

Marine Corps League Detachment 672

Newsletter for January 2015

Commandant's Greeting:

I was happy to see all the members and their families at the DEC Christmas dinner. I really enjoyed our meal, and all of the displayed holiday spirit. Thank you to all members for their time and effort in preparing the food. The Toys for Tots drive was a success for 2014.

I will brief more under Good of the League. In FEB, we will have our detachment meeting at the Round Table Pizza Restaurant in Sparks at 751 Galleria Pkwy Suite #101. This is located next to the Home Depot store. The Web-Sgt will send out an email to all members with instructions.

Keep looking for new members, and pass out the detachment's business cards.

Semper Fi,
Don.

Opening Ceremony:

Officially Opened at 1930. Officially Closed at 2013.

Roll Call:

All Officers present except for the Adj/Paymaster, and the Senior Vice.

Members Present are listed.

David Walker

Del Hoberg

Don Enea

Fred Vigil

Paul Weller

Richard Olsen

Ron Breaux

Tom Bickert

Application, Balloting, and Initiation of new members. NONE

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The December meeting was only the swearing in of the 2015 Officers, and the Christmas Dinner.

Correspondence:

Richard Olsen briefed all on a Thank You letter from the Volunteer Officer at the VA Hospital in Reno. This letter expressed sincere thanks for our detachment having the annual USMC Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony at the CLC located in the hospital. The time and effort spent by the "Battle Born" was very much appreciated by all patients and staff. A "Well Done" was in order for DET#672.

David Walker briefed all on a free meeting to be given by a Psychologist on the effects and causes of PTSD. This will be held at 18:00 on 26 JAN in the VFW Hall where our meetings are held.

Ron Breaux spoke of information he received about the Wild Sheep Foundation Convention to be held at the Convention Center in Reno on this coming weekend, and he has some discount passes in any member requests one.

Report of Paymaster:

NONE, as Ken Santor has had eye surgery, and is recovering.

Report of any Member sick, or in Distress:

Richard Olsen asked about how Claudia Wiles was doing after the passing of her mother, and was advised that she was doing fine. Our detachment sends our best wishes to Claudia.

Report of Officers: Don Enea reported on the DEC 2014 results of the Toys For Tots Drive. Don thanked all members for their help in the TFT program, with special thanks going to Ron Breaux, Hugo Tello, Pat Warmouth, Pam Guerin, and Ken Santor. Also, the ROTC unit at Damonte Ranch High School was very helpful at the Wal-Mart opening drive in their Star Wars Storm Trooper outfits.

Don spoke of the extra media coverage we received after our trailer was stolen, and how numerous people called him to help with TFT. The final unofficial TFT count was about 43 thousand toys/stuffed animals.

The 2014 TFT drive did not have a large book donation as the 2013 TFT drive did.

Report of Standing and Special Committees: NONE

Unfinished Business:

Fred Vigil and Paul Weller spoke to all about their participation at the DEC Gun Show, and reported that Hot Sauce sales were about \$ 410. Also, they met two young Marine couples that were interested in joining the detachment, and participating in our events. We hope these couples become active members.

Fred also suggested that our current members get the phone number of potential members, and call them just before the next meeting and give a reminder to attend.

New Business: NONE

Good of the League:

Richard Olsen briefed all about some happenings going on at the VA Hospital. One plan being considered is to close off permanently Kirman Ave to all car traffic, and to expand the VA Hospital into the Kirman Ave area. Also a new plan may tear down the current parking structure, and replace it with a larger one. Richard spoke of the Red Cross asking for any volunteers to help them with the Red Cross projects.

Next, the VA Hospital itself needs more volunteers. Please contact Richard if you are interested in volunteering at the VA Hospital.

Lastly, the VA has opened a new "East Campus", which will serve those vets needing access to the Mental Health resources of the VA. This "East Campus" is located off of Mill Street by several Charter Schools and not too far from the Truckee Meadows Water Office.

Tom Bickert briefed all on the Department of Nevada MCL State Convention for 2015 to be held on May 1&2 in Reno at the Sands Hotel. The Fallon High Desert Detachment will be the host, and there will be room discounts for those wanting a room. Marine Robert Roach will be the Fallon member who will be the coordinator. Don Enea has more info for anyone needing more info.

Don Enea reminded all that the February meeting will be held at the Round Table Pizza in Sparks, near the Home Depot Store located off of Galleria Parkway in Spanish Springs. A buffet dinner will be available to those who want to purchase dinner. The meeting will start at 19:30, and the dinner before for those interested.

David Walker spoke of his idea for taking care of old, tattered US flags, and of their proper disposal. He briefed all on how he had been in several activities disposing of flags, and the latest were at the Fernley cemetery. David said he will help with this idea. Paul Weller and Tom Bickert also gave helpful comments during this discussion.

Don Enea informed all members about today's shooting at the VA Hospital in El Paso, TX. Always pay attention to your surroundings, and be aware of those around you!

Closing Ceremony: Officially Closed at 2013.

Next meeting on Feb 3, 2015 at 1930 the Round Table Pizza located at
4751 Galleria Parkway, Spanish Springs.

Please arrive at 1900 in order to get some food before the meeting starts at 1930.

Marine Corps League Detachment 672 Newsletter for February 2015

Commandant's Greeting:

I want to thank all members for their participation at the meeting held at Round Table Pizza. We had a lively discussion on a wide range of issues, and by having the meeting at the Round Table Pizza; all members enjoyed a new atmosphere along with a nice dinner. Keep looking for new members, and be sure to keep, and distribute to former marines our detachment business cards.

Semper Fi,
Don Enea.

Opening Ceremony: Meeting Officially Opened at 19:33

Roll Call: All Officers present except the Senior Vice. Members Present are listed.

Bob Livingston
Bob Sohrt
David Walker
Don Enea
Fred Vigil
Hugo Tello
John Glatthar
Ken Santor
Kimberly Wood
Pam Geurin
Pat Warmouth
Richard Olsen
Ron Breaux
The La Fleur Family: Robert, Holli, and Diane
Tom Bickert

Application, Balloting, and Initiation of new members: None

Minutes of previous meeting:

Richard Olsen made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2015 meeting as published by the Web Sergeant, and posted on our website. The motion was passed.

