



**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
FALL STAFF RALLY
FLINT DETACHMENT #155 MEETING HALL, MT MORRIS
OCTOBER 14th, 2023**

Opening Ceremony at 10:00 hours by Sergeant At Arms Tracy Berg.

Opening Prayer by John Tuohy.

ROLL CALL:

Members Absent or Excused:

Phillip Smith	Stephen Fletcher	Fred Green	Warren Tracey
Mark Sutton	Emil Franz III	Michael Hornev	William Brown
Michael Dahm	David Masunas	Daniel Guerrero	Gary Dunn

Detachments not Represented:

146 Belcher-Lane-Williams	149 Cascades	151 Fred Cochran	152 Dearborn
157 Monroe County	159 Corporal Stanley Moore		165 Yagle Brothers
550 Geore St. Martin	684 Corporal Jack A Davenport		690 Northern Michigan
722 Wolverine	841 Harold R Cooley	1016 Keweenaw	1027 Shoreline
1182 Irish Hills	1337 Staff Sergeant Bryan K Burgess		

Past National and Department Officers were recognized: PNC John Tuohy, PNC James Tuohy, PDC Wendy Zamora, PDC Phil Zamora, PDC Jon VanTol, and Jr. Past Commandant Art Menard.

Also, introduction of Christina Faymonville new Scholarship Chairperson.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Commandant's Report: Ray Rayl

Visited on July 12th Yagle Brothers Detachment and they have lots of programs in the community and are a large detachment. July 15th attended a centurion birthday party for Virgil Buckweaver and presented him with gifts and certificate. On July 26th attended Officer Training Program here at the Flint Detachment meeting hall—great presentation, but wasn't well attended. July 31st, presented a Good Citizen Certificate to a Brighton Eagle Scout. August 13-20th attended the Marine Corps League 100th Anniversary National Convention in Oklahoma City, OK—and stated over \$72,000 was raised for their local children's hospital. August 20th was in Kalamazoo with time and place committee finding a venue for Central Division Conference in April 2024. September 9th took part in a fund raiser with the Flint Detachment. September 19th attended an Irish Hills Detachment meeting with Southern Zone Vice Cmdt, "Butch" Secord. September 23rd headed way North up into the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to attend the UP Zone and Devil Dog Growl—was very informative. October 14th will be heading to Birch Run to attend a Court Of Honor to present the Good Citizenship Certificate to the new Eagle Scout.

Judge Advocate: Scott Hellman

Has had no issues at this point, and a few contacts from Detachments about By-Laws.

Paymaster: Larry Sweerin

Not a lot going on right now since starting in July. The income from the fund raising raffle was \$512. The vehicle raffle is at \$16,737.05 and is budgeted \$71,000. Membership dues is ½ way there, expenses are still "open". Opened up a second checking account mainly for conventions. A report was passed out for all the accounts and investments. Past Jr. Commandant Art Menard made a motion to accept the Paymasters Report, second by Norm Root: motion carried.

Junior Past Commandant: Art Menard

On October 12th Menard emailed the Board Members, about his main "mission" is advising the New Commandant. Also talked about Central Division Conference for 2024 in Kalamazoo and the committee. Stated that for this to be successful, that we need all the Detachments to participate and to take out ad's—also this is the first time ever trying electronic registration. \$115 per room all inclusive and free parking there is a good team in place for this event. Possibility having the Summer Convention in June in Kalamazoo too. Reminded about PLM Roster that is due by December. We also need somebody to look at the Department By-Laws and find what it states for holding a quorum for meetings, and if our By-Laws need to be changed need to be submitted by April to be in place for Summer Convention. Attended National Convention was a great event, the National Ribbon you can get 100th numbers to put on your ribbon (at a cost). Also be careful what you are posting on Social Media and make sure your uniforms are in proper regulation order and flags too.

(Jim Tuohy brought up about Helms Briscoe that National uses for helping plan conventions. This company goes out and negotiates hotel, banquet rates etc etc. There is no charge for Departments or Detachments)

Adjutant and Webmaster: Tracey Tippett

Advised to make sure you are sending your Officer Installation Reports and Bank Charters to the Adjutant and not the Paymaster. Also the need for the routing number on the bank and charter form. And please make sure everything is legible. Also new forms on the website have been updated. Also make sure your Detachments have a Point Of Contact and get that Point of Contact to the Adjutant.

On our website, if you see something that is incorrect, please let me know to fix or update it.

Southeast Zone Vice Commandant: Eugene Owens

Talked about the Mid-Winter Convention in Dearborn. Also in the process of visiting the different detachments.

Eastern Zone Vice Commandant: Norman Root

New members are starting in a few of the Detachments, and some Detachments are doing lots of fund raising. Detachment 162 is having issues with a gun raffle they are conducting in need of finding an ATF agent. Also having issues with a Detachment about not filing ROI's or bank or charter information, also they wanted to move. Otherwise, everything seems to be going well.

Southern Zone Vice Commandant: Forrest Secord

Secord has attended nine Detachment meetings. Gone to Capital Detachment breakfasts, and the Little Rollers fund raiser, went to the National Convention. Visited two oldest Detachment members who are both doing great. Also he has been working with Irish Hills and the issues they have been having.

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Southwest Zone Vice Commandant: Michael Moross

Lost St. Joseph County as a Detachment. Wolverine Detachment having issues with their Commandant and Paymaster with their dues, so working with them and two current members are stepping up to those positions. Otherwise, things are going fine.

Western Zone Vice Commandant: William "Doc" Tetzlaff

"Doc" was volunteer-told to this position. He is happy about all the information he is receiving from today, and looks forward to working with his Zone Detachments.

Central Zone Vice Commandant: Troy Stewart

Has visited all of his Detachments twice. The Flint Detachment supports something called Hope Floats an attorney donated a lake with boats, house boats for Veterans to go to. Detachments are selling tickets for the Department Raffle, Detachment 1423 is doing a soup kitchen 3 times a year, and lots of fund raising with other Detachments. It has been a good year.

Northern Zone Vice Commandant: Frank Rosinski

Alpena Detachment has been busy held a picnic in July which was well attended. Communication with other Detachments not going very well hoping to rectify that.

Upper Peninsula Zone Vice Commandant: Tracy Berg

UP Devil Dogs 1478 hosted the moving wall in August went very well. Visited 444 Detachment meeting and hoping to visit all the other Detachment meetings too. Also had UP Zone in September and it was very productive.

Unfinished Business:

Hellman stated in need of selling more raffle tickets for this event. We have sold about 943 tickets so far out of 10,000. Hasn't been a lot of expenses involved in this raffle so far and not a lot of overhead. Hellman verifies every ticket that is sold and comes back in. If we do not increase sales starting now, the raffle will become a 50/50. Make sure the Zone Vice's are getting these tickets out to the individual Detachments to help sell them. We should be a whole lot further in the ticket sales as of now. We need to push this raffle moving forward. Discussion took place about what we could do or not do in getting these tickets sold, need thinking outside of the box.

New Business:

The National Commandant is looking at the Youth Physical Fitness Program—more information to follow. Mid-Winter Rally January 18-20 in Dearborn at the Doubletree hosted by Montford Point and Downriver. April 4-6th Central Division Conference hosted by the Department of Michigan in Kalamazoo. Encourages all to take out ad's in convention booklets.

Good of the League:

Numerous Detachments were announcing where their Marine Corps Birthday celebrations will be held.

Closing: Meeting adjourned at 13:40

Respectfully Submitted

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