



**Minutes of Meeting**  
**01-11-2022**  
**MCL Detachment #969**

**Members Present: 8**

The Commandant called the meeting to order at 1900 hrs.

**Role Call of Officers**

**Cmdt** Brian Maupin--**Present**

**SrVcCmdt** (interim) Kyle Price--**Present**

**JrVcCmdt** Leon Cox--absent

**Judge Adv** Joe Lunceford--**Present**

**JrPastCmdt** Doug Essinger--**Present**

**Adjutant** Michael Ugale--**Present**

**Paymaster** Larry Larson--absent

**Chaplain** Ann Larson--absent

**Sgt at Arms** Riley Newcomb--absent

**SvcOff** vacant

**VAVS** Keith Thompson--absent

**WebSgt** Larry Bevil--absent

**New Membership/Applications:**

Motion by Doug Essinger to accept and swear in new detachment associate applicant Kristena Bly, seconded by Kyle Price—PASSED. Kristena Bly was inducted as an associate member by Commandant Brian Maupin.

Kristena has a degree in social media and will be a great help with the upcoming Facebook page! Welcome aboard Kristena!

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to accept previous minutes as reported by Joe Lunceford, seconded by Kyle Price—PASSED.

**Correspondence:**

On January 25<sup>th</sup> from 1900-2300hrs the Tennessee Department conference will be online and will be open to all. <https://www.goto.com/meeting>

**Paymaster Report:**

Benevolent Fund	<u>\$1224.00</u>
General Fund	<u>\$2813.79</u> (-\$59.83 from last month)
Toys For Tots Fund	<u>\$2151.69</u>
Savings	<u>\$19.84</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6189.48</b>

**Sick or In Distress:**

Ann and Larry Larson—Covid quarantine. Tom Pauls is doing well after his surgery. Alaina Maupin continues to have problems with pain management.

**Officer Reports:**

**-Cmdt:**

We are continuing to look for members to participate in a detachment color guard—anyone interested please contact Cmdt Brian Maupin.

Recruiting, retention, and **Meeting Attendance** continue to be a major concern—we need everyone to help out and do their part!

**-SrVc:**

Nothing to report (NTR).

**-JrVc:**

NTR.

**-JA:**

Will be looking into creating a “Pandemic Exception” for the total number of members/officers present to have a quorum so official meetings can take place—the Dept. JA should be able to help with this and will be contacted.

**-JrPast Cmdt:**

Deferred to Fund Raising.

**-Adj:**

I, Mike Ugale (adjutant) have created a new email address from which I will send detachment updates, monthly meeting minutes, and so on. **LOOK FOR EMAILS FROM THIS NEW ADDRESS IN YOUR JUNKMAIL FOLDER AND ADD TO CONTACTS, PLEASE.** I will not be using my personal email for these purposes any longer starting in a few weeks—this is to help avoid me missing correspondence that is mixed in with my other personal mail.

New email address: [MCL-detachment-969@protonmail.com](mailto:MCL-detachment-969@protonmail.com)

**-Sgt Arms:**

NTR.

**-VAVS:**

NTR.

**-Chaplain:**

Steve Bickford presented a Fallen Marine certificate to the family of Gate City, Virginia resident Marine Trevor Chapman—thank you Steve!

**Standing Committees:**

**-T4T:**

Sgt. Kidwell was not forthcoming with details or participation information this past Christmas season—unsure of the reason for this.

**-Donations:**

NTR

**-Fundraising:**

Doug will be getting contact information for the Department's legal affairs (?) to forward to Mike Graham regarding the raffle of the 3 Garand M1 rifles that we are planning to do.

❖ **GOLF TOURNAMENT, JUNE 11, 2022!!!** Cattails Meadowview, Kingsport TN

- Doug has the completed brochures ready for distribution to members in February—they look **GREAT!**
- Doug also has a list of teams/potential sponsors that have already been contacted that will be distributed next month as well—when we start to canvas the areas for additional teams/sponsors we need to make sure we **DO NOT** visit those businesses again
- **What we need members to do in the meantime**—please start making a list of TV commercials from advertisers (and where they are located) that you see often so we can visit them to seek sponsorship. Examples include lawyers, doctors, businesses and so on, that might be interested in advertising their services. Please forward the list to Doug Essinger before the end of February so we can create a list and plan the areas to canvas in March. Doug's email: [furballusmc@hotmail.com](mailto:furballusmc@hotmail.com)
- Finally, we will need volunteers to canvas the areas and businesses for sponsorship—**PLEASE** dress professionally when doing so later in the Spring—you only have one chance to make a good 1<sup>st</sup> impression!

**-Recruiting and Retention:**

Recruitment cards from Ann Larson forwarded to Mike Graham to be printed soon—one thousand cards for approximately \$175 look like what we will go with. Those cards also look **GREAT!**

**Special Committees:**

**-Rose Program:**

Kyle Price mentioned that a tent can be setup at the Kingsport Racetrack to sell roses/solicit donations at any time—that is much needed good news!

**Unfinished Business:**

Golf Tournament and Recruitment cards mentioned above.

**New Business:**

NTR.

**Good of the League:**

Doug and his sister have established a scholarship at Daniel Boone High School in honor of their brother, Navy fighter pilot Major Gordon Essinger, killed in Vietnam.

**Announcements:**

We need **CURRENT MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS AND PARTICIPATE!** There are a lot of great things we can accomplish this year, but we need members to help out!

Meeting adjourned at 2001 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michael Ugale*