



Greater Nevada Detachment 186 Marine Corps League
Minutes of Town Hall – 24 April 2025
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Ceremony

1. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Applications for Membership
 - Leon Kennedy, Jr.
 - Bruce Bechtol, Jr.
- b. Applicant Introductions
 - Leon Kennedy, Jr.
 - Bruce Bechtol, Jr.
- c. Balloting of Membership
 - Leon Kennedy, Jr.
 - Bruce Bechtol, Jr.
 - Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept as new members
- d. Ceremony of Initiation
 - Leon Kennedy, Jr.
 - Bruce Bechtol, Jr.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. SW Division Conference
Saturday, 17 May
Leatherneck Club
 - \$40 registration with beverage bar and lunch
 - \$10 registration with beverage bar and no lunch
 - Registration at mclswdivision.org – closes 08 May
- b. MCL Marksmanship Competition – Pistol Only
Saturday, 17 May at 1900 (after SW Division Conference)
Green Valley Range
 - \$70 entry – limited to 28 shooters
 - Includes: food, soda and coffee, targets
 - Registration at gnd186mcl.org/shooting
- c. Memorial Day Services
Monday, 26 May 2025 from 1000 – 1100
Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery
 - Flag placement
Saturday, 24 May 2025 at 0700
Gather in chapel courtyard area for a briefing
 - Flag pickup



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Monday, 26 May 2025 at approximately 1415

- Volunteers needed for the color guard – see Sr. Vice Commandant

- d. 4th of July Summerlin Council Parade
 - Color Guard and participants to ride or walk needed – see Commandant

- e. Deep Sea Fishing – 5-hour Charter
 - Saturday, 26 July at 0630
 - Dana Wharf, Dana Point, CA
 - \$160 per person – 35 persons capacity
 - Registration at gnd186mcl.org/fishing
 - Summer is high-season in Dana Point – make hotel reservations soon

- f. Golf Tournament
 - Sunday, 12 October, shotgun at 0800 with lunch banquet following
 - Painted Desert Golf Club
 - Early registration is open until 30 June at \$140 per player at gnd186mcl.org/golftournament
 - First 50 registrants receive an early registration package and a chance to win a foursome at Desert Pines Golf Club
 - Foursome prize will be drawn in July

- g. Ball Committee
 - Saturday, 15 November
 - The Orleans Hotel & Casino
 - Tickets go on sale 01 May on the Detachment's website at gnd186mcl.org
 - Pre-ball party on Friday, 14 November at the Leatherneck Club – open to everyone

- h. Check our website at gnd186mcl.org
 - News and announcements are posted on the Bulletin page
 - Callendar items are posted on the Events page

- i. Friday nights are social nights

Commandant recessed the meeting.



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Official Business

Commandant brings the meeting back to order.

Sergeant at Arms called the meeting to order and secured the quarters at 1900.

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	Present
Junior Vice Commandant	Andrew Thompson	Excused
Judge Advocate / Color Sergeant	Cesar Enriquez	Present
Paymaster / Adjutant	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	Excused
Junior Past Commandant	Troy Carroll	Present
Chief of Staff	Lynnnoi 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

- Saturday, 03 May at 1330
Truck Company (Nellis AFB)
Steve Thompson and Teena Barna will speak to the Marines about VA loans

c. Social Media Coordinator

- 1,423 Facebook
- 483 Impressions regarding marksmanship competition
- MOS task translations did well, recommend to continue



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- d. Detachment Service Officer
 - Thank you to Ghost for giving us space to help veterans with claims on Thursdays from 1300 – 1600
 - 21 veterans helped this month
 - Bringing new trainees to add more help
 - VA.gov to check demands and new checklists for claims – send to Social Media Coordinator to post on social media
- e. Color Sergeant / Judge Advocate
 - Memorial Day – need for color guard
 - See Color Sergeant
- f. Sergeant at Arms
 - Please sign in
 - Merchandise at the back table
 - Various pins for free
- g. Chaplain
 - Anthony Espada had prostate cancer surgery this week and is now home and recovering
 - John Mosley is having hot and cold spells
 - Nicholas Losito is still recovering from heart surgery last month
- h. Adjutant / Paymaster
 - March checking account
 - \$668.73 deposits primarily from SW Division Conference and merchandise sales
 - \$3,098.06 Withdrawals and debits primarily for the shooting competition and the fishing charter
 - March savings account
 - \$0.33 deposits from interest
 - Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the finance report as given.
 - Sgt Daniel Slaughter, Las Vegas Platoon Sergeant, lost his leg and is currently on worker's compensation and is needing financial assistance because his income has been reduced by 2/3
 - \$1,200 per month mortgage
 - Recommend covering two months' mortgage
 - Motion made, seconded, passed
 - Desert Pines MCJROTC awards ceremony in May
 - Recommend donating \$500
 - Funding has been cut and MCJROTC programs are one of the first ones schools will cut
 - Motion made, seconded, passed



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- i. Chief of Staff
 - NA
- j. Junior Past Commandant
 - NA
- k. Junior Vice Commandant
 - NA
- l. Senior Vice Commandant
 - NA
- m. Commandant
 - NA

4. BUSINESS

- a. Unfinished Business
 - NA
- b. Good of the League
 - MODD – Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League
 - Raise funds for the local children's hospital at the location of the National Marine Corps League's convention each year
 - There are multiple Marine Corps League detachments in the valley
 - Marines are not treating each other with respect – there is a lot of negative comments Marines are making about each other
 - Leatherneck Club protects and moves things forward and will not support anyone or any group that does not share the same vision
 - Legislation was passed that military and law enforcement can have fees waived with they adopt a pet
 - Delta Dental scholarship available – application is on National Marine Corps League's site

5. The meeting was adjourned at 1944.