

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DETACHMENT 726, SOUTH HILLS PITTSBURGH
MEETING MINUTES of September 1, 2021

Opening Ceremony: The meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commandant Matt POPOVICH

Roll Call Officers: Commandant - Matt POPOVICH - Present
Sr. Vice Commandant - Gary WOODSIDE - Present
Jr. Vice Commandant - Chuck BURROW - Present
Judge Advocate - Shawn KANE - Present
Paymaster - Joe TURBA - Present
Chaplain - Ralph JEDD - Present
Adjutant - Joe TURBA - Present
Sgt-at-Arms - Joe SPINNENWEBER - Present
Past Commandant - Dave LUIKART - Excused
Recording Secretary – Haya EASON - Present

Guests: None

Awards: None

Applications for Membership: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion to accept Minutes from 8/4/21 John Donley. Seconded by Bob Malley.

Report of Officers:

Commandant: See Good of the League

Sr. Vice Commandant: No report.

Jr. Vice Commandant: No report.

Judge Advocate: No report.

Chaplain's Report: No report.

Sgt-at-Arms: No report.

Adjutant: No report.

Report of Standing Committees:

COLOR GUARD/PARADES: No requests at this time. Awaiting word regarding an invite by VFW to participate in Pittsburgh's Veterans Day parade this year.

COMMUNICATIONS: Chuck BURROW created a Death Notification Checklist for families that can be given out at the Repass to assist with questions and information after a Veteran's death. The checklist has been posted on the website. Annual POW/MIA (24-hour) Vigil held at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Museum and Hall beginning at noon on 9/18 and ending at noon on 9/19.

WEBMASTER/SOCIAL MEDIA: There 27 Likes on Facebook through August. The webpage calendar has Google map links to help you get to a location for a MCL event or where we will be participating. VFW Magazine asked the question of what readers were doing on 9/11/01. Shawn KANE submitted a response that was published which he was asked to read.

QUARTERMASTER: No report. Patches from a uniform were donated by Matt POPOVICH.

ROSE CAMPAIGN/PROGRAM: Donations garnered on Saturday, August 7 from 10 – 2 p.m. total \$328. This is much lower than the \$1,000. intended to go to the Washington Co. Guardian Angel Angel Box for training service dogs for veterans. We would like to do another campaign by the end of the year. Shawn KANE suggested that we wait until the Rose Program has another opportunity to go out to solicit for donations and the MCL will donate the remainder.

YOUNG MARINES: The Young Marines Ball is scheduled for Thursday, October 14th at 6 p.m. at the Georgetown Center. We're considering a Graduation and Ball combination. Tickets are \$27. Per person. RSVP with number of attendees due to caterer two weeks prior. No other activities at this time. New registrations for YM. YM will participate in a Table Ceremony at the VV Vigil in September

HISTORIAN: History of the 9/11/01 Terrorist Attacks. It began at 8:45 a.m. EST. Nineteen Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes to target U.S. targets due to the amount of fuel on board and their scheduled long trans-continental journey. Almost 3,000 people were killed. Two planes hit the World Trade center in NY, one plane hit the Pentagon in DC and one plane was downed by courageous passengers and crewmembers in Shanksville, PA. Three Memorials were erected – in NYC, at the Pentagon and the Flight 93 crash site.

SOCIAL: Joe SPINNENWEBER is waiting to pick up the menu. Newsletter will include info and other letters will go out. We are asked to make and donate themed Raffle Baskets for MC Ball. Bring items that can be combined or included in a basket to the next meeting unless you are putting a basket together yourself. So far there will be a Gambling basket, Wine basket, Christmas Basket, Thanksgiving Basket, Entertainment Basket.

Correspondence: None

Paymaster Report:

Motion by John DONLEY to accept the Paymaster's Report. Seconded by Bob MALLEY.

Old/Unfinished Business: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for 4 on 8/8 at Hamilton Presbyterian Church was a very nice event. Matt POPOVICH and Chuck BURROW attended. Knives and certificates were purchased for them. Second request for dues letter going out.

New Business: Motion by John Donley for \$600. Donation to the YM Program. Seconded by Bob MALLEY. Suggestion by Margaret LOBER to have a MCL Post 726 Patch design competition through BPHS Art students. The new embroidered patch design could be a fundraiser and placed on denim shirts, caps, etc. The winning submission would be given a scholarship donation. She will continue to research with an Embroiderer for cost. Gary WOODSIDE knows of a Veteran who is a professional Magician who could be the entertainment at our 2022 MC Ball scheduled for Saturday, 11/12/22. He would do it at cost. Sr. Vice would host the Veteran if approved so the cost to us would be \$500. plus car travel expenses. Motion by Joe SPINNENWEBER of waiting until the Rose Program has another opportunity to go out to solicit for donations for the Angel Dogs and the MCL will donate the remainder. Seconded by Joe TURBA.

Good of the League/Announcements: Volunteers are needed for the National Day of Service on Friday, 9/10 - There will be a Patriot's Day Headstone Cleaning at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Washington County to commemorate 9/11 Terrorist Attacks beginning at 10 a.m. Register at Operation Carry the Load. There is a District 10 meeting on 9/19 at 1300 in Allegheny Valley, Building 827, Springdale, PA. Joe SPINNENWEBER and Gary WOODSIDE will attend. Free breakfast event for veterans and their spouses on 9/25 at Murrysville Alliance Church. Event begins at 9 a.m. The guest speaker is an Afghanistan / Iraq War combat veteran. There has been a lot of talk / discussion about veterans returning from Afghanistan and are not being honored or celebrated similar to what happened with our Vietnam Veterans. Coraopolis and Ohio Valley 882 are having Welcome Home event on 9/11 at 11 a.m. Parade starts at 11 a.m. Meet at the Park in Ride at 10:30 a.m. You can attend in uniform or in civilian clothes wearing MCL emblems. MCL 2022 Calendars are available for \$30. each. A couple of our members won and at least one member won twice. There were 18 attendees at tonight's meeting. Don BAILEY encouraged members to get more involved by attending meetings, district meetings and conventions to learn more of what is going on. Lifetime membership dues will not be as high at \$800. Devil Dogs meeting in Springfield, Illinois had 150 in attendance and raised \$70,000. for Illinois Children's Hospital and \$5,600. raised for the Foundation which helps veterans with whatever essential needs they may have. Article read regarding flag etiquette saluting the American flag or hand over one's heart when in civilian clothes.

Meeting dismissed at 2025