



Marine Corps League
Greater Nevada Detachment #186
Minutes of Meeting – September 24, 2013



The Sergeant at Arms called the meeting to order, secured the quarters at 1900

The colors were posted and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was rendered

The Chaplain led out in prayer

Officers Roll Call		
Commandant	Lisa Michael	PRESENT
Senior Vice Commandant	Don McCarty	PRESENT
Junior Vice Commandant	Pete Castenada	PRESENT
Adjutant	Phil Bever	PRESENT
Paymaster	Norm Honadle	PRESENT
Judge Advocate	Bill Collier	EXCUSED
Chaplain	Dave Jochman	PRESENT
Sergeant At Arms	Mark Byland	PRESENT
Past Commandant	Jack O'Rourke	EXCUSED

Roll Call of Officers	Completed.
New Members	None
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Read, motion to accept as read completed
Correspondence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John F. Mackie, the first USMC MOH recipient 2. Bill Feeney's memorial flyers 3. National POW/MIA recognition day flyer 4. Forgotten Soldiers, the US Army's Philippine Scouts, a documentary film flyer.
Recognition of Guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Al Ripken of the Jewish War Vets donating a WWI fencing glove 2. Randolph Heaton transferring from the Kings County, CA Detachment 3. George Cyr a Marine from 1964-1968 at Eight & Eye in DC
Report of Paymaster	Paymaster Honadle reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An audit of the last 3 months' activity was completed and all fine • \$2910 in the General account, \$41719 in the Ball account and \$20307 in Savings • Motion made to accept the Paymaster's report, seconded and vote accepted the report.
Report of Any Member of Family Sick or in Distress	Chaplain Jochman reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a card being passed around for Col. Tom who is in the hospital after 9 hours of back surgery on top of cancer. • Saturday, the 31st there is a funeral for Ed Feeney • The Detachment was able to help out 3 families this month with a bit of monetary assistance – an out of work Marine with electricity shut off and a bedridden wife of a Marine who recently passed having gallbladder issues. • Phone call with Polish Joe from Chicago ... his dad was a WWII Marine stationed in Iceland in the same unit as Morris O'Conner and came to Vegas to meet Morris in the hospital.
Report of Officers	Commandant – No report Sr. Vice – Reported that the POW/MIA event at the Nellis/Craig VFW was well attended. A 75 or 80 year-old WWII vet stood up and recounted how, as a tail gunner on a B24/25 when his plane got shot up and the pilot ordered everyone to bail out - he did but landed in a POW camp. Jr. Vice – No report JA – No report



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	<p>Paymaster – The Detachment designed and purchased coins and will be selling them for \$10 each. Purchased 1000 coins and the sale of these will be a good fundraiser for the Detachment.</p> <p>Adjutant –.No report Sgt.-at-Arms – No report Chaplain – No report</p>
Report of Standing Committees	<p>Golf Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report <p>Ceremonial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two.
Report of Special Committees	<p>So Nevada MC Ball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paymaster Honadle reported that Capt. Jack was in Oakland. • The Ball is basically sold out with 2 additional tables added so expecting 1, 110 people at the Ball • Next year former CMC General Al Grey will be in attendance. <p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
Unfinished Business	<p>Nominations for elections continue for this second month. Former Commandant Phil Cufari is again this year the elections chair. Nominations are at the August and September meetings with elections in October.</p> <p>Nominees were instructed that they had to respond that if elected are they willing to hold the post for which they are nominated</p> <p>Nominations were taken for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commandant – Lisa Michael • Sr. Vice – Don McCarty • Jr. Vice – Pete Castaneda • JA – Bill Knipper (Bill responded via email) and Hector Gomez <p>Chairman Cufari stated that the only contested post is JA so the election in October will be for this position.</p>
New Business	<p>Commandant Lisa stated that she has been contacted by a woman writing a book regarding the transition from military to civilian life. The Commandant will pass the contact info to anyone interested in being interviewed by this woman.</p>
Good of the League	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tom “Ghost” Martin reminded everyone about the upcoming USMC Birthday weekend and the activities at the Leatherneck Club <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Last year was phenomenal, this year will top that – starts Friday night with live bands at 1700 and rolls all the way through to Sunday ii. The Ball after-party begins at 10:30 Saturday night iii. The actual USMC Birthday is Sunday and don’t forget about the Veterans Day Parade on Monday iv. Wounded Warriors will be at the Club on Friday and Sunday and at the Ball on Saturday v. There will be a small cake cutting Friday night and a large cake cutting on Sunday vi. The Bar’s rules apply – Respect air to for our Country, the Corps, Veterans and have a good time 2. Gordy Sousa reported on the wheelchairs- have 8 and so far 4



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	<p>issued. There are also 4 scooters available and acquired another chair to work on. Also Det. 186 and the VVA donated 19 walkers including canes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Rick Beshmanoff stated there is an Honor Flight leaving October 3rd for Washington. The Honor Flight is trying to organize another after this October flight. These are open to WWI and now Korean vets (as stated by Dave Heine). 4. The presentation by Dignity Memorial was mentioned as being very informative. So many vets believe the VA will do everything and this is not the case as all the VA will do is plant a vet in the Veteran's Cemetery. The vet is responsible for taking care of the body, the casket and all other pertinent arrangements. Sgt.-at-Arms mentioned that it is expensive if not through the VA.
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Motion to close the meeting made and seconded. Motion carried.

Colors Secured Closing Prayer Meeting Closed 1950

Phil Bever, Adjutant