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## Detachment Meeting 11 January 2011 Minutes

### Minutes

Commandant Jerry Steele called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Posting of Colors and Detachment Prayer ensued.

**50** Members were in attendance. **1** Visitor

**\$97** was raised at tonight's raffle.

### A Roll Call of Officers was taken:

<b>Commandant</b> Jerry Steele	Present
<b>Sr. Vice Commandant</b> Larry Kent	Present
<b>Jr. Vice Commandant</b> A. B. Grantham	Present
<b>Judge Advocate</b> Rick Ivy	Present
<b>Adjutant</b> Tricia Allen	Excused
<b>Chaplin</b> John Reid	Present
<b>Public Relations Officer</b> Tom Claxton	Present
<b>Sgt. at Arms Emeritus</b> Charlie Malone	Present
<b>Sgt. At Arms</b> Larry Savell	Present
<b>Web Sergeant</b> Jerry Steele	Present
<b>Paymaster</b> David Sprott	Present
<b>Service Officer</b> Ron Bridges	Present
<b>Legislative Officer</b> John Bankston	Present

## **Prior Minutes**

Prior minutes for December were announced as posted to the website.  
A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted.

## **Correspondence:**

None to report.

## **Paymasters Report**

Paymaster David Sprott gave his report for the month of December. Copies of the financial statement were made available to the members present. Beginning balance: \$7400. Ending Balance: \$13301.00 The Fishing Rodeo Account Balance: \$1619.00 A motion was made to accept this report, second was made, members accepted.

## **Officer's Reports**

**Chaplin**---It was reported that there were additions to the list in the Emblem.  
Commandant Jerry Steele in the death of his mother.  
Michael Joiner suffered a stroke and is currently hospitalized..  
Mike Dueitt's death.

**Sr. Vice Commandant** – Larry Kent had no report

**Jr. Vice Commandant** – A.B. Grantham

Under Retention & Recruitment: 245 paid members, 266 members, approximately 107% retention [before tonight's meeting]

**Judge Advocate** – Rick Ivy had nothing to report

Adjutant – Cal Walters [substituting for Tricia Allen] had no report

**Paymaster Report**—Dave Sprott had nothing to report.

**Service Officer**---Ron Bridges had nothing to report

**Webmaster** – Tricia Allen was absent

**Chaplain** – Nothing further to report

**Public Relations Officer** – Tom Claxton had nothing to report

**Sgt at Arms**---Larry Savell reported 50 members present, 1 visitor

**Legislative Officer** – John Bankston reported that the legislation support continues. Work is being conducted with Japan on the places of service and the longstanding results of radiation. John mentioned going himself in approximately April of 2011

## **Committee Reports**

**Convention/Conference Committee**—Cal Walters reported that the National Commandant and Southeast Division Vice Commandant would be in Mobile the following weekend. Included in their visit would be tours of the hotels and facilities for 2012 National Convention.

**Bereavement Committee**—Dave gave the report from Billy Crabtree. He reported on one funeral, Don Edward Holt. Dave also stated that Billy had done a fine job of leading the committee during his tenure. Dave hopes to continue Billy's efforts and asked for a round of thanks for Billy's accomplishments. Bubba Jackson extended an invitation to other members to join that committee

**Historical Committee**--- Bubba Jackson reported having that everything was going great.

**Newsletter Committee** – Cal Walters reported that the Emblem was late due to a snafu in t Printing. Cal also reported that the shift to electronic format has already begun and he made a request for email addresses. Cal explained that a link would be sent out via email directing members/recipients to the website where the emblem would be stored. Cal thanked Gregg Wood for taking the time to print everything. Cal stated that it was his fault for the snafu. Commandant Steele requested Cal share information about Chuck Stewart. Cal reminded everyone that Chuck had historically been responsible for the printing of most of our publications including the newsletter. Everything for him had been volunteer. His business is transitioning and we had a need to find another avenue.

**Semper Fi Riders** – Rick Ivy had nothing to report.

**Green Home** – Commandant Steele spoke on Jim Gunnels behalf, reporting that the patio furniture had been delivered and that the donation had been made.