Correspondence:

Ken Santor briefed all on the National MCL Mid-Winter Conference to be held in Falls Church, VA. Also, National MCL is coordinating multiple trips this year to military sites of famous battles. These are listed in the Semper Fi MCL magazine.

Richard Olsen briefed all on the VA Hospital letter received thanking our detachment for the USMC November 2014 Birthday Cake Ceremony, and on the enjoyment of all residents and staff. Also, the VA in Reno is hosting a Creative Arts Festival in February, and is looking for veterans' participation. See Richard for details.

Report of Paymaster: Ken Santor gave a report of Nov-Dec 2014 finances. Income was \$2254, and expenses were \$ 2325.69. Ken had eye surgery in January, and will include Jan 2015 report with the February 2015 numbers at the March meeting. Ken reported that we had an extra expense of \$200 on receiving new license plates for our trailer.

Report of member/family sick, or in distress: Fred Vigil spoke of his relative in a VA hospital in CA, and that this relative was doing better, and that he was so pleased that he was voted in as an honorary member of our detachment. Tom Bickert asked for Ken Santor to give a brief to all on his eye surgery, and Ken did so.

Paul Weller was absent from the meeting, and Fred said he would check on Paul.

Report of Officers: Ken Santor reported that at the February Gun Show we would have only one table. Fred Vigil briefed all on the results of the DEC Gun Show, and on some of the problems due to the loss of our detachment trailer. Don Enea spoke on how volunteers could receive an arm band to work the February Gun Show.

Don Enea again thanked all members that worked so hard on the 2014 Toys for Tots. Tom Bickert spoke on his attending a monthly meeting of the Fallon High Desert Detachment in January.

Hugo Tello advised all that he and his family will be moving to CA, and the February meeting will be his last one in Reno. All members wished Hugo, and his family, best wishes and a safe journey.

Ken Santor and Don Enea briefed all on the May Dept of NV Annual MCL State Convention to be held at the Sands Hotel, and hosted by the Fallon Detachment. Discussion was held on our detachment having a \$125 ad in the convention magazine, and the vote passed. Ken will work with John Glatthar to place the ad in the magazine. Any member wanting to attend the convention, see Ken or Don.

Report of Standing Committees: NONE

Unfinished Business: Don Enea spoke to all members of a proposal from a veteran's group in Yerington for our detachment to have a "Hoops For Heroes" Basketball team and attend a game in Yerington on 28 March. This will be an all day event, and discussion was held by the members. More information will be presented later.

New Business: Tom Bickert briefed all on the serious deterioration of the USMC plaques at our 155mm Memorial at Fernley. Discussion was held on a plan to replace these plaques, and for a cleanup of the memorial area.

Good of the League: Fred Vigil spoke to all on his desire, and the need, for all members to look sharp in the MCL uniform attire for our meetings, and detachment functions. We need to show pride and to dress better when we are in public. This look will hopefully result in more membership.

Ken Santor has detachment business cards to pass out to those needing more.

Kimberly Wood spoke to all on how nice it was to have the monthly meeting away from the VFW hall. The Round Table Pizza Restaurant was an excellent location, and the food was good. She suggested that we have meetings at various locations to attract more members, and to make travel more equal for members. A lively discussion was held with many points of view. Members voted to have the April 2015 meeting at the Round Table Restaurant in Lemmon Valley.

Kimberly Wood next suggested that the detachment use social media to attract new members to the MCL, especially younger marines that do not read a daily newspaper. An example would be using Facebook and other internet sites. Much, much discussion was held with numerous ideas presented, but research was needed to comply with any regulations from National MCL. A motion was made, and passed by the members to investigate this further.

Don Enea proposed the detachment have a social event in the good weather. His idea was for a shooting contest/picnic/outside gathering. John Glatthar also offered suggestions, as did David Walker, Tom Bickert, and Bob Livingston. A motion was made, and passed by the members for further study.

Fred Vigil proposed that our detachment submit articles to the MCL Semper Fi Magazine to be published in that publication. Examples would be about the Air Races, and Toys for Tots.

Ron Breaux asked Ken and Don on the status of replacement of items lost when the trailer was stolen. Ken and Don spoke of their efforts to replace items, and of the cost of those things. An estimate of \$5000 was given to completely start over. Many members spoke with constructive suggestions, and with ways to raise the necessary funds.

Closing Ceremony: Officially Closed at 20:46.

Next Meeting to be held at VFW Post 9211 on Tuesday March 03.

Marine Corps League Detachment 672 Newsletter for January 2015

Commandant's Greeting.

I wish to thank all participants for attending the March meeting. Our detachment has some activities this month, and I hope for your help in making these events a success.

Also, it is the season for basketball "March Madness" so I hope your team will do well. Remember that Easter will occur before our next meeting, so plan to spend the Easter weekend with family and friends.

Semper Fi,
Don Enea

Opening Ceremony:
Officially Opened at 19:35

Roll Call. All Officers present except the Senior Vice. Members present listed below.

David Walker
Don Enea
Fred Vigil
Ken Santor
Kimberly Wood
Paul Weller
Richard Olsen
Ron Breaux
Tom Bickert

Application, Balloting, and Initiation of new members: NONE

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Richard Olsen made a motion to have the FEB 2015 minutes accepted as published by the Web-Sgt. The motion was passed by the members.

Correspondence:

Ken Santor briefed all members on an invitation to attend a St. Patrick's Association dinner to be held at the Reno Elk's Club on March 11th. The guest speaker at the dinner is USMC retired Lt. General Marty Brandtner, who served on active duty for 34 years, retired in 1993, and was awarded 2 Navy Crosses for combat during the Viet Nam War.

Ken will send a check for the dinner, and each member that attends will reimburse Ken the \$28 fee. Happy Hour is at 18:00, and dinner is 19:00.

Ken Santor read a Letter from the VA Hospital concerning the 2015 National Creative Arts Festival, to be held on March 11th at the Reno VA, and the presentation review to be on March 13th.

Ken also spoke to all members about the "new" Marine Corps Hymn written during Pres Truman's term.

Report of Paymaster:

Ken Santor reported that Jan/Feb together were a slim two months. Total income was \$503, and total expense was \$1196. For further information, contact Ken. Discussion followed.

