



Battle Born Detachment Marine Corps League Reno, Nevada



From The Commandant

Greetings Marines,

What a great meeting and I want to thank everyone that showed up. We had a lot on the platter but got through it but there were several things that got overlooked too. Next meeting we'll get to everything, I hope. There are some very exciting things coming up and lots of good things happening with the League. Many thanks to Justin, Clint, Paul, Larry and those of you unnamed here. We're headed in the right direction and let's keep charging forward.

We are in need of a JAG officer and if you are interested, please let me know. I currently hold that office as well as Commandant and that needs to change.

Welcome to our new member, Everette Pfennig

To receive your newsletter by e-mail, or to advice of any changes in your address, call the Adjutant, Ken Santor at (775) 322-1975 or email Tom Bickert at 1911tom@clearwire.net.

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: 19:30

Meeting Officially Opened: 19:30

Meeting closed: 20:50

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: Roger Ferguson

Web Sgt.: Justin Brandenburg

Members Present:

Richard Olsen

Justin Brandenburg

Larry F Mullins

Roger Ferguson

Ken Santor

Tom Bickert

John A Warmouth

David L Walker

Paul Weller

Bob Sohr

Craig Lamke

Everette Pfennig

Charles Tremain

Chris Nero

George Class

Clint Steele

Fred Virgil

Associate Members Present: Brian Geurin

Guests: Mike Masterpool

Shauna Masterpool

Next meeting is 2 June 2009 at 19:30



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Applications for Membership: Everette Pfennig

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

Correspondence: The MCL state convention will be held 21, 22, & 23 May 2009 at the Sands Regency Casino Hotel, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno, NV 775 348 2200.

Sands Regency Casino & Hotel: Reservations: (775) 348-2264. The registration fee is \$5.00 and payable at the door.

On 21 May the sign up and Devil Dog growl at 16:00. The hospitality room will be open. On 22 May the general meeting, no agenda available at this time, and elections. On Sat 23 May the banquet.

Paymasters Report: There is a CD to mature on 12 May, by vote it was decided to turn the funds into a money market account for a higher interest rate.

Report of League Members or Family Members in Distress: NONE

Report of Officers: Our commandant, Roger, reports that [The Flag Store](#) donated two flags to the detachment, one USMC and one POW/MIA. These two flags will be flown continuously at the Marine Corps Memorial in Fernley. Their prices are very fair and because of our continued friendship with Marty please use them whenever possible.

Report of Standing Committees: Larry writes: 20 April - The bad news is the water's on. While trying to salvage what rock we could and fill

in the low spots in the planter, we found that, once again, we were frustrated by another surprise. This time it's 'cheat grass'. It showed up throughout the planter and the weed fabric didn't even slow it down! It burrowed right thru it. A tough and determined opponent; worthy of Marines!

We also found that, while recovering the rock and leveling out the soil is very practical, it's a project that's going to require more than 2 people, several large buckets, at least one wheel barrow, and [thanks to the cheat grass] some other form of weed control that won't kill the plants themselves.

All of this combined has moved the planter issue back down the list until we can muster the resources.

In an interesting side issue: If you go to the Sgt.Grit online catalog, in the 'Create your Own Plaque' section you'll see our design for the Air Wing plaque listed for \$29.95. This is the one they wanted to sell me for \$49.95 until I beat them down in price. I guess now they have the idea, they think it's a good one!

If anyone's up for a trip to Fernley on Thursday; let's do it!

The focus will be on the Flagpoles and general ideas on what to do about the flowerbed. On Justin's advice, I have a container of Mother's Magazine and Aluminum polish to dress the poles with. Between it and Brasso, elbow grease, or whatever, we should be able to get them in pretty good shape with a minimum of hardship, yeah, I've said THAT before!]. If we can get them down, cleaned, re-strung & back up; that's a good days work.

I've got the remaining 6 plaques ordered and there's an outside chance they'll be here for the meeting so you can all see what they look like. The next 'push' will be to get them all out there & mounted.

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After that, we can make a last trip out just before Memorial Day to get some plants in the planter so it doesn't look like 29 Palms.

Somewhere in between all that, we need to fit the Convention in along with the Mother's Day flowers and candy. Maybe you can convince them a trip to Fernley is really a picnic?

Justin Brandenburg reported on the M-1 Garand raffle. As of the end of the meeting, 50 of the 100 tickets had been sold. This is outstanding and with a little more push, we should be able to sell the remaining 50 before the end of July. One ticket was donated to Marty Smith, the owner of The Flag Store as a gesture of good will for his donation of the two flags to the detachment.

Report of Special Committees: NONE

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: NONE

New Business: A fund raising committee was authorized but no formal assignments were made to it. If you want in or have ideas speak up.

Clint Steele explained how we could make some serious money in short order with a poker tournament at the Grand Sierra Resort (GSR). We would have to pay \$150.00 per table of ten seats. If we could fill ten tables we would stand to make about \$8,000. We would need to give the GSR four months lead time.

Good of the League: George Class from the High Desert Detachment gave a briefing on the Devil Pups program and some of the problems and policies associated with it. He requested that we do a sponsor program where we would have prospective Devil Pups explain to us why they should be selected to go.

Tattoos all over the body, piercings, gang affiliations, drug use, and asthma are automatic disqualifiers.

They can take up to \$30.00 with them, there is a photo taken at the end and copies cost \$15.00. There is also a PX run.

Announcements: If you do not have a Veterans Admin 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: The Detachment turned 21 years old this month.

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