



P.L. WILSON DETACHMENT #447  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
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## 14 June 2011 Detachment Meeting Minutes

### Opening Ceremony

Commandant A.B. Grantham called the meeting to order at 1907 hours. Posting of Colors and Opening Prayer ensued. 58 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, John Reid, Bubba Jackson, and Cal Walters.

### 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
Chaplain David Sprott	Present
Sgt. At Arms Gerald Jowers	Present
Paymaster Sheryl White	Present
Adjutant Cal Walters	Present

### Visitors

Commandant Grantham recognized Nick Matranga, (MAL), Robert Byrne, William Bramlett, and Adam Mayo as potential members of the Detachment.

### Membership Applications and Presentations

There was one application for Associate membership: Jesse Martinez..

There were four application for regular membership: Robert Byrne, Adam Mayo, Dominick Matranga, and William Bramlett.

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

Commandant Grantham presented Larry Savell with his Life Member Card and pin.

### Prior Minutes

Prior minutes for May 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 the South Alabama Veteran's Council for the Detachment's participation in the Memorial Day ceremony.

## **Paymaster Report**

**Paymaster Sheryl White** presented the Paymaster's Report which was available on each table. The Detachment has \$25,523.04 in available balance. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

## **Chaplain Report**

**Chaplain – Acting Chaplain John Reid** reported additions: Larry Kent for Bell's Palsy. Michael and Niecy Joiner need prayers and may have to move back to the Carolinas. Julie Steele is suffering from blood pressure problems. Mike Hall's wife is in hospice care. Roy Lafon reported that Danny LaFon was finishing his chemo treatment cancer,

## **Officer's Reports**

**Commandant** – The Department of Alabama Convention was held this past weekend. A great time was had by all and the Detachment had over 20 members in attendance. A new set of Department Bylaws were presented and approved at the Convention. Cal Walters was elected as Dept Jr Vice. There were numerous awards received by the Detachment and its members, including the Meritorious Unit Citation, Cal Walters, Tricia Allen, and A.B. Grantham were presented with Distinguished Citizen Silver by NVC Dave Gardner, Sid Phillips was presented with the Distinguished Citizen Silver Award from Department, Tom Claxton was the Department Recruiter of the Year, Tricia Allen was the Department AMOY, and AB Grantham was the Department MOY and Pack Leader's Meritorious Individual Award. There was much drama as is expected at any Convention, but Commandant Grantham promised to continue to serve in the Detachment's best interests. He also reported that he had just gotten a text message with the heartbeat of his ninth grandchild.

Commandant Grantham asked Detachment Adjutant Cal Walters to excuse himself from the room. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Marine Walters for the National Marine of the Year. Motion passed.

**Sr. Vice Commandant** – Gregg Wood reported that the training program would be restarting prior to the next Staff Meeting..

**Jr. Vice Commandant** – Zach Bolden reported that membership was 263 total members. Retention rate of 102%. (*not correct*)

**Judge Advocate** – Nothing to report.

**Adjutant** – **Cal Walters** was not asked for a report.

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

**Service Officer**--- **Fred Walters** - Nothing to report.

**Web Sgt** – **Tricia Allen** nothing to report

**Chaplain** – Nothing further to report.

**Public Relations Officer** – **Tom Claxton** – we have been working with Capt Stuckey of the Marine Recruiters in Montgomery and that the League has been working to a Wounded Warrior Bill passed in the Alabama Legislature. He also made a motion that the Detachment begin to work with the recruiters to raise funds for their Wounded Warrior projects in much the same way that we work with the Reserve Center. Tommy Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Sgt at Arms**---**Gerald Jowers** – nothing to report.

**Legislative Officer – John Bankston** reported on HB 1484, which would reduce the appeals process for the VA. **Cal Walters** reported on the success of bills working through the Legislature in Montgomery. SB143, to add the MCL to the State board of Veterans Affairs, has passed the Senate and House and has been signed by the Governor. HB554 passed the House and was on the ten minute calendar in the Senate, but failed to pass this session. It will be ready to pre-file next year. He noted that thanks were due to Senators Ben Brooks, Rusty Glover, and Bill Holtzclaw as well as Rep Victor Gaston.

## Committee Reports

**Convention/Conference Committee—Cal Walters** reported that the National Convention Committee will meet on Thursday, 16 June, at 6pm at the Post. Everyone is invited. Robert Carlock has been appointed Paymaster, Tom Claxton and Gregg Wood as Vice Chairs, and Tricia Allen as Adjutant. Promotional moneys from the CVB have been received and a separate bank account has been established. Also, the motorcycle that was donated has been sold on Ebay and should net about \$19,500 for start up costs.