Report of Member sick, or in distress: NONE.

Report of Officers:

JAG Ron Breaux reported on the incident with M/GYSGT Sullivan at the DEC meeting. Ron gave the background, and discussion followed. Ken Santor also spoke how the Toys For Tots, and the Christmas Dinner affected events. Fred Vigil suggested our detachment provide a temporary MCL DET#672 ID Card to new members to have until the official ID card arrives from National MCL. Richard Olsen will look into this, and report back. Don Enea also said that new members will be reminded to keep their USMC history brief when they introduce themselves to the detachment.

The next meeting will be held at the Round Table Pizza Restaurant in Golden Valley, which is located off of Hwy 395 North at exit #73. Proceed to North Valleys Blvd, and turn LEFT, continue for 300 yards, and you will see the Round Table Pizza, to the left side of Raley's Supermarket. Fred Vigil has reserved the meeting room for our April meeting.

Ken Santor , and Don Enea briefed all members on the Department of Nevada Scholarship awarded to a Carson City student attending UNR. Discussion followed about the scholarship program.

Report of Standing and Special Committees: NONE

Unfinished Business: Tom Bickert informed all on the poor shape of the Marine Unit plaques at the Fernley Cemetery. Discussion followed. Members suggested metal plaques, or perhaps ordering something from Sgt Grit. JAG Ron Breaux volunteered to look into what could be done to obtain new plaques. Members voted to spend up to \$75 per plaque, if needed, to secure powdered metal plaques.

New Business: NONE

Good of the League: Fred Vigil suggested that our detachment send a card/Certificate to Hugo Tello to thank Hugo for all of his work for the detachment. Our detachment was sorry to see Hugo and his family move to California. His email is tello6017@hotmail.com

Ken Santor and Don Enea briefed all on the Spring Home & RV/ Outdoor Show to be held at the Reno Convention Center on March 20, 21, and 22. Setup will be at 13:00 on March 19th.

Ken spoke of the need to acquire new banners, and more inventory. Discussion followed. Don briefed all on a donated trailer from Yerington that was used for the detachment needs.

Don and Ken led a lengthily discussion on ideas to raise funds so the detachment can purchase more inventory. For now, our monthly income comes from hot sauce sales. JAG Ron Breaux had an idea for a trailer to provide coffee/water at rest areas, and ask for donations from travelers. Another example was to do something like the Honor Flight Pancake Breakfast. More discussion will be had at the April meeting.

John Glatthar phoned into the meeting to explain about the "Battle Born " Web-Site being down. John is working with "Go-Daddy", and with the server provider, and our Web-Site should be up and running in a day or two.

Richard Olsen briefed all on the detachment's VAVS Annual Review that Richard completed at the Reno VA Hospital. Our detachment passed with flying colors.

Paul Weller spoke to all about the ceremony during the Korean War when Gen MacArthur turned Seoul back to President Ree. The US Army was on the Main Street of the ceremony, and the Marines were told to be guarding the side streets, at least one street back from the main route. All official photos of the ceremony only had Army units in the pictures. So much for equal recognition.

Closing Ceremony: Officially Closed at 20:58.

Our next meeting is April 07 at 19:30, to be held at Round Table Pizza in Golden Valley, Route 395 North, exit #73, proceed left on North Valley Blvd, on the left side of Raley's Supermarket.

Marine Corps League Detachment 672
Newsletter for April 2015

Commandant's Greeting:

Spring is here! Thank you to all members for attending the Round Table Pizza meeting in Golden Valley. April will be a slow month for us, so get busy with your spring cleaning. The Dept. of Nevada will have the State Convention at the Sands Hotel on May 1&2, so plan to attend. Keep looking for new members, and plan to participate in our summer events.

Semper Fi,
Don Enea.

Opening Ceremony: Officially Opened at 19:40. April 7, 2015

Roll Call: All Officers present except Sr. Vice, and Jr. Vice. Members present listed below.

David Walker
Don Enea
Fred Vigil
John Glatthar
Ken Santor
Kimberly Wood
Paul Weller
Richard Olsen
Roger Ferguson
Ron Breaux

Application, Balloting, and Initiation on new members. NONE

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Richard Olsen made a motion to have the March 2015 minutes accepted as published by the Web-Sgt. The motion was passed by the members.

Correspondence: Ken Santor read a letter to the members concerning our detachment's excellent passing of the Annual VA Volunteer Review. Richard Olsen is our coordinator/representative and he has been reappointed by National MCL. This letter thanks all members for their support of VA activities.

The Dept. of Nevada Commandant also sent a letter stating a job well done.

Ken Santor briefed all on the May 1 & 2 Dept. of NV State Convention. Discussion followed.

Ken briefed all members on the new rules/regulations for veterans submitting claims for disability. All claims must now be submitted on

official forms, and preferably by computer. No more hand written letters will be accepted. Ken has the letter if anyone wants to read it. Also this letter is online for all to see. The Reno VA has computers available for all to use, they are located by the pharmacy. Discussion followed.

The VA Volunteer Officer sent our detachment a complementary letter concerning our detachment participation in VA events throughout the year. Ken read this to all present.

Ken Santor briefed all on the tax statement received from our Toys for Tots participation in 2014.

Ken Santor informed all on the correspondence concerning the issue of Master Gy/Sgt Sullivan. Discussion followed, with members offering ideas.

Ken Santor described the MCL Detachment 672 \$500 Scholarship, which was awarded to Sterling Hall. Discussion followed about the scholarship program.

Many members spoke of the 2015 Nevada Legislature, and the bills up for a vote.

Report of Paymaster: Ken Santor advised all that April will be a slow month. Total Income for March was \$1,087. Total Expense was \$1028.98. Any members wanting more info contact Ken.

Don Enea briefed all about the detachment trailer and obtaining replacement items.

Report of Member, or Family sick, or in distress. David Walker spoke of his wife having a broken shoulder, and how her recovery is progressing.

Report of Officers: Covered in Correspondence, and under Good of the League.

Report of Standing Committees: NONE.

Unfinished Business: JAG Ron Breaux gave an extensive brief on the situation with former Master Gy/Sgt Sullivan. Ken Santor advised all that he will inspect the new member list when it arrives from National MCL, and see if Marine Sullivan is listed. Much discussion followed. Various members offered different suggestions on how to resolve this, and to prevent any future similar situations.

