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12 April 2011 Detachment Meeting Minutes

Opening Ceremony

Commandant A.B. Grantham called the meeting to order at 1906 hours. Posting of Colors and Opening Prayer ensued. 63 Members were in attendance. \$125 was raised at tonight's raffle.

Commandant Grantham recognized the following attendees:

- ADVC, SE Division and Dept of Alabama Commandant – Cal Walters
- PDCs Perry Vaughn, Jerry Steele, John Reid, Bubba Jackson, and Cal Walters.

Before the roll call of Officers, Commandant Grantham announced that Det Chaplain George Fisher had resigned his position due to personal reasons. David Sprott has agreed to step into the position.

A Roll Call of Officers was taken by Adjutant Cal Walters:

Commandant A.B. Grantham	Present
Sr. Vice Commandant Gregg Wood	Present
Jr. Vice Commandant Zach Bolden	Present
Judge Advocate Rick Ivy	Present
Chaplin David Sprott	Present
Sgt. At Arms Gerald Jowers	Present
Paymaster Tricia Allen	Present
Adjutant Cal Walters	Present

Visitors

Capt Hal Pierce was introduced and discussed possibilities for the Detachment for the 2012 Convention in Mobile. He asked the Detachment to have a couple of representatives at the meeting of the Battleship Commission on Friday, 15 April. He also noted that the 16th of August 2012 is the 70th anniversary for the Battleship.

Jerry Cherne, Commandant elect of the Daphne Detachment was recognized and introduced Sara Cole as Detachment Paymaster and other members present.

Additional visitors were recognized by the Sgt at Arms.

Life Members

Commandant Grantham presented Mack Herrin and Rick Ivy with their Life Member Cards and pins.

Special Presentations

Commandant Grantham read a card from Mack Herrin thanking the Detachment for their presence at the funeral of his son.

Commandant Grantham presented Stella Reindl with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work on the Coke Rewards – Toys for Tots program.

Membership Applications and Presentations

There was one application for Associate membership. Fran Campbell.

There were four applications for regular membership. Wayne Williamson, Larry Brown, Ervin Gallas, Lloyd Troup.

The applications were approved by a vote of the membership and those present were sworn in by Commandant Grantham.

Prior Minutes

Prior minutes for March were announced as available and posted to the website for review. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence

Paymaster Report

Paymaster Tricia Allen reported that due to computer problems, there was not an accurate report to present at this time. A complete report will be prepared for the Staff Meeting and the next regular meeting.

Chaplain Report

Chaplain – Acting Chaplain John Reid reported additions: Danny LaFon treatment for Oral Cancer, Larry Kent for viral infection and Bell's Palsy. Commandant Grantham welcomed back Michael Joiner, who had been ill but was back, and commented on his wife Neicy Joiner who will have surgery tomorrow.

Officer's Reports

Sr. Vice Commandant – Gregg Wood reminded everyone that there would be training given on the night of the Staff Meeting. The instructional time will begin at 1800hrs, and the next class will be on officer's duties. All are invited to attend. He also encouraged everyone to find out ways to become more involved in the Detachment,

Jr. Vice Commandant – Zach Bolden reported on Retention & Recruitment: Since Dec Roster, 46 members renewed. He also provided a list of overdue members and those with renewals coming up soon for general information.

Judge Advocate – Nothing further

Adjutant – Cal Walters reported that the CMC had announced the 17th Sgt Major of the Marine Corps will be SgtMjr. Michael T. Barret.

Paymaster Report – Tricia Allen had nothing further to report

Service Officer---Ron Bridges introduced himself to new members as a resource for all things VA related..

Web Sgt – Tricia Allen reported that the website had information on the Golf Tournament and will have pictures from the Department meeting at MMI when they are received.

Chaplain – Nothing further to report.

Public Relations Officer – Tom Claxton reported that the booth at Boat Show went very well and raised funds for both the Detachment and Fishing Rodeo.

Sgt at Arms---Gerald Jowers reported that there were several items for raffle that would take place during the break. He also asked for donations from members for the raffle in the future.

Legislative Officer – John Bankston is currently in Japan.

Committee Reports

Convention/Conference Committee—Cal Walters reported that they are working with the County on funding proposals. Once those proposals come back, then the budget can be finalized. Once the funding and events are approved, then the committee can begin moving forward. Commandant Grantham mentioned the upcoming Dept of Alabama Convention, 10-12 June in Oxford, AL. Forms and information are available from the Det website. All are encouraged to attend.

