guests were present and John Cleveland and Leo McCann were introduced as **dignitaries**, as was Audrey Gerry, our newest 94 year young member.

Adjutant Bob Davidson then made the **roll call of officers** and all were present, with two exceptions. Chaplain Tomas Trujillo-Harvey was excused, due to recent hip replacement surgery and Sgt.-at-Arms Dean Triebel was excused, as he was out of town on business.

There were three **applications for membership** in our Detachment. The Commandant instructed them to give a brief bio on their Service years. Jan Rickter, Ed McBride and Sam Sandoval each told a little about themselves and then the Sgt.-at-Arms escorted them out of the room. It was determined they were definitely Marines and had paid their money. Comments and voting took place and Leo McCann made a motion we accept the new candidates, with John Cleveland seconding. The candidates were returned to our room given instructions and the Oath and MCL pins, followed by a short recess.

John Cleveland then asked for the floor and asked Paul Jackson and Leo McCann to step forward and they were introduced as former New Mexico Marines of the Year. He said he and Laurel Hull had also received that honor. Commandant Bill O'Mara was then asked to step forward and he was presented the New Mexico Marine of the Year Award by John Cleveland. John said that now makes it five consecutive years this Detachment has held that honor. The Commandant also received a beautiful plaque commenerating the award..

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Minutes of previous Meetings (May & June) had been distributed, as well as minutes of the BOT or staff meeting, for review by the members present. Leo McCann presented a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented, with Todd Hulsey seconding, and the

members voting unanimous approval

Correspondence. None

Paymaster Mike Corona presented his reports for May and June, since we did not have a meeting in June, due to the State convention held in June. A motion to accept the Paymasters report, subject to audit, was made by Leo McCann with a second by John Cleveland and approval by the membership.

John Cleveland that said that **sick members** included Chaplain Tomas Trujillo-Harvey who was recovering from hip replacement surgery and hoped to be back with us next month. He also reported that Rich Wills from Roswell was being sent home Tuesday, after almost 8 months in the hospital. Wayne Fowler, a Navy Cross recipient, said he apparently has the prostate cancer problem whipped, but is still struggling with diabetes.

Under **report of officers**, Al Osborn reported that the handbook/handout for new members is still a work in progress. He also reminded everyone that in September we would be holding nominations of officers for the coming term.. John Cleveland said there was money from the State for reimbursement, for Marines wanting to purchase uniforms for Honor Guard and/or The Fallen Marine Program. See John for details. He then reminded us the Rocky Mountain Division Conference will be held this coming Sat. at the Nativo Lodge on San Mateo at I-25. Leo McCann then came forward and asked people to volunteer to man the hospitality room and bring some snacks or covered dish of food for the Friday night hospitality room. The Department would provide hot dogs and hamburgers, but other things were needed. This way, costs could be held down.

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Under **Standing committees, Web master /Sgt. Lee Hill** reported he is working on getting the bug out of the web pages, which are now 11 pages. The Detachment web page is www.mclnm.com. There is now a page devoted to the "Devil Dogs".

John Cleveland reported that yesterday, he attended the required **VAVS** quarterly meeting. He said there is to be a growers market, beginning July 8 in the woods, just after entering the gate from San Mateo. All veterans enrolled with the VA Health Care

System, can sell their homegrown fruits and vegetables there from 1030 to 1300 each Wednesday thru Oct. He also said there were a number of needed toiletry items, such as shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, combs, razors, lotions, deodorant, body wash gel, both large and small. Susan Spicer related that if a registered MCL member volunteers at the hospital, the time spent will be recorded and the MCL will receive credit for that time.

Special Committees

Al Osborn, **newsletter editor**, said anything someone wants in the newsletter, must be in his hands by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next months issue. He also said it was way too expensive to continue mailing the ‘Gung Ho’ out and asked people to please get E-mail.

Closing Ceremony

The Commandant asked everyone to please stand, and in the absence of the chaplain, bow their heads and say a prayer for our departed Brothers. He then asked the acting Sgt.-at-Arms to retire the Colors, which were done. Then he asked acting chaplain Susan Spicer, to lead us in prayer. The acting Sgt.-at-Arms then declared the meeting adjourned until 13 August, 2009 at 1900 hours (7:00pm). Meeting was adjourned at 2038.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Davidson
Detachment Adjutant