

PL Wilson Detachment Meeting 7-14-09

Minutes

Commandant Cal Walters called the meeting to order at 1904 hours.

Posting of Colors and Detachment Prayer ensued.

63 Members and guests were in attendance.

\$159 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 – Absent

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----Absent

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Announcements

Two new members, Michael Robinson and Keith Hancock were sworn in at tonight's meeting.

Next Detachment's Officer's Meeting will be Tuesday 28 July 2009 at Post 88 at 1830.

Next Detachment Meeting will be Tuesday 11 August 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. This will be an initiation for new pups as well an event for new members.

Prior Minutes

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

Paymasters Report

Paymasters report, for the month of June was read and was **approved by the members**. It was noted that the Detachment now has over \$10,906 in its account and an additional \$2,013 in the “fishing rodeo” account.

Committee Reports

Bereavement Committee---Billy Crabtree reported that that the committee had made 2 visits this past month to our fallen Marines: Charles McCauley 22 June and Raymond Skoglund 1 July. He then identified his committee members and others that attended and thanked them for their help and support.

Retention/Recruitment--- In Larry Kent’s absence, the Commandant reported that with the induction of tonight’s new members, our total number of members had increased to 214 and that retention was at 168%.

Historical Committee---Bubba Jackson reported that he was continuing to post pictures to the scrapbook. Additionally, he stated that a meeting of his committee for the Americanism Project had occurred this past Sunday and that they will be ready by month’s end to participate for the MCL’s “best scrapbook” award.

Sunday Cooking---Cindy Bridges (for AB) announced that the Sunday Cooking was doing well and that last Sunday they took in about \$104. She 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. Lastly, members were reminded that the cost of the license would be paid by the Detachment.

Semper Fi Riders---Gwyn announced that the new website, (www.semperfiriders.com), for the riders was making great progress and many pictures and links have been established. Further he stated that he and Ricky Reed, last Saturday July 11th, had participated in Mobile’s Weed and Seed Program as part of the “Clean-up the Streets” effort. Lastly, he reminded the members that more information for the “Pool Party” in August at Don’s house would be forth coming.

Cokes Rewards Committee---Jerry Steele reported that we were at about 4,000 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.

Hospitality Committee---Hershel Mason stated that his committee was looking for more support and help in greeting new and potential members and providing food at our meetings. He reminded members that the Detachment reimburses members that help with the food for our meetings with up to \$100.

Unfinished Business

The Commandant stated that the winner of the Basket of Cheer from last month had been “found”. However, because she had moved to Florida, she wanted to donate her winnings back to the Detachment. Therefore, tickets for the re-raffling will be on sale soon and a new winner will be drawn at our annual picnic in October.

Jim Gunnels let members know that on June 15th the residents of the Green’s Veterans Home had received the 150 “quilted throws” made by Ms. Gulley and her quilt committee. Jim was asked by the Commandant to ensure that Ms Gulley received our thanks and certificate of appreciation from our Detachment for her grand efforts.

Commandant announced that the Annual Picnic which was scheduled on May 23rd at Walter’s Park has been re-scheduled for 10 October at 1100.

Kathy Dyess presented the Detachment with a picture presentation depicting the Detachment’s participation with her school, Gillard Elementary, during the school’s Mardi Gras celebration.

New Business

The PL Wilson Detachment is sponsoring 20-25 veterans from Biloxi to attend the Bay Bear’s games on July 16th and the 30th. Members wishing to go and help the veterans can muster at the Post at 1830 for these two games. Uniform is causal.

Christmas in July for the Mulherin Home will be this coming Wednesday July 22. Members are encouraged to attend and bring food and paper products. Muster at the Post will be 1000; uniform will be kaki pants and red polo shirts with MCL cover.

Officer’s Reports

Commandant reported that “Flag Day” went well last June 20th and was covered by channel 10 as well as other news media. John Tyson Sr and Sam Vaughn were also recognized for their participation and support.

Chaplin reported on our Marines and family members that have been sick or in distress: AB, Dave Ceremi, Fred Walters, Billy Crabtree, Jim Harold’s Wife, Harvey Bryant and John Gray.

Sr. Vice Tom Claxton reported that the Kids Wishing to Go Fishing Rodeo held on 27 June was a great success as 24 young anglers had caught many fish and had come away from the event with many prizes to boot. Many who had attended felt and stated that it was a great event for “all”

Webmaster Tom Wells reported that new pictures specifically from the Department Convention have been added to the web site www.mobilemarines.org and that all was going well.

Service Officer AB Grantham reported that thanks to a friend of Fred Walters, Sam Powers that resolution is being made that will allow Raymond Jones a WWII Vet and his wife to have a walk in shower as their current tub is to low for them to bath properly. **A motion was made to reimburse Sam Powers for the \$887 he had spent in the renovation as well as up to an additional \$500 for any further cost incurred with this project. Motion passed.** AB further stated that the Marine Corps League Foundation had been asked to provide some financial assistance up to \$750.

Sgt at Arms--- Charlie Malone reported that there were still many raffle tickets available tonight. John Reid stated that many new members had volunteered to be part of the Color Guard and that all up-coming events/needs for the Color Guard have been met.

Good of League

Commandant Walters presented Thurmond Roland with his Distinguished Citizen Award that he received from the Department Convention held in Dothan on June 5-7.

Additionally, the Commandant presented Fred Walters with the Distinguished Service Award (Gold Level) which is the highest MCL award that can be given to MCL members. Marine Walters received his award for his great work with the veterans of the gulf coast.

Mid year planning conference is set for 22 August at the Tillman's Corner Convention Center at 8:45.

Jerry Steele invited all members to attend his up-coming wedding reception that will be held Friday 28 August at 6:30 at the Tillman's Corner Civic Center.

Commandant reminded members that Post 88 is looking for new members and to contact Commander Canton if interested in joining.

Closing Ceremonies were conduct with the meeting adjourned at 2105 hours. Next meeting will be 11 August 2009.