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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE BARTELME—SCHWEFEL DETACHMENT

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The Detachments March 13th and the April 10th monthly meetings of the Bartelme - Schwefel Marine Corps League will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 1930 hours. Membership will meet at the Wttn Elks Lodge 117 North First Street. In case of inclement weather during the winter months, listen to the Radio or TV stations for notification of canceled meetings. In addition efforts will be made to call regular attendees, time permitting. Detachment members are encouraged to attend if possible. June, July, and August Detachment meetings are held at MCL Aero Park.

MARCH EVENTS SCHEDULE

- 3-13-18 Detachment Meeting @ Elks
- Nomination of 2018-19 Officers
- 3-16-18 Wttn Military Show meeting, Legion
- APRIL EVENTS SCHEDULE
- 4-1-18 Wttn Veterans Council at Legion
- 4-10-18 Detachment meeting at Elks
- Election & Installation of 2018-19 Officers
- 4-19-18 Wttn Military Show meeting, Legion

January and February 2018 Detachment Meetings

The January 9th meeting was called to order at 1938 hours by Commandant Gary Stueber. There were fifteen members in attendance. Opening ceremony was conducted as by Ritual. With the Department Winter Conference set for the end of the month, membership was informed of the schedule of events. Members who will attend are Gary Stueber, Gene Stocks, Judy Wade, Gary Gregory, and Fernando Rodriguez. In addition, Central Division Conference information was presented. Commandant Gary Stueber will be attending this event in Lansing Mich. With the up-coming elections, and with Judy Wade consenting to take over the Adjutant Paymaster duties. Discussion on the proper handling of Detachment records took place. It was decided and approved to purchase a Detachment Computer, Printer, and the

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necessary software to handle our Detachment 's needs. More information at the February meeting. Closing ceremony's conducted at 2041 hours. 50/50 winner was Paul Riesen, Door Prize winner of a Marine Tee-shirt Gary Stuber, and the attendance winner, but not present of \$50, Tim Engel. The February 13th meeting was called to order by Commandant Gary Stueber at 1932 hours. There were fourteen members in attendance. Minutes and paymasters reports were accepted as printed and presented. Other reports included scholarship, legislative, color guard, and Aero Park were also giving, as well as the MCL Winter Conference report. Additional discussion about the Detachment going paperless, which will happen after the April election. Money was approved for the purchase of a Detachment computer, printer, and software. A Detachment Web-site will be set up, once up and running all information will be listed on this web-site. That will include the Detachment's newsletter, events, projects, as well as Department and National information. Membership will receive via a mailing the information needed to access our web-site, and this site will have the newsletter up-dated after each detachment meeting. This is a money saving solution as we are now paying \$600-\$1500 yearly for postage, paper, envelopes, and ink. With a web-site our yearly expenses will be below \$500. And because 80 to 85 percent of our detachment membership is doing nothing to help with fund-raising, we have no choice. Motions were also made, passed to submit a full page ad for the Department Convention, and a half-page ad for the Central Division Conference. Closing ceremony was held at 2058 hours. Roger Block was the 50/ 50 winner. Door prize winner of a Marine tee-shirt was Gary Gregory, Attendance winner of \$60, but not present was Tom Hahn. March winner if present \$70.

Applications for membership - none
Correspondence - bank statements, Wttn. Military Show minutes, RAMP-Rapid Appeals Modernization Program, Agent orange information from the VA, Central Division Conference and MCL Department Convention information packets, up-dated detachment membership roster, Milwaukee Brewers MCL Rose Drives dates.

Report of the Paymaster - Bills paid to the Greener, MCL Foundation, Wttn Daily Times, National HQ for life membership for Brad Wilcox, Winter Conference expenses, for lunch and registration, Judy Wade, and to Breselow's Family Market. Income from Christmas parade donation, Life membership payment, Toy's for Tot's donation, Park rental

Membership - Current detachment membership is 94 members. For the year Detachment life membership stands at 67. There are now 27 renewable members. All are paid up to date. The Detachment has been paying the dues of six Active Duty Marines, and also two hard-ship Marines. All have been renewed for the year through August 2018.