**Cokes Rewards Committee**---Tom Wells reported the program was into it's fourth year and will continue. Tom explained the process and the need for individuals to participate. Over 48 thousand points [about 24 thousand dollars] had been input.

**Hospitality Committee**---Herschel Mason thanked Gregg Wood for tonight's chow. He also stated that volunteers were needed. Herschel also charged the membership to join with the hospitality committee and welcome new members and visitors as they come into a meeting.

**Turkey Sales** – Bill Caraway reported that 1259.52 was raised in the Turkey and Hams sale. Bill mentioned that a special certificate would be made for Alec Naman and Jason Grantham for supplying the items for sale.

**Flea Market Committee** – Larry Kent reported that the Flea Market visits were set to resume in February.

**Color Guard** – Larry Savell reported 10 January LST Reunion on the Fantail of the USS Alabama went very well. Four members of the Color Guard attended.

**Mulherin Home** – Ron Bridges reported that the Christmas visit went well, complete with Santa.

**Toys For Tots Committee** – Jerry Steele stated that program did well due to the participation of the League members that went out to assist.

**HFOT Committee** – Larry Kent reported that Senior Bowl was set for 29 January. 12 Volunteers needed. Tom Claxton reported that Fan Frenzy would be the night before.

## **Old Business**

**Officer's Elections** – John Reid reported on the officer elects .  
Christmas at the Post – A.B. reported that the party was a successful venture.

## **New Business**

**Bylaws – Commandant Steele** stated that a committee had restructured the bylaws, the Board had approved the changes. The bylaws had been placed on the website and disseminated the information to members. The Commandant stressed the importance of these documents. A motion was made to accept the changes. Discussion included Ron Bridges suggesting a review of changes. Commandant Steele stated that due to the length of the document, just the changes would be read. Commandant Steele requested that Cal Walters go over the changes [this due to Cal being the one to document the bylaws]. The vote was unanimous to accept the changes.

**Gulf Shores Detachment**—Cal reported the chartering ceremony would be the 14<sup>th</sup> of January with about 30 – 40 new members. Cal stressed the importance of having this detachment representing the League in that area. It was reported that the National Commandant and the Division Vice Commandant would be in attendance. Members were encouraged to attend. He further explained that we as a detachment were assisting them in startup [dues, etc]

**Installation of Officers:** Cal reported that the banquet would be 15 January. He stated that the National Commandant would be there to do the installation of officers. Also in attendance will be SE Division Vice Commandant. Times and location were given. Special note was made about the year in review slideshow.

**Dept of AL Quarterly Meeting** – Cal Walters [Interim Commandant] stated that the meeting would be in Montgomery on 22 January 2011. Members were encouraged to attend. Devil Dogs who are Pups are encouraged to attend the Dept Growl.

Cal stated that as Senior Vice he will assume Duties of the Commandant due to Walt Whitman's resignation.

**Annual Planning Meeting** – Commandant Elect A.B. Grantham stated that the planning meeting would be 23 January at the TCCC at 1300hrs. Staff attendance was mandatory and all committee chairs were encouraged to attend. A.B. stressed the importance.

**Senior Bowl Activities for the Vets** – Fred Walters reported that John Williams and his wife are paying for the dinner for the veterans at the Golden Corral. Tickets were being procured and the excitement was high among the veterans slated to attend.

**Bugles across America** – Nikki Wood announced that she had received her bugle and was willing to participate at funerals.

## **RECESS WAS TAKEN**

Meeting was called back into order

## **Good of League**

Jackson Hunting Trip – Bubba invited all out to the hunting camp the end of the month.

Commandant Steele was applauded for his service and encouraged to speak. Jerry expressed his thanks to a great staff and membership.

Next Staff meeting – 25 January 2010

Next Regular meeting – 8 February 2011

Next Growl – 30 December @ PDD Steele's Doghouse @ 1300hrs

## **Closing Ceremonies**

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting adjourned.