



**Camp J.H. Pendleton Oceanside Detachment 21  
Marine Corps League**

**January 2022 Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** January 20, 2022

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Invocation and opening prayer*

**Call to Order:** 1800 hours

**Order of Business:** Roll call of Detachment Officers

Commandant: Dan Leja - *PRESENT*

Judge Advocate: Hap Arnold - *PRESENT*

Sr. Vice Commandant: Mike Lewis – *PRESENT (ZOOM)*

Jr. Vice Commandant: Mary Anthony – *PRESENT (ZOOM)*

Adjutant: *OPEN*

Paymaster: Chuck Atkinson - *PRESENT*

Chaplain: Tito Luna - *PRESENT*

Sgt-at-Arms: Lee Brunson - *PRESENT*

Past Commandant: Jim Pruitt - *PRESENT*

**New Membership Applications Received:** *None received*

**Balloting on applications for membership & Ceremony of Initiation:** *N/A*

**Adjutant's Report:**

A. Minutes of November membership meeting approved: 1<sup>st</sup> Chuck Atkinson / 2<sup>nd</sup> Hap Arnold; unanimous approval.

B. Correspondence received: *Commandant Dan Leja discussed past months correspondence including email from Camp Pendleton requesting recognition of the various Marine / NCO / Sailor of the Quarter. Goal in 2022 is to have a Detachment member present or deliver recognition certificates.*

**Paymasters Report:** *Current Detachment balance is \$1,676.58 in checking.*

**Chaplains Report:** *Will try and be more attentive to the passing of any Detachment members.*



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**Report of Officers:** *Commandant Dan Leja discussed importance of recruiting new members and who we should recruit; Sr. Vice Commandant Mike Lewis discussed Camp Pendleton Historical Society's upcoming golf tournament scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost increased to \$250 per golfer due to increased course costs; Past Commandant Jim Pruitt is hosting various veterans' groups twice a month as part of the Oceanside Sunset Market. The Detachment and other groups get rotated.*

**Report of Eagle Young Marines:** *The Eagle Young Marines were very active and successful in their Toys for Tots work. They collected approximately \$7,000 in toys which included the toys used to give away to the children at the VANC hosted Christmas parties for active duty families. Duane and Patty discussed recruitment and retention challenges they faced with military families.*

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Oceanside Sunset Market recruitment / fundraiser booth Winter/Spring 2022:  
*Upcoming dates 1/27 (MCL Detachment hosting), 2/10 & 2/26. Eagle Young Marines plan to host one of the dates in February.*
- Detachment polo shirts and covers for members: *problems ordering covers and patches from the National store.*
- Wreaths Across America San Diego County, Sat. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> : *Past Commandant Jim Pruitt reported that donations to Wreaths Across America were down. Our detachment received \$5 for every wreath purchased.*
- Toys for Tots program: *Detachment didn't directly support program, but Eagle Young Marines collected approximately \$7,000 in toys.*

### **New Business:**

- Membership meetings: *Possible change in general membership meeting day & time discussed. Consensus was to keep the same meeting date/time.*
- 2022 calendar of events: *Discussed upcoming 2022 events. Plan to present a list of possible Detachment events at next meeting.*



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**Committee Reports:** *Wreaths Across America* will try to sponsor Oceanside cemetery instead of going to overcrowded National Cemetery in San Diego.

**Good of the League / Announcements:** *Past Commandant Jim Pruitt* briefly discussed Flag Day retirement ceremony hosted by the Oceanside Fire Department; The executive board also discussed looking into possible purchase of a pop-up style canopy with MCL logo for advertising at our various events. *Chuck Atkins* will look into the cost.

**CLOSING CEREMONY:** *Meeting adjourned 1920 hours.*

**Next Detachment membership meeting will be Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 1800 – 1900 hours. Detachment social with beverages and pogeys starting by 1730 hours.**