

**Marine Corps League
Dog Company Detachment – 564
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2025**

Opening Ceremony:

Commandant Marshall Tuck opened the meeting at 1900, per ritual, and read the Marine Corps League's mission statement.

Roll Call of Officers and Detachments:

A Quorum was present.

Department officers in attendance included:

Commandant: Marshall Tuck
Sr. Vice Commandant: Roland Towery
Jr. Vice Commandant: Arthur Allen
Judge Advocate: William Bohach
Jr Past Commandant: Edward Gizara
Paymaster: Elizabeth Kamalakis
Adjutant: Absent
Chaplain: Roland Towery
Sgt at Arms: Michael Ashdown (Acting)

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT:

Commandant: Marshall Tuck stated that we will have one new applicant, Antonio Scott. We met and talked with Antonio about joining the Marine Corps League, which seems very interesting. Marshall has his contact info and will reach out to him. Bob Longueira mentioned that he was having some trees removed and met a Marine Veteran who was interested in joining the League. He contacted Ed Gizara, and it was determined that the Yellow Footprints detachment in Beaufort was the closest detachment to where he lived. Marshall also mentioned that he had membership cards for current members to hand out.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION:

The previous meeting was our Annual Christmas Dinner with Families at Carey Hilliard's in the Banquet Room. No meeting took place.

CORRESPONDANCE:

The detachment received a Thank You letter from the Charleston VA for the food donation to the Savannah VA Pantry.

REPORTS OF PAYMASTER:

Elizabeth Kamalakis reported that as of November 30th, our balance was \$11,613.72. We had \$944.34 of credits, \$3,280.74 of debit for an ending balance on December 31st, of \$9,277.32.

REPORTS OF SICKNESS & DISTRESS:

Marshall reported that Veterans Council Chairman, Joe Higgins is recovering from surgery, and Harry Gardner is covering for him Luise Gill, Jerry Gills's wife, was in Atlanta and went into Congestive Heart failure the day after Christmas and ended up in ICU and will remain in Atlanta in a long term facility. Jerry Zah is still battling cancer. Marshall will stop in to see him.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Sr. Vice Commandant: Stated that with this being the 250th Birthday of the Marine Corps, we should look to hold a Marine Corps Ball/Reunion with the prior Marines of Landing Support Company. Discussion was done, and we will look into the overall cost for the event and report back at the February meeting.

Jr. Vice Commandant: No Report

Judge Advocate: No Report:

Sgt At Arms: No Report

Chaplain: No Report:

NEW BUSINESS:

Commandant Tuck stated with the detachment doing more and more events and setting up booths, that we should consider purchasing formal Detachment table clothes. Discussion was made, and the overall comments were not favorable.

February will be a dinner meal; the consensus was to have fried chicken from Kroger's.

Iris Millan asked about the new members who came to the Christmas Party. As of yet, we have not received any applications or contact information for the couple. Marshall will go with Iris to get their contact information.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be on Monday, March 17th. We need to find out who will be pulling the floats and get their information for the application.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commandant Tuck stated that he is hoping to get back on the Higgins Boat in February to complete the repairs

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Commandant Tuck mentioned that we should consider doing a bus trip to either Parris Island or Charleston, SC. After discussion, it appears that Charleston was the consensus. We will investigate the cost of the trip and report back.

There will be a car show in Pembroke, and we should consider holding a raffle to raise funds and recruit members.

Bob mentioned that we did so much better at the car show. Ed stated that he suggests doing a 50/50 drawing.

There will be no cost to the unit, and he has the stock to make the tickets

There was discussion about holding two raffles, one for the summer and one for the fall.

CLOSING CEREMONY:

There being no further business, the monthly meeting was closed at 20:02 per the ritual. We will reconvene on February 20, 2025, for our next meeting (Dinner Meeting).

Submitted by: Edward Gizara

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Upcoming Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
01/22/25	09:00-12:00	VIRTUAL JOB FAIR	VIRTUAL	DOD
01/23/25	11:00-16:00	VETERAN & MILITARY SPOUSE VIRTUAL JOB FAIR	VIRTUAL	DOD
01/28/25	11:00-15:00	WESTERN REGIONAL VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR FOR VETERANS	VIRTUAL	DOD
01/29/25	13:00-16:00	VIRTUAL CAREE SUMIT	VIRTUAL	DOD
5/ 7-8 2025	18:00	Qtr. GA DEPT. MCL	WARNER ROBINS, GA	GA MCL
02/15/25	08:00-16:00	CAR SHOW	PEMBROOK, GA	VET.COUN.
02/20/25	19:00-20:30	SAVANNAH MCL DET. 564 MEETING (MEAL)	HAAF	564 MCL
03/01/25	18:00-24:00	AMERICAN LEGION BALL	THUNDERBOLT, GA	VET.COUN.
03/17/25	06:30-14:30	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE	DOWNTOWN SAVANNAH	VET.COUN.
03/21/25	19:00-20:30	SAVANNAH MCL DET. 564 MEETING (NO MEAL)	HAAF	564 MCL
4/ 5-6 25	08:00 – 16:00	NAAS Gun Show	CONVENTION CENTER	564 MCL