



# The Straight Skinny

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## COMMANDANT’S MESSAGE

August 2018

Please forgive my absence from the August Detachment Muster; I was attending the Purple Heart National Convention. I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, September 8th.

Semper Fidelis - Jim

## CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Fellow Marines,

I pray you and your families are having an enjoyable and safe time with family and friends during these fleeting summer months. Please continue to remember and include in your nightly prayers, our veterans, service men and women, and their families all over the world.

May the light of your spirits bless your work with charity and warmth; may the magnificence of your work be received wherever you are present throughout the communities we serve.



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Blessings! † Chaplain Daun Lenz

# MUSTER MINUTES

Minutes of August 4, 2018:

We mustered at the VFW post at 2902 Martin Way East in Lacey.

**Senior Vice Commandant Billy Smith** opened the meeting at 0820. **Sergeant at Arms Eric Rathke** secured the quarters and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Chaplain Daun Lenz** offered an opening prayer.

Guests. The **Senior Vice Commandant** asked our guests to introduce themselves. **Bob Phillips** was an active duty Marine from 1961 to 1966, serving in Vietnam in 1965-'66. He now owns a sailboat, currently in Subic Bay, with which he circumnavigates the globe. His friend **Bob Bird** is a Parris Island Marine who served from 1960 to 1964 as a combat engineer and ITR Instructor. Both Marines were made welcome!

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Minutes of the Previous Muster. **Shane Inman** moved that we accept the minutes of the June 2, 2018 muster. **Chaplain Daun Lenz** seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Report of the Paymaster. **Paymaster Ruth Ickert** reported what we have in savings and in checking, but I was unable to hear the amounts. I will get those numbers into next month's minutes. **John Britcher** moved that we accept the report of the Paymaster. **Dick Marcelynas** seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ruth has renewed our nonprofit status with the IRS. She also reported that the League has changed membership due dates possibly to August for all annual members, but she is still trying to confirm that; she will update us next month.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Rose Sales. **Alan Hoover** announced that our next Rose sale fundraiser is tentatively scheduled at Cabela's for Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> (Marine Corps Birthday) and Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veterans Day). Alan will have sign-up sheets for us at next month's muster. He would like to schedule for 6 hours each day instead of 8, with 2-hour slots beginning at 1000.

Homes for Our Troops. **David Ball** reported back about the welcome home event for double amputee Milan Franklin. He said there was a great turn out from the Military Mopars along with a nice luncheon for him in Shelton. Milan will be getting the keys to his new home in October. Milan and his girlfriend train service dogs. There are 4 other homes being planned to build here in the Pacific Northwest for injured troops. More information can be found at [www.hfotusa.org](http://www.hfotusa.org) Anyone who would like more information is urged to talk with David, especially if they would like to be part of Milan's escort to his new home in October.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Department Convention. **Sky Busk** was at the Department Convention, and reported that it was a very nice event. Sky held up a Department Unit Commendation that our Detachment received at the convention. The Commendation reads: "In sincere gratitude for the incredible work within your Community throughout the past year on behalf of the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps League, and the Department of Washington. Awarded the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018." Signed by Randall Ott Jr., the Awards Chairman, and James Renton, State Commandant.

Future Schedule. We will muster next at the VFW at 0800 on **Saturday, September 8**. NOTE that this is the second Saturday of the month; the first Saturday in September is right before Labor Day and muster attendance would probably be low.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**Chuck Downen** reported that **WWII Marine Bill Greenwood** fell last week. He didn't break anything, but he is black and blue and recovering at home. He expects to attend muster next month.

**Shane Inman** announced that he is in his 29<sup>th</sup> year in the Reserves. He is traveling to Hawaii Friday and will stay there for several weeks as part of his training. Shane is also going to Quantico next January. If anyone would like him to get anything while he is there he would be happy to help; just let him know in the next few months.

Following a prayer from **Chaplain Daun Lenz** and a rousing verse of the Marines Hymn, the **Senior Vice Commandant** thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 0850. **Our next Breakfast/Muster will be held at 0800 at the VFW Post at 2902 Martin Way East in Lacey on September 8, 2018.**

## SHORT ROUNDS

A small change to make your member directory: **Ryan Johnston** is no longer the Paymaster; that title should be added to **Ruth Ickert's** information. Please make this update in your directory.

**ALL MEMBERS:** Shane Inman is our new Quartermaster/Supply Sergeant. As part of his job Shane needs to know who has keys to our closet at the VFW. Please contact Shane or myself if you have a key. Thank you, Ken Clark.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events are fast approaching. Please try to fit these into your schedule.

**Sunday, September 2, 2018:** V-J Day; Fly the Flag!

**Monday, September 3, 2018:** Labor Day; Fly the Flag!

**Saturday, September 8, 2018:** Breakfast/Muster at the VFW on Martin Way at 0800.

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018:** Patriot Day; Fly the Flag!

Marines and Associate members, please feel free to contact me with any short articles or items of interest that you would like to post in the Straight Skinny. Also, if you would like me to include a story from your time on active duty, let me know and we will meet for coffee and get your story posted here. Respectfully submitted, PAO Ken Clark

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