



Major B.F. Hickey Detachment 57

Date: 10Sept26

Meeting called to order: 1900 HOURS.

OPENING CEREMONY:

The opening ceremony was conducted in accordance with the MCL Ritual.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Commandant	☒	Sr Vice Commandant	☐	Jr Vice Commandant	☒
Judge Advocate	☒	Adjutant/Paymaster	☒	Chaplin	☒
Sgt at Arms	☒	Jr. Past Commandant	☒		

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR GUEST SPEAKER:

- Kiwanis Field of Honor presentation. Thank you for previous support (especially Bernie) and request for help this year 7Nov to 5Dec.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP:

- Marine Dallas Schneider
- New in Meeting, Marine Gordon Sharp with \$150 cash and 2 checks for MCL Car Show.
- Tom Gillis pending.
- John Townley renewed membership.

BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- N/A

AWARDS:

- N/A

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Minutes of Previous Meeting 19:10

- Posted Online at www.stpetemcl.org

- Motion to waive reading of and accept the Minutes for the 13Aug26 meeting as posted online made by Marine Rudy_ & Marine Rick Diaz
Discussion – None
The Motion: **Passed**

Correspondence Received

- Dog's Inc. support request letter

PAYMASTER'S REPORT:

Marine Corps League
Major B. F. Hickey - Detachment 57
PAYMASTERS REPORT
Date: 10Sep26

Wells Fargo Detachment 57 Account Activity:

End of the Day	30Jul26	Balance	\$ 41,253.82
		Total Deposits:	\$ 2,567.38
		Expenditures:	\$ 4,566.56
End of the Day	31Aug26	Balance	\$ 39,254.64

Regions Bingo Account Activity:

Belcher Disbursement for	\$ 915.00
Regions Bank Fees	\$
Remaining After Fees	\$ 915.00
Amount to be Transferred to Wells Fargo	\$ 890.00

Venture Crew \$ 445.00

CHAPLAINS REPORT:

- Chaplain Marine Eddie Valez implored members to share or call his number 727-504-4913 when in need
- Prayers continue for Marine Jimmy Rexrod
- Memorial for Coop set for 1500 03Oct26 at this post (VFW 4364)

Commandant:

- Detachment finished FY 26 at 101.09% membership
- Approved nation budget approved dedications for Past FL Dept Commandant Bill Cona and Marine Fred Geier
- National convention 2027 is taking place in Buffalow, NY
- National convention 2028 is taking place in Colorado Springs, Colorado
- National Commandant says detachments “need to use social media programs to increase membership at the detachment level. Promote your detachment events to reach demographics most needed in the League.”
- National VSO would like to get 42 VSOs certified in detachments across the nation. National is providing training

- Recommended all veterans get pre-approved burial benefits. Form #401007. If a veteran uses the urn benefit, that preempts them from being buried in a National Cemetery. You can list the preferred cemetery on the benefits form. Spouses can be buried in a different cemetery than their veteran spouse.
- Do you want to see The Tun rebuilt? Do you want to make a toast to the Corps in The Tun®? Then join the 1775 Club and be part of making that happen in Philadelphia. Membership is only \$17.75 per month for one year - or make a one-time donation of \$213 - and you are a lifetime member. Click on link for membership. 1775 Club | The Tun Legacy Foundation

Sr. Vice Commandant:

- Excused

Jr. Vice Commandant:

- No report

Jr. Past Commandant:

- No report

Judge Advocate:

- Marine Bernie Adams stated that Financial Audits are due for the Fiscal 25-26 year per Bylaws. Q1 is pending the end of September. Marines Eli Rodriguez & Dallas Schneider volunteered for the Audit Committee.

Sergeant-at-Arms:

- FOP donated \$500. To MCL Car Show

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Rose Sale Committee (*Vacant*):

- Marine Bob Decker reported that Saturday 05Sep26 was just under 1k, with hopes that the Sunday 13Sep26 Rose Sale would be better.
- General discussion on the need to have sufficient Marines at each sale and expand beyond the existing 5-6 steady volunteers. Especially in light of the need to fund activities such as Vets In Need.

