



Greater Nevada Detachment 186 Marine Corps League
Minutes of Town Hall – 23 January 2025
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Ceremony

1. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Applications for Membership
 - Elizabeth Quinones – Verified and paid (absent)
 - Keith Hughes – Verified (absent)
 - USMC, GySgt, 1982 – 1994
 - 7291 – Senior Air Traffic Controller
 - Larry Griffin, Jr. – Verified (absent)
 - USMC, SSgt, 1998 – 2008
 - 7041 – Aviation Operations Specialist

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Golf Committee reconvened 15 February at 1300
 - Need more Committee members who will be able to work the event – feel free to join us at the next Golf Committee meeting on Saturday, 15 February at 1330
- b. Ball Committee reconvening 20 February at 1700
 - Volunteers who would like to work on getting ad sales, work the pre-ball party, or work at the event are encouraged to join the Committee.
- c. Impromptu Event – Escape Room \$45 per person
 - Sometime in February, Thursday, in the evening
 - About 90 minutes in total
- d. Dark Guardian Paint it Forward 20 February at 1700 – \$44 per person
 - Registration information on Detachment website at gnd186mcl.org
- e. Department of Nevada Convention
Saturday, 26 April
Mizpah Hotel – Tonopah, NV
 - \$10 Regular Members; \$5 Associate Members
 - Convention and hotel registration information available on the Detachment's event calendar on our website at gnd186mcl.org
- f. Southwest Division Conference
Saturday, 17 May
Leatherneck Club
 - \$40 registration with beverage bar and lunch; \$10 registration with beverage bar and no lunch
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- g. Check our website at gnd186mcl.org
 - News and announcements are posted on the Bulletin page
 - Calendar items are posted on the Events page

- h. Friday nights are social nights

Commandant recessed the meeting.

Official Business

Commandant brings the meeting back to order.

Sergeant at Arms called the meeting to order and secured the quarters at 1848.

Colors were posted and the Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.

The Chaplain led out in prayer.

Roll Call of Officers		
Commandant	Jon-Michael McCormick	Present
Senior Vice Commandant	Bill Knipper	Excused
Junior Vice Commandant	Andrew Thompson	Excused
Judge Advocate / Color Sergeant	Cesar Enriquez	Excused
Adjutant / Paymaster	James Paulson	Present
Chaplain	Leonel Gurrola	Excused
Sergeant at Arms	Scott Roff	Present
Social Media Coordinator	Frank Garcia	Present
Detachment Service Officer	Bruce Empol	Present
Liaison	Dane Humble	Present
Historian	Vivienne Kiattavong	Present
Junior Past Commandant	Troy Carroll	Present
Chief of Staff	Lynnnoi McCormick	Present

We do not have a quorum (5 members in good standing plus 2 detachment elected officers present).

Minutes of the previous town hall are on the Detachment's website at gnd186mcl.org.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a. Historian
 - Nothing to report



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- b. Liaison
 - Sgt Daniel Slaughter had an accident that resulted in an amputation of his leg – currently does not need anything; keep him and his family in prayers
- c. Social Media Coordinator
 - 1409 new members on Facebook
 - Fire Watch translation with 500 reactions
 - 293 Instagram
 - Recommendations to increase engagement
 - Make posts a call to action
- d. Detachment Service Officer
 - At the Leatherneck Club every Thursday 1300 – 1600
 - Revamping parts of applicable disabilities as of April 1, 2025 – those who have filed may be grandfathered in
 - No more 0% ratings
 - Project 2025 does not exist
 - Some of these changes can reduce ratings
 - VA has the right to re-evaluate every 3 years
 - Permanent and total is protected unless fraud is found
 - 2.5% disability increase for 2025
 - 16 veterans have been helped to date
- e. Color Sergeant
 - Nothing to report
- f. Sergeant at Arms
 - Merchandise for sale
- g. Chaplain
 - Scott McKenzie has been laid to rest – Military honors service and committal followed by placement of urn in his final resting place on Wednesday, 29 January at 1240, Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery
 - Dan Peterson service was last week
- h. Adjutant
 - Nothing to report
- i. Paymaster
 - December checking account
 - \$77,958.90 in deposits and credits
 - \$76,200.90 transferred from savings to cover The Orleans Hotel & Casino invoice for birthday ball
 - The remaining were from membership dues, merchandise sales, Holiday party, donations
 - \$80,831.11 in withdrawals and debits



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- Reimbursement to Jr. Past Commandant for travel expenses to National Convention
 - Extended stay for Jeremy Vincent, “Marine” in need
 - Birthday ball, Holiday party
 - \$15,000 transferred to savings after reconciliation
 - December savings account
 - \$0.32 deposits and credits in interest
 - \$76,200.90 withdrawals and debits transferred to checking for The Orleans Hotel & Casino invoice for birthday ball
 - Our financials are open to those who would like to see them. Please reach out to the Paymaster to arrange a time to meet.
 - Recommend donating additional \$1,000 to Basic Academy MCJROTC for their care and storage of the Detachment’s uniforms NOTE: Detachment has historically donated additional funds for this support (e.g., 2019 \$5,000, 2021 \$7,000, 2022 \$3,000, 2023 \$4,000)
 - 4th quarter audit completed
- j. Chief of Staff
- Nothing to report
- k. Junior Past Commandant
- NA
- l. Judge Advocate
- Detachment bylaws will be revised in compliance with the National Bylaws wherein members will be notified of proposed changes to bylaws at least ninety (90) days prior to being brought to the membership for a vote
- m. Junior Vice Commandant
- Nothing to report
- n. Senior Vice Commandant
- Nothing to report
- o. Commandant
- Nothing to report

The meeting was adjourned at 1946