



# Battle Born Detachment Marine Corps League Reno, Nevada



## From The Commandant

*Greetings Marines, well, we made it through the June meeting with lots of issues and problems but we made it. There were a lot of hard feelings by the time it was over but the end result was OK. Ken made a point (several times) that from now on, all things need to go through the chain of command and be noted so we are not operating in the blind. Enough said. We had four outstanding Devil Pup recruits at the meeting. Each read their respective essays on why they thought the Marine Corps League should sponsor them and how they planned to use the newly gained knowledge and experience. I personally was impressed by all four and feel they will do well at Devil Pup Boot Camp. It's nice to know we still have young men and women that want to serve our country and possibly become Marines or other members of the branches of the services. It makes me proud.*

**PLEASE NOTE, JULY WILL BE DARK, NO MEETING.**

Commandant  
Roger Ferguson

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## Semper Fi,

### Meeting Minutes Tuesday, 5 May 2009

Marine Corps League, Battle Born Detachment 672, held at VFW Post 9211, 255 Burris Lane, Reno, NV 89509 5429

Opening Ceremony: 19:27  
Meeting Officially Opened: 19:27  
Meeting closed: 21:00

### Detachment Officers:

Commandant: Roger Ferguson  
Senior Vice Commandant: Tom Bickert  
Jr. Vice Commandant: John Warmouth Jr.  
Adjutant / Paymaster: Ken Santor  
Chaplain: Dave Walker  
Sgt-at-Arms: Richard Olsen  
JAG: Craig Lamke  
Web Sgt.: Justin Brandenburg

### Members Present:

Justin Brandenburg  
Larry Mullins  
Tom Bickert  
Mike Bassi  
Ken Santor  
John Warmouth  
Roger Ferguson  
Bob Sohrt  
Everette Pfennig  
Chuck Tremain  
Craig Lamke  
Chris Nero  
Paul Weller

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Bob Sohrt  
John Glatther  
(I know there were others but the sign-in sheet was incomplete)

**Associate Members Present:** Lupe Berry

**Guests:** Robyn Nichols (RSCVA)  
Kurt Hanson Devil Pup recruit  
Austin Bassi Devil Pup recruit  
Eric Pfennig Devil Pup recruit  
Ashley Smith Devil Pup recruit  
Michael Smith parent

**Applications for Membership:**

Mark Harker  
William Brock  
David H. Gilbert  
Richard Olsen became a Life Member  
Rommel (Rom) Ferrer  
1LT Rommel M. Ferrer was born in Manila, Philippines and grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. He is the son of Manolito Ferrer and Gloria Miles of Manila, Philippines. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School, MI in May 1991. After serving four years enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, 1LT Ferrer returned home to MI in SEP 1995 to pursue his college education. He completed his Bachelors degree in Psychology in the summer of 2002 at Wayne State University. After a nine-year break in service, 1LT Ferrer enlisted with the NVARNG on FEB 2004. He completed the SD ARNG OCS program in JUN 2005 and received his commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant on 10 SEP 2005. He is currently working on his M.S. in Management at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

His military education includes the Signal Corps

Captain Career Course Leveler, Training Officer/NCO Course, Basic Airborne Course, Armor Officer Basic Course, ARNG Officer Candidate School, 19K M1A1 Tank Crewman Course, Marine Corps Corporal's Course, Marine Corps Motor Transport Operator Course, Marine Corps School of Infantry, and Marine Corps Basic Training. 1LT Ferrer's various assignments include S-3 Plans Officer (M-Day) with the 422<sup>nd</sup> Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Asst. State Training Officer for NVARNG J7 (Full time Tech), Rear Detachment Commander for 72<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Company, Executive Officer for India Troop 1/221 CAV, Convoy Security Platoon Leader for 1/221 CAV SECFOR, M1A1 Tank Crewman/PLT LDR for 1/221 CAV. D Troop, Dispatcher/Motor Vehicle Operator for 15<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit, Dispatcher/Motor Vehicle Operator for 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Battalion, and Motor Vehicle Operator for 7<sup>th</sup> Communication Battalion/3<sup>rd</sup> SRIG.

1LT Ferrer's major awards and decoration include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (w/1\*), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (w/2\*), Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M device), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (w/1\*), United States Marine Corps Meritorious Mast, and the Basic Parachutist Badge.

**Minutes from the previous Meeting:** May minutes were published and distributed, then approved.

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**Correspondence:** NONE

**Paymasters Report:** The CD that matured and was deposited into our money market account. Ken announced that The Detachment Has enough funds to send all four applicants to the Devil Dog program and a vote was taken to expend the funds necessary to do so, and was unanimously approved. The only possible problem is if there will be enough openings to accommodate the fourth Devil Pup.

**Report of League Members or Family Members in Distress:** Roger's father, 89, is in the hospital after having suffered multiple heart attacks. He is scheduled to possibly be released on Friday 5 June.

**Report of Officers:** None

**Report of Standing Committees:** Larry Mullins, Rich Olsen, Roger Ferguson and his wife met at the Marine Memorial in Fernley 29 May at 0900.

We mounted 10 plaques, installed the wheel chocks, planted 3 bushes, un-fouled the flags [because of the wind] and did a general police call.

The memorial is ready for the public on Monday; not bad for a year's effort. You can all take pride in the results.

**Report of Special Committees:** We still have some M1 tickets to sell. Ken will take the remaining tickets (about 35) to the Reno Rock Crawlers event to the Marine Booth and sell as many as possible.

**Obituaries:** Henry "Hank" Pettipas July 2008 Detachment member since 1994.

Harry Roby Walker CMDR MC USN 1914 – Oct 2008 (Dave's father)

Steve Whittlesey 15 Dec 2008

Lt. Gen. Victor H. Krulak 30 Dec 2008, age 95

**Old/Unfinished Business:** Craig Lamke was nominated for the position of JAG, a second was made and he was unanimously elected. Thank you for stepping up to the plate.

There is still some unfinished business concerning the poker tournament. Clint Steele will head the poker tournament but more information is needed before we can advertise.

**New Business:** Larry made a motion to discuss hosting the National convention, a lively discussion ensued, and it was decided to submit a bid to National after we were assured that getting adequate help would not be a problem.

**Good of the League:** Ken Santor was awarded an "outstanding Citizen Award" at the state convention. A "well done" and "well deserved" award.

**Announcements:** If you do not have a Veterans Administration Card please go to the VA Hospital and get one. This is important because Washington distributes money by need and we have many Iraq and Afghanistan vets returning in need of much assistance.

**Local Business:** NONE

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