



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

Minutes of Tuesday, September 10, 2024

**The Sgt. Clyde Thomason M.O.H. Detachment #1325 met Tuesday, August 13, 2024 @
1930 at Christ The King Church, 4881 Highway 34 E., Sharpsburg, Georgia 30277
website www.mcldet1325.org**

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

Officers Present:

Commandant Jeff White
Senior Vice Commandant Rodney Riggs
Junior Vice Commandant Marty Crane
Sergeant at Arms Ben Bolton
Chaplain Mike Thomas
Judge Advocate Michael Gentilella
Paymaster Buddy Shaver
Adjutant Gordon Johnson

Members present: 20

Guests: 1 representing East Coweta High School Marine JROTC

Guest Presentation: JROTC Co XO **Camden Crowder** made a review of the program for 2022-2023 including the unit visit to PI and planned trip to Pensacola. Cited growth of unit for the year from 92 to 138. The Unit has logged 1500 community service hours. The Unit has numerous activities to raise money for the Pensacola trip including car wash on September 21, 1000-1400. The unit has to pay for the entire trip including all buses. \$15,000 is needed. **Maj. Pete Merrill** cited the need for speakers from the league and expressed appreciation for any future financial support.

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

Minutes- The Commandant stated the minutes were received and will be placed on the website and he has a copy in hand as well as in the binder at the MAA post.

The Commandant asked for a motion to approve minutes. Motion to approve made by **David Epps** and seconded by **Mike Foran**. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chaplain Mike Thomas Reported on members in need. James Prine recovering from surgery and receiving therapy three times a week. Mike and Ann McClain have both been sick and now getting better. Need phone numbers for Gregg Gouin and Jim Porcella if anyone knows. Requested that if anyone is aware of a league member sick or in need please advise me.

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Junior Vice Commandant Marty Crane reported that the Detachment league member database is being reviewed for accuracy and requested all hands to populate the blank form on the table in the rear of room and we would then update their entry if needed.

Senior Vice Commandant Rodney Riggs reported \$5,427 raised on Flag Day. Thanks to all who participated.

Reviewed plans for Patriots Day, September 11, in Newnan. In cooperation with the VFW Auxiliary we are preparing breakfast for Public Safety employees. Breakfast prepared at 0630 at Redneck Gourmet and then to Newnan FS #1 to begin distributing. A Memorial Ceremony will be at 0830 at Courthouse Square. All are invited.

MC Ball tickets on sale for \$50. Tables are for six but can also be arranged for eight.

Participating in putting Flags out for The Avenue of Flags with the Newnan Optimist Club.

Paymaster Buddy Shaver gave the Paymaster's report. He cross-checked Detachment By Laws against state and federal for Articles 1 through 3 and found we are in compliance. Paymaster reported that the beginning balance of the Detachment's checking account was \$19,950.25. There were deposits of \$1077.42 including \$1,000 to the Guy Mitchell Fund and expenditures of \$2,487.23 including \$2,239.23 for the mortgage of a distressed Marine vet, for an ending balance of \$18,540.02. The USMC Ball balance is \$1,508.81. A copy of the Paymaster's report will be attached with these minutes.

Commandant Jeff White

Next order of business. Initiation of **Gus Reed**. So done.

Recognition of guests: **G D Hendrix**, Life member, who has not been with us for some time. **Bob Summerfield**, transferring from Oregon.

Marine of the Year: Before Oct 1 send me an email and the award will be made at Ball.

Rodney has Ball tickets. \$50 per.

Commandant has been in discussion with Donna Mitchell re how Guy Mitchell's Memorial fund will be used for the Ball.

New Business: Paymaster is obtaining a Zelle account for payment of individual dues directly to the bank.

Good of the League

Thanks to all who participated in the Flag Giveaway. That is what enables us to make donations. We now have about \$23,000. We have heard from Shepherd's Men, Healing For Heroes and East Coweta Marine ROTC. If another organization needs to be considered, let me know asap so we can get them in here and see how we can help.

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Commandant reviewed the above distressed Marine Marcus Ward assistance through the Eden Project.

Mitchell Memorial: Details will be made available.

Funeral for Guy Mitchell Oct 2 at 12:30 at Camden Memorial Cemetery. Info will be sent by email.

Reminder of social on 19th

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until October 8, 2024

50/50 drawing won by Dan Springer.

Guess the Member – Jack Riddle was guessed.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Johnson
Adjutant