Life Membership costs per age group:

Age to 35	\$500
Age 36 to 50	\$400
Age 51 to 64	\$300
Age 65 and over	\$200

ELECTED & APPOINTED 2018-2019 DETACHMENT OFFICERS

Commandant Gary Stueber
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Senior Vice Commandant
Frank Winter 920-248-9508

Junior Vice Commandant
Robert Cottone 920-262-0645

Judge Advocate

Jerry Hepp 920-261-6741

Junior Past Commandant

Kenneth Maass 920-206-8824

Adjutant-Paymaster

Judith Wade 920-390-4455

Chaplain - Al Kloth
262-567-5065

Sergeant-At-Arm

Travis Riggs 920-253-8280

Historian

Steve Hepp 920-262-0276

Service & Legislative Officer

Fernando Rodriguez 920-206-6660

Scholarship Chairman

Herschel Wickert 920-261-7224

Color Guard Chairman

Brad Wilcox 262-269-6164

Aero Park Maintenance Chairman

Roger Block 920-261-2663

Detachment Web - Sgt.

Gary Gregory 262-244-6113

W.V.C. & W.M.S. Liaison Officer

Gene Stocks 261-1762 or 285-0726

Wisconsin Department of Veterans

Affairs 1-800-947--8387

dva.state.wi.us

Funeral Honors 1-800-944-6667

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Confirm or Request Military Awards call

314-592-1150 or write

National Personnel Records Center

1 Archives Drive

St Louis, MO 63138-1002

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

Wisconsin Veterans Homes

WVH King 1-888-458-5586

WVH Union Grove 1-866-669-8387

Northern WI Vets Mem. Cemetery

Spooner 715-635-5360

Southern WI Vets Mem. Cemetery

Union Grove 262-878-5660

Central WI Vets Mem. Cemetery

King 715-258-5586 x2203

U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs

1-800-827-1000 - www.va.gov

The Detachment will pay new and renewable membership dues for active duty Marines from Watertown only. Dues payment should be sent to our Post Office Box 251 address. Renewal membership cost is \$35.

Report of member's or member's family sick or in distress,

Keep all Active Duty Service Personal in your daily thoughts and prayers. As well as for Life Member Rick Allermann was re-admitted to the VA Hospital on 3-1-18 with another set-back with his cancer, treatment is on-going, keep Rick and his family in your thoughts and prayers also. Fernando Rodriguez was also in the VA Hospital last month for re-construction shoulder surgery.

Report of Officers:

Commandant – verbal report

Senior Vice Commandant – verbal report

Junior Vice Commandant – verbal report

Judge Advocate – verbal report

Junior Past Commandant – verbal report

Adjutant Paymaster – written report

Chaplain – verbal report

Sergeant –At-Arms – verbal report

Scholarship Chairman – The Department of WI, MCL and MCLA will again have three scholarships available. To apply go to the Department web-site, download a copy, follow the instructions exactly, complete the application and mail in prior to the due date. National applications can also be accessed from the National web-site, again follow the instructions exactly.

Historian – verbal report

Service & Legislative Officer - for any questions or veteran's needs, Dodge County residents should call or see Andrew Miller, and Jefferson County residents should call or see Yvonne Duesterhoeft. Any questions in regards to the changes in the GI Bill, contact you County Veterans Service Office. This new GI Bill is not restricted to a fifteen year limit for education benefits. Additionally the Bill expands the eligibility for Guard and Reserve troops, as well as Purple Heart recipients. The government has made a final decision regarding the water contamination from Camp Lejeune from 1953 – 1987. If you or anyone you know was stationed at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953 through December 31, 1987 for thirty (30) days, and who have been diagnosed with any of the below conditions, they need to speak to a VA advocates, CVSO's or Veteran Service Organizations regarding claims immediately! Keep in mind, some family members of Marines were exposed as well. Kidney Cancer, Liver Cancer, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Adult Leukemia, Multiple Myeloma, Parkinson's Disease, Aplastic Anemia and other Myelodysplastic Syndromes, Bladder Cancer.

Color Guard – Brad Wilcox, color guard commander, reported that Veterans Day and the City Christmas Parade are last events.

Web – Sergeant : Gary Gregory reported that our web-site is no longer in use. National will not maintain the sites, if we wish to have a detachment web-site, then we would have to set it up, and maintain it. The cost to set up and maintain a site would be between \$200 - \$500 per year. Gary will also look into something like Facebook, and will have more information at a later meeting.

