

**Marine Corps League**  
**Major Stephen W. Pless Det. 1196**  
**Minutes of November 19, 2024**

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

A roll call of officers found all present. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the previous were posted on the website. Randy Barnes made the motion that they be approved as posted and Bill Miller was second on the motion. It was passed by the Detachment.

**Correspondence:** Lisa Delk read a note from Mary Donaldson thanking everyone for attending the celebration of life ceremony for her husband Bob.

There was also a note from Bill and Luann Miller advising their move date to Cozumel of May 3rd. The note included their address so we can contact them after the move.

**Paymaster's Report:** The Paymaster's report was read by Lisa Delk. A motion to approve pending review by the finance committee was made by Bill Miller and seconded by Randy Barnes. It was passed by the Detachment.

**Chaplain's Report:** Chaplain Ronnie Griffin asked that the Detachment continue to pray for Russ Vermillion and Jay Maxwell as they continue to deal with their issues. Keep Dena Santoriello-Ferentini in your prayers as she suffered a broken leg. Carol Griffin's dad had been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, so keep her in your thoughts as well. Ronnie also report on the great success of "Operation Cake Walk".

**Officer's Reports:**

**Senior Vice Commandant:** Nothing to report

**Junior Vice Commandant:** Sending out emails, and invited the new Pastor of the Church to attend.

**Judge Advocate:** Nothing to report

**Junior Past Commandant:** Lisa Delk reported on Department Quarterly meeting and urged every to attend if possible, there is much to learn. The next one will be in Macon sometime in February.

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### **Standing Committees:**

**Birthday Ball:** Lisa Delk is still working on the final report and tying up some loose ends, but based on the information so far, we are showing a gain of about \$1500.00, and that will pay in full for our Birthday Ball Coins for next year. We are planning to make next year special since it will be the 250th Birthday, so any suggestions you have will be appreciated. Come to the planning meeting to find out what is coming. We still have some Birthday Ball coins available for \$5.00 and the funds received for them will be put back into the Ball fund.

**Boy Scouts:** No report

**Finance Committee:** No report

**Historian:** Not present

**Honor Guard:** Frank Goalen reported the Honor Guard has done two Color Guards and the memorial for Bob Donaldson. Frank also has the Detachment Challenge coins, if you want some see Frank.

**Marine of the Year:** Chairman not present

**Marine for Life:** Nothing to report

**Military Affairs:** Chairman not present

**Quartermaster:** No report

**Unfinished Business:** Lisa Delk discussed the proposed dues increase and that we need to address the situation. The Department is going up on their dues from the Detachments, so we need to go up on ours as well. The suggestion is that we go up \$5.00.

**New business:** Lisa Delk discussed possible By-Laws change in the election procedure, in that the election should be handled by a Past Commandant, It was noted that it may need to be a current Department Officer.

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The Associate of the Year is currently chosen by the Marine of the Year committee, and there is the thought that they might want their own committee. If not, maybe the wording should be included to say "chosen by the Marine of the Year Committee with input from the Associates of the Year.

**Good of the League:** Lisa Delk presented a certificate awarding Randy Cooper the Meritorious Individual Commendation for his service during her time as Commandant. She also presented the same award to Bill Miller.

Junior Vice Commandant Olin Lundy spoke about a "Zoom Meeting" of Junior Vice Commandants across the state and their discussion about recruiting and several ways to get us in the public eye. When you make contact, try to get a phone number and or email address.

There was discussion about trying to get ads on local media.

A motion was made by Rex Delk that our next meeting be moved to Connor Westbury Family life Building so we can have a Detachment Christmas dinner, it was seconded by Gordon Wimberly and passed by the Detachment. It will be a potluck dinner, members are requested to bring a side dish or dessert, Randy Barnes volunteered to furnish the meat.

The meeting was closed per ritual at 1945

Respectfully submitted

Russ Vermillion, Adjutant.