**Bereavement Committee—David Sprott** reported that four Marines and one family member moved on to their final duty assignment and were visited by the Bereavement Committee

Marine Dewey Branson - Korea  
Marine James F Finnesey - Korea  
Marine George C “Bubba” Helton – Vietnam  
Marine John Tucker – Korea  
The Mother of member Ashford Kettler

**Semper Fi Riders – Gregg Wood** mentioned that the Riders were still looking for new members.

**Coke Rewards – Tom Wells** reported that the Detachment had 30,000 points so far this year.

**Boy Scout Committee –** The Eagle Scout dinner was being held tonight and Detachment members were present.

**Newsletter Committee – Cal Walters** reported that the newsletter went out on time via email and was mailed earlier that day. He also noted that the The Emblem would be mailed in for the National Newsletter Committee.

**Hospitality Committee—**Herschel Mason said that the chow tonight, Gregg “Chef” Wood was great.

**Young Marines –** no report.

**Flea Market Committee –Rick Ivy** reported that the Flea market made \$235.00 on its last weekend and will be staffed for the weekend of the 25 and 26th 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 on the list of items in need.

**Mulherin Home –Edward Walters** has taken over the Committee from and reported that a number of ongoing visits will be made in addition to those that are regularly scheduled. Sydney Halliday (not present) reported that her PACE classes will be collecting goods and supplies for the Greene Home for Veterans Day this year.

**Roadblock** – Nothing to report.

**Vets and the Hank –Fred Walters** reported that there have been two games already and two more this week and that we are in the black for the project.

**Ships Store – Herschel Mason** reported that the Blazer Crests that had been ordered are available. No fire sales at this time.

**Americanism – Dianna Grantham** reported that the book for this year is 99% complete and will be submitted to National

## **Special Announcements**

The Welcome Home for Vietnam Veterans will be 31 March of 2012. The Detachment will be working with members of the veteran's community to promote the event.

Commandant Grantham and PDC Cal Walters reported on the tornado relief efforts for the Department.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Tom Claxton reported that the Kids Wishin' to go Fishin' Rodeo would be 9 July.

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**

\$97 raised in the raffle tonight.

Commandant Grantham recognized Commandant of the Jesse Andrews, Jr. Detachment, Jerry Cherne. He also thanked Al Pawlowski for his bugle playing for the Detachment.

Commandant Grantham showed a Certificate of Appreciation from the Jesse Andrews, Jr Detachment for our assistance in the Chartering of their Detachment and one from the VA Gulf Coast for our assistance with our VA veterans.

## **Announcements**

Next Staff meeting – 28 June @18:30 with training @1800. Next Regular meeting – 12 July 2011

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

The Vet Center on Springhill Ave will be having an open house on 22 July.

The next Devil Dog Growl will be 24 July at Pup Neil Schneider's Doghouse in Gulf Breeze, FL. We are holding the Growl there in order to help the Pensacola Detachment form a Pound.

Cal Walters asked everyone to join him and Tom Claxton on the Scuttlebutt Network Radio program on Wed night on 106.5 FM.

Tom Claxton also mentioned Detachment member George Williams' radio show on 106.5FM on Friday night and Tom's Car show on Monday night.

## **Closing Ceremonies**

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting adjourned at 2056 hours.



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**PAYMASTER REPORT**  
MONTH : APRIL 2011



<b>Beginning Balance – 1 April 2011</b>		<b>\$12,172.14</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Daphne Detachment Income		2,204.00
Donations:Donation - Flea Market		182.55
Donations:Donation - Humana		772.30
Fund Raising:Road Block Income		2,067.89
Fund Raising:Semper Fi Golf Tournament Income		10,095.00
HFOT		244.00
Ship Stores Income		96.40
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$15,662.14</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Ship Stores		2,350.49
Americanism		6.22
Communications:Call em all		75.00
Internet		12.95
Conference or convention expenses:2011 Dept Convention		45.00
Daphne Detachment:Dues		639.00
Daphne Detachment:Postage		19.58
Emblem		53.45
Fund Raising Expense:Semper Fi Golf Tournament		4,775.21
Membership Dues		619.00
Gifts & Donations:Mulherin Home		254.33
Office Supplies		213.39
Storage		55.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$9,118.62</b>
<b>Ending Balance as of 30 April 2011</b>		<b>\$18,715.66</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Homes For Our Troops		2,899.00
Operation Never Forget		10,000.00
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>\$12,899.00</b>
<b>Total Current Available Balance</b>		<b>\$5,816.66</b>