Aero Park Maintenance – Roger Block, park chairman reported the Gazebo will be remodeled, and a steel roof installed matching the shelter sometime during 2018. And Jerry Hepp is reviewing bids for re-sealing the parking lot next spring. We are down to only three grass-cutting crews, will need two or three additional crews

Reports of Standing Committees- none at this time

USPS Watertown Letter Carriers Food Drive

The 2018 city wide food drive will be held on Saturday May 12th. Last year's event collected a little over 20,000 pounds of food that was sorted and transported to the with food pantry.

2018 Pig Roast and Aero Park Golf Benefit

The 13th annual Pig Roast was combined with the 23rd annual Golf Outing and held Saturday August 25th.

2018 Detachment Rose Drive

The 2018 Rose Drive is set for Friday 8-31-18 and Saturday 9-1-18. But only if we have a member step forward to chair the event, and so far that has not happened.

17th Annual Stand Tall & Remember BBQ Will be held Friday and Saturday September 7 – 8, 2018 at MCL Aero Park, 907 Boomer

Street. All you can eat for a \$10 donation. Refreshment donation requested door prizes, raffles, games, music, pie eating contest, and a bean bag tournament.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – none

2018 MCL Department Winter Conference – Doubleday's 1-27-18

2018 National Mid – Winter Conference – will be held at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center in Fredericksburg VA. March 1-3, 2018

2018 Central Division Conference – Lansing, Mich. 4-5-8, 2018

2018 MCL & MCLA Department Convention – May 4-6, 2018 at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Black River Falls, WI 1-715-284-0888

2018 MCL Summer Staff Meeting – King Home

2018 MCL & MCLA National Convention – August 12-18, 2018 at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center Plaza Buffalo, NY

2018 MCL Department Fall Conference - Sheboygan

Announcements – the next Watertown Veterans Inc. 501c3 meeting will be held at the Legion on Thursday March 15 at 7:00 p.m. Additional information can be found at www.watertownmilitaryshow.com.

Good of the League; The Detachment is in the process of buying a Detachment computer and the necessary hardware programs needed for the new Adjutant Paymaster, any Detachment, Department and National information and programs should not be on some one's personal computer. Also any information or records of any sort are then available at any meeting or event, without lugging around a heavy briefcase. Once this new computer is up and running, any and all information I have on my computer will be transferred to the new computer. The filing cabinet and all other permanent records from the past 30-35 years will be stored out at Aero Park.

2018 Watertown Military Show to Feature The Wall That Heals, The Wall will arrive here in Watertown on June 20th, 2018. The Wall will open for viewing around the clock from set-up completion on June 21st thru 4:00 p.m. on June 25th. 1439 communities have hosted the Wall since 1984. As of 2011, the Moving Wall contains 58,272 listed names, as it is in Washington, D.C.

Devil Dogs- Next MODD Pound Growl will be held at the Waukesha Eagles Club on March 26th. Until further notice Growls will be held quarterly (March, June, September, and December) at 1930 hours.

Semper Fidelis

Gene Stocks, Adjutant Paymaster

AARP American Association of Retired People Questions and Answers from AARP Form

Question, Where can single men over the age of 70 find younger women who are interested in them?

Answer, Try a bookstore, under Fiction

Question, What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?

Answer, Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement, When you're done, you will have a place to live.

Question, Someone has told me that menopause is mentioned in the bible...Is that true? Where can it be found?

Answer, Yes, Matthew 14:92: And Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Egypt.

Question, How can you increase the heart rate of your over 70 year-old husband?

Answer, Tell him you're pregnant.

Question, Seriously! What can I do for these crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face.

Answer, Go braless. It will usually pull them out.

Question, Why should 70 plus year old people use valet parking?

Answer, Valets don't forget where they park your car.

Question, Is it common for 70 plus year olds to have short term memory storage.

Answer, Storing memory is not a problem, Retrieving it is.

Question, As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

Answer, Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Question, Where should 70 plus year olds look for eye glasses?

Answer, On their foreheads.

Question, What is the most common remark made by 70 plus year olds when they enter antique stores?

Answer, Gosh, I remember these!