



Greater Nevada Detachment 186 Marine Corps League
Minutes of Town Hall – 26 September 2024
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Opening Ceremony

The Sergeant at Arms called the meeting to order and secured the quarter in 18:34.

Colors were posted and the Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.

The Chaplain led out in prayer.

Roll Call of Officers		
Commandant	Troy Carroll	Present
Senior Vice Commandant	Teena Barna	Present
Junior Vice Commandant	Bill Knipper	Present
Judge Advocate	Hank Peralez	Present
Adjutant	Jim Paulson	Present
Paymaster / Junior Past Commandant	Wesley Edmunson	Present
Chaplain	Dave Jochman	Excused
Sergeant at Arms	Bruce Empol	Present
Color Sergeant	Andrew Thompson	Present
Social Media Coordinator	Frank Garcia	Present
Chief of Staff	Lynnnoi McCormick	Present

We have a quorum.

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

- Correction: Mark had 2 strokes and right knee worked on.
- Motion made to accept the minutes as adjusted, seconded and passed.

- GUESTS
 - a. Siam Cutler, CEO / President of Clover Sports, Father was Army POW

- MEMBERSHIP
 - b. Applications for Membership
 - Eugene Drozd

 - c. Transfers
 - NA

 - d. Balloting of Membership
 - NA

 - e. Ceremony of Initiation, Introduction of New Members and Guests



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- NA
- REPORT OF OFFICERS
 - a. Adjutant
 - Correspondence
 - Award from DOD Vietnam War Commemoration
 - Thank you for donations to the JROTC programs from Clark County School District.
 - b. Paymaster
 - August checking account activity
 - \$20,476.31 in deposits and credits, predominantly from the golf tournament and birthday ball
 - \$24,522.05 in withdrawals and debits, most of which was transferred to Savings.
 - August savings account activity
 - \$24,098.11 deposits and credits, the majority of which were transferred from checking
 - Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the finance report as read.
 - c. Chaplain
 - Sharon Nelson had surgery 9/20/2024, now recovering at home
 - Mark Byland is improving and present
 - Gene Edwards broke 7 ribs and has pneumonia, recovering in the hospital
 - d. Sergeant at Arms
 - NA
 - e. Color Sergeant
 - NA
 - f. Social Media Coordinator
 - 1413 followers on Facebook
 - 279 followers on Instagram
 - g. Chief of Staff
 - NA
 - h. Junior Past Commandant
 - NA
 - i. Judge Advocate
 - NA
 - j. Junior Vice Commandant



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- 13 September – Farewell ceremony for veterans memorial at the Grant Sawyer Building, moving to Northern Las Vegas at the Guns of Birds Sports Complex in 2026
- Seek members wherever you can

- k. Senior Vice Commandant
 - NA

- l. Commandant
 - NA

- REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 - a. Golf Committee
 - Aliante Golf Club
 - Sunday, 29 September
 - 0730 Shotgun start
 - Thank you to our 13 hole sponsors and 1 tee box sponsor (who are listed on our website and our campaigns) – most of whom were brought on by Andrew Thompson
 - Thank you to everyone who worked to pull everything together

 - b. Ball Committee
 - Pre-ball Party
 - Leatherneck Club
 - Sunday, 10 November at 1700
 - Uber, Lyft, Taxi. Cash- Leave your credit cards at home. The parking lot will be closed

 - Birthday Ball
 - The Orleans Hotel & Casino
 - Saturday, 16 November at 1730
 - 78% sold – please get your tickets
 - Room block for discounted hotel rooms is still available

 - c. Nomination Committee
 - Commandant Nominees
 - Troy Carroll
 - Jon-Michael McCormick – elected

 - Sr. Vice Commandant – Bill Knipper-elected

 - Jr. Vice Commandant – Andrew Thompson-elected

 - Judge Advocate
 - Hank Peralez – elected
 - Cesar Enriquez-Donate



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Newly elected and appointed officers installed

- Commandant, Jon-Michael McCormick
- Sr. Vice Commandant, Bill Knipper
- Jr. Vice Commandant, Andrew Thompson
- Judge Advocate, Hank Peralez
- Paymaster, Zach Peterson
- Adjutant, Jim Paulson
- Sgt at Arms, Scott Roff
- Historian, Vivienne Kiattavong

▪ BUSINESS

a. Unfinished Business

- NA

b. Good of the League

- NA

c. Announcements

- LtCol Van Slyke
Basic Academy MJROTC program funding from the Marine Corps has been drastically reduced
 - Midway Foundation sweepstakes – every \$20 = 1 ticket into the sweepstakes to win a variety of prizes
- Department Convention
Mizpah Hotel, Tonopah, Nevada
April 25-26, 2024
Department website to attend
- Tunnels to Towers-Meeting North Las Vegas City Hall-October 9th
 - Will help homeless veterans get off the streets and get started
 - No children, drugs, or alcohol allowed
 - Project in Houston has had no complaints
 - Petition going around to sign
- Veteran Resource Fair
Silverton Casino
Saturday, 28 September at 0800
- Marine Corps birthday
Sunday, 10 November
Leatherneck Club
 - Uber, Lyft, Taxi



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- Bring cash
- RS SLC 249th Marine Corps Ball-Salt Lake City
Cocktails at 1830
Saturday, 08 November at 1800
- Total Promotion Company 5 Year Anniversary and Holiday Party
Thursday, 19 December at 1600
Total Promotion Company
Registration required – limited space
- Check news, announcements, events, and calendar at gnd186mcl.org
- Friday nights are social nights
- The meeting was adjourned in 20:08