



Greater Nevada Detachment 186 Marine Corps League
Minutes of Town Hall – 24 October 2024
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Ceremony

1. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Applications for Membership
 - Dane Humble
 - Dave Austin
 - Eugene Drozd
 - Irvin Crain
 - Jade Benay
 - Leonel Gurrola
 - Paul Ernst
- b. Transfers
 - NA
- c. Balloting of Membership
 - Dane Humble
 - Dave Austin
 - Eugene Drozd
 - Irvin Crain
 - Jade Benay
 - Leonel Gurrola
 - Paul Ernst
- d. Ceremony of Initiation, Introduction of New Members and Guests
 - Dane Humble
 - Irvin Crain
 - Leonel Gurrola
 - Paul Ernst

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. VAREP Comedy for a Cause – Saturday, 02 November 2024 at 1700 – 1900
Stoney's Rockin Country, Town Square
- b. Veteran's Day BBQ Resource Fair – Friday, 08 November 1000 – 1400
3090 E. Centennial Parkway
North Las Vegas, NV 89081
RSVP (702) 633-1640
- c. Homes For Our Troops – Saturday, 09 November 0930



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Key Ceremony – Navy HM3 Adrian Walker
4871 Maverick St, Las Vegas, NV 89130
RSVP: www.hfotusa.org/Awalker

- d. Marine Corps birthday – Sunday, 10 November
Leatheneck Club
 - Uber. Lyft, taxi – parking lot will be closed
 - Bring cash – cards bog down the system and will take a long time
- e. Detachment Holiday Party – Thursday, 19 December 1800
 - Town hall at 1700
 - \$35 per person – registration will be available online
 - White elephant – \$25 maximum per gift
 - Space is Limited - Maximum of 50 people
- f. 2025 National Midwinter Conference – 27 February 2025 to 01 March 2025
Sheraton Pentagon City
Arlington, VA
mcleaguelibrary.org/conference
- g. Department of Nevada Conference – 25 to 26 April 2025
Mizpah Hotel
departmentofnevadamcl.org/events
- h. SW Division Conference – 17 May 2025
Leatheneck Club
- i. Check our website at gnd186mcl.org
 - News and announcements are posted on the Bulletin page
 - Calendar items are posted on the Events page
- j. Friday nights are social nights

Official Business

Commandant brings the meeting back to order.

Sergeant at Arms called the meeting to order and secured the quarters at 1857.

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



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Senior Vice Commandant	Bill Knipper	Present
Junior Vice Commandant	Andrew Thompson	Present
Judge Advocate	Hank Peralez	Excused
Paymaster	Zachary Peterson	Present
Adjutant	James Paulson	Present
Chaplain	Leonel Gurrola	Present
Sergeant at Arms	Scott Roff	Present
Color Sergeant	Cesar Enriquez	Present
Social Media Coordinator	Frank Garcia	Present
Detachment Service Officer	Bruce Empol	Present
Liaison	Dane Humble	Present
Historian	Vivienne Kiattavong	Excused
Junior Past Commandant	Troy Carroll	Excused
Chief of Staff	Lynnoi McCormick	Present

We 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.

- Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the previous town hall as posted.

3. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a. Historian
 - NA
- b. Liaison
 - NA
- c. Social Media Coordinator
 - 1400 followers on Facebook; 271 on Instagram
 - 1900 reach
 - Best ad – Navy birthday
- d. Detachment Service Officer
 - Also works with DAV as CSO to help with benefits
 - Can always file for more benefits
 - Have helped 55 veterans
 - Even if a veteran is 100%, they should keep filing so that survivor benefits will cover service-connected
 - Benefits are tax-exempt
 - Assisted wife of a Marine to get survivor benefits
 - VA takes 156 days to look at benefit claims
- e. Color Sergeant
 - May be doing Color Guard for Desert Dogs (first Friday in December)



