

PL Wilson Detachment Meeting 6-9-09

Minutes

Commandant Cal Walters called the meeting to order at 1903 hours.

Posting of Colors and Detachment Prayer ensued.

51 Members and 3 guests were in attendance.

\$133 was raised at tonight's raffle.

A Roll Call of Officers was taken:

Commandant Cal Walters –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 –Absent

Public Relations Officer Tom Claxton –Present

Sgt. at Arms Charlie Malone—Present

Webmaster Tom Wells—Absent

Paymaster David Sprott ---Present

Service Officer AB Grantham---Present

Legislative Officer John Bankston----Present

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Announcements

One new member, William Sansone was sworn in at tonight's meeting. Additionally, Chuck Stewart and Ed Stevens were introduced as new associate members.

Next Detachment's Officer's Meeting will be Tuesday 30 June 2009 at Post 88 at 1830.

Next Detachment Meeting will be Tuesday 14 July 2009 at Post 88 at 1900. Food will be provided by TBA.

Next Devil Dog Growl is set for Sunday 26 July 2009 at 1300 at Perry Vaughn's Doghouse.

Hardy Canton reminded the Members that Post 88's Officer's Installation was being held next week at their regularly scheduled meeting. All guests are welcome.

Sam Vaughn was recognized as having had his 90th birthday this past week.

On 19 June the Color Guard will participate at ceremonies at the USS Alabama. Additionally, on 28 June they will participate in a ceremony at the DIP Church.

Prior Minutes

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

Paymasters Report

Paymasters report, for the month of May was read and **approved by the members.** It was noted that the Detachment now has over \$9,350 in its account and an additional \$2,768 in the “fishing rodeo” account.

Committee Reports

Bereavement Committee---Billy Crabtree reported that that the committee had made 4 visits this past month to our fallen Marines: Thomas Odom, Fred N Walters, Rev. Alford L Lang and Charles W. Garrettson Jr. He then identified his committee members and others that attended and thanked them for their help and support.

Retention/Recruitment--- Larry Kent reported that with the induction of tonight’s new member, our total number of members had increased to 211 and that retention was at 168%. However, he stated that we still had (4) members, not counting June’s that were still delinquent in their dues but he was working to resolve this issue. He then stated that we all need to be out there and recruiting and to see him after the meeting to get some “tools” to help in the recruiting effort.

Historical Committee---Bubba Jackson reported that he was continuing to post pictures to the scrapbook. Additionally, he stated that a meeting of his committee had been set for this Sunday so that they can prepare to participate in the Americanism Project sponsored by the MCL for “best scrapbook” award.

Sunday Cooking---AB announced that the “remolding” of the Post’s kitchen was accomplished last month and that Sunday Cooking was doing well. He also said that a schedule has been published for the “crews” for the next few months. Additionally, he stated that Cindy Bridges would assist him in the next few months as he would have surgery soon. He also 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. He then reminded members that the cost of the license would be paid by the Detachment.

Semper Fi Riders---Gwyn announced that the riders had had a successful trip to St Jude’s this past month and that they had recently participated in the Honor Guard for the policeman who had lost his life in the line of duty. Lastly, Gwyn mentioned that his riders had also participated in Memorial Day Services at Post 250 and in Satsuma.

Cokes Rewards Committee---Jerry Steele reported that we were at about 3200 points and had many more to put into the system. He further explained that this year has been a little harder to put points into the system as we were now only allowed to place 10 codes a week instead of a 10 codes a day per e-mail account. However, he still encouraged all

to participate and as a solution he asked members to volunteer their e-mail addresses to our current three and bind them together in December so that we could make up for the number that can be placed into the system per week. He also thanked Cal for putting together a “flyer” that identified the coke products and the rewards that they represented.

Unfinished Business

The Basket of Cheer tickets for our general fund raiser remained on sale through tonight’s meeting and a winner was declared. All results will be announced at next meeting.

While the Color Guard for the Memorial Day Service at the Magnolia Cemetery on May 25th was rained out, the members were able to make it to the Green’s Veterans Home in time to help with the Green’s Veterans Home ceremonies.

Larry Kent stated that the Annual Picnic which was scheduled on May 23rd at Walter’s Park has been re-scheduled for a future date in September.

New Business

The PL Wilson Detachment is sponsoring 20-25 veterans from Biloxi to attend the Bay Bear’s games on June 11th, 23rd and the 24th. Members wishing to go and help the veterans can muster at the Post at 1830 for the first two games and 1130 for the last.

Flag Day celebration will be this June 20th at Pinecrest Cemetery at 1000. Uniform will be undressed blues. There will also be a Flag Disposal Ceremony this day.

Officer’s Reports

Commandant announced that the legislation for the Marine Corps Service Tag Bill (HB28) as well as the Vietnam Veterans (VVA) Service Tag Bill (HB58) passed in the Alabama state Senate and House and will be available 1 January 2010. Additionally, he stated that the Alabama Veterans Cemetery which had been proposed for Baldwin County has also been approved. He then thanked those members who met last month with our local and state legislators to get these items “done”.

The Commandant in the **Chaplin’s** absence, ask members to report on any Marine that was sick or in distress. Joe Fell reported on Dave Cermi’s status and let members know that they might be better able to “reach” him by e-mail instead of phone. Josh Grantham let members know that his father was undergoing some back surgery next week. Billy Crabtree stated he was doing well after his recent surgery.

Sr. Vice Tom Claxton reported that the Kids Wishing to Go Fishing Rodeo was going well as the local news media (96.1 FM radio station) and local vendors (Pepsi and Mobile Speedway) had given full support. Muster for the kids would be at 0800 at the Festival Center on 27 June. Transportation would be provided both to and from the rodeo.

Service Officer AB Grantham ask members for help with Raymond Jones a WWII Vet and his wife who needed a walk in shower as their current tub was to low for them to

bath properly. Art Slack stated that he had recently put a walk in shower in his home and could help AB gather information in order to get a quote for cost in order to get some assistance from the Marine Corps Foundation.

Legislative Officer John Bankston reported that the proposed Veteran's Highway that he has been working on was moving well as far as the state portion or responsibility was concerned but not with the city or county portion. He ask members to continue their support with our local law makers.

Sgt at Arms--- Charlie Malone reported that there were still many raffle tickets available tonight.

Good of League

Commandant Walters reported on the recent Department Convention in Dothan. He stated much camaraderie and merriment was had and that the PL Wilson Detachment had also received numerous awards for their members: Billy Crabtree and Thurmond Roland-- Distinguished Citizen Award. Perry Vaughn and Joe Fell---Distinguished Service Award. Tom Claxton--- Department Recruiter of the Year. Charlie Malone--- Pack Dog of the Year.

Additionally, Officer Elections were held for the Department with the following PL Wilson members elected or appointed: Cal Walters--- Jr Vice. Joe Fell--- Judge Advocate. Billy Crabtree--- Adjutant. Charlie Malone--- Assistant Sgt at Arms. Thurmond Roland--- Assistant Chaplin.

Mid year planning conference is set for 18 July at the Tillman's Corner Convention Center at 8:45.

Members wanting to help or attend the Flag Day Ceremonies at the Green's Veterans Home and to bring the "blanket throws" that Ms Gulley has made need to muster at the Post at 8:45

In an un-ceremonially fashion, Joe Fell gave Cal the "Short Arm of Non-Justice" so that Cal could more readily "point the finger" and dispense assignments.

Closing Ceremonies were conduct with the meeting adjourned at 2105 hours. Next meeting will be 14 July 2009.