

Marine Corps League

ONCE A MARINE,



ALWAYS A MARINE

Gold Country Detachment # 885 Minutes for 05 March, 2018

I. Opening Ceremony: Commandant

- A. Meeting Called to Order at: 1802
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Marine's Hymn
- D. Opening Prayer

Sergeant at Arms
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Chaplain

II. Roll Call of Officers: Adjutant (Silent Roll Call)

- A. Commandant
- B. Sr. Vice Commandant
- C. Jr. Vice Commandant
- D. JAG
- E. Adjutant/Paymaster
- F. Chaplain
- G. Sergeant at Arms/ Quartermaster
- H. Memorial Wall

x Gary Miller
abs Jim Brodeur
TBD
TBD
x Rich Vizcarra
x General Steele
x John Bynes
x General Steele

III. Introduction of Visitors: Sergeant at Arms

- Tom Christofk – 1974 to 1981 active, 1981 to 1983 reserve, Major, Amtracs
- Mario Ramirez - 1999 – 2001, 9th Comm Radio Operator; also Field Wireman; Now electrician. Mario is filling out application.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Adjutant

- A. **Reminder, view minutes on website prior to meeting.**

B. Motion to Accept: Bynes; Second: Steele; Ayes: All; Nays: 0

V. Financial Summary Report: Paymaster

- A. Status as of **5 March**, 2018
 - 1. General Fund Balance \$ See Adj/PM notes
 - 2. Memorial Wall Fund \$ See Adj/PM notes

VI. Report of Staff Officers – Old/New Business

A. Memorial Wall: General Steele

- **We now have 132 apps.**
- Options are to:
 - o Stretch existing wall?
 - o Reduce goal of 28' wall (672 names) to 20' (480 names) or less?
 - **Wall length reduced to 24' (576 names); this will be 96 tiles less.**
- **Still need to move DAR bench.**

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- John **working on** Bill of Materials/Cost Estimate (worst case).
- John to renew building permit – **Permit extended to 4/30/18.**
- Gary/John scheduled to make presentation to the Nevada County Contractors Association (NCCA) **Rescheduled for March 2018.**
- Need to continue advertising on KNCO and Union. **Gary renewed PSA. Gary/Frank to make announcements on KNCO monthly.**
- Still need to hand out flyers/applications to businesses – **All**
- Need more application inserts to go with old Memorial Wall flyers. **Gary to order.**
- GVPD to install new video surveillance equipment in Grass Valley Memorial Park. **Gary to check on date.**
- Names on Memorial Wall need to be darkened around detachment #885 monument. See pics. **Gary to follow-up with vendor.**
- MCL Facebook page needs updating to advertise Memorial Wall and Recruiting. **Gary to do.**

B. Commandant: Gary Miller

- Propose candidates for upcoming MCL election. **All proposed elected. Installation April 2nd,**
 - o **Commandant – John Bynes**
 - o **Senior Vice – Jim Brodeur**
 - o **Jr. Vice – Steve Hoss**
 - o **Adj/PM – Rich Vizcarra**
 - o **Jag – Gary Miller**
 - o **Chaplain – General Steele**
 - o **Sgt at Arms - Robert Smail**
- John/Rich met with Auburn MCL re: joint MC Birthday at Vets hall
 - o **Saturday, Nov 10th**
 - o **MCL 885 members: Gary, John, Rich**
 - o **Auburn members: Frank Stanovich and ?**
 - o **Nevada Union Jazz Band and Choir; Sean Metroka will be guest speaker.**
- **MCL 885 still plans to hold MC Birthday at National Hotel as in past years. Hotel is under new ownership and is undergoing renovation. Bar moving upstairs.**
- Heater for MCL office? County Maintenance believes **fixed/MCL disagrees.** **Gary to meet with NCCVC 3/15 to discuss again.**
- Frank Stanovich to arrange another e-waste event soon.
- MCL Flag complaint - **Gary to follow-up with American Legion historian re: records.**
- Revised new member application finished – **Gary/John to print new member app that Gary re-designed.**
- Follow-up with people who showed interest in wall previously? **Rich to follow-up.**
- Budget reviewed at March Staff meeting.
- Buzz Elliott – MCL day at County airport. **BBQ, bi-plane rides. Date: May/June timeframe**
- **Dan Baldwin soliciting help with restoration of Civil War cemetery in Grass Valley. Need labor, dollars, and plaque. Gofundme account has been set up. Gary thinks the Native Sons might be able to help. Dedication date set for Nov 11, 2018.**
- Reminder:
 - o **Monthly/quarterly speaker – Who's next? Police Chief Gammelgard re: camera install? TBD**
 - o **After meeting camaraderie – Continue**
 - o **Once per quarter pot luck – April 2018 meeting. Casseroles, finger food suggested.**