Richard Olsen has ordered detachment "Temporary Membership Cards" to be issued to new members when they join, while the new

member is waiting for the National MCL Official Membership Card. Ken Santor and Don Enea will have these temporary cards. Also, Fred Vigil suggested that persons interested in joining, be called on the phone before a meeting, and reminded about the next meeting.

John Glatthar spoke to all on the web-site mistake that happened when our detachment site went dark. The problem has been solved, and the web-site is up and running. Also, the members voted to allow the Web-Sgt to review all emails sent to the site, along with the Commandant's access.

JAG Ron Breaux briefed all on the replacement plaques for the Fernley Memorial.

JAG Ron Breaux presented his idea for a fund raiser. This is to offer water, and hot coffee at highway rest areas, and have a donation jar for motorists to contribute to. Discussion followed. Nothing would be for sale, all drinks would be free to motorists, and each motorist could offer a donation if they wanted to. A trial date and trailer with supplies was set up. A report will be made at a later meeting.

Ron Breaux asked the detachment to obtain his red MCL Detachment 672 shirt, and Ken will handle it.

Good of the League. Discussion was held on the cleanup at the Fernley Cemetery. Kimberly Wood suggested a date of May 11th for the cleanup, as her dad is buried at Fernley. A vote was held, and the date of May 11 (Monday) was approved.

Paul Weller has been invited to go to Korea on a Korean provided memorial trip, and he is excited.

Ken Santor passed out detachment business cards to all members.

Richard Olsen spoke to all about an occupation talk to be held at the Veteran's Elementary School on April 21. This talk is to present to students the description of various jobs so they can be informed as to different job skills and requirements.

Richard Olsen advised all that the VA Eye Clinic will move sometime this summer. A new location has not yet been determined, nor a definite date.

Richard Olsen gave all members the date for the detachment summer picnic. It will be on Sunday, July 12th at the marina in Lakeridge shores. More info to be presented at later meetings.

Ron Breaux spoke of a raffle of a Ruger 380 LCP. Contact Ron for information and tickets (\$20).

Closing Ceremony. Officially Closed at 20:55.

Next meeting is at the VFW 9211 bunker on Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Marine Corps League Detachment 672 Newsletter for May 2015

Commandant's Greeting:

Thank you to all members attending the May meeting. Memorial Day is May 25th, and there are multiple events scheduled for this day. Plan to attend at least one of these events, and support all veteran's efforts. Keep recruiting new members, and block your calendar for upcoming events in June and July. I am looking forward to seeing high participation at our summer programs.

Semper Fi, Don Enea

Opening Ceremony: Officially Opened at 19:32 on May 5, 2015

Roll Call: All Officers present except for the Adjutant/Paymaster, Sr. Vice, and Web-Sgt.

Members in attendance:

Bob Livingston
David Walker
Don Enea
Pat Warmouth
Paul Weller
Richard Olsen
Ron Breaux
Tom Bickert

Application, Balloting, and Initiation of new members: NONE

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Richard Olsen made a motion to have the minutes of the April 2015 meeting accepted as published by the Web-Sgt. The motion was passed by the members.

Correspondence and Paymaster Report: NONE

Report of Member/Family in Distress:

David Walker reported on the sudden passing of Ken Santor's son, Kenny Jr. Arrangement's will be announced as to the time of a ceremony for Kenny. Members are suggested to send/hand sympathy cards to Ken. Members are advised to wear the Official MCL uniform to this and any such ceremony.

Report of Officers: Ron Breaux reported to all members on his work on procuring metal plaques for the 155mm Fernley Memorial. He is in the process of obtaining bids from several schools, and will report back at a future meeting.

Ron Breaux also briefed all on his plan for raising funds by having his trailer set up at highway rest areas, providing water/coffee to travelers. One weekend event has already happened, and much learning was accomplished.

Another event is planned for May 9th at the I-80 Eastbound rest area, about 50 miles west of Reno, at the Boreal Rest Stop near the Donner Pass Summit. The time will be about 0900-1300. Ron and Bob Livingston are looking for volunteers to help. If able, contact Ron.

In addition, Ron briefed all on the bottled water sales program that our detachment had at the Crossroads Gun Show. Discussion followed for both topics.

David Walker spoke of the Commander-in-Chief nominating USMC Commandant General Dunford to be the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Unfinished Business:

Tom Bickert briefed all on the Fernley 155mm Memorial. A cleanup has been scheduled for Monday, May 11th. Members will meet at the McDonalds at Vista Blvd at 7:40am, and will leave McDonald's at 8am, and plan to arrive at the cemetery by 8:30am. Discussion was held, and Pat Warmouth spoke of the planting of new flowers, and about the general cleanup. Members were advised to bring gloves and garden tools. The 155 will be washed, and the tires dressed.

Richard Olsen again briefed all on the Honor Flight Pancake breakfast fast to be held on Memorial Day May 25th. This year it will be held on Victorian Square in Sparks, from about 7am-10am. Contact Ken, or Jon Yuspa if able to work.

Also, a special Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony will be held at the Fernley Veteran's Cemetery on May25th.

New Business: Bob Livingston informed all of the Annual Mustang Car Show to be held on June 6th, at the Peppermill parking lot. Setup will be on Friday 05 June. More info will be provided at the June 02 meeting.

Good of the League: June 6th will be the anniversary of D-Day in WW2, remembering all veterans who served.

Don Enea spoke of the upcoming Reno Rodeo, and our booth there. The set up will be on June 16th in the morning, and the Rodeo will be from June 18th-28th. Our booth is #40, and is close to the Jack Daniels tent.

Volunteers are needed, and Don has a signup sheet. The busiest times will be from 4pm-9pm, and we will be selling our normal items. More info will be announced at the June 02 meeting. Paul Weller recounted some rodeo stories.

Don Enea advised all on a VFW Raffle of a 1903 30-06 Springfield. The drawing will be held on Veteran's Day, and tickets are \$10 each.

Ron Breaux thanked our detachment for being able to sell several of his personal firearms at the gun show.

Paul Weller reported that he found a hot sauce check from 2014, and turned it over to Ken.

