



P.L. WILSON DETACHMENT #447  
 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
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## 12 July 2011 Detachment Meeting Minutes

### Opening Ceremony

Commandant A.B. Grantham called the meeting to order at 1903 hours. Posting of Colors and Opening Prayer ensued. 53 Members were in attendance.

Commandant Grantham recognized the following attendees:

- ADVC, SE Division and Dept of Alabama Jr. Vice Commandant – Cal Walters
- PDCs Perry Vaughn, Jerry Steele, Bubba Jackson, Joe Fell, and Cal Walters.

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

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

### Visitors

Commandant Grantham recognized Bob Nabor's son. Also recognized was Sr. Vice for the Jesse Andrews, Jr. Detachment, Jay Courtney.

### Membership Applications and Presentations

There was one application for Associate membership: Marsha Sanders, who came to us from the Kids Wishin to Go Fishin Fishing Rodeo.

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

### Life Members

No Life Member Cards were presented.

### Presentations:

Commandant A.B. Grantham presented member Cal Walters with a Distinguished Citizen Award (Gold), the League's highest award, from National Commandant Vic Voltaggio.

### Prior Minutes

Prior minutes for June were announced as available and posted to the website for review.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

## **Correspondence:**

One letter from Homes For Our Troops for the Detachment's \$2400 donation and another from the Alabama Rural Letter Carriers Association for the professional presentation by the Detachment Color Guard.

## **Paymaster Report**

**Assistant Paymaster Dianna Grantham** presented the Paymaster's Report which was available on each table. The Detachment has \$12,609.05 in available balance. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

## **Chaplain Report**

**Chaplain – David Sprott** reported additions: Sam Vaughn for cancerous ulcer on his stomach (15 Aug, surgery), Neicy Joiner for lung problems, Larry Kent for recurrence of heart issues and Bell's Palsy. Roger Nichols and Bob Guesnard for continued healing. Jason Layerette (long time Det member) for Diabetes. Lois Claxton is still facing health issues. Larry Walls for PTSD, Mike Hall's wife is in hospice care. Roy Lafon reported that Danny LaFon has finished his chemo treatment for cancer and is on a 3 month wait for a PET Scan. Senoth Bankston asked that we remember her brother, Lynne A. 'Big D' DeFleron, veteran who died in May.

## **Officer's Reports**

**Commandant** –None

**Sr. Vice Commandant** – Gregg Wood reported that the training program will continue prior to the next Staff Meeting..

**Jr. Vice Commandant** – Zach Bolden reported that membership was 266 total members. Retention rate of 106.5%.

**Judge Advocate** – Nothing to report.

**Adjutant** – **Cal Walters** nothing further to report.

**Paymaster Report** – **Asst. Dianna Grantham** had nothing further to report

**Service Officer---** **Bob Nabors** - Nothing to report, but asked for everyone's patience as he felt his way into his new position.

**Web Sgt** – **Tricia Allen** – Some improvements needed on website, but info on the past month's events is on the site.

**Chaplain** – Nothing further to report.

**Public Relations Officer – Tom Claxton** – the Kids Wishing to Go Fishin Rodeo was held this past weekend and was a great success. 31 kids were treated to a great day of fishing on Dauphin Island. They were given a police escorted bus trip (courtesy of Kingdom Coach) to the DI Marina. Members who assisted were Tom Claxton, Bob Hamilton, David Sprott, Jim Evans, Tricia Allen, Perry Vaughn, Marsha Sanders, Gregg Wood, Fran Barber, Mike Nichols, and Betty Beatty. Bubba Jackson's grandson participated and one of the kids won 2nd Place in the Most Unusual Fish Contest. This year's rodeo was held with the support of the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, which promised support next year as well.

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

**Legislative Officer** – **John Bankston**, after many years of faithful service, asked to be temporarily relieved due to personal reasons. Commandant Grantham thanked him for his service.

## Committee Reports

**Wounded Warrior Project – Robert Carlock** reported that he would be running three marathons (with his wife kicking his butt the whole way) to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project and that he would be enlisting the support of the Detachment to promote the cause.

