

PL Wilson Detachment Meeting 3-10-09

Minutes

Commandant Cal Walters called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.
Posting of Colors and Detachment Prayer ensued.
38 Members and 10 guests were in attendance.
\$113 was raised at tonight's raffle.

A Roll Call of Officers was taken:

Commandant Cal Walters Fell –Present
Sr. Vice Commandant Tom Claxton –Present
Jr. Vice Commandant Larry Kent – Present
Judge Advocate Gwyn Howard----Present
Adjutant Jerry Steele –Present
Chaplin Thurman Roland –Present
Public Relations Officer Tom Claxton –Present
Sgt. at Arms Charlie Malone—Present
Webmaster Tom Wells—Present
Paymaster David Sprott ---Present
Service Officer AB Grantham---Present
Legislative Officer John Bankston----Present

Correspondence

Adjutant read letter from Galliard Elementary School thanking members for their support and participation in the school's Mardi Gras Parade.

Announcements

Four new members, Blaine Townsend, Robbie Reed, Larry Savell and Hugh King were sworn in at tonight's meeting.

Next Detachment's Officer's Meeting will be 31 March 2009 at Post 88.

Next Detachment Meeting will be Tuesday April 14, 2009 at Post 88. Food will be provided by the mangy mutts of Bull Dog Pound #184.

Devil Dog Growl is set for Sunday 29 March 2009 at Jerry Steele's Doghouse.

Department Meeting set for Saturday 4 April at the Marion Military Institute. Uniform is Red Blazer. Lunch will be \$7 with parade to follow at 1430.

Department Convention is set for June 5-7 in Dothan, Alabama. Attendance is highly encouraged. Additionally a 42" TV will be raffled as a grand prize.

Prior Minutes

Prior minutes for February were distributed and posted on the web site and were **approved by the members.**

Paymasters Report

Paymasters report, for the month of February was read and **approved by the members.** It was noted that the Detachment now has over \$5,063 in its account and an additional \$2,768 in the “fishing rodeo” account.

Committee Reports

Bereavement Committee---Billy Crabtree reported that that his committee had made 4 visits this past month to our fallen Marines: James Pressley, Calvin Brown, James Stevens and Albert Eslava. He then identified his committee members and thanked them for their help and support.

Retention/Recruitment--- Larry Kent reported that with the induction of tonight’s new members, our total numbers now had increased from 189 to 193 and that our retention was approaching 152%.

Historical Committee---Bubba Jackson reported that he was continuing to post pictures to the scrapbook and that he was also preparing to participate in the Americanism Project sponsored by the MCL for “best scrapbook” award.

Sunday Cooking---AB announced that as a result of the “remolding” of the Post’s kitchen, Sunday Cooking was still on hold. But he hoped that all will be well by April 1st so that we get back to once again doing it right. Additionally, he stated that the schedule for the Food Handler’s License’s held at the Tillman’s Conner Convention Center will be published on the web and in the next newsletter. Lastly, he made **a motion to provide Post 88 with \$100 to help offset the cost of the remodeling effort. Motion passed.**

Fishing Rodeo---Tom Claxton reported that his committee and a few other members had “manned” booths at the Boat Show held at the Convention Center this March 5th-8th in support of “Kids Wishing to go Fishing” and Homes for Our Troops. Tom felt that support at both booths had been worth while as funds were raised and many contacts were made.

Phone Committee---Sam Vaughn reported that he was working on the “mother of all phone plans” to insure that as we grow in membership that his committee will be able to “get the word out”.

Rifle Committee---Rick Stafford asked members to get involved with his committee as he was still trying to re-work and clean our M-1's. It was suggested that perhaps we could hold a "clean-up Day" at the Post on a weekend in late March early April and clean weapons and the up stairs storage area. Members were encouraged to come and participate and have some fun and activities.

Semper Fi Riders---Gwyn announced that the riders were planning a trip to Metairie, Louisiana to watch the St Patrick's Day Parade and that they would leave from the Bama Bell at about 7am. Additionally, he added that the HOGs were ridding to Montgomery April 18th. Details to follow.

Golf Tournament Committee---AB Grantham reported that the committee was in the process of getting the 3rd annual tournament together. Date is set for April 10th (17th backup) with a 1pm shotgun start. Profits would be used to offset the cost of a bronze statue for Cpl Harrington (a 3rd Force Reconnaissance Marine) who was killed in Iraq. Bust of Cpl. Harrington would come from the "Operation Never Forget" program. Cost to participate in the tournament is \$75/ea and teams are \$280 with Hole Sponsorships at \$100. Joe, Perry and Tom were volunteered to help provide, respectively, food, drinks and sponsorships. Tom Claxton also added that Randy Bergman, host of a local golf show on radio station 710am called Tee Time, would give us some local press as well as might want to join our Detachment as an Associate Member.

Cokes Rewards Committee---Jerry Steele reported that while the program had acquired 6,259 points for the Toys for Tots Program in 2008, in large part to Cal Walters, he felt that as we had a good start in 2009 with about 1000 points, we could do even better in 2009. He encouraged all to participate and place collection "jugs" in high traffic areas to help get the program in high gear. Suggestions were made to place some containers at the Mobile Harley Shop and Mulherin Home as well as other location that our Detachment supports.

Officer's Reports

Sr. Vice---Tom Claxton reported that Charlie Malone had received his refurbished "three wheeler" and was now mobile

Chaplin--- Thurmond Roland reported on several members who were sick or in distress to include Tom Duboise and Jimmy Strickland.

Sgt at Arms---Charlie Malone reported that there were still many raffle tickets available tonight. Also he stated that the Color Guard needed one more volunteer to be a "stand-by" to be up to full strength. Lastly, he thanked the members for their support during his illness.

Paymaster---David Sprott reported that there were some "challenge coins" left over from the recent SE Division Conference for sell at \$10/ea.

Webmaster---Tom Wells reported that the website was being update with new pictures and that the member's forum was still being revamped. Additionally, Tom stated that the officer's section was nearing completion. Website is www.mobilemarines.org

Judge Advocate---Gwyn Howard reported that he had recently been over to the Penelope House and had affected some repairs. However, he stated that there were still some areas of concern specifically the children's playground. He asked members for their support and stated he would contact them in the near future for their help.

Legislative Committee---John Bankston reported that he had meet with some of our local Commissioners and government officials including one of our State Senators to continue the plans for our Veterans Parkway which would stretch over 37 miles. He also stated that statues would be placed at the beginning and end of the Parkway.

No other reports given.

Good of League

It was announced that tickets for a "Basket of Cheer" are for sale for our Annual Picnic May 16th.

It was stated that the PL Wilson Detachment has been selected to host the 2010 SE Division Conference in Mobile.

Members were told that Cal Walters had recently received the Carter Award naming him as the SE Division Marine of the Year.

Closing Ceremonies were conduct with the meeting adjourned at 2045 hours. Next meeting will be April 14, 2009.