David Walker suggested that our detachment provide each member with a copy of the Dept of NV Bylaws. Also, if our detachment is to publish our own bylaws, then each member should also receive a copy of these. Much discussion followed, and multiple members provided inputs. More will be said at future meetings.

Richard Olsen advised all on the summer picnic to be held at the Lakeridge Shores Marina. The date is tentatively set for Sunday, July 12th. More information will be provided at the June 02 meeting.

Don Enea informed all on some of the drama at National MCL over legal disputes on hiring, and salary practices.

The June 02 meeting will be held at Famous Dave's Restaurant in front of Save-Mart Supermarket at Kietzke Lane and So. McCarran Blvd. Please arrive early in order to complete dinner **before** the meeting.

Ken Santor was elected as the new Dept of NV Senior Vice at the State Convention held on May 01-02.

Also, Tom Bickert has been promoted one rank in the Devil Dogs Organization.

Closing Ceremony: Officially Closed at 20:23.

Next Meeting will be June 2, at 7:30pm and will be held at Famous Dave's Restaurant. If possible, please arrive early at 6:45pm and order some ribs!

UPDATED NEWS: A CEREMONY FOR KENNY SANTOR, JR WILL BE HELD AT OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS CEMETERY ON NORTH VIRGINIA STREET ON FRIDAY, MAY 29th AT 12:00. Please click [here](#) to read the obituary

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Commandant's Greeting:

I want to thank all members for their attendance at the June meeting. I hope everyone enjoyed the food at *Famous Dave's Restaurant*. I know that I did. We covered a wide range of topics at our meeting, and we all have work to do to accomplish our goals. Mark your calendar for our detachment picnic on Sunday, July 12th, to be held at the Marina in Lakeridge Shores, from 11am-5pm. The location is the same as the previous several years.

The Web-Sgt will send out a hand drawn map showing the area. The biggest event this month is the Reno Rodeo, and we need personnel to man our booth. Please come by and help, even if only for a few hours. Remember, that there will NOT be a detachment meeting in July, due to the 4th July holiday.

Semper Fi,
Don Enea

Opening Ceremony: Officially Opened at 19:32

Roll Call:

All Officers present. Members and guests present listed below:

Bob Livingston
Bob Sohrt
David Walker
Del Hoberg
Don Enea
Fred Vigil
Gloria Hutcherson
James Hutcherson
John Glatthar
Joshua Rodriguez
Karl Rodriguez
Ken Santor
Kimberly Wood
Marissa Emerson
Meadow Troche
Pam Geurin
Pat Warmouth
Paul Weller
Richard Olsen
Ron Breaux
Sean Oppmann
Sterling Hall
Tom Bickert

Application, Balloting, and Initiation of new members: NONE

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Richard Olsen made a motion to have the minutes of the May 2015 meeting accepted as published by the Web-Sgt. The motion was passed by the members.

Correspondence:

Fred Vigil spoke to members on the passing of his uncle in California. Fred thanked all members of the detachment for voting his uncle into our unit, and appointing his uncle as an honorary marine. His uncle was in WW2, was captured by the Japanese, and was forced to march in the Bataan Death March.

Paymaster's Report:

Ken Santor reported that he had no correspondence from National MCL. Ken did not attend the May meeting, and his report was for 2 months - April and May. Both months were slow months. Total income for both months was \$1087. Total expense for both months was \$ 2353.62. Any member wanting more information, please contact Ken.

Ken also reported that Fred's grandson, Sterling Hall, has received our detachment's first scholarship of \$500.

Report of Member/ Family in Distress:

Fred Vigil again expressed sorrow to Ken Santor on the sudden passing of Ken's son, Kenny Jr.

Report of Officers:

Don Enea briefed all members of the idea floated to have a copy of our Dept of NV bylaws available to all members, since there are no Detachment bylaws. Much discussion followed, with many ideas.

Ron Breaux, our JAG, is looking into adapting the Dept of NV bylaws into our detachment. He will report back at a later meeting. An informal get-together to discuss this further may be set up before the next meeting.

David Walker briefed all persons on the use of bylaws when was elected by the members of the VFW, and on how these bylaws helped everyone in the VFW to have an orderly meeting.

Don Enea, and Ken, briefed all on the Mustang Car Show to be held at the Peppermill Hotel parking lot on Saturday, June 06. Setup will be on Friday, June 05 at 13:00. Bob Livingston mentioned his experience as a participant in numerous car shows.

Don Enea and Ken Santor also spoke to all members about the Reno Rodeo, and our participation in this event. Members are needed to work/volunteer in our booth, even if only for a few hours. The setup will be June 16-17, and the Rodeo will be June 18-27. The hours each day are 11am-9:30pm, but the busy time will be from 4pm-9pm.

Our booth is #40, which will be located just by the Jack Daniel's Dance Tent. June 28th will be cleanup.

James Hutcherson has a Marine friend in California, and his friend's MCL detachment passes a short handout to former marines they meet, and attempt to recruit them as

new members. This handout lists activities, and what the detachment is all about, the what, why, and where of the MCL. James suggested that our Reno unit produce a similar handout, and provide this handout to all members to give to potential new members. Much discussion followed. Many members spoke in favor of this, and of how it might help in recruiting new members.

John Glatthar spoke of Baldini's Casino having a gun show on June 5, 6, & 7. This will be held on the 2nd floor of Baldini's. It is an attempt to have more events at this casino, and there was to be no charge to enter for MCL members. The casino hopes to sponsor more of these programs.

John Glatthar also spoke of his belief that no detachment vote was ever held on our participation in the Reno Rodeo. John said he could not find any record of a vote on the Reno Rodeo. Again, much discussion was held with numerous members commenting. Most stated that a vote was held. To resolve the issue, a new vote was held, which passed without dissent. A policy was reaffirmed to always hold a detachment vote on all matters that will commit our detachment to any event. All results of these votes will be in the newsletter. All members who vote for an event should also agree to show up and help with that event.

Unfinished/ New Business: NONE

Good of the League: Fred Vigil introduced his grandson, Sterling Hall to the members. Sterling is a grad student at UNR, and is the first recipient of our detachment scholarship in the amount of \$500. Sterling spoke to everyone about his studies, and gave profound thanks to the detachment for the scholarship and to Fred for Fred's guidance and mentoring.

