

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Jerry Murphy Detachment 381
Albuquerque, New Mexico
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Minutes of Meeting on August 13, 2009

The monthly meeting, held at VFW Post 401, was called to order at 1906 hours by Commandant Bill O'Mara.

Opening Ceremonies were performed by Sgt.-at-Arms, Dean Triebel.

No **Guests** were present.

Dignitaries present included the 52nd Past Chief Devil Dog, PPD Laurel Hull, John Cleveland, past everything, and Leo McCann, past Department of NM and Detachment Commandant.

Adjutant Bob Davidson then made the **Roll Call of Officer's** and all officers were present.

There was one **Application for Membership**. Seth Martin was recruited by Commandant Bill O'Mara, and a brief bio was given to the membership by the applicant. After voting acceptance by the membership, the new applicant was instructed, administered the Oath and presented a MCL pin by Commandant O'Mara.

Adjutant Bob Davidson then read the **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**, and Leo McCann made the motion to accept the screwed up minutes, as presented, with Laurel Hull seconding the motion, , and receiving unanimous approval from the membership present.

There was no **Correspondence** to report on , and then the

Paymaster's Report for July was given by Paymaster, Mike Corona. After some discussion, Leo McCann made the motion to accept the report, as amended and subject to audit, with John Cleveland seconding the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the members. Under **Report of Member or Members Family Sick or in Distress**, Leo McCann reported that Marine Don Scranton was just released from the VA Hospital. John Cleveland reported that Marine John Leroy Lucero's Father-in law was in the Hospital. Laurel Hull reported that Marine Roger Loomis was in "bad shape" in the VA Hospital.

Report of the Officers:

Commandant Bill O'Mara had nothing to report.

Sr. Vice Commandant Paul Jackson had nothing to report.

Jr. Vice Commandant Elias Franco reported that the MCL recruiting piece should be ready shortly and he should have some proofs for distribution and approval before printing.

Judge Advocate had nothing to report.

Adjutant Bob Davidson had nothing to report.

Chaplain Tomas Trujillo-Harvey had nothing to report.

Sgt.-at-Arms Dean Triebel had nothing to report.

Paymaster Mike Corona said the rifle team is starting to come together and consists of five members. They just need to get together now and practice.

Jr. Past Commandant John Cleveland said the telephone calling list needs to be updated to include all the new members. John Cleveland and Mike Corona will get together on this. He also said he and Leo had received a call from local veteran's services office about a deceased Korean veteran. Apparently, there is a surviving daughter in Albuquerque and no money to help pay for the funeral. Marine Laurel Hull presented a motion that \$200.00 be taken from the "Rose Fund" to help pay some of the expense, with Chaplain Tomas seconding the motion. The membership voted approval for the Eric Dickman funeral expenditure. John Cleveland said he would get a Honors Guard together to go to Santa Fe.

Report of Standing Committees:

Leo McCann had nothing to report concerning **Scholarships**.

MCJROTC Plaque Presentation is inactive at the present time.

John Cleveland had previously given his report on **Public Relations**.

Marines helping Marines/Marinre-4-Life is handled by Paul Caputo, who has duo membership in our Detachment and Rio Rancho. No Report.

Web Master Lee Hill reported that bugs have been worked out on the web site, and the by-laws are now on the site, as well as other links to other sites. Link to the Heritage site to get to the Museum site, and our web site is up to date.. Photos can now be added to the site. Laurel Hull reported there is not any recognition for outstanding web sites, such as ours, on the national level, at this time, but there is for newsletters.

Check out the web site at www.mclnm.com

Newsletter Editor Al Osborn reported that Past Chief Devil Dog Laurel Hull will give him a brief summary of the National Convention to put in the newsletter.

Historian Susan Spicer was not in attendance.

Report of Special Committees

Paul Jackson presented the July financial report of the **Ships Stores**. Leo McCann made the motion to accept the report with John Cleveland seconding and the membership voting approval.

Mike Corona had already presented his report on **the Rifle Team**.

Leo McCann had nothing to report on the **United Veteran's Council**.

Elias Franco had already given his report on the **Telephone Committee**.

VA Comfort Items or Sundries -Bob Davidson reported that there was nothing in the box tonight and encouraged people to bring in toilet articles for distribution at the VA Hospital. Anytime you stay in a hotel/motel, please take the unused small bottles of toilet items and bring to put in the box.

Unfinished Business-Laurel Hull spoke about the upcoming Q-1 meeting in September in Las Cruces and John Cleveland asked members of the Honor Guard to meet here next Tuesday at 1030 to rehearse for the ceremony that afternoon.

New Business:

John Cleveland asked if we were going to participate in State Fair activities and Commandant O'Mara will look into it.

Good of The League: Leo McCann gave information concerning the upcoming Marine Corps League Birthday Ball to be held at the Sandia Star Casino, at a cost of \$25., and more information may be obtained by calling Paul Caputo in Rio Rancho at 505-975-2033. Past Chief Devil Dog Laurel Hull then gave us a brief summary of the business activities at the just concluded National Convention, including the new uniform regulations, and in particular, the wearing of the khaki or brown Marine Corps shirt. The Commandant of the Marine Corps says we cannot wear it..

Announcements: Commandant O'Mara reminded everyone that nominations will open at the next membership meeting **on Sept. 10**, for next years Detachment Officers.

The Closing Ceremony was held with Chaplain Tomas leading us in prayer and Sgt.-at-arms Dean Triebel retiring the Colors and leading us in signing the first verse of the Marines Hymn.

Commandant O'Mara declared the meeting adjourned at 2135 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Davidson
Detachment 381 Adjutant