

**JONES WOLIN & O'BRIEN  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
Detachment 771  
Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting called to order – Date: 240110 Time: 1900 Hours Members Present: 10**

**Opening Ceremony:** According to the Ritual.

**Roll Call of Officers:**

**Commandant:** Fred Brunner P

**Jr. Vice Commandant:** Lawrence Iverson A

**Paymaster:** Tim Conrad P

**Chaplain:** Dewayne Meeker P

**Web Sergeant:** Steven Swenton P

**Sr. Vice Commandant:** John Labriola P

**Adjutant:** Steven Swenton P

**Judge Advocate:** John Richmond P

**Sergeant At Arms:** Kraig Rulong P

**Applications for Membership:**

None

**Minutes of the previous Meeting:**

Read and Accepted w/o corrections: Y

Tabled until: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrections: \_\_\_\_\_

List corrections made:

Motion for approval: John Richmond Seconded By: Bob Blake Aye U Nay \_\_\_\_\_

**Correspondence:**

.None discussed.

**Report of Members / Family sick or in distress:**

None Reported

**Report of Officers**

**Commandant:**

Call from Pound 153 asking if we can have a Devil Dog Growl on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wheeling VFW 4442.

Requested our presents at the “A night to shine” event at the former Moundsville Penitentiary on February 9<sup>th</sup>. They are asking that we volunteer to assist them.

Discussed the possibility of staying or moving the Detachment meeting place from the VFW 4442 building as \$300.00 per month rent is going to drain our treasury without major and frequent fund raisers.

Motion to continue paying VFW 4442 for the use of their meeting room for the next 6 months (February through July 2024) or until we find another venue for our Detachment meetings. We will revisit this situation either when we find a new place to meet, or at our June 2024 meeting.

Motion for approval: John Richmond    Seconded By: John Labriola    Aye   U      Nay \_\_\_\_\_

Went over the duties and responsibilities of the Chaplain's position.

**Sr. Vice Commandant:**

Toys for Tots update: We had a total of 20 volunteers between the Marine Corps and others. 117 families were served 278 children were served plus another 50 through one of the churches. I recently reached out to 2 other local (charitable) organizations and they agreed to come to us next year to assist us in supplying toys to children in the local area. Toys for Tots has asked us to think beyond Christmas as toys and other forms of assistance could be needed during the year such as Floods, Fires, and other local disasters. Toys to children in foster homes and hospitals among other areas.

**Jr. Vice Commandant:**

None (Absent)

**Adjutant:** Read the minutes of the March meeting.

**Paymaster:**

General Ledger: \$ 3904.95

Special Ledger: \$ 2925.30

Detachment Account Total: \$ 6829.25

Motion for approval: John Richmond    Seconded By: Steven Swenton    Aye   U      Nay \_\_\_\_\_

Paymaster, Tim Conrad, asked the Judge Advocate, John Richmond, if we can always automatically pay the \$ 300.00 to the VFW 4442 until we actually move to a new meeting place as we are paying rent month to month instead of by lease. Judge Advocate Conrad recommended making a motion to authorize the payments for up to a 6 month period (June 2024).

**Judge Advocate:** In November and December, I transported 14 passengers for a total of 48 hours, and Marine Tom Hart transported 17 passengers for a total of 99 hours, to and from the VA hospital in Pittsburgh.

**Chaplain:** None

**Sergeant At Arms:** None

**Web Sergeant:** None

**Report of Standing/Special Committees:**

The Department gun raffle was discussed. Tickets were distributed to the Detachment members.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Discussed term limits for Detachment Officers. Tabled the discussion until the February meeting about rewriting the Detachment by-laws to reflect this.

**Good of the League:**

Motion to reimburse \$ 75.00 to Adjutant / Web Sergeant Steven Swenton for his trip from Aliquippa, PA to Morgantown, WV to attend the quarterly Department Winter Conference.

Motion for approval: Fred Brunner    Seconded By: Dewayne Meeker    Aye   U      Nay \_\_\_\_\_

**Announcements:**

There will be a Devil Dog Growl on Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wheeling VFW 4442.

Requested our presents at the “A Night to Shine” event at the former Moundsville Penitentiary on February 9<sup>th</sup>. They are asking that we volunteer to assist them.

**Closing Ceremony:** According to the Ritual.

**Time Closed:** 2016 Hours.