



Marine Corps League Bartelme-Schwefel Detachment 349

Minutes of Meeting April 13, 2021

OPENING CEREMONY

Commandant Gary Stueber called the meeting to order at 1930 hours at the Silver Eagle Saloon. League Ritual conducted to open meeting. There were 14 members and no guests present.

Role Call of Officers:

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

Application for Membership: None.

Award/Membership Presentations: None.

Installation of New Officers: Gene Stocks installed the new officers and appointees.

OLD BUSINESS

Commandant's Report: Commandant Stueber reported the new banner is ready to be installed at Aero Park to welcome the Tour of Honor motorcyclists. Cost was \$110. Mike Wegner, who was from Watertown and killed in action, was suggested as the named veteran for our 2021 statue dedication possibly in July. Commandant Stueber noted that this year will be the 20th anniversary of 9/11 for our consideration in planning our 9/11 event at Aero Park. Because We Care has some activities planned as well. Commandant Stueber mentioned the need to start planning for our Marine Corps Birthday Ball this year.

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.

Membership: Detachment 349 membership total is 80 including 62 paid for life, 5 associate paid for life and 13 annual members. Of those 75 are voting members.

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

Chaplain's Report: Ken Maass's visitation was attended by several Detachment members. Updates provided on Steve Hepp still dealing with his liver cancer and congestive heart failure. He is in good spirits.

League Officer's Reports:

Sr. Vice: None.

Jr. Vice: None.

Committee Reports:

Watertown Veterans: Gene Stocks reported that Memorial Day parade and ceremony are on for this year. No lunch will be provided. It also looks like 4th of July parade and activities are also scheduled.

Scholarship: Wade reported that Dept. of Wisconsin Scholarships are due on April 15th.

Aero Park Maintenance: Roger Block reported that Airport needs to fix the fence and city needs to put out trash barrels. The faded paint on building has been repainted. Lawn mowing crews are set. Jerry Hepp had the John Deere mower repaired at a cost of \$500. It should be good for a few more years. After some discussion, it was decided to remove the old advertising in the pavilion. Jerry Hepp suggested replacing the gazebo with a cement pad with pergola, and run power and sidewalk to it. We could place veteran plaques in that area. There are three benches still available at a cost of \$1,500 each. A letter was sent to the Joe Darcy Foundation requesting a \$17,000 grant to cover the Aero Park improvements.

Service & Legislative: None.

Color Guard: None.

Unfinished Business:

NEW BUSINESS

MCL Detachment 349 Calendar: Need dates for our picnic and the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Good of the League/ Announcements

May 7-9 **Dept of WI MCL & Auxiliary Annual Convention** hosted by Southwestern WI Detachment #623 at Janesville VFW Post 1621.

Drawings

- Attendance drawing winner for \$40 was Tom Hahn who was not present. Next month pot is \$50.
- 50/50 drawing winner of \$13 cash was Gene Stocks. He donated the cash back to the Detachment.
- Paul Riesen 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, May 11, 2021 at the Silver Eagle Saloon.

Commandant: *Gary Stueber*

Adjutant: *Judy Wade*