



## SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM HAMPTON ROADS

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From: Single Marine Program (SMP) Hampton Roads  
To: SMP Council Members and SMP Leaders

Subj: SMP COUNCIL MINUTES, 11 January 2018

The SMP council meeting was held on 11 January 2018 at the MCCA Camp Allen MAC Center. The meeting was called to order by the SMP Vice President at 1130.

### Roll Call of Attendees

Cpl Cindy Vasquez	MACS-24	Sgt Jerad Brinegar	MCCA
LCpl Kimberly Albright	MACS-24	Sgt Emanuel Silvarios	MCSCG
LCpl Bre'Aunna Sneed	H&S	LCpl Edgar Terrones	MCSCG
Sgt Benjamin Nightingale	MARDET	Sgt Corey Siebert	CNATTU
SgtMaj Shawn Ellis	MCSCG	CIV Colin Moore	MARFORCOM
1stSgt Jesabel Cuadro	MCSFR	CIV Karina Phillips	MCCA
CIV Tracy Fearon	MCCA		

### SMP Coordinator

- Annual Assessment Survey
  - We need to ideas on how to increase participation in our Annual Program Needs Assessment. We have not had enough responses in the past to gather any useful data for improving the program. We have utilized both hard copies as well as electronic surveys in the past with no success. Please bring ideas to the next council meeting so we can solidify the survey dates and increase participation. These surveys are tools used to improve the program and need to be completed.
- Hampton Roads Field Meet
  - The Hampton Roads Field Meet has moved to 18 May this year. Meetings will begin next month for planning. Please solicit ideas from your Marines and bring them to the next council meeting for discussion. We are trying to reenergize the event by implementing new events and ideas. SMP Officer participation has been fantastic at the last two events and we need to continue that trend moving forward.
- February Ski Trips
  - We have two options for the Ski Trip this year.
    - Thursday, February 8
    - \$25 Rentals/Free lift ticket/ free lodging at the barracks in Quantico, VA
    - Whitetail Ski Resort
    - Saturday, February 24
    - \$30 Rentals/ \$65 Lift ticket/\$110 per hotel room (Two Marines per room)
    - Wintergreen Ski Resort

- Vote passed for Wintergreen trip. Marines will be unable to get off work on a Thursday so will be unable to get participation for the Whitetail trip.
- We will keep the Whitetail trip on the calendar and Marines may participate on their own if they are able to do so.
- Discussed tentative February calendar, pending approval.
  - February 4- Super Bowl Party at the MAC Center
  - February 8- Whitetail Ski Trip
  - February 8- Humane Society (Peninsula) Volunteer
  - February 16- Norfolk Zoo Volunteer
  - February 24- SMP Hampton Roads Wintergreen Ski Trip

Sgt Siebert (SMP Vice President)

- Congratulated everyone on the success we had over the holidays with our volunteer events. The final numbers are still being tallied, but we had fantastic turn out for Snowball Express, Toys-For-Tots and our volunteer opportunities over the last couple of months.
- Stressed the importance of the SMP Officers planning local events in their area outside of what we plan as a council.
- Still looking for signups for the Top Golf event on 18 January. We have already paid for the reservation and need Marines to sign up. If we continue to vote on events without participation, especially when deposits are covered by MCCA, it could negatively effect our future trips.

John Goodrich, SMP Coordinator

- Opened the floor for March Trips/Events
  - Bowling
  - March Madness viewing Party/Tournament Challenge (Peninsula)
  - Dave and Busters
  - Norfolk Zoo Volunteer
  - Fishing Trip
  - Adopt A Street (VB, Norfolk, Peninsula)
  - Texas Hold'Em Tournament (Yorktown)
  - Elementary School Volunteer opportunity (Yorktown)
- Bring five events from your Marines to the next council meeting

LCpl Sneed

- Cable has been installed at the new barracks in Yorktown. She will check on the gaming systems and anything else that is still needed and report back.

Tracy Fearon

- Volunteer Appreciation

- 15 April
- Double Tree Hotel
- There will be food and drinks provided. All volunteers being honored will be receiving a certificate and a gift.
- Links for Kids (Lifestyle Insight Networking Knowledge and Skills)
  - 4 hours at the Camp Allen Gym
  - Volunteers will be working with the kids. Singing the Marine Corps Hymn, running through an obstacle course, talk to them about making friends, social network safety and much more.
  - Contact Tracy if interested for dates and times.
- Discussed the volunteer opportunities for the Big Brother Big Sister Program.
  - It is a mentorship program. You are paired up with a child and serve as a role model and example for them.
  - The program only works with military connected children.
  - You cannot be unreliable. If you have Marines interested in signing up it is imperative that they realize the responsibility they are taking on and show up for their assigned dates and times.
  - There are two different options for volunteering
    - Site based- 4hrs per month at the school. You meet for one hour a week and assist with homework, talk to them, and assist with their needs.
    - Community based- 9-12 hours per month. Meet with them at different locations in the community (Park, mall, etc.).
    - Bigbrobigsis.com or (757) 392-5155

SgtMaj Ellis

- Thanked the Marines for showing up to the Council Meeting. He emphasized how important it is to share the details of these meetings with their Marines. Our leadership here are all advocates of the program and we have their full support. Council members need to be fulfilling their obligations to have a successful Single Marine Program. He is pleased with the results of the program and wants to see continued improvement. He stated that the council needs to come to the council meetings prepared with ideas and be involved in the discussions.

Quality of Life Issue

- None

Meeting ended approximately 1230. The next meeting is set for 8 February 2018, 1130 at the MCCC Camp Allen MAC Center.

Respectfully submitted

John Goodrich