Bereavement Committee—Dave Sprott reported that 3 Marines and one associate member's son moved on to their final duty assignment and were visited by the Bereavement Committee

Willie G Lundy
Stephen Lynn Lewis
Francis Clyde Sealy
Mack Herrin, Jr.

Semper Fi Riders – Gregg Wood requested that people contact him or give him email addresses. He invited all to come out.

Boy Scout Committee – Bubba Jackson reported that the Eagle Scout Dinner was coming up on May 10 at Mitchell Center. He will not be able to attend. Cal Walters reported that the certificates are in and he would get with Chuck Stewart to get him on board or find someone else to head up the detail.

Newsletter Committee – Cal Walters reported that the newsletter this month on time and everyone should have received either a hard copy or email version. The hard copy version was made possible through the sponsorship of Kingdom Coach. He also reminded any members with email addresses to get them in. Also, any articles for the newsletter need to be in to him by the Staff Meeting each month.

Hospitality Committee—Herschel Mason thanked the Devil Dogs for the food tonight and reported that he had volunteers through May. Young Marines would have a Change of Command ceremony on fantail of Battleship on May 7th at 1300 hours. This would be a good time to see them in action. They will also have a boot camp graduation on June 12.

Flea Market Committee –AB Grantham reported that, in Larry Kent's absence that Rick Ivy has agreed to take up the cause. The next weekend will be the 30th of April and 1st of May.

Color Guard – John Reid reported that the Detail performed on 7 April for the reunion of Destroyer Escort Squadron 3 with \$100 for the good of the Detachment. The Color Guard is also on duty for the upcoming Memorial Day ceremony in Mobile. Volunteers are needed for the flag detail.

Golf Tournament – Zach Bolden reported that the tournament was a great success, with over 78 players and 35 hole sponsors, raising over \$13,000 dollars, with a profit of \$3,200 to the Detachment. He also reported over 20 members were out to help.

Green Home – Larry Savell reminded everyone about the tote bags for collection points and items needed for the Home.

Mulherin Home – Ron Bridges reported next visit will be on Tuesday, 19 April at 1300. Uniform will be Red Blazer, Detachment Polo as alternate.

Roadblock – CMDT Grantham reported in Chair's absence. There will be a roadblock on Saturday, 16 April in Spanish Fort. Volunteers are needed as many of the regulars will not be able to be there.

He also mentioned that we had lost the funding from Humana due to their regulations and roadblocks are needed to supplement the budget.

Vets and the Hank –Fred Walters reported that he has gotten request from the VA to attend 11 games. He will be meeting with the Bay Bears to arrange food and accommodations and will report. The first games will be on May 4th.

Ships Store – Dave Sprott reported that they had samples of MCL Challenge Coins for sale for \$12.00. He will be taking orders for them. Commandant Grantham mentioned that with Dave moving over to Chaplain, additional help would be needed at the Ships Store.

Special Announcements

Detachment Picnic moved from May 21st to October 22nd due to scheduling conflict.

David Sprott put out a challenge to the membership to donate items to improve the raffle.

Old Business

Commandant Elect of the Daphne Detachment Jerry Cherne announced the Detachment's name will be Jesse Andrews, Jr. Commandant Grantham also mentioned that Jerry had been a charter member of the P.L. Wilson Detachment as well.

Cal Walters mentioned a donation of art by the new Detachment and the United States Sports Academy on 5 May at 4:30 at the aircraft pavilion at the USS Alabama Battleship. All are invited.

Cal Walters reported on the Retirement Ceremony of SgtMjr Mike Breeden of 3rd Force Recon on 26 March at the Battleship. Tom Claxton, AB Grantham and Cal represented the Detachment.

New Business

None. Literally, it was never brought up.

Chaplain closed the Bible.
Sgt at Arms closed the meeting.

RECESS WAS TAKEN

Chaplain reopened the Bible
Meeting was called back into order.

Good of League

\$125 raised in the raffle tonight.

Announcements

Next Staff meeting – 26 April @18:30 with training @1800. Next Regular meeting – 10 May 2011

CMDT Grantham reminded everyone to help the Sgt at Arms secure the quarters after the meeting.

Closing Ceremonies

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting adjourned at 2046 hours.