



Sgt. Clyde Thomason M.O.H. Detachment #1325

Minutes of Tuesday, October 8, 2024

The Sgt. Clyde Thomason M.O.H. Detachment #1325 met Tuesday, October 8, 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
Judge Advocate Michael Gentilella
Paymaster Buddy Shaver
Sergeant at Arms Ben Bolton
Jr. Past Commandant- Mike Foran
Chaplain Mike Thomas
Adjutant Gordon Johnson

Members present: 20

Roll Call: Adjutant Gordon Johnson reported all officers present.

Minutes – The Commandant reported the minutes of the September meeting are on the MAA table and the website. The Commandant asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. A motion was made by **Mike Foran** and seconded by **Jennings White** to accept the report as presented. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Paymaster Buddy Shaver: The beginning balance of the Detachment's checking account was \$18,540.02 and an ending balance of \$26,869.47. A copy of the Paymaster's report is attached with these minutes. The Commandant asked for a motion to approve the financial report. A motion was made by **Mike Foran** and seconded by **Gordon Johnson** to accept the report as presented. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Chaplain Mike Thomas: Reported he is waiting on vascular surgery. James Prine is doing better and should be back in action next month.

Jr. Vice Commandant Marty Crane: The new roster is on the MAA table. It has more information than in the past. Please update your info. Also, leave here with some League business cards that are on the table and hand them out to prospective members. It's always good to have two or three in your wallet to give to prospects.

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Jr. Past Commandant- Mike Foran: The Detachment Bylaws were reviewed, comparing Articles 4,5 and 6 to the National By Laws. There is a big change. Regular membership has been changed. The stipulation for Navy Corpsmen and Chaplains now adds USN personnel who have served or are serving with or trained with FMF forces in excess of over 90 days are eligible for MCL membership. A copy of **NATIONAL BYLAWS ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP** is attached to these minutes.

Sr. Vice Commandant Rodney Riggs: Personal comment: the true experience of the League is participating in the many events and services that the League supports, sponsors or engages in. To that end the following events are forthcoming:

Nov 8 at 1800 at the Coweta Veterans Club there will be a Marine Corps Birthday celebration. You do not have to be a member, just show up.

Nov 8,9,10 The VFW is doing their Poppy Drive in Coweta at Wal-Mart and Kroger for their funding the same as we do on Flag Day. They have helped us in the past and could use some help from us on two-hour shifts. If you can help, give Rodney Riggs a call.

Nov 11, Veterans Day at 1100 in Newnan Veterans Park. A good turnout is needed. Be there. We have no role, just be there with your Red Cover. Afterwards there is a free lunch for all at the Veterans Club. Bring your wife and grandkids and kids, too.

Nov 28 There is a lunch for Veterans Day at the VFW. This is RSVP to know how many to prepare for. So, if you know there's a veteran or veteran couple that won't be with family they're welcome to go there. Football will be on the TV.

Oct 28 Drop dead date for tickets for our Nov 1 Birthday Ball. We're doing well but we have to know by Oct 28 to make seating arrangements and know how many steaks and fish to order.

Micheal Keever: Minimum sales for the ball expenses have been covered. Reinforced Oct 28 deadline to order food and arrange table assignments of six and eight.

Ball practice time is agreed for 6 pm Oct 28. Rodney Riggs agrees to advise of the needed youngest Marine info.

Commandant Jeff White: Unfinished business: Reviewed and discussed each charity presentation that has been made to this unit over the past three months and decided the amount of contributions to each charity. Discussed and voted on each one individually.

Healing for Heroes: Discussion for \$2500 contribution took place. Motion to contribute was made by Ken Bowman and seconded by Santiago Petersen. Motion approved.

East Coweta Marine JROTC: Discussion for \$2500 contribution took place. Motion to contribute was made by David Epps and seconded by Mike Foran. Motion approved.

Share/Shepherds Men: Discussion for \$2500 contribution took place. Motion to contribute was made by Pete Darcy and seconded by Ed Jackson. Motion approved.

Discussion about pallets of water for \$600 via State MCL GoFundMe to Augusta MCL. Motion to furnish \$1,000 by check to be delivered directly to the unit next week. Motion made by Gordon Johnson and seconded by Bill Hager. Motion approved.

Toys For Tots: Last year TFT operated at a \$22,000 deficit spending but TFT was supported by \$20,000 left to us from a church going out of business.

A trial to open Fayetteville Wal-Mart for TFT is needed.

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Every member present is needed for PTC and Newnan. Once we get one per table we'll see if we can get more.

The Signup Genius Link is in the email notice of this meeting (and reproduced below these minutes)

Volunteers needed:

-Walmart PTC/Newnan is Nov 23-24, Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 9-10 Only 12 three-hour slots to fill. *(The Signup Genius links are easy to use and are shown attached to these minutes)*

-22 Oct 0900-1400 move toys from storage in PTC to warehouse

-30 Oct 0900-1400 move toys from storage in Newnan to warehouse

If you can help either day please sign up. If you have a hand truck please bring it with you. *(The Signup Genius links are easy to use and are shown attached to these minutes)*

-On the 30th Better Way will show up with a truck and help

-Box distribution- Rodney Riggs needs help 4th-8th November

Eden Project. Commandant was asked to attend a dinner with the Eden Project but cannot attend. They would like a MCL Rep there. They are a nonprofit/Volunteer organization that helps Veterans in the area to find work and deal with issues keeping them from work. The dinner is on 7 November, cocktail hour 1730-1830, Dinner at 1830 and then a discussion board starts at 1915. It is an event where people are invited to share their insight with Veterans in the program. If anyone would like to attend this please let Commandant know. It is a very informative and rewarding evening.

Thanks to all who supported Guy Mitchell's funeral.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until November 12, 2024.

Good of the League

October Social – Oct 17, 1800, Dua Vietnamese Restaurant, Fayetteville

Ken Bowman was the “Know Your Marine.”

Rodney Riggs won the 50/50 drawing.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Johnson
Adjutant

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Select a "Marine League Rep" time slot you want. Fill out your information and click on "Sign up now" at the bottom left of the page. ONLY 12 slots to fill. Please find a place and help out.

Links

<https://bit.ly/2024-walmartnewnan>

<https://bit.ly/2024-walmartptc>

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Signup Genius link <https://bit.ly/2024-warehousemove>

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