

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
JERRY MURPHY DETACHMENT 381
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Membership Meeting on April 9, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Commandant Bill O'Mara at 1908 hours.

Opening Ceremonies were observed with Sgt.-at-Arms Dean Triebel stating the quarters were secure and all present were qualified to be there. He then posted the colors and led the assembly in The Pledge of Alliance. Acting Chaplain Susan Spicer led the detachment in prayer. The Sgt-at-Arms then declared the meeting open for the conduct of official business.

The commandant introduced the dignitaries that were present. This included John Cleveland, Past Rocky Mountain Division Vice Commandant, as well as Past Department and Past Jr. Detachment Commandant; Leo McCann, NM Department Commandant and Past Detachment Commandant; Don Scranton was also introduced as a Past Department Commandant. He then introduced a guest, Mr. Lee Cortège, a volunteer with the Veteran's History Project, a National organization of volunteers who record interviews with veterans for history, a project started by veterans, approved by Congress and signed by President Clinton in 2000. The purpose was to get a visual or audio recording of any veteran who was willing to talk about his or her experiences while in the Service. It is strictly on a voluntary basis. The local Oasis organization is the local sponsor. The recordings are then kept in The Library of Congress, the New Mexico Veterans Memorial in Albuquerque, and the person being interviewed receives a copy. He can be reached at 505-271-0427, if anyone is interested. He answered a few questions before leaving.

Roll Call of Officers by the Adjutant)

Commandant William O'Mara- Present	299-6506
Sr. Vice Commandant Paul Jackson Present	877-6688
Jr. Vice Commandant-Elias Franco-Present	857-0759
Chaplain-Tomas Trujillo-Harvey-Absent	275-1981
Judge Advocate-Al Osborn-Present	293-7152
Paymaster: Mike Corona-Present	857-0402
Adjutant: Bob Davidson-Present	217-8091
Sgt.-at-arms-Dean Triebel-Present	332-3834
Jr. Past Commandant: John Cleveland	256-4131

Introduction of Dignitaries: John Cleveland and Leo McCann

Motion to accept the minutes of previous meeting: Leo McCann presented the motion to accept the minutes as presented in copies made available on the table by the sign-in sheet. John Cleveland seconded the motion and passed unanimously by the membership present.

Correspondence: None

Report of Paymaster: Mike Corona read the March Paymaster's Report, with John Cleveland suggesting a change. Leo McCann presented the motion to accept the report, subject to audit and John Cleveland seconded the motion, subject to the change and audit and it was passed unanimously by the membership present.

Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress:

John Cleveland reported Mo was in UNM Hospital, has leukemia and not doing too well and is a long time member of this detachment. Marine Don Hill stated he laid in hospital for 22 days with bacterial meningitis and unfortunately, it has affected his memory somewhat. This was last Jan, Feb. and March and he contracted it in the hospital and for last 6 weeks has had to meet a nurse every week to receive treatment.

Report of Officers:

Commandant Bill O'Mara reported the web site has been turned over to Marine Detachment Member Lee Hill, and has done a great job and it really does look professional. You are encouraged to look at probably the best detachment web site in the country at www.mclnm.com. It is real easy to use and there is a place for you to make comments and suggestions.

Senior Vice Commandant: Paul Jackson reported renting a storage shed where the two trailers and other detachment property could now be stored. If anyone had anything belonging to the detachment, Leo, Paul or Bill O;Mara, are the only ones with keys to gain access to the nearby shed, should you have property that should be stored.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Elias Franco had no report.

Judge Advocate: Al Osborn had nothing to report.

Adjutant: Bob Davidson mentioned the upcoming State Convention in Carlsbad in June, and he had all the necessary paperwork, if anyone wanted to go. Susan Spicer said we needed to go so we had the votes to elect our people.

Chaplain: Absent

Sgt-at-arms Dean Triebel introduced a Dallas Walters, a fairly new member, who just recently received his card from National. Welcome.

Jr. Past Commandant: John Cleveland had no report.

Standing committees:

Scholarship (Leo McCann)-said he is waiting for scholarship applications to be returned to him before May, and so far as only received 3 out of 7.

JROTC Plaques Presentation: (John Cleveland)-said there isn't much time to get the plaques made.

Public Relations John Cleveland had nothing to report.

Marines Helping Marines/Marines4-Life: (Vacant) Al Osborn said that out of the blue last month, he was contacted by a person at Camp Pendleton, who was interested in Federal Law Enforcement.

Web Sgt. Lee Hill gave a brief report on the computer operation. He said he would be willing to conduct a class, if necessary, so people could learn to use the computer and in particular, the web page. He went on to say there is a free PDF file reader called “foxit” you can download and it works and works great with the newsletter. www.mclnm.com

Newsletter Editor Al Osborn asked that anything anyone wants in the newsletter, he needs to have the information in his hands by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next months newsletter.

Historian: Susan Spicer reported she needed pictures and photos so she could put all the information together so she could start putting together a history of the detachment.

Rifle Team: Mike Corona said many members do not have rifles yet. He has lost two members because their jobs have them gone all the time.

United Veterans: Leo McCann had nothing to report.

Telephone Committee: Elias Franco said he finally got his computer up and running and needed a detachment roster. He will get one.

VA Hospital Patient Care :(Bob Davidson) said the gray plastic box on the table in back was for toilet care items to go to the patients.

Report of Special Committees:

Ship’s Stores (Paul Jackson) Leo McCann presented the report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the League: Leo McCann asked the Commandant to step outside for a moment so the Jr. Vice Commandant could take the podium. Leo McCann asked John Cleveland to make a motion for the Detachments “Marine of the Year”. John Cleveland made the motion nominating William J.D. O’Mara, seconded by Lee Hill and passed unanimously by the membership. When he returned to the room, he accepted. We need the votes at the State Convention in Carlsbad in June, to guarantee his election, as the State nominee at Division in Aug. We were reminded there will be Detachment nominations in Sept. for officers.

Department Commandant Leo McCann reminded the membership about upcoming conferences. The Rocky Mountain Division Conference will be held in Albuquerque at the Nativo Lodge in July, 2009 and all are encouraged to attend, as this is only held here every four years. The State Convention will be in June in Carlsbad, and he would like to see great participation.

Closing Ceremony:

The Sgt-at-arms led the membership in signing the first verse of the Marines Hymn and retired the Colors. The acting Chaplain, Susan Spicer then led us in prayer, after observing a minute of silence for our departed members.

The Sgt-at-arms declared the meeting officially closed until we meet again on Thursday, May 14, 2009, at VFW Post 401 at 1900 hours.

The Commandant declared the meeting adjourned at 2100 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Davidson
Detachment 381 Adjutant