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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.

MAY EVENTS SCHEDULE

5-3-18 Veterans Council @ Legion 7:00

5- 4,5,6 -18 Dept. MCL Convention

5-8-18 Detachment Meeting @ Elks

5-12-18 Assist with USPS Food Drive

5-17-18 Wttn Military Show meeting, Legion

5-28-18 Memorial Day Activities

JUNE EVENTS SCHEDULE

6-7-18 Wttn Veterans Council at Legion

6-12-18 Detachment meeting at Aero Park

6-18 Elks Flag Day at Veterans Park

6-21-18 Military Show meeting at Legion

6-21-25 Wttn Military Show & Moving Wall

March 2018 Detachment Meetings – The March 13th meeting was called to order by Commandant Gary Stueber at 19:38 hours. Standard opening ceremony, there were 15 members in attendance. Reports from the Adjutant and Paymaster were read, accepted as presented and written, subject to audit. Motion made, seconded, and passed. No new applications for membership. Other reports information listed within this newsletter. At 20:09 hours nomination for Detachment Officers was opened. There were no contested positions, motion was made, seconded to close the nominations until the April 10th meeting. At that time the nominations will

be re-opened, elections held and installation of officers will take place. Commandant Gary Stueber will be attending the Central Division Conference in Lancing MI. Motion was made to provide necessary funds for setting up our Detachment Web-Site. Closing ceremonies held at 20:46 hours. 50/50 winner Max Stueber, door prize winner Judy Wade, attendance winner Glen Godfroy, but not present. April winner if present \$80.

April Detachment meeting, called to order at 19:34 hours by Commandant Gary Stueber. Standard opening ceremonies. There were sixteen members, and one guest in attendance. PDC Tim Baranzky from the Badger Detachment, who will be the installation officer. At 1945 hours nomination of Detachment Officers were re-opened. There were no new nominations, the election process then took place, followed by the installation by Past Department Commandant Tim Baranzky. The up dated roster of officers are listed on the left side of this newsletter along with a contact phone number. Detachment reports followed and accepted as presented. A report from Commandant Gary Stueber followed from the Central Division Conference. Up-dates from the Department for the Convention in Black River Falls, and the delegates registration were taken care of. Judy Wade is working on getting our Web-Site up and running. One application for membership was received. May events include The Department Convention, and the Post Office Letter Carriers Food Drive, We close out the month of May with the Memorial Day activities at Glenview Gardens, and Veterans Park. Closing ceremonies held at 20:36 hours. May 50/50 winner was Bill Dobratz, door prize winner Bob Cottone, and the attendance winner of \$80 was Todd Oestreich, not present. The May winner will receive \$90 if he or she is present.

Applications for membership – one from Kenneth Baurassa who resides in Sullivan. Cpl. Baurassa, MOS 2531 Field Radio Operator was Honorable Discharged after 3 and ½ years of active duty.

Correspondence – bank statements, Wttn. Military Show minutes, Winter Conference Minutes, Dept. of WI Scholarship Forms, Agenda for the Central Division Conference, National Fire Team Procedure, Delegate Registration Forms for the convention, Veterans Council schedule for 2018, Camp Lejeune Groundwater Issue / Outside Speakers, and MCL Department Convention Schedule of events.

Report of the Paymaster – Bills paid: Judy Wade for Detachment computer, printer, and software, plus funds for web-site set-up. Breselow's family market, Capital MCL Detachment – advertisement ad, Department of WI – convention advertisement ad. Sommeer's Outdoor equipment, Watertown Post Office, MCL National Headquarters – new member, Lierty Flags & Specialty Company – 31 flags.

Membership - Current detachment membership is 96 members. For the year Detachment life membership stands at 67. There are now 29

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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. 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.

Life Membership costs per age group are:

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

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 who is again back home after cancer surgery recovering. Keep Rick and his family in your thoughts and prayers also. Fernando Rodríguez will also be in the VA Hospital 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

Historian – verbal report

Reports of Standing Committees – none at this time

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. Ken Kropf Scholarship forms can be picked up from Herschel Wickert.

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 the Color Guard members will be ready for the up-coming Memorial Day activities.

Web – Sergeant : Gary Gregory reported that our web-site is no longer in use. National HQ 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, we are in need of two or three additional crews

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 Wttn 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

2019 MCL Department Winter Conference –

2019 National Mid – Winter Conference – will be held at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center in Fredericksburg VA.

2019 Central Division Conference –

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 April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Additional information can be found at www.watertownmilitaryshow.com 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.

Good of the League: The Detachment is in the process of going paperless. We have purchased a Detachment computer, printer, hardware, and the necessary security for this equipment. A new Detachment Web-site is being set-up, (mcl349.org) once this site is ready it will be the Detachment information center. Meeting minutes will be posted monthly, as well as contact, and all MCL information. Judy Wade is our new Adjutant Paymaster, give her the time she needs to learn her job. There is a lot of files that need to be transferred from my computer to hers, but in time everything will be on the Detachment computer along with a back-up. This will probably be the last paper newsletter send to the membership. With the cost of postage, paper, ink, and envelopes, it cost us \$109.40 for a mailing. Renewable members will receive their renewal notice a little early, with this newsletter, but they have until August to send in the required dues fee of \$35.00. Please keep in mind the Food Drive at the Post Office on the 12th of May, 11:00 a.m. until finish. Color Guard at Glenview Memorial Gardens on Memorial Day at 07:30 a.m. And I need help with food and drink ticket sales at the Military Show, and Moving Wall events in June. Call Gene at (920-285-0726).