



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Anderson-Jordan Detachment 1078
General Membership Meeting

Date: 6 Sep 2022

Commandant Ed Stutler called the meeting to order at 1800 hours at Horn Lake High School, 3360 Church Rd, Horn Lake, MS.

Roll Call of Officers:

Commandant	Ed Stutler
Senior Vice Commandant	Anick Wallace
Junior Vice Commandant	Don Woodson (excused)
Judge Advocate	Bill Lamar
Paymaster	Jim Simpson
Adjutant	Tom Drumm
Chaplain	Bob Shearin
Past Commandant	Tom Drumm
Sgt at Arms	Don Dandridge

5 officers present, 1 officer excused and 0 absent. A total of 9 members were present and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Opening ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

Presence of dignitaries: Mr. Joe Vaughn, Director of Memphis Veterans Hospital . Points he shared are:

- Run it like Chick-Filet leadership, i.e. understanding that our veterans are always looking for care that is dependable and polite and will take care of them.
- Late 2023 a satellite VA Clinic in Millington, TN to open.
- Simulation lab of 8,000 sq ft to open on first floor in a few weeks, medical staff education & practice
- Continued on attachment 1.

Introduction and Acceptance of New Members: None

Adjutants Report:

The minutes of the (Aug 2022) meeting have been posted to the website.

MOTION: A motion to accept the minutes as posted on the website was made by Tom Drumm and seconded by Bill Lamar. The motion was unopposed.

Correspondence: None discussed. Received Thank You letters from the CDCE (Volunteer Office) for donations to the MFS VA Hospital, i.e. lounge pants, books, cookies, MCL Mugs, and underwear.

Paymasters Report:

A report was presented by Jim Simpson to the membership. Current Balance \$6854.86. Paymaster shows 51 members with 42 in good standing.

Reports of Officers:

Commandant: Ed Stutler reported that our request for weapons is being processed and he is in email contact with the people in charge. Anick brought in some VA Veterans pins, different years, to the meeting tonight for give away. She also reminded us to do our HIPAA Training. The cookies and coffee next event will be 15 Sep 2022.

Chaplain's report: Bob Shearin ask that we keep Barbara Giesler, Earl Ward and his wife Virginia, Jim Simson and his wife Courtney, Mary Ann Shearin, Jerry Blaylock, Bennie Watson, John Kingsley, Jr, and George Arata in your thoughts and prayers.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Members for the coming year 2023 are Ed, Bill, Shannon, Anick, Jim, and Tom. Commandant Stutler will advise when the new applications go out to the schools.

Honor Guard Committee: S.O.P. is complete and on our web site. Our Honor Guard participated in a funeral on 29 Aug for a Fallen sailor in Eudora, Ms. Simon and Tom will set up a date and location for future Honor Guard practices.

Honor Our Troops Golf Classic Committee: Anick and Tom will report at the next meeting (7 Sep) to consider donating some fund-raising money to the Memphis Fisher House Foundation. Tom & Don reported they contact Milwaukee Tools to consider sponsoring a team and/or donation to silent auction.

Unfinished Business:

Fund Raising: Tom Drumm reported that he and Don Woodson will try and set up a fundraiser at the near future. Also discussed doing most of our fund raisers before cold weather sets in.

MOTION: A motion presented to donate our next funder raiser money to the Fisher House Foundation. A motion to accept the donation made by Robert Shearin and seconded by Anick Wallace. The motion was unopposed.

New Business: None

Good of the League:

Detachment Dinner reschedule to an unknown date, due to our upcoming Honored Guest Speaker.

Closing:

Closing ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

The next Detachment meeting will be on 4 October 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 1900 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Drumm

Adjutant

2 Attachments

1- Mr. Vaughn Remarks

2- Sep Det Sign-In Sheet

**Remarks made by Joseph P. Vaughn MBA, FACHE, Medical Center Director
VA Memphis Health Care, to the Anderson-Jordan Detachment
September 6, 2022**

- The hospital currently has about 2,500 employees.
- The inpatient census of COVID patients has gone down to only 8 inpatients now, some without symptoms.
- The new COVID booster shot is a new formulation, so the older Pfizer and Moderna shots can no longer be given as boosters.
- Nursing staff is low and recruiting efforts, including the upcoming Job Fair, are ongoing
- The recently enacted PACT Act finally removed the requirement that VA hospital employees must be veterans. That will improve the recruitment efforts for custodial workers, among other positions, which are now open to non-veterans.
- The VAH's "Care in the Community" has 15 new hires.
- The hospital is now equipped and staffed to increase the number of ultrasound exams on site.
- Mr. Vaughn is trying to increase the Gastroenterology staff and to increase the number of colonoscopies done on site.
- All VA hospitals are changing to a new electronic medical record (EMR) system, "CERNER", which will enhance linkage with the Dept. of Defense EMR. Some problems have been encountered, including the current need to manually re-enter current prescriptions into the new system.
- The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) recently inspected the hospital and found just 14 minor issues. The hospital passed a recent inspection by the Joint Commission as well as one by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).
- A new 24,000 square foot clinical lab will soon be opening.
- Plumbing is being fixed to update it and to prevent Legionella infections.
- The new parking garage is open.
- A new Nursing Leader (who has worked with Mr. Vaughn in the past) has been hired.
- A Fisher House (where families of patients may stay rent-free) will be built on-campus. A fund raising campaign is underway and groundbreaking is tentatively set for December, 2022.
- Adding public access to the hospital Wi-Fi system is planned and will extend access to 30 feet outside of the facility.
- The hospital is supporting efforts to identify and treat those exposed to toxins in the water supply at Camp Lejeune. For those exposed, a Toxic Exposure Screen is available. The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is also helping in this effort.

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SIGN IN SHEET:

ADD address if you're not receiving our emails.

- 1 Ed Stutler
- 2 Anick Wallace
- 3 Bill Lamar
- 4 Jim Simpson
- 5 Tom Drumm
- 6 ~~Bob Shearin~~
- 7 Joe Vaughn - Director of VAMFS Hospital
- 8 Dan Dandridge
- 9 Frank Jones
- 10 Shannon Kenagy