



# Marine Corps League Bartelme-Schwefel Detachment 349

## Minutes of Meeting August 11, 2020

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

Commandant Gary Stueber called the meeting to order at 1930 hours at the Aero Park. League Ritual conducted to open meeting. There were 13 members and no guests present.

### **Role Call of Officers:**

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

**Application for Membership:** None.

**Award/Membership Presentations:** None.

**Installation of New Officers:** None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Commandant's Report:** Commandant Stueber discussed celebration of life with bench dedication at Aero Park for Ralph Braunschweig on September 5<sup>th</sup>. A moment of silence was held for Marines and sailor killed in helicopter accident in California.

### **Adjutant's Report:**

**Reading of Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes, seconded and was approved with no corrections.

**Correspondence:** Received Ixonia Bank statement and Edward Jones statement. Checks for two Ken Kropf scholarship awards will be sent out this week. Annual renewal paperwork received for 11 members.

**Membership:** Detachment 349 membership total is 85 including 62 paid for life, 5 associate paid for life and 18 renewals. Only 80 are voting members.

**Paymaster's Report:** Paymaster's Report presented and approved as read subject to future audit.

**Chaplain's Report:** Updates provided on the following members: Steve Hepp getting treatment at VA for cancer and heart complications. Herschel Wickert undergoing treatments. His cancer is stabilized but his wife is not well either. Al Kloth has cataract surgery coming up. Frank Winter fell off a ladder and broke both heels. He is hospitalized at VA in Madison. A fruit basket will be sent. Mike Cowen is receiving treatments for cancer.

### **League Officer's Reports:**

**Sr. Vice:** None.

**Jr. Vice:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

**Watertown Veterans:** None.

**Scholarship:** New scholarship introduced to honor Detachment member Richard “Red” Walter. This will be sponsored for four years by Walter’s daughter. Scholarship is for students attending two year technical or community college degree or certification programs. Eligibility is the same as for Ken Kropf scholarship. Deadline for submission is October 31, 2020. Application with instructions is available at meetings and on website. Award will be made at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Aero Park Maintenance:** Roger Block reported that we have a new box of trash bags. Benches have been resealed. Memorial bench for Ralph Braunschweig is in place at the park. There was discussion on the need to reseat picnic tables and start work on new gazebo.

**Service & Legislative:** Fernando Rodriguez provided a detailed legislative update from the 2019 session. Items enacted include a memorial highway designation, prohibiting adverse action against student veterans whose tuition benefits are delayed, college / university requirements when student veterans are called to active duty, reciprocal credentials for veterans and spouses, local regulation of honorary firearms discharges, transfer of credit from military transcript to a college, and veteran-related tuition grants for certain veterans enrolled in private colleges.

**Color Guard:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Raffle Tickets:** A raffle ticket fundraiser with cash drawings at the meeting on November 10 was kicked off. Only 300 tickets will be sold at \$10 per ticket. Paul Riesen is in charge of ticket sales. Members picked up packets of tickets to sell. Some tickets are available at the Silver Eagle Saloon as well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9/11 Ceremony:** Discussion held on a ceremony at Aero Park to remember those who lost their lives from the terrorist attack on September 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meal provided this year. It will be held on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at 1100.

**Good of the League/ Announcements**

**September 12, 2020** Fall Dept. of WI MCL Meeting to be held at Iron Mountain, MI.

**September 12, 2020** “Because We Care” ride will start and end at Aero Park.

**Drawings**

--Attendance drawing winner for \$100 was Jeff Strey who was not present. Secondary drawings continued until Gary Stueber won \$50. Next month pot is \$50.

--50/50 drawing winner of \$13 cash was Fernando Rodriguez.

--Al Kloth 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, September 8, 2020 at the Silver Eagle Saloon.

Commandant: *Gary Stueber*

Adjutant: *Judy Wade*