Ron Breaux informed all that Ron will work to make copies of the Bylaws available to all Officers, and to all members that desire to have one. Also, Ron spoke on the rights of associate members, namely that they cannot vote on membership matters, nor can they hold office.

John Glatthar informed all that members in arrears must pay their dues in order to participate in detachment business. Also, John has a master list of emails of the members, and if any member does not want his email to be shown, and visible to all others, please inform John.

Bob Livingston reminded all of the car show at the Peppermill on June 06th. Setup will be on Friday 05 June at 13:00. The show on Saturday is from 9am-16:00. Ken will pick up Del Hoberg so she can attend. Breakfast on Saturday 06 June will be at the Peppermill Coffee shop at 07:30.

Richard Olsen again informed all that the detachment picnic will be Sunday, July 12th, at the Marina at Lakeridge Shores from 11:00-17:00. Please bring a folding chair to sit in, and a pot luck item to share. The detachment will provide burgers, buns, hot dogs, sodas, and some beer. The location at Lakeridge Shores is the same as in previous years. The Web-Sgt will send an email with a hand drawn map to all members.

Pam Geurin said she will help with formatting the new detachment tri-fold information handout letter. This letter will be handed out to potential new members, and inform them about what we do in the Reno MCL.

John Glatthar said he will put a special page on our web-site that is similar to the handout.

Guest Mr. Karl Rodriguez introduced our 3 new Devil Pup Candidates to the members, and each candidate spoke about the Devil Pup Program. Karl's son, Joshua, who has been a Devil Pup, also spoke. All the members voted to fund the 3 candidates, and we invited them to return to speak to us after their experience.

Closing Ceremony: Officially Closed at 20:55.

Next meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in August (Aug 4th), at the VFW Hall at 19:30.

There will NO JULY MEETING due to the 4th of July holiday.

Marine Corps League Detachment 672

September 2015 Newsletter

Commandant's Greeting:

A special greeting to all members. We did not have our detachment meetings for the month of July, or August, so our September meeting will be full of news. I would like to thank our hosts at Famous Dave's for the use of the dining room. We had our summer picnic at Lakeridge Shores in July, and it was a beautiful day and party. I'm sorry that more of our members could not attend.

In September we have the Reno Air Races, and we need a large turnout. Also other local events include the Balloon Races, and the motorcycle weekend, followed by the rib cook-off. Lots of action.

Enjoy the good weather, and keep looking for new members.
Semper Fi,
Don Enea

Opening Ceremony: Officially Opened at 19:30

Roll Call:

All Officers present except the Senior Vice. Members present are listed below:

David Walker
Del Hoberg
Don Enea
Fred Vigil
John Glatthar
Ken Santor
Richard Olsen
Ron Breaux
Tom Bickert

Application, Balloting, and Initiation of new members. NONE

Minutes of Previous meeting:

Richard Olsen made a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting as published by the web sergeant, and in the newsletter. David Walker advised that there was a mistake in the June newsletter, and that the word "must also" should be changed to "should try to." This is necessary since if a member votes for the detachment to participate in an event, that member "should try to" agree to show up at this event and help complete the event. The change in the wording was approved.

Correspondence: Ken advised that he had received a letter from MCL National HQ about members' incorrect addresses and also about new members' applications and refund of dues. National will send all of these matters to the Adjutant, who will be

requested to correct any of this material. Ken mentioned several of our detachment delinquent members that this new policy will apply to. Discussion followed.

Ken also briefed all on some funds at National that are unaccounted for, and on the need for an audit of the finances at National. It appears that the National Commandant did not properly follow the by-laws with regard to the employment of his relatives.

Ken briefed all on an invitation from the Reno Elks Lodge to attend a dinner honoring Reno Navy Vet, and UNR Graduate Richard Elloyan. He writes his own Cowboy/Nevada songs and ballads. The date is 25 Sept, and the dinner cost is \$28. Contact Ken if interested.

Paymaster Report: Ken reported to all members for the 3 month period of June, July, and August. There was no meeting in the month of July or August. The total income for the 3 months was \$4677.55. The total expense for the 3 month period was \$ 4017.20.

During this 3 month period our detachment funded 3 Candidates for the Devil Pups, funded a college scholarship for \$500, re-supplied our inventory, participated in the Reno Rodeo, and the car shows.

Anyone wanting more info from the paymaster please contact Ken.

Ken and Tom Bickert led a discussion on the replacement of the USMC plaques around the 155MM howitzer at Fernley. Much discussion was had by all members present, with comments and suggestions made by Ron Breaux and Fred Vigil.

Report of Member/or Family in Distress: NONE

Report of Officers:

Chaplain David Walker asked for an update on the proposal for all members to receive a copy of our detachment by-laws. JAG Ron Breaux spoke of his efforts so far, and Ken Santor briefed all on Ken's work on by-law issues when Ken was an Officer in the MCL Department of Nevada. The detachment by-laws will be based on the 1987 draft by-laws that were up-dated in May 2015. JAG is working to obtain a complete up-date, and will report back at another meeting. Any detachment final draft will still have to be submitted to the Dept of Nevada JAG for approval, before our detachment by-laws become official. Discussion was held by all members on this topic. An example stated in the meeting was of our detachment deciding to have our Chaplain an elected position, instead of an appointed position.

Tom Bickert, Don Enea, and Ron Breaux continued a discussion by all members on the replacement of the USMC plaques at Fernley. This discussion built upon the conversation held during the paymaster report. Multiple ideas were presented as a potential fix to the faded plaques currently in place, including a local company making laser cut sheet metal plaques that could be powder coated. A total of 10 plaques were the number needed to be replaced. A new Iwo Jima plaque was suggested to be installed on the wall behind the howitzer.

Unfinished/ New Business: NONE

Good of the League:

Fred Vigil suggested the MCL present a "Thank You" Plaque to the local law enforcement groups in our area, to confirm our support of these groups. In the news there have been multiple reports of citizens in various cities speaking and demonstrating against the police/law officers. We believe our law officers deserve and need the communities support. Discussion followed, and all members seemed enthusiastic about Fred's proposal. Fred and Ron Breaux volunteered to check out this idea, and will report back to the members.