Trapshoot Committee (Cary Burns)

- Cary Burns said preliminary plans are for the April 2027 timeframe. Cary expects to have more details by the next MCL monthly meeting
- Cary promoted the importance of more Vet Org vs. of Vet Orgs and Law Enforcement Teams to generate broader interest and revenue opportunities
- A general discussion of this fund raising event refocused on the importance of our primary revenue-generating activities: 1) Car Show 2) Rose Sale 3) Trap Shoot with the Trap Shoot possibly becoming the 2nd highest revenue generation activity for MCL Det 57

Detachment Quarterly Social / MC Birthday Committee (Dylan Sherman):

- Marine Eric Tsai led discussion around the choice between Mugs/ICOT and The Zoo for the Marine Corps Birthday. Merits of both venues discussed. By a vote of 10-8 the Mugs/ICOT venue was selected

Venture Crew/Boy Scout & Eagle Scout Committee (Tim Bulu):

- No report. Commandant Tim Bulu mentioned of that they receive 50% of our Belcher Bingo proceeds and \$1,100. Quarterly

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

- Bay Pines Unattended Service – 1st Tuesday of every month
- Pistol Shoot at the Wyoming Antelope Club (3rd Saturday of every month)
 - 1000 - 1100 hours 19Sep26

Community Services performed:

Alive Ride – 2 members for 2 hours

Unattended Service 7 members for 1 hour

8/21/2026 Campaign UNITED Empath SunCoast Hospice Foundation 1 Hour

9/1/2026 Unattended Memorial Service Bay Pines National Cemetery 1 Hour

9/2/2026 Women's Giving Network Empath SunCoast Hospice Foundation 2 Hour

Detachment Shooting Team:

- Team Captain Rick Diaz shared that the season will end in October and that there are four remaining scheduled team shoots. The team is doing well and showing steady progress

Gun Raffle

- General discussion on the merits of raffle variations led by Marine Eric Tsai. Eric is exploring the cost and feasibility with Bill Jackson's Sporting Goods and will bring information and options to the next meeting.

Veterans / Members in Need:

- New email address for submitting requests is vetsinneed@stpetemcl.org
- Considerable discussion on the need to support this effort or consider donating our Vets In Need proceeds to other organizations. Marine Bob Decker noted that there have been 11 cases since 01Jul26. Bob had also recently conducted training for a standard Vets In Need process
- Marine Chaplain Eddie Valez strongly encouraged fellow Marines to get more involved in our Rose Sales and donation activity to fund this program. Marine Dallas Schneider & Ken Friend led vocal support of the efforts

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to give \$400. To Chapel of Four Chaplains by Ken Friend. 2nd by Bob Decker. Approved unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Motion to allocate \$200 annually to develop an online database app for assisting vets in need**
 - 1st – Marine Eli Rodriguez; 2nd -- Will Bickuell
- **MC birthday celebration location:** Mugs/ICOT pending venue confirmation
 - Location: 13563 Icot Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33760

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- On Friday 11Sept26 there will be a commemoration service recognizing 25 years since attack at this VFW Post 4364. Marine Bernie Adams will present Pentagon memorabilia and her personal experience @ 1700
- 18Sep26 POW/MIA Day
- 19Dec26 Wreaths Across America
- Unattended service is held on 1st Tuesday of every month, at Bay Pines. Arrive at pavilion by 14:45

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **NEXT MEETING** – 2nd Thursday, 08OCT26– 1800 Hours Social Hour & 1900 Hours for Regular Meeting - VFW Post 4364.
- **STAFF MEETING** – 01OCT26 – 1830 HOURS – via Zoom or Google Meet.

CLOSING CEREMONY: (The closing ceremony was conducted in accordance with the MCL Ritual.)

CLOSING TIME: 2015

ATTENDANCE:

19 Members in good standing in attendance
0 Marines or FMF Corpsmen or Chaplains guests
4 Non-Marine guests.