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C. Senior Vice Commandant: Jim Brodeur, Fund Raising/Activities Past/Upcoming Events:

- See Rich's comments re: proposed fund raiser for walk/run.

D. Junior Vice Commandant: TBD, Membership

- Still Need replacement Jr. Vice Commandant
- Recruitment: TBD to contact recruiter re: separating Marines.
 - o Can VSO get mailing list of local Marines
- Our ad in Union will only show periodically; do we want to pay for weekly?

E. Adjutant: Rich Vizcarra, Correspondence

- Following members still need to renew membership: Berringer, Davis, and Hernandez. All members contacted again.
- Increase dues? State increased dues from \$9 to \$11 this year. Only leaves \$4 for us. Increase to \$40 per year? Requires further discussion at next Staff Meeting.
- Propose All Vets (VFW/American Legion/MCL) walk/run fund raiser; get donations from general public for number of miles we walk/run or straight up donation. Hike is for PTSD/suicide prevention. See handout Semper Fi article. Could use Fairgrounds for course or arrange to use city streets. Good way to involve younger vets. Committee formed to discuss options. Committee members: John, Gary, Mario and Rich.

F. Judge Advocate (JAG): TBD, By-Laws

- Need replacement for JAG.

G. Chaplain: General Steele, Binnacle List:

1. John Bynes – John still recovering. General Steele recommends “laminated no-duty chit” for John (tongue-in-cheek).
2. Prue Miller – Doing better but just diagnosed with COPD. Now receiving physical therapy.

H. Sergeant at Arms/Quartermaster/Toys for Tots - John Bynes

- Penn Valley vet needs help repairing roof. Skip and others have shingles. John talking to American Legion and others for help supporting this vet.

VII. Commandant

A. Upcoming Meetings:

Staff Meeting: Wednesday, 28 March, 2018; @ 18:00, GVVMB, MCL Office
Monthly Meeting: Monday, 2 April, 2018; @18:00, GVVMB, Remembrance Rm

VIII. Good of the League: Sergeant at Arms

A. 50/50 Winner: Gary ; Total Pot: \$ 33 ; To Fund: \$ 33 ; To Winner: \$ 0

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IX. Closing Ceremony: Commandant

X. Closing Prayer: Chaplain

XI. Meeting Closed at: 1905.

XII. Clean Up:

XIII. Tavern Time:

Remember our Departed Members with a Moment of Silence:

Robert Barclay

Benjamin Barry

Howard Clary

Stan Craemer

Nick DeZaparkanszky

Dustin Eichler

David Grey

Barbara Gunning

Robert Hanna

Dennis Jensen

Lyle Johnson

Rudy Kutchar

Milton Knutsen

Art Leitherer

Robert Lewis

C. A. McCammon

Katherine McCammon

Charles McLaughlin

Jacqueline Nash

Patrick Neff

Monte Norton

Dennis Olsen

Tom O'Flanagan

Larry Ransdell

John Strapak

David Swietlicki

Dudley J. Troutman

G.B. Tucker

Roy Wallen

Robert Wheeler

GOD Rest Their Souls

Respectfully Submitted By:

Richard Vizcarra

Adjutant/Paymaster