

Marine Corps League
Battle Born Detachment 672
January 2020 Newsletter
<http://www.battlebornmarines.com/>

Commandant's Greeting:

I hope that all members and their families had a great New Year! We start out a new decade for our detachment, and one of our goals is to increase our membership. Please attempt to bring new members to our meetings, as this year we will have a need of more participation in our detachment activities. I am looking forward to working with each one of you in our events.

Semper Fi,
Mike Miller

Official Opening: Officially Opened on Tuesday January 7, 2020 at 19:40.

Roll Call: Members and Guests are listed below.

- Chelsey Miller
- Deme Gonzalez
- Don Enea
- Karl Rodriguez
- Ken Santor
- Kimberly Wood
- Marcel Nino de Guzman
- Mike Miller
- Richard Olsen

Procedures for New Members:

Our detachment welcomes new members Chelsey Miller, and Deme Gonzalez, a former Navy Corpsman.

Minutes of Previous meeting:

Richard Olsen made a motion to have the members accept, and approve the minutes of the December 2019 abbreviated Christmas Dinner meeting. The members voted to approve this motion.

Correspondence: NONE

Paymaster Report:

Ken Santor gave this report, total income December 2019 was \$430. Total expense was \$412.68. Members voted to approve the report. Any member wanting more info from Ken, please contact him by phone.

Member or Family in Distress:

David Walker has passed away, and his body is in the process of being shipped to Kentucky for burial. Our detachment will miss David's service, instruction, and his attendance in our events

Report of Officers:

Ken Santor advised that there will be a gun show on February 15-16 at the Convention Center. Setup for the event will be on Friday, February 14th at 13:00, inside the Convention Center. Volunteers are needed, so please contact Ken, or Don Enea.

Ken Reported on the discussion he and Don had with the Salvation Army over the cleanup in the Toys for Tots warehouse. This TFT 2019 Christmas count was over 100,000 toys, and books. It was a great collection task that was appreciated by the children in Washoe County, and surrounding areas. A special delivery was made to the Native American Indian Tribe in Elko County, and also to the Tribe in Wadsworth near Fernley. Don Enea also reported that Reno Toyota had extra toys collected at their locations, and at Tesla and Nissan Motors.

Good of the League:

Again it was announced that the February gun show will be the weekend of February 15-16. Volunteers will be needed for the setup on Friday February 14th, and for the breakdown on Sunday February 16th.

Richard Olsen announced that the annual summer picnic will be on Sunday July 12th, at the Lakeridge Shores Marina. This is the same location as the last several years, and more info to be announced as we get closer to the summer. Please mark your calendars so that we can have a large group for our detachment picnic.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be on Tuesday evening 04 February 2020 at 19:30 at the VFW Post 9211 in Reno.

Regards from Rich Olsen

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February 2020 Newsletter**

Commandant's Greeting.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day this month, and also a very Happy President's Day. These two holidays are always special to the month of February. So, get some flowers/chocolate for your special someone, and then be sure to fly your US Flag for all of our Presidents on their special day.

Semper Fi,
Mike Miller

Opening Ceremony: Officially Opened at 19:33

Roll Call: Members and guests are listed below.

- Brian Geurin
- Chelsey Miller
- Deme Gonzaliz
- Don Enea
- George Malone
- Karl Rodriguez
- Ken Santor
- Marcel Nino de Guzman
- Mike Miller
- Pam Geurin
- Richard Olsen

Procedures for New Members: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Richard Olsen made a motion to have the members approve the minutes of the January, 2020 meeting as listed on the detachment email, and as published on the detachment web site. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Correspondence:

Ken Santor reported that he is still checking with MCL National Hdqrs concerning the new members' membership cards.

Ken Santor reported on the new "Oath of Membership" that was sent to him by the former Dept of NV Commandant, Paul Bowen. This new oath is to be

read at all new membership ceremonies, and it was sent out by MCL National Hdqrs to all detachments.

