

Marine Corps League
Major Stephen W Pless Detachment 1196
Minutes of March 18, 2025

The meeting was opened per ritual by Commandant Larry Heard at 1900

A roll call of officers found all present with the exception of Quartermaster Jackie Ziegler who was excused. A quorum was present.

Being a dinner meeting, the wives of several members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were posted on the website, Randy Barnes made the motion to approve them as posted and Michael Vernon was second on the motion. It was passed by the Detachment.

The paymaster's report for February was read and a motion to approve was made by John Sellers and seconded by Michael Vernon. It was approved by the Detachment.

A new visitor arrived was introduced. Cornelius Gamble was invited by Russ Vermillion, Michael Vernon and Charlie Santoriello. He immediately joined and was accepted by the Detachment. He will be sworn in at a subsequent meeting.

Chaplain Ronnie Griffin advised that he and Carol, on behalf of the Detachment, delivered 150 pounds of cake mix and icing to Five Loaves and Two Fishes, for kids that might not otherwise have a cake on their birthday. Ronnie also asked that we keep Mickey Edwards, the Department Boy Scout chairman, in your prayers as he is recovering from surgery.

Officer's Reports:

Senior Vice Commandant: Nothing to report

Junior Vice Commandant: Nothing to report

Judge Advocate: An amendment to Detachment By- Laws was read in reference to who may conduct elections.

Junior Past Commandant: No report

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Birthday Ball: Since we made a profit on last years Birthday Ball, the coins for the Ball this year are covered. This year being the 250th anniversary of the Marine Corps, we are going big. We are looking for a few more people to be involved in the ceremony as well as give aways and other functions.

Boy Scouts: No report

Finance Committee: No report

Historian: There was a display set up in the back of the room

Honor Guard: Frank Goalen the Honor Guard had done three funerals. We have received a request from Rock Springs Church, to do a ceremonial folding of the Flag with the reading of the 13 folds for the coming Sunday. Dena Santoriello-Ferentini will be reading the text, and Randy Barnes and Russ Vermillion will fold the Flag. Sunday March 23 at 1300.

Social Media: Dena Santoriello-Ferentini advised on how to get on our Facebook page.

Nominating Committee: Harry McCann advised that the candidates for the upcoming Detachment elections are Randy Cooper for Commandant, Olin Lundy for Senior Vice Commandant, Carol Griffin for Junior Vice Commandant, Jay Maxwell for Judge Advocate.

New Business: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller have donated a 37 ft trailer to the Detachment. It can be purchased by a member or sold for profit in our general fund. Rex Delk made a motion that we accept the donation of the trailer and Randy Barnes was second, The Detachment passed the motion.

The meeting was closed per ritual at 1935.

Respectfully submitted

Russ Vermillion, Adjutant.