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8 August 2011 Detachment Meeting Minutes

Opening Ceremony

Commandant A.B. Grantham called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. Posting of Colors and Opening Prayer ensued. 56 Members were in attendance.

Commandant Grantham recognized the following attendees:

- ADVC, SE Division and Dept of Alabama Jr. Vice Commandant – Cal Walters
- Aide to the National Commandant – Joe Fell
- PDCs Perry Vaughn, Jerry Steele, Bubba Jackson, Joe Fell, and Cal Walters.
- Dept of Alabama Sgt at Arms Charlie Malone, Adj/Paymaster Billy Crabtree, Jr. Vice Cal Walters

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

Commandant A.B. Grantham	Present
Sr. Vice Commandant Gregg Wood	Absent/Excused
Jr. Vice Commandant Zach Bolden	Present
Judge Advocate Rick Ivy	Present
Chaplain David Sprott	Present
Sgt. At Arms Gerald Jowers	Present
Paymaster Sheryl White	Present
Adjutant Cal Walters	Present

Visitors

Commandant Grantham recognized Tony Hatcher, MSgt, USMC (Ret) 27 years

Membership Applications

None

Life Members

No Life Member Cards were presented.

Presentations:

None

Prior Minutes

Prior minutes for August were announced as available and posted to the website for review. One correction was noted by the Adjutant with regard to the Color Guard report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

None

Paymaster Report

Paymaster Sheryl White presented the Paymaster's Report which was available on each table. The Detachment has \$11,160.29 in available balance. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

Chaplain Report

Chaplain – David Sprott reported additions: Bob Guesnard-Healing/Al Pawlowski-Eye Surgery/Sam Vaughn-Stomach Cancer/Ezell Walker-Gen Health/Mike and Neicy Joiner-General Health/Larry Kent-Bell's Palsy/Ms. Neal Nelson-Recovery from a Fall/The Bryants-improving health/Roger Nichols-Healing from Cancer/Lois Claxton-healing/Fred Walters-In Springhill Memorial ICU Isolation with infection (Fred looks forward to seeing everyone again)/Lafon-cancer free, but teeth issues..

Officer's Reports

Commandant – National Convention went well. Commented on presentation of 2nd Place award to one our KWTGF fishermen for the Most Unusual Fish (Look Down Fish) that was given to winner by head of Academy Sports. National Convention awards were presented:

Tom Claxton – National Recruiter Bronze and K-Bar Drawing
Newsletter – 2nd Place overall
Membership – 100% Certificate
Americanism – Gil Gray Award for 1st Place overall

Sr. Vice Commandant – Absent

Jr. Vice Commandant – Zach Bolden reported that membership was 248 paid members. Retention rate of 102.9%.

Judge Advocate – Nothing to report.

Adjutant – not asked to report.

Paymaster Report – **Sheryl White** had nothing further to report

Service Officer--- **Bob Nabors** - absent

Web Sgt – **Tricia Allen** – nothing

Chaplain – Prayers answered for Dick Barnett who is with us tonight.

Public Relations Officer – **Tom Claxton** - Thanked the members of the Detachment who served on the Color Guard detail for the Olympics Boxing Trials in Mobile. They did a great job and we have had many emails of congratulations and thanks from the community.

Sgt at Arms---**Gerald Jowers** – plenty of good items were available in the raffle.

Legislative Officer – **Cal Walters** – nothing.

Committee Reports

Wounded Warrior Project – **Robert Carlock** (absent) – **Zach Bolden (Jr. Vice)** reported in his absence that donations are starting to come in, but Robert could use some assistance contacting some

heavy hitters for donations. Also that Robert is up to about 50 miles per week and recently finished 7th in his division during a race.

Convention/Conference Committee—Cal Walters reported that the National Convention went well and that the members present are excited for Mobile. Also, he thanked the team that went to Boise for their help: AB Grantham, Tricia Allen, Cari Gardner, Nick Mantranga, and himself.

Bereavement Committee—David Sprott mentioned the following visitations:

Mike Hall's Wife Emily Hall
Joseph Lee Smith – Guadalcanal
Joe Dykes – Peleliu
Thomas W Price - ??
Cleve Hall – WWII/Okinawa

Semper Fi Riders – Gregg Wood absent

Coke Rewards – Commandant Grantham asked Jerry Steele to contact Tom Wells for info as Coke Rewards comes under Toy for Tots

Boy Scout Committee – No report

Newsletter Committee – Cal Walters no report.

Hospitality Committee—Jim Evans reported that someone was needed for August chow and that the committee was looking for additional volunteers, not just to provide chow.

Young Marines – no report.

Flea Market Committee –Rick Ivy reported that the Flea market made \$290.00 on its last weekend and will be staffed for the last weekend of this month. Anyone interested should contact him.

Color Guard – John Reid reported that the Detail was still on standdown until 25 Sept.

Golf Tournament – no report

Green Home – Larry Savell had no report

Mulherin Home –Edward Walters reported that Christmas in July went well. He would like to see certificates for appreciation for all who donated and would like to see more people come tot the next event. The committee will be working to address the specific needs of the Home going forward.

Roadblock – No report.

Vets and the Hank –Fred Walters absent

Ships Store – Herschel Mason reported that sales went well today - \$163.00 so far. If anyone is in need of certain items, they should contact him to order them.

Americanism – Dianna Grantham reported that the new year's book was underway and that pictures are needed for all events. They have also put together a collage for use at booths and events.

Ways and Means – Cal Walters reported on the updated budget that was produced as a result of the mid-year planning meeting. A motion and second was made to accept the revised budget. Motion passed.

Special Announcements

The Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program that the VA is holding on 31 March, 2012 is still in the works. Many VSOs are donating to the cause, but he will bring it up later for the Detachment to donate when he has more information.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Department Quarterly meeting will be 27 August at 9:30 at the American Legion Post in Millbrook, AL. Muster at the Post for 6am departure.

17 Sept will be the next Roadblock. More information will follow, but put it on your calendar as we need volunteers. Location TBA

Good of League

Sgt at Arms reported that there were 7 items available for tonight's drawing.

Billy Crabtree announced that 27 Aug would be Barb and Harvey Bryan's 60th Wedding Anniversary. There will be a prayer service on the 24th at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church off of DIP. Everyone is invited between 8-8:30 when the Marines' Hymn will be played.

Perry Vaughn asked everyone to attend the American Legion meeting on the 9th. They will be holding elections and our support is needed for one of our members running for Commander.

CMDT Grantham announced that there is an extra Convention Program book available for viewing.

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

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Chaplain reopened the Bible
Meeting was called back into order.

Good of the League (cont.)

Sgt at Arms reported \$108 raised in tonight's drawing. Two additional guests were recognized.

Announcements

Next Staff meeting – 30 August @18:30 with training @1800. Next Regular meeting – 13 Sept 2011. A Board of Directors meeting will be held soon.

Jim Evans thanked the Rushings for tonight's chow.

Tricia Allen announced that pictures from the National Convention were on the website.

Ed Walters noted that the donated display cases were up. It was noted that the ladies will be arranging them and that we will ask David Drago for additional cases.

Rick Ivy asked for volunteers for the Flea Market the 27&28th of this month.

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 2016 hours.