Ken and Don spoke to all about the Reno Air Races Association (RARA) starting on Sept 16-20. We most certainly need multiple members for this effort. We agreed to meet at the Bonanza Casino Coffee Shop at 7am each day. The last event each day will end at about 17:00 hours. Wear comfortable shoes, as the surface will be paved, and everyone will be standing most all the time.

Don informed all that a Veteran's group from Washington State will bring elderly vets to the races, and this group has asked for our help with providing water, and some greeting services. Discussion followed as to our obligation, and duties.

Don Enea also asked for volunteers to help him with a horseshoe tournament during the week of the Reno Balloon Races. Don needs a few persons to cook pancakes for breakfast, and to be score keepers. This tournament will be held at Evans Park in Reno, close to the UNR campus. The hours will be from 8:30/9:00am till the last shoe is thrown for that day. Please contact Don if you are available.

Ken and Don spoke of future events coming up, namely the Gun Show on October 3&4, and the Reno Fall Home Show at the end of OCT.

Ken informed all that he was able to receive a new Purple Heart Display from Las Vegas to replace the one lost when our detachment trailer was stolen.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW DETACHMENT OFFICERS: To be held for three months, so please volunteer!

COMMANDANT: Don Enea, Fred Vigil
SENIOR VICE: James Hutcherson, Paul Weller
JUNIOR VICE: OPEN
JAG: OPEN
ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER: Ken Santor
CHAPLAIN: David Walker

Don Enea reported that our detachment will no longer have a booth at the Reno Rodeo because of the mistreatment shown to our members this year by the Rodeo staff.

Don Enea asked the members on the idea of having meetings at outside restaurants instead of at the VFW.

Much discussion followed, with many comments for and against made by the members. Ultimately it was determined to keep the meetings primarily at the VFW, so any new member would always know the location of our meetings.

Also, a suggestion was made by David Walker to have our detachment plaque placed on the outside wall at the VFW so any former marine would see it when they passed by. This would also advertise where we are located.

Del Hoberg briefed all on her being selected as the oldest veteran at the Mustang Car Show, and of her receiving a special ride in a vintage Mustang, along with a gift certificate.

Ron Breaux handed over to Ken Santor a jar containing \$9 that he collected on his water fund raiser drive along I-80.

Closing Ceremony: Meeting officially closed at 20:55.

Next meeting is October 6, 2015 at the VFW Post 9211 at 19:30

Marine Corps League Detachment 672

October 2015 Newsletter

Commandant's Greeting:

I wish to thank all members on their attendance at the October meeting. Keep looking for new members to join our detachment, and mark your calendars for the start this month of the "Toys for Tots" drive. We hope this year will be a huge success for the community. All hands are needed to surpass our efforts of the past two years. Also, keep in mind our detachment's nomination of Officers for the 2016 year. Lastly, get your vehicles ready for the winter, check your tires, oil, and need for a tune up.

I have received my flu shot; have you and your family??

Semper Fi,
Don Enea

Opening Ceremony: Officially Opened on Tuesday October 6, 2015 at 19:30
Meeting was held at VFW Post 9211 in Reno.

Roll Call:

All Officers present except the Senior Vice and JAG. Members present are listed below:

Bob Livingston
Carl Fishel
David Walker
Del Hoberg
Don Enea
Fred Vigil
Ken McLeuand
Ken Santor
Kimberly Wood
Pat Warmouth
Richard Olsen
Tom Bickert

Application, Balloting, and Initiation of new members. NONE

Minutes of Previous meeting:

Richard Olsen made a motion to accept the September minutes as handed out at the meeting, and as will be published by the Web-Sgt. The total sales from Ron Breau's water sale were listed as \$12. The Detachment voted to approve the September minutes.

Correspondence: Ken Santor briefed all members on Lt. General Chesty Puller's Virginia house being put up for sale. It was hoped that a Marine Group would buy the house, and keep it as a memorial.

Ken Santor next spoke of a letter from the Reno VA Hospital thanking our detachment for our sponsorship of two students for the hospital Summer Youth Program. We received a credit of 85 hours for our detachment.

Again Ken Santor advised all members that the MCL Life Membership had been received for James and Gloria Hutcherson, and it will be presented to them at the next meeting.

Fred Vigil briefed all about the Reno Air Race request made by the Washington State Veteran's Group, when that group asked us for help in obtaining water/Gatorade for them. Both Fred and Don stressed that all such requests should be directed to RARA, or JP directly.

Paymaster's Report: Ken Santor reported that thru the month of September total income was \$1344.09. Our detachment total expense for the period was \$523.16. Ken submitted to JP a total hour count for our detachment's work at RARA of 213 hours. Any member wanting more info, please contact Ken.

Report of Member/or Family in Distress: NONE

Report of Officers: None

Unfinished Business: Don Enea advised all members on his research on the powder coating of the USMC plaques that could be installed at the Fernley Cemetery. Discussion followed, including the idea of having the plaques being laser cut here in Reno/Sparks.

New Business:

Ken Santor advised all members on the upcoming Reno Fall Home Show, to be held on November 7 & 8 at the Convention center.

Also, for this year's Veteran Day Parade, our detachment will be in position #10 (ahead of all the horses). All members are requested to attend the parade on our detachment float. The Parade will be on NOV 11th, which is Veteran's Day.

Lastly, Richard Olsen has coordinated with the Reno VA Hospital for our Annual USMC Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony on 10 NOV. The ceremony will take place after the noon meal in the CLC Dining Hall located just off the entrance of the hospital on Locust Street. Time is approx 12:30- 13:00 hours. More discussion to be held at the Nov meeting. This year will be our 25th year of doing the cake cutting ceremony.

Good of the League:

Kimberly Wood briefed all on a Veteran's Appreciation Assembly to be held on 10 NOV at Billingham School at 7:30. All Veteran's are encouraged to attend to talk with the students. More info to be presented at the November meeting.

Don Enea again spoke to all members on the start of the TFT Drive, and of the need for as many volunteers as possible. This year we are having our collection boxes at several Wal-Marts. The first was to be at the Mae-Anne Store on Oct 10th, from 10:30 until ?