Paymaster Report:

Ken Santor gave the report for January 2020 as Total Income was \$0, and Total Expense \$115. Any member wanting more information about finances, please contact Ken. The members voted to approve his report.

Members or Family in distress:

David Walker has passed away, and his body is being shipped to Kentucky for burial.

Good of the League:

On Feb 15-16 there will be a *Crossroads of the West* Gun Show at the Reno Convention Center. Setup will be on Friday, Feb 14 at 13:00, and volunteers will be needed for the event. Please contact Ken or Don Enea if you are able to help.

The Reno VA Hospital has some openings for Volunteers to work at various jobs in the facility. The hours, and days, are flexible and there will not be any heavy lifting involved. If you would like to participate at the VA Hospital, contact Richard Olsen at 775.997.6057.

Richard Olsen announced to all that our detachment annual summer picnic will be held on Sunday, July 12th from 11:00-18:00. More discussion will be held as the date gets closer, but mark your calendar so you and your family can attend. The location will be at the Marina in Lakeridge Shores, as in previous years.

Ken Santor advised that he will go on a trip to Honolulu/Pearl Harbor with Jon Yuspa and about 40 other Veterans. This is an offshoot of the Honor Flight that normally goes to Washington, DC. However the winter weather in DC is difficult for some veterans, and the airlines often have to fly thru ice and snow. Because we are located out west, an alternate flight to Hawaii for Korea/WW2/Viet Nam veterans was planned. Ken and the others will leave on Wednesday Feb 5 and return on Sunday Feb 9. All services were included on the flight, and several more flights are scheduled for later. All members on the flight will wear the Honor Flight shirts, and will stay in a Waikiki Hotel. Ken will report on this trip when he returns.

Pam Geurin spoke to all members about her return to Reno to help clean and close up her father's house. She is the daughter of Bob Sohrt, a former member of our detachment that passed several years ago. Pam lives in

Arizona, and is taking time to help with his estate. She attended this month's meeting to see and visit with all of the Detachment 672 members.

Deme Gonzaliz spoke about a dental office called "Compassion Community Clinic" that helps veterans with dental needs. This clinic is located in Sparks at 840 I Street. If anyone needs more information, please contact Richard at 775.997.6057.

Official Closing: Officially Closed at 20:25.

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 3, 2020
at the Reno VFW post 9211 at 19:30.**

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September 2020 Newsletter
<http://www.battlebornmarines.com/>

Commandant's Greeting:

I want to thank all members who were able to attend this meeting. We have not been able to have our detachment monthly meetings due to the current virus, but it now appears that our meetings are back on. All of us are looking forward to seeing everyone return to the detachments objectives and goals.

Stay Safe, Semper Fi,
Michael Miller

Opening Ceremony: Officially Opened on September 1, 2020 at 19:47

Roll Call: Members and guests are listed below:

Chelsey Miller
Deme Gonzalez
Ken Santor
Marcel Nino de Guzman
Michael Miller
Richard Olsen

No new members for September.

There are no minutes of meetings, since all meetings have been cancelled since March.

Correspondence: None

Paymaster Report: None

Members/Family in Distress:

Don Enea has been in medical rehab/physical therapy, but is doing well and he hopes to be released in time for the October meeting.

Report of Officers: None

Good of the League:

Ken Santor gave a report on the upcoming status of the Toys for Tots program. Ken is checking on the availability of a warehouse for this season.

Richard Olsen briefed all members on the possibility of our detachment Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony at the VA Hospital being cancelled this year due to the virus restrictions. More info to follow.

Ken Santor reminded all members that there were no Air Races this year, and there were no funds to the detachment accounts. Ken has been searching for replacement dollars, and will advise if any are found.

Richard Olsen gave a short brief on the Summer Picnic at the Lakeridge Shores Marina, and reported that all enjoyed it.

