

Marine Corps League  
Battle Born Detachment 672  
February 2022 Newsletter

**COMMANDANT'S GREETING:**

**Opening Ceremony:**

Officially Opened at 18:00 on February 15, 2022 at VFW Post 9211 Building

**Roll Call of Members and Guests:**

- Don Enea
- Susan Malone
- George Malone
- Vern Waligora
- Josh Hall
- Eduardo Martinez
- Norman Allen
- Karl Rodriguez
- Richard Olsen
- Gene Gehring
- Pat Garahan

**Application, Balloting, and Initiation of new members:**

One Person - Gene Gehring Jr. applied for membership with the Marine Corps League. He is a Marine Corps Veteran serving 6 years in the reserves with 4th Recon Battalion. He then became an inventory planner for businesses in the Bay Area and later moved to Reno in 2010.

He was initiated at this meeting.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

George made the motion to approve the minutes as sent out in the email and Richard seconded. The Vote was unanimous to approve.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Member or Family in Distress:** None.

## **Report of Officers:**

Adjutants Report: Vice Commandant Don Enea presided over the meeting as a result of the excused absences of Commandant Jon Lopey.

Paymaster: George provided an update on the earnings from the Gun Show. After depositing the earnings the detachment general fund reached \$19,223.29.

Chaplains Report: Karl did not receive news of any members in distress. However a discussion on suicide prevention took place.

## **Old Business:**

George provided an update on the detachment's participation at the Gun Show. This event was also a good event to invite new members to learn about the detachment. He thanked the members who came out and participated in the effort.

## **New Business**

Susan introduced Pat Garrahan, a Marine Corps League member from Detachment 1080 who is currently working on coordinating a reunion for Marines of the 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion who deployed in support of OEF 09-10. This reunion will take place at the Circus Circus Casino in Reno from the 14th to the 16th of July. While here, the unit will volunteer at the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home.

Don brought up the need to be aware of suicide among our fellow veterans. Following this, members mentioned the need to be aware of the many resources available in the region. Specific resources mentioned was Safetalk and ALERT Training offered by the state. Eduardo mentioned that he will help facilitate an introduction of suicide prevention materials and potential future trainings.

Josh provided an update on Toys for Tots stating that he had to final reports to submit to the foundation.

Richard provided members a reminder that the detachment's picnic will take place on Sunday, July 17th at Lake Ridgeshores. Family members are welcomed and encouraged to come out. The picnic will be a Potluck and members are encouraged to bring food to share.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE. NOTE! ALL MEMBERS ATTENTION!**

As a result of John Glatthar being unable to attend the meeting, Susan brought up that we consider an alternate time and date to present him with his award for being the Marine of the Year for the Detachment for 2021.

Per the request of the Commandant, Susan shared a few notable pieces of Marine Corps History. She recognized the anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of Iwo Jima where the well known picture taken by Joe Rosenthal was taken; the history of John Glenn, a Marine Pilot and later U.S. Senator who overcame a number of obstacles to become one of the first American Astronauts; and of the history of the Purple Heart.

Eduardo provided information on a few upcoming events:

1. the Nevada Women Veterans Conference is taking place on March 12th at the Reno Sparks Convention Center;
2. The Nevada Legislative Symposium is taking place on March 26th at the Washoe County Senior Center.
3. VVA 989 will be doing their Vietnam War Remembrance Ceremony on March 27th at the Elks Lodge on 597 Kumle Drive in Reno.

**Closing Ceremony:**

Officially Closed at 18:46. Next Meeting is Tuesday, March 15th at 18:00 at the Reno VFW Hall off of MOANA LANE.