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- Always looking for volunteers
- f. Sergeant at Arms
 - Please remember to sign in
 - Please renew memberships if not already done
 - 50/50
 - Merchandise
- g. Chaplain
 - Jack O'Rourke is recovering at home. He will be 89 on 02 November. He no longer drives and gets a ride with Dave Jochman when Dave is in town for meetings
 - Mark Bylund had a stroke a few weeks ago. He is now in PAM rehab and doing well in his first week with them.
 - LtGen Buck Bedard is well and seems in good spirits. The Commandant visited with him. He sends his best.
 - Paul Bowen a stroke-like event on the way to the meeting; disoriented; recovering in the hospital
 - Attended unaccompanied veterans services with the Patriot Guard at the Boulder City cemetery.
- h. Adjutant
 - Harry Hunold has somehow fallen off the roster; we are correcting
- i. Paymaster
 - September checking account
 - \$9,803.45 deposits and credits
 - Golf tournament
 - Birthday ball
 - Merchandise sales
 - Membership dues
 - \$100 donation
 - \$5,859.86 withdrawals and debits
 - Golf tournament
 - September savings account
 - \$.74 deposits and credits from interest earned
 - Funds are earmarked for birthday ball expenses
 - Profit and Loss – Detachment's financial health
 - 2022 net income \$42,556.30
 - 2023 net income -\$12,229.98
 - 2024 net income -\$23,382.69
 - Cumulative income \$6,943.63
 - Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the finance report as given.
- j. Chief of Staff



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- ROI following the Detachment's election of officers were submitted to Department of Nevada Adjutant and Paymaster on 30 September 2024
 - Annual filing has been completed with the Nevada Secretary of State 15 October 2024
- k. Junior Past Commandant
- NA
- l. Judge Advocate
- Article 3 Section V – Changing notice for amendments from 30 days to 90 days for compliance with National Bylaws
- m. Junior Vice Commandant
- Marine Corps League membership cards – pass them out
 - Anyone interested in the Detachment may be referred to the Jr Vice Commandant
 - Doing a roundtable with veteran organizations in January to open lines of communication
- n. Senior Vice Commandant
- NA
- o. Commandant
- Addition of appointed officers
 - Chaplain, Leo Gurrola
 - Liaison, Dane Humble
 - Detachment Service Officer (DSO), Bruce Empol
 - Chief of Staff, Lynnnoi McCormick
4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
- a. Golf Committee
- Aliante Golf Club
Sunday, 29 September
- 14 sponsors – 13 hole sponsors; 1 tee box sponsor
 - 51 players
 - Net \$6,968.49
 - Thank you to sponsors, players, and volunteers
- b. Ball Committee
- Pre-ball Party – Friday, 15 November
Leatherneck Club
- Guest of Honor expected to arrive approximately 1630 for meet and greet
 - Food, drinks, fun, merchandise, auction
- Birthday Ball – Saturday, 16 November at 1730
The Orleans Hotel & Casino



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- Tickets still available
 - c. Activities Committee
 - Trivia Night
 - Video Game Tournament
 - Indoor Rock Climbing
 - Beer Pong
 - Hiking
 - Paintball
 - Potluck Picnic
 - Buck Bedard Foundation hunts
5. BUSINESS
- a. Unfinished Business
 - NA
 - b. Good of the League
 - Pancake Breakfast – Bill Knipper and Scout Troop is looking for fundraising opportunities some time in February. Sunday morning, 0800 - 1100 approximately.
 - Election process grievances
 - Nomination Committee never explained the rules of the election process
 - Nomination Committee did not explain who would be able to vote
 - Duties and responsibilities of the Nomination Committee were not defined
 - Committee members were not the only ones who handed out ballots
 - Regular members only to vote and not associate members or guests
 - Associate members were counting votes
 - No one is contesting the outcome; Jr. Past Commandant is not contesting the outcome
 - c. Announcements
 - Dark in November
 - Check our website at gnd186mcl.org
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 - DARK in NOVEMBER for Town Hall Meeting. Regular Town Hall Meeting On December 19th.
6. The meeting was adjourned in 1950.