

Marine Corps League
Battle Born Detachment 672
January 2022 Newsletter
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COMMANDANT'S GREETING:

Opening Ceremony:

Officially Opened at 19:00 on January 4, 2022 at VFW Post 9211 Building

Roll Call of Members and Guests:

- Don Enea
- Susan Malone
- George Malone
- Cindy Martinez
- Jon Lopey
- Marcel nino de Guzman
- Josh Hall
- Eduardo Martinez
- Norman Allen
- Karl Rodriguez
- Richard Olsen
- Vern Waligora

Application, Balloting, and Initiation of new members: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

Correspondence: None

Member or Family in Distress:

No Members but former Member Thomas Bickert passed away in December and his service will take place at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery on January 23rd from 11:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Please contact Richard if you wish to attend.

Andy Lepelbeit, a previous speaker at the Marine Corps League and notable veteran, had two brothers pass away over the past year. George has organized a mass at the Thomas Aquinas Cathedral on 1/23 at 9:00 A.M.

Report of Officers:

Commandant Jon Lopey spoke about his vision for the next year and his want to recruit new members to the detachment, increase our involvement in the community, honor our members, and create a fun meaningful experience for all.

JAG Susan Malone brought up that the Department Convention will be on May 7th at the Orleans Casino in Las Vegas and the SouthWest Region Conference will be on May 20th.

Paymaster George Malone is working on preparing a new budget.

Old Business:

Bylaws: The detachment bylaws, having been presented at the December meeting, distributed to members for review over email and discussed at this meeting were voted on. Susan Malone made the motion to approve the new bylaws and Cindy Martinez seconded. The vote was unanimous for members present.

Josh Hall's recommendation for an amendment to allow for the usage of a debit card with the written authorization of a secondary authorized member with signature authority was discussed and will be up for consideration for future meetings.

New Business

During this meeting the members present discussed and approved a change in Venue for the February Meeting for February 15th at Famous Daves at 6:00 P.M. Members are encouraged to arrive at 5:30 to order dinner. The motion was made by Josh Hall and seconded by George Malone. The vote to approve was unanimous.

An Audit committee was proposed at this meeting at the request of the paymaster to assist in ensuring compliance with the legal and financial obligations of the detachment. Members being asked to serve are Cindy Martinez, George Malone, Norm Allen, Bob Edwards.

Susan nominated John Glatther to receive the detachment's Marine of the Year Award for his selfless work in providing web support to the detachment, organization of the Gun Show, and a Certificate of Appreciation to his wife Kathy for her years of support of admin support for the detachment in the past. Richard seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous

vote.

Jon Lopey spoke to the detachment about ways to create a more unified look for members when we're out participating in public events as a detachment. His recommendation would be to start off with the red covers but he also brought his own uniforms purchased while he was member of the Siskiyou Marine Corps League Detachment as something we could.

Susan reminded the detachment that dues for annual members are due. Annual dues are \$35 for annual members.

Josh made a motion to move the venue of the next meeting to Famous Daves or another acceptable location. After some discussion it was agreed that an effort would be made to find an offsite venue with an alternative being to meet at the bunker should one not be found. Jon Lopey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Richard brought up the detachment's annual family picnic that takes place in July and asked if it was something we wanted to maintain for this year as well. After discussion the detachment asked

Richard Made the motion and Josh seconded the motion to ask for Richard to make the reservation for this year's picnic for July 17th.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE. NOTE! ALL MEMBERS ATTENTION!

Josh provided a brief overview of the Toys for Tots Campaign for the 2021 season.

This year the campaign directly provided toys to 849 families in direct distributions totaling 2995 children served. The campaign also partnered with 66 local groups who applied and were accepted as partners where another 11,316 children were served.

The campaign participated in 10 special events put on by other local groups and were able to identify two marines who provided support by volunteering in their Dress Blues for events. The campaign's driver drove over 2,500 mile at thanks to the donation from Champion Chevrolet and Flyers Energy over 6 collection routes created to help consistently drop off and pick up toys and boxes on a regular schedule.

Over the campaign we had 14 volunteers, 6 of which were there for full time hours.

Over the course of the campaign 198 collection boxes were distributed to 114 local businesses and partners. The campaign also raised \$60,000 in direct monetary contributions, of which \$40,000 will be used to purchase toys for the beginning of the next season. All of the past year's sponsors have been thanked and have asked to support next year's campaign. This will be used with the remaining 11,000 toys collected at the tail end of the season to ensure the campaign is prepared to serve more children in the next year.

The current planned opening date for distribution is November 1st, 2022

Eduardo brought up some of the local events taking place in the area. The first was the Veterans K-9 Corps that was renewed and is an opportunity for Veterans to participate in a dog training class to earn a Canine Good Citizenship certification. Second was the Women Veterans Conference taking place on March 12 in Reno from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Third is the Legislative Symposium that will take place March 26th where veterans are invited to come in and provide input on suggestions that should be taken to the next legislative session.

Closing Ceremony:

Officially Closed at 20:40. Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 15th at 17:30 hours for socializing and meeting to start at 18:00 at the Reno VFW Hall off of MOANA LANE.