

Department of Illinois Marine Corps League
2nd Staff 15 October 2017

Opening ceremony at 0900

Salute to colors rendered by Sgt at Arms Kappes

Prayer offered by Chaplain Pro Tem Bill Barta

Dignitaries on board:

Bill Barta, Central Division Chief of Staff
PCDD C.O. Smith

Past Department Commandants:

C.O. Smith PDC
Mike Malmstrom PDC
Bill Barta PDC
Mike Ruffner PDC
Greg Baker PDC

Marine of the Year:

PDC Mike Malmstrom
PDC Bill Barta
PDC C.O. Smith
Bruce Blackmer
PDC Greg Baker

Roll call of Officers:

Commandant Munson - present
Sr. Vice Blackmer - present
Jr. Vice Sturch - present
Judge Advocate Burns - present
Paymaster Malmstrom - present
Sgt at Arms Kappes - present
Jr. Past Commandant Baker - excused
Chaplain Carleton - excused
Adjutant Weber - present

Trustees:

#1 PDC Martin - excused (PDC Baker - pro tem)
#2 PDC Barta - present
#3 Kappos - present
#4 Olejnicki - present

District Commandants:

#1 Dave Allen - present
#2 Mike Ruffner - present
#3 Joe Pollock - present
#4 Les Hall - excused
#5 Jim Carleton - excused
#6 Mark Brown - excused
#7 Robert Weber - present
#8 John Morgan - absent

Detachments present:

Burbank #72
Collinsville #74
Collier-Harrison #75
Illinois Valley #78
Peoria Leathernecks #81
DuPage County #399
Lincoln #607
DeKalb County #847
McHenry County #1009
Alton Leathernecks #1160
Lincoln Land Leathernecks #1174
West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177
Kevin Clark - Tinley Park #1217
Richard L. Pittman Det. #1231
Kankakee MCM Det # 1253

Rules of Staff Conference read by Judge Advocate Burns

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes were not read, however, corrections were made stating that PDC Martin was inadvertently omitted as Trustee #1 from 1st Staff minutes and correction was made. Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Sue Gibbons, seconded by Dave Allen. Motion carried.

Officer Reports

Commandant Munson- Joliet Detachment to be suspended. Danville Detachment is having uniform issues, NCO swords used by non-members, personality conflicts.

Sr. Vice Blackmer-Raffle tickets for 1911 and M1A1 are available. Pistol shoot proposed for 3rd staff in March. A letter addressing NFL situation is attached to the minutes and will be endorsed and passed to Central Division.

Jr. Vice Sturch-Recruitment and retention was presented. A list of recently discharged Marines is to be sent to District Commandants. Applications for membership need to have a sponsor.

Judge Advocate Burns- Detachment bylaws require annual review. Send changes to JA, if no changes notify the JA.

Paymaster Malmstrom-Reports (AG990's) must be filed to prevent losing charter. Reporting to Secretary of State covers detachments in case of lawsuits. Send transmittals with checks.

Sgt. at Arms Kappes- Report on file.

Chaplain Carleton - Report on file.

Jr. Past Commandant Baker - Report on file.

Adjutant Weber - Report on file.

Trustees - Report on file.

Quartermaster Geise - Report on file.

District Commandants 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 7th on file. 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th excused.

Report of Committees:

Audit & Budget - Report on file.

Awards & Citations - Report on file. Chairman Sturch stated that they need to be specific using examples of "above & beyond".

Legislative - No report. It was brought to the body that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is citing budget cuts in an effort to do away with individual unemployability as well as limiting the homeless stand downs to two days as opposed to three.

Ritual Observance - Report on file.

Liaison Officer - No report

POW/MIA - No report

Marine of the Year - No report

Springfield State Fair - Need volunteers, no guarantees. Color Guard - nothing to report.

Vietnam - No report
Korean War - Report on file.
Membership - Report on file.
Illinois Marine - Report on file.
Marine for Life - Report on file.
Website - Report on file. Has received 27,000 hits.
Eagle Scout - Eight certificates sent
Toys for Tots - No report
Historian - No report
Desert Storm, Iraq, Beirut - Report on file.
Transitioning Marines - Report on file. Veterans should contact their IDES Vet Rep for employment issues.
Scholarship - Vicki Cobbett presented ideas about the application process. Essay format was reviewed and application is being developed. Motion was made by Mike Ruffner, seconded by Bruce Blackmer to accept the proposal. Motion carried. It will be published in the ILLINOIS MARINE January 2018 and finalized at the 2018 Convention.
Time & Place - Patti Morgan was brought in to tell about the plans for 3rd Staff to be held in Carbondale. Plans have not been finalized pending definitive information from the hotel. A motion was made by Tom Geise with a 2nd from Frank Christie that if the information is not available by the end of business on Thursday, October 19th the Staff will be hosted by Department in Central Illinois. Motion carried.
Young Marines - Report on file.
Credentials - Report on file.

Bible was closed.

Mike Ruffner presented a proposal to have the 2018 Convention in Crystal Lake hosted by McHenry County Detachment. He has scheduled it for June 14-17, 2018 at the Holiday Inn. Room rate is \$92.00. Motion by Vicki Cobbett, seconded by Bill Barta to accept the proposal. Motion carried. Mike's committee is planning to restructure the convention books and print 1000 copies to have them placed in VA facilities throughout the state as a public relations/recruiting tool for the League and Auxiliary. They are hoping to get corporate ads to offset the cost of the project.

Renee McGuan has been appointed as the MCLA member of the Time & Place Committee. She thanked the League for including the Auxiliary in the decision making process and expressed a desire to have more communication with our officers prior to setting dates to avoid conflicts in schedules. She also thanked the Kankakee Detachment and Unit for a great job of hosting this staff meeting.

Bible was reopened.

Unfinished Business

Mike Malmstrom reported that tickets are available for the CVA Luncheon.

New Business

Bruce Blackmer reported that Kankakee's raffle this weekend raised \$227.00 for the Department.

Good of the League

Mike Ruffner shared MC birthday info
Burbank Birthday Ball - November 12
Lincoln Land Installation - January 6
Mid-Winter dates - March 1-4
3rd Staff - March 10-11
Central Division - April 5-7 - Lansing, MI
National Convention - August 12-17, Buffalo, NY
Marine Week - August - Chicago

Awards

Presented one to ILLINOIS MARINE and two to McHenry County

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Dale Munson, Mike Malmstrom, Randy Weber, Greg Baker and Paul Siembab for their participation in the POW/MIA Ceremony at The Wall that Heals in Sycamore, IL from the DeKalb County Detachment.

Announcements

The groundbreaking for the Illinois Gold Star Families Memorial will take place on Monday, October 30th at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield. MOH Recipient Woody Williams will be present. A meet & greet will follow.

Jim Taylor of Kevin Clarke Detachment announced a Day at the Races at Manteno VA Home. Illinois Valley club will be open November 10th with a cake cutting ceremony at 1900. DeKalb is raffling a 1911 with 2nd prize of \$250 and 3rd prize \$100. Tickets are \$10. Vicki Cobbett thanked the Kankakee Detachment for hosting this staff meeting.

Colors honored by Sgt at Arms Kappes

Prayer offered, Bible closed by Chaplain Pro tem Bill Barta to reopen March 10, 2018 in Carbondale.

Respectfully submitted

Robert R. Weber
Adjutant
Department of Illinois
Marine Corps League

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