Closing Ceremony:

Officially Closed at 20:15. Next meeting will be on 06 October, 2020 at the Reno VFW at 19:30.

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Opening Ceremony: Officially Opened at 19:34 hours on October 6, 2020 at the Reno VFW Hall.

Roll Call of Members and Guests listed below.

Don Enea
Karl Rodriguez
Ken Santor
Madison Miller
Marcel nino de Guzman
Michael Miller
Norman Allen
Richard Fox
Richard Olsen

New Members:

Richard Fox attended our meeting, and joined our detachment this night. All members in attendance voted to accept him into our unit, and are looking forward to his participation in the detachment events. Richard was on active duty from 71-75 in MOS 08. He was assigned to MCAS Kaneohe Bay, 29 Palms, Camp Pendleton, and Camp LeJeune. He went to Afghanistan as a civilian contractor, and now works as a safety consultant in Reno/Sparks.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The members voted to accept the September 2020 minutes as published in the email and on the website.

Correspondence: NONE

Paymaster Report:

Ken Santor reported that his computer is down, and he has had problems getting it back up and running. He will include the October numbers in a later report.

Member or Family in Distress:

Fred Vigil, a former Commandant of our detachment, passed away at home on September 11 after a long illness. His family has plans to spread his ashes over his family ranch land in New Mexico in the spring of 2021. All detachment members send their condolences to his family.

Don Enea reported to the members that he needed to have two toes removed from his foot by the Reno VA Hospital due to poor blood circulation problems. He is feeling fine now, but has to be careful when he walks. We all hope for and wish Don a most speedy recovery.

Report of Officers:

Karl Rodriguez reported that there was not a Devil Pup Summer Program this summer of 2020 due to the virus. Hopefully in the summer of 2021 the Devil Pup Program will return as before.

Ken Santor is looking to have various veteran groups provide funding for our detachment, since the Reno Air Races were cancelled this year, and we lost our main income event. Ken will report more later.

Ken also informed all members that this years Veteran's Day Parade has been cancelled by the City of Reno due to the virus. Ken says there will be multiple videos of former parades shown on Veteran's Day as a substitute.

NOTE! ATTENTION!

Richard Olsen has informed all members that the annual Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony on November 10th, has been cancelled by the Reno VA Hospital due to the virus, and that no cakes can even be dropped off for the hospital staff.

NOTE! ATTENTION!

The detachment voted to be dark for November so that all persons can watch the election returns in the evening. So, there will NOT be a meeting on Tuesday, Nov 03.

Good of the League:

Ken Santor and Don Enea are working on the Toys for Tots program, and request any members that can help. This year there is a new location for the TFT Warehouse, that is at 855 East Greg St in Sparks. There have been 8 Wal-Mart's that have agreed to provide toy boxes to be placed at their stores to collect donations. Don and Ken need two persons to be at the 7th&Mae Ann store on weekends dressed in the Red MCL jacket to help collect toys.

All toys collected in Reno-Sparks will stay and be distributed in the Reno/Sparks local area. The new warehouse is much larger than the previous one, it is now about 5,000 square feet, and is close to Linda Road in Sparks. There are large signs and posters on the windows, so there should be no problem to find the TFT building.

The next meeting will be in December, and will be the annual Christmas dinner at the Reno VFW Hall on December 01 at 19:30 hours. All members are invited, and requested to bring their family and children. Also, any Devil Pup Candidate, and their family are most welcome to attend. A "Pot Luck" table will be set up as before for all members to bring a dish to share with all the others. Richard Olsen will prepare and bring home made baked beans for his contribution. Also, please bring a new toy for the TFT program. If there are any questions about the dinner, please call Richard at 775-997-6057, and he will answer your question.

Closing Ceremony: Officially Closed at 20:35.

Next meeting will be our detachment Christmas Dinner on 01 December, 2020 at the Reno VFW Hall, at 19:30 hours. SEMPER FI TO ALL!

Regards from Rich