

Marine Corps League  
Sgt. Clyde Thomason, MOH Detachment # 1325  
Serving Coweta and Fayette Counties



**Sgt. Clyde Thomason M.O.H.**

**Detachment #1325**

**Minutes of Tuesday, July 9, 2024**

**The Sgt. Clyde Thomason M.O.H. Detachment #1325 met Tuesday, July 9, 2024 @ 1930 at  
Christ The King Church, 4881 Highway 34 E., Sharpsburg, Georgia 30277**

Meeting called to order by **Commandant Jeff White**

Officers Present:

**Commandant Jeff White**  
**Senior Vice Commandant Rodney Riggs**  
**Junior Vice Commandant Marty Crane**  
**Paymaster Buddy Shaver**  
**Chaplain Mike Thomas**  
**Adjutant Gordon Johnson**

**Excused:**

**Judge Advocate Michael Gentilella**  
**Sergeant at Arms Ben Bolton**

**Members present: 20**

**Guests: 7 representing Healing4Heroes**

**Healing4Heroes presentation:** Healing4Heroes presentation to MCL by Piper Hill accompanied by Sean Kloes, Mikaela Hallman, David Brock, Gary Rondeau, James Stevens, all volunteers and vets and Lovido Kloes, teenage daughter of Sean who is “running the show” as a volunteer, and accompanied by a number of service dogs.

Since 2010 Healing4Heroes trains rescue dogs as service dogs to assist with various disabilities, including PTSD, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and mobility issues. The organization pairs veterans and children over 13 of vets with suitable dogs. As a result of the vets service injuries, a child can have Autism, Seizures or Childhood Diabetes. 147 children of vets have been served.

Initially, Healing4Heroes served Marine vets only and today serves all vets with Marines having first priority. There is no cost to vets. 1300 vets have been provided with rescue dogs. Over 3700 dogs have been rescued from shelters in Coweta, Fayette and Carroll Counties. All workers are volunteers, no paid workers.

**Website:** [Healing4Heroes](http://Healing4Heroes) **Email:** [info@healing4heroes.org](mailto:info@healing4heroes.org) **Phone:** (770) 355-4934

**Installation of officers: Junior Vice Commandant Marty Crane and Adjutant Gordon Johnson** were sworn in by the Commandant.

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**Roll Call:** **Adjutant Gordon Johnson** reported all officers present or accounted for.

**Adjutant's Report-** **Adjutant Gordon Johnson** presented the minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting. The minutes were emailed to the Commandant and elected officers. The Senior Vice Commandant distributed the minutes to the Detachment electronically (email) in the notice of the July meeting. The minutes are available in the log on the MAA table. The Commandant asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by **Emory Palmer** and seconded by **Derrick Deeds** to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Senior Vice Commandant Rodney Riggs** reported our Color Guard was involved in the Rotary Club sponsored Newnan 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Fireworks for which a \$400 honorarium was awarded to the League. The Newnan Optimist Club provided a \$340 check to the League for 34 flags placed for the Fourth. (*Note: The Newnan Optimist Club has a program called the Avenue of Flags. The MCL has members who have flag routes, to put out the flags. The Optimist Club pays the MCL \$10.00 per flag per year that MCL members put out. MCL members put out 34 flags.*) Member **Emory Palmer** is invited to be the Parade Review officer at Boot Camp graduation, Parris Island in August.

**Junior Vice Commandant Marty Crane** reminded all hands that we have the mission of recruiting for the League. Wear a USMC hat and carry the MCL info cards to hand out or leave on cars with MC tags or decals. Costco is a good recruiting ground because of its wide reach for customers.

**Paymaster Buddy Shaver** gave the Paymaster's report. Beginning balance June 1 \$18,348.99, expenditures and deposits reported, bank balance June 30 \$19,272.99

**Chaplain Mike Thomas** Ben Bolton and Mike Thomas visited **Guy Mitchell** who is in the final stages of a rare cancer. Guy was not having a good day but was delighted to have visitors. Ben had made him 2 decorative disc, one of 1325 MCL Detachment and one MODD 364. These brought a huge grin from Guy. Guy and Donna are taking one day at a time and she mentioned that she would appreciate anyone willing to sit with Guy from time to time so she could run necessary errands.

Mike reported that on the same day he phoned **Mike McClain** and asked how he and his wife, Ann, were doing. He said that he had recovered from cataract surgery and that Ann was having migraines caused by the contrast used in MRI. Later that same evening **Ben's** family took him to ER for feeling faint and nauseous. He was admitted overnight for MRI and heart test but was released at 1700 the next day. The diagnosis was dehydration.

**Commandant White** discussed the Marine Corps Ball. Revenue: Ticket sales \$4500, \$1,000 donation. Total cost: \$5,600. Difference to be funded with donations. Mike Keever stated tickets would be here by September meeting and tickets would be \$50. \$50 for 47 years, \$50! The Commandant said the speaker would be LtCol Patrick J. Finneran, Jr.

**The League budget** for the year was proposed:

Business Expenses	Color Guard \$500.00	Rifle and Pistol \$1,000.00	Events \$300.00	USMC
Birthday Ball	\$5,600.00	Social \$500.00	Admin \$200.00	Ships Store \$300.00
Subtotal	\$8,400.00			
Donations/Organizations	\$10,000.00			

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The plan is to allocate donations as we move forward in July, August and September. We are considering the ROTC unit, Shepherd and Healing4Heroes.

A motion was made to accept by **Mike Keever** and seconded by **Dan Springer** to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Bill Harger, Machinist Mate 1<sup>st</sup> Class, USN, Ret** submitted his application to join the Detachment as an **Associate Member**. His application was reviewed by the Commandant and Sr. Vice Commandant and was approved by voice vote. He was sworn in as an Associate Detachment Member.

### Good of the League July

Commandant White announced that in order to better know the leadership of the League staff, four elected officers would give brief bios; where and when served, their family, where they live and what they enjoy in their free time. Commandant White, Senior Vice Commandant Riggs and Junior Vice Commandant Crane gave their bios. Judge Advocate Gentilella was not present, having been excused from the meeting.

Senior Vice Commandant Riggs announced a League fund raiser, **Know Your Marine**. Riggs would give clues one by one. "As each clue is given if you think you know who is the Marine, write their name on the 3x5 you were given and hold it up. They may be here, they may not. If you are right, you can choose from 15 great prizes on the table in the back of the room. If you are

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wrong you put \$1 in the 50-50 fund.” After eight clues and a number of incorrect guesses, Michael Keever correctly guessed Marine Gordon Johnson. Another Know Your Marine Aug 13. Ricky Milner won the 50-50 drawing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until August 13, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Johnson  
Adjutant