**Convention/Conference Committee—Cal Walters** reported that the National Convention Committee will meet on Thursday, 21 July, at 6pm at the Post. Everyone is invited. Also, the team going to Boise will consist of AB Grantham, Tricia Allen, Mike Dean, Cari Gardner, Nick Mantranga, and himself. Anyone else wishing to go needed to contact him soon

**Bereavement Committee—David Sprott** reported that there was some question as to the death of a Life member of the Detachment, C.B. Edwards, Jr, from Dowling Park, FL. A newsletter was returned from his address marked deceased, but Dave has been unable to verify any further details. Any assistance was welcomed. Also, one visitation was made:

William Sansone – Korea – Detachment member

**Semper Fi Riders – Gregg Wood** mentioned that four Riders participated in the Kids Wishin' to go Fishin' trip and the Riders were still looking for new members. They have received interest from members of the Daphne Detachment in joining to ride.

**Coke Rewards – Tom Wells (absent)** had emailed to Cal that the Detachment had 40,000 points so far this year.

**Boy Scout Committee –** No report

**Newsletter Committee – Cal Walters** reported that the newsletter went out on time via email and was mailed earlier that day. If you did not receive the email or hard copy, you need to contact Cal for info.

**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 \$310.00 on its last weekend and will be staffed for the weekend of the 30 and 31 July of this month and anyone interested should contact him.

**Color Guard – John Reid** reported that the Detail performed on 5 May at the Aircraft Pavilion at the Battleship for an art donation from the Daphne Detachment and the US Sports Academy. Also they provided a detail for the uncle of Tom Wells. The Color Guard is also on duty for the upcoming Memorial Day ceremony in Mobile, time TBA. Volunteers are needed for the flag detail. Also, they have a request for a detail on 28 May at the Mobile International Speedway Memorial Day ceremony.

**Golf Tournament –** no report

**Green Home – Larry Savell** reported that there were big things in the works, but no official report at this time.

**Mulherin Home –Edward Walters** has instituted a 'Farm to Market' program for the Home for the League, providing fresh vegetables to the residents from a number of sources over the last month, including 5 bushels of purple hull peas and 50 lbs of tomatoes from Clarke Cty. Fred Walters donated 170lbs of frozen chicken on behalf of the Det. Moffat Road Baptist Church had donated 12 bags of squash, okra, and cucumbers. Save A Lot Store has also assisted by donating canned goods and cereal in addition to the chicken discounts. Christmas in July will be on 19 July at 1100 at the Post. Uniform will be Polo with Uniform cover. Donations will include 6 patio chairs and table, 20 duffel bags from G&K for the residents to go to summer camp, and 34 backsacks from Crown. Walgreens will be

providing a box of toiletries. Summer Robes will be purchased for the residents from the Mulerin Home budget. All are encouraged to attend and bring items to donate.

**Roadblock** – Nothing to report.

**Vets and the Hank –Fred Walters** reported that there have been four games already, with a couple a rainouts and one cancellation from the VA. There are no more games this month, but four are scheduled for August.

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

**Americanism – no report.**

## **Special Announcements**

Mid Year Plan will be 23 July at 800am at the Tillmans Corner Community Center. All are invited. The National Convention will begin 31 August in Boise.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Pound Keeper PDD Cal Walters reported that the next Growl of Bulldog Pound #184 will be held on 24 July at the Doghouse of Pup Neil Schneider in Gulf Breeze, FL as the Pound is working to help start a Pound in Pensacola. Dogs can muster at the Post at 1100 to carpool over. All regular members with one year in the League are eligible to join.

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**

\$105 raised in the raffle tonight.

Tom Claxton mentioned that the Detachment has been asked by the Sport Commission to provide a color guard for the opening of the Olympic trials on 31 July. Tom said he had the volunteers lined up for the project and that it would be good exposure for the League and great support for the City. He requested permission for the Detail from the Commandant and there were no objections.

Jim Evans was thanked for the great chow which was courtesy of Detachment member Shannon Walters at Wemo's Wings.

Bubba Jackson commented on the PowerPoint projection display of pics and announcements run prior to the meeting. Tricia Allen asked for pics to be sent to her for the display.

## **Announcements**

Next Staff meeting – 26 July @18:30 with training @1800. Next Regular meeting – 9 August 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 2029 hours.