



Marine Corps League Bartelme-Schwefel Detachment 349

Minutes of Meeting May 14, 2019

OPENING CEREMONY

Commandant Gary Stueber called the meeting to order at 1930 hours at the Elks Club. League RITUAL conducted to open meeting. There were 15 members and 1 guest present.

Role Call of Officers:

Present Stueber, Winter, Dobratz, J. Hepp, Wade, Gregory, Wilcox, Block and Stocks present. Maas, Kloth, Riggs, S. Hepp, Rodriguez, and Wickert absent.

Application for Membership: Mike Cowen, served in Viet Nam 1968 – 1975, in attendance and considering membership.

Award/Membership Presentations: None.

Installation of New Officers: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Commandant's Report: Next month meeting will be at Aero Park June through August. Commandant Stueber and wife will participate in wreath ceremony at Veterans Park on Memorial Day. Postal Food drive did not have as much volunteer help as in past years. It was noted that the drive did not collect as much food likely due to Kohl's not providing bags.

Adjutant's Report:

Reading of Minutes: A motion to accept, and seconded was made to approve the April meeting minutes with no corrections. The motion carried.

Correspondence: Received Ixonia Bank statement. Request for MCL #349 Detachment support for Letter Carrier's Food Drive on May 11, 2019.

Membership: Detachment 349 membership total is 89 including 61 paid for life, 5 associate paid for life and 23 renewals. Three Life new life members: Daniel Roth, Mark Stellpflug, and Judy Wade.

Paymaster's Report: Paymaster's Report presented and approved as read subject to future audit. Edward Jones account being merged with Flag account. Funds will still be tracked separately but managed under one account. Adjutant-Paymaster Wade, Jerry Hepp and Herschel Wickert to be designated on this combined account. Still awaiting Wickert signature on new account paper work.

Chaplain's Report: Ken Bourassa reported the death of his mother-in-law on May 4th. Card received and much appreciated by Ken's family. Rick Allerman home on respite care. Max Stueber fell again but is doing well. Steve Hepp had surgery to pin his broken ankle.

League Officer's Reports:

Sr. Vice: None

Jr. Vice: None

Committee Reports:

Watertown Veterans: Gene Stocks reported that the military show organization will disband with July the final meeting. There is \$4K still in the account and discussion on charitable organizations where that may be donated. Memorial Day events will be held at Glenview in Ixonia, ceremony led by VFW at Watertown bridge on Main St, followed by parade to Veterans Park for speakers and wreath laying. Flag Day ceremony will be held on June 9th at the Elks Lodge.

Scholarship: None.

Aero Park Maintenance: Block reported that hood on John Deere is broken and that we have the four mowing teams. Park maintenance can always use volunteer help. J. Hepp reported that the Aero Park fund raiser will be held on Saturday, August 17th. There will be no golf outing but emphasize a bigger picnic with Veteran of the Year statue dedication.

Service & Legislative: None.

Color Guard: Brad Wilcox reported that we are still in need of volunteers to help with color guard. Need three for Memorial Day color guard ceremonies.

Unfinished Business:

Wade report from Dept. of WI Convention held on May 3 in Reedsburg, WI:

--There were 40 attendees.

--Two very interesting presentations on charities that support veterans: V.E.T.S Veterans Equine Trail Service and Custom Canines Madison, WI.

--National Convention is in Billings, MT this year, Daytona Beach, FL in 2020, and somewhere in Central Div in 2021.

--Dept of WI elections were held and officers installed in banquet after the meeting.

--MCL HQ nearing completion on a member database. Beta testing should be completed by August.

Members will be able to update their information themselves. Commandants will have special privileges. Transmittals requiring payments still need to be mailed to Dept. and then HQ. For now other transmittal transactions can be scanned and emailed until the database is fully operational. They still have not decided how to do electronic payments for dues.

--Members should not mix DoD and MCL ribbons on uniforms. Either or is acceptable.

Phil Zamora, Central Division Vice Commandant addressed Vets4Warriors as a resource for vets in crisis. Also, he has an article coming out in next "Semper Fi" magazine.

NEW BUSINESS

Birthday Ball. Planning to begin for this year's Detachment #349 244th Birthday Ball.

Good of the League/ Announcements:

Vets4Warriors program materials available. Make sure you have this phone number to give to a veteran in crisis. Call will be answered by a veteran to help a veteran contemplating suicide and continue support to a veteran in crisis or their concerned family member.

Cpl Matt Zindars Memorial Scholarship fundraiser by American Legion Post #189. Nice mugs left over from 100 year centennial for \$10 each.

Quantico Bus Trip flyers for Marine Corps League trip planned by Dept. of WI for Sept 14-21.

Steam cars will be making a water refueling stop early on June 3rd at Aero Park.

Drawings

--Attendance drawing winner was Michael Shilling who was not present. Next month pot will be \$30.

--50/50 drawing winner of \$15 cash was Dave Behling.

--Brad Wilcox won a Marine Corps item.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Having no further business, the meeting was closed by paying respect to the colors and offering a closing prayer. The Sergeant-at-Arms declared the meeting closed. The next official meeting of Detachment 349 is at 1930 hours on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the Aero Park.

Commandant: *Gary Stueber*

Adjutant: *Judy Wade*