The TFT main address for this year will be at 3502-A Moana Lane, which is near the intersection of South Virginia Street and Moana Lane. All volunteers will be welcomed, and are needed. This office is going to be opened 9-5 Mon-Fri, and 10-3pm on Sat. Closed on Sunday. Please contact Ken or Don about which hours you can work.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW DETACHMENT OFFICERS: Nominations for 2016 MCL Officers. Nominations are held in September, October, and November, and installed in Dec.

For Commandant:	Don Enea, and Fred Vigil
For Sr. Vice:	James Hutcherson, and Paul Weller
For Jr. Vice:	Del Hoberg
For JAG:	Ron Breaux
For ADJ:	Ken Santor
For Chaplain:	David Walker

Remember, at the December meeting, will be the swearing in Ceremony, and our Christmas Dinner.

Closing Ceremony: Meeting officially closed at 20:31.

Next meeting is Tuesday November 3, 2015 at the VFW Post 9211 at 19:30

Marine Corps League Detachment 672 November 2015 Newsletter

Commandant's Greeting:

Now that all of the summer and fall activities are behind us, we as a detachment must concentrate our efforts on the "Toys for Tots" program. We will have collection boxes displayed around town in various places, and these boxes need to be checked and collected. Our detachment has been provided with a warehouse on Moana Lane, just down from Popeye's Chicken Restaurant located across from the Atlantis Hotel. Please stop by at any time, and help when able. Our goal is to secure over 30,000 toys for distribution to children in the Truckee Meadows.

We will again work with the Salvation Army in distributing these toys to all the kids. In DEC 2015 will be our Christmas Dinner, so please mark your calendar, and plan to bring a "Pot Luck" dish for the dinner.

Semper Fi,
Don Enea

Opening Ceremony:

Officially Opened at 19:34

Roll Call:

All Officers Present except for Sr. Vice. Members present are listed below.

Carl Fishel
David Walker
Del Hoberg
Don Enea
Fred Vigil
Ken Santor
Kimberly Wood
Richard Olsen
Ron Breaux
Tom Bickert

Application, Balloting, and Initiation of new members: NONE

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Richard Olsen made a motion to accept the October 2015 minutes as published in the newsletter, and posted on the detachment web-site. The members voted in favor to accept the minutes.

Correspondence:

Ken Santor informed all members that Carl Fishel will transfer into our detachment. Carl spoke a few words to all members present.

Ken next briefed all members that there will be a free buffet lunch for all veterans at the Atlantis Hotel after the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th. All members of the detachment will go together, and sit as one group.

There has been no correspondence from National, and there seems to be an audit going on at National HQ to verify current accounts, and the amount of funds in those accounts.

Paymaster Report:

Fred briefed all members on the status of the USMC Birthday Cakes being made by his wife and daughter. There will be 2 cakes, and numerous cupcakes, and they will be ready on November 10th.

Ken Santor reported that October was a slow month. There was a Gun Show, and a Home Show. Total income for October was \$1903. Total Expense was \$576.12. Any member wanting more info, contact Ken.

Volunteers will be needed to help set up for both the gun and home shows. Set up will be on the Friday before both shows at 1pm.

Ken asked if anyone had heard from any of the summer Devil Pup Candidates, and no member had heard anything.

Report of Member/or Family in Distress:

NONE

Report of Officers:

Don Enea asked for volunteers for the Wal-Mart at Kietzke Lane on November 7th, in support of the "TFT" program. The time is from 9am-3pm.

Ken Santor advised that there will not be a regular breakfast at the VFW Post 9211 on Veteran's Day as in past years. However, there will be a box of donuts for those that come early.

Kimberly Wood spoke to all members about the Veteran's Day Ceremony at Billingshurst Middle School on November 10th.

Richard Olsen has been asked, and has accepted to speak at the ceremony for the MCL. Richard Olsen again reminded all members on the USMC Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony to be on November 10th at 12:30 at the CLC Dining Hall in the Reno VA Hospital.

Unfinished/New Business:

Discussion was held on the replacement of the USMC Plaques on our memorial at the Fernley Cemetery. An update was given by Don Enea on the status of the powder coatings.

Next a long discussion was held about the Detachment Bylaws, and the possibility of them being sent to all members by a PDF file. This way there will be no printing expense, and it will be easy to edit the bylaws in the future as needed.

Carl Fishel volunteered to review and update the bylaws in his free time. Ken suggested using the Dept of NV bylaws and substituting our detachment where ever the bylaws state "Dept of NV". Also, we will have to change some procedures such as having our detachment Chaplin elected, not appointed.

Good of the League. Nominations for Officers for 2016. Voting in December:

Commandant:	Don Enea, and Fred Vigil
Senior Vice Comndt:	James Hutcherson, and Paul Weller
Junior Vice Comndt:	Del Hoberg
JAG:	NONE
Chaplain:	David Walker
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Ken Santor

December will be the swearing in ceremony, followed by the Christmas Dinner.

Discussion proceeded to address the need for new members, and for more participation from the present members. It seems that the same members are the ones that usually are the ones that participate. Our detachment needs a wider pool of active members. All hands keep recruiting for new members. An idea was floated to have a phone calling committee to call members to show up at the meetings, and also to put up MCL posters around areas in Reno/Sparks.

Plan on attending both the November 10th Cake Ceremony, and the November 11th Veteran's Day Parade. On the 10th, meet at the CLC Dining Hall at 12:30 in the VA Hospital, and on the 11th meet at the VFW Hall at 8-8:30am to set up the trailer with flags and posters. Then Fred will drive the trailer to the parade staging area. Again there will NOT be a regular breakfast at the VFW Hall, but there will be some donuts. Richard and Ken will walk in front of the trailer with our detachment banner. The Parade will

start at 11:20am. Dress code is black slacks, black shoes, red jacket and red cover.

Don Enea needs extra volunteers for the "TFT". Stop by the warehouse on Moana Lane where you will see numerous "TFT" posters on the windows. There will be a toy drive at Whole Foods on South Virginia St on November 18th, and there will be two shifts, 11am-2pm, and 5pm-7pm. Please try to make at least one shift.

Closing Ceremony. Officially Closed at 20:47.

Next meeting will be December 1st, at 19:30, at the VFW Hall.