



Marine Corps League
Battle Born Detachment 672
March 2022 Newsletter

COMMANDANT'S GREETING:

See Attached Document

Opening Ceremony:

Officially Opened at 18:02 on April 19, 2022 at VFW Post 9211 Building

Roll Call of Members and Guests:

- Gene Garry
- Eduardo Martinez
- Richard Olsen
- Jon Lopey
- Josh Hall
- Susan Malone
- George Malone
- Cary DeMars
- Karl Rodriguez
- Nino De Guzman

Senior Vice Commandant - Enea - Excused

Junior Vice Commandant - Martinez- Excused

Application, Balloting, and Initiation of new members:

None-

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Josh made the motion to approve the minutes as sent out in the email and Richard seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Correspondence: None.

Member or Family in Distress: None.

Report of Officers:

Adjutant's Report

Eduardo gave an update on the detachment's website stating that it is now up and hosting the minutes as well. There are few things that need to be adjusted but he's open to suggestions on ways to improve it. The address is still the same at battlebornmarines.com. There is an issue on the search side causing battleborn batteries.

Paymaster Report:

George provided a copy of the finalized budget to members present at the meeting. In discussing the budget, Devil Pups was discussed and Karl was asked to provide an estimate for future requests. Richard brought up that the detachment usually sponsors students for a summer experience with the Reno VA Hospital and that it will also be remembered for the next budget.

Susan and George provided an update on the status of the detachment's financial affairs. A CPA from the Silver State Detachment was

Chaplains Report:

Karl informed the detachment that Don Enea was not feeling well and could not make it to the meeting. Karl will be checking in with him over the next few weeks.

Old Business:

In discussing the new budget, George brought up the need to evaluate the event expense to determine whether the department's participation in future iterations would be beneficial to the detachment and the transfer of contacts. Jon brought up events that Don had researched that could potentially be better uses of the hours members are willing to commit. George also reminded the detachment of the need to review the existing inventory and purchase new hats and asked for suggestions for new inventory.

New Business

Mr. Cary DeMars introduced himself to the detachment. He's a Marine Corps Veteran and he served as an 0351 with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. He's now a realtor in the region where he has been a member of the local Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals and is now a board member of the Nevada Military Support Alliance.

We have 6 members of the Detachment attending the Department's convention in Las Vegas taking place May 6th and 7th. Details are listed on the website.

George brought up that the next Gunshow will be July 22nd through 24th. Susan mentioned that we should consider participating in these until the Air Show is solidified. Susan made the motion that we participate in the Gun Show and continue the effort to participate in the Air Show and Richard seconded the motion.

Following the discussion of events, Josh mentioned that Toys for Tots is working on participating on early toy drives with some of the groups organizing the events.

Richard brought up that we consider what we will do for the Marine Corps Birthday, in the past the detachment would provide sheet cakes for residents of the VA's CLC ward. This will be considered at the may meeting. Susan made the motion that we support this endeavor, and Eduardo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve a budget of \$200 for this effort.

Jon brought up uniforms that we could potentially adopt for membership but that we would discuss it at the next meeting.

Jon also brought up that we need to have conversations going on recruitment and fundraising efforts. He asks that members bring suggestions for potential fundraising ideas to future meetings.

Susan brought up that we're looking at hosting a Dr. McCarthy to discuss Ukraine and nuclear weapons and the idea of site meeting locations to hear his presentation. Eduardo also brought up inviting a representative from the secretary of state's office to discuss election security.

Jon spoke about the unique appreciation that the Marine Corps has for its

history in recognition of the Battle of Okinawa and the impact of the battle for American air forces who could make emergency landings on the island.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE. NOTE! ALL MEMBERS ATTENTION!

The detachment will go through and conduct an inventory on May 14th at 10 a.m. at the storage unit on 4th Street.

May 23rd was selected for the detachment to head out to the Veterans Cemetery to clean up the howitzer. Members are asked to meet at 8 a.m. at the McDonalds on Vista Blvd before convoying out to the cemetery.

Closing Ceremony:

Officially Closed at 19:44. Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 17th at 18:00 at the Reno VFW Hall off of MOANA LANE.