



P.L. WILSON DETACHMENT #447
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
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15 March 2011 Detachment Meeting Minutes

Opening Ceremony

Commandant A.B. Grantham called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Posting of Colors and Detachment Prayer ensued.

63 Members were in attendance.

\$88 was raised at tonight's raffle.

Commandant Grantham recognized the following attendees:

- Assistant Division Vice Commandant, Southeast Division and Department of Alabama Commandant – Cal Walters
- Past Commandants 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	Absent
Chaplin George Fisher	Absent
Sgt. At Arms Gerald Jowers	Present
Paymaster Tricia Allen	Present
Adjutant Cal Walters	Present

Visitors

Commandant Grantham recognized several visitors. Fred Walters introduced his guests, Edward Walters, Sydney Halliday, David Drago, and Millie Walters. Edward Walters discussed his involvement in the Coke Rewards program with a local recycling company that will donate caps and Sydney Drago discussed the Mulherin Home Project for a number of PACE students in the Public schools to assist the Detachment in its support of the Home. Edward Walters and David Drago presented the Detachment with two refurbished display cases. Cammie Rayford from Old Dutch Ice Cream presented a check to the Detachment for \$300.00 for the Scoops for Our Troops program. She also pledged to repeat the event this Veterans Day. Visitors to this evening's meeting included: Captain Stuckey and Gunnery Sgt Pickering from the local recruiting district.

Membership Applications and Presentations

There were three applications for Associate membership: Edward Walters, Sydney Halliday, and David Drago. Commandant Grantham asked them to introduce themselves before having the Sgt at Arms escort them out. Each member application was approved unanimously by the members present, and Commandant Grantham swore them in. Marine Ed White and Associate Member Senoth Bankston were presented with their Life Membership gold card signifying that they were now a life member of the Marine Corps League.

There were no applications for regular membership.

Commandant Grantham recognized two Detachment members, Jerry Cherne, Charter member of the P.L. Wilson Detachment and William Mayhall who was back after cancer surgery.

Prior Minutes

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

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes with one correction that the date was February 8, not March 8. Motion was passed.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence

Paymaster Report

Paymaster Tricia Allen reported for the month of February.

[Paymaster report is attached at the end of the minutes]

Copies of the financial statement were made available to the members present

After discussion, a motion was made to accept this report, second was made, members accepted.

Chaplain Report

Chaplin – Acting Chaplain John Reid reported additions of Mike Miers of the Patriot Guard Riders, Larry Kent (who was in attendance), Ezell Walker (recovering from Gall Bladder surgery), and Mike Hall's wife (ill) were added to list in the Emblem Roy Lafon gave an update on his brother who just came through surgery.

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. This training is excellent for those desiring to be officers and those wishing to learn more about the League. The first program was well attended. All are invited to attend.

Jr. Vice Commandant – Zach Bolden reported on Retention & Recruitment:
240 paid members 104.8% retention.

Judge Advocate – absent

Adjutant – Cal Walters had nothing further to report

Paymaster Report – Tricia Allen had nothing further to report

Service Officer---Ron Bridges had no report.

Web Sgt – Tricia Allen reported that the website was updated.

Chaplain – absent

Public Relations Officer – Tom Claxton had nothing further to report

Sgt at Arms---Gerald Jowers reported that there were several items for raffle that would take place during the break.

Legislative Officer – John Bankston reported on the ongoing struggle of the Atomic Veterans and the invite to go to Japan. However, he noted the possibility of a cancellation of the trip due to the earthquake and tsunami.

Ship Stores – Dave Sprott announced that there was a surplus of SE Division shirts for \$10 and there were also Mardi Gras beads available.

Commandant Grantham announced the appointment of Randy Rushing as Chair of the Communications Committee.

Committee Reports

Convention/Conference Committee—Cal Walters reported that the tentative schedule for the 2012 Convention was approved by the National Convention Committee and that things will be moving forward over the next couple of months, with a deference to the 2011 Convention in Boise. He also noted that there has been a tremendous response from members at both Mid Winter and SE Division.

Bereavement Committee—Dave Sprott reported that 5 Marines and members moved on to their final duty assignment and were visited by the Bereavement Committee

Ed Rigas

Jesse Schultz

Navy Chaplain – Samuel L Hartman

Frank Holts, Jr

Alexander Williams

No visitations thus far for the month of March.

Boat Show – Tom Claxton reported that the Detachment had two booths at the Boat Show this weekend, 18-20 March at the Mobile Convention Center. One will be for the Detachment and the other to support Homes for Our Troops. Volunteers were needed for the weekend to help collect funds. Set up will be Thursday. Uniform of the Day is Red Polo with uniform cover or ball cap.

Americanism Project – Dianna Grantham reported that the scrapbook was available for viewing. The scrapbook is up to date through January.

Semper Fi Riders – Gregg Wood reported that there would be some dinner rides coming up. He also requested that people contact him or give him email addresses. He invited all to come out.

Historical Committee--- Bubba Jackson reported that things were moving along and he still needs photos.

Boy Scout Committee – Bubba Jackson reported that the Eagle Scout Dinner was coming up on May 10 at Mitchell Center. He wanted to get a table for the Detachment even though it is the same night as the May Detachment meeting. Cal Walters reported that he would get with Chuck Stewart to get him on board.

Cokes Rewards Committee---Tom Wells reported 18,100 points for the month of February. Tom also requested for more volunteers to input points. Tom explained the process for those unaware.

Newsletter Committee – Cal Walters reported that the newsletter this month was late due to the transition to the email format. He also reported that we still have approximately 100 members who have no email or have not submitted one. He also reported that the cost to print and mail our newsletter in its current form is about \$5.50 per copy. This is cost prohibitive, and they are searching for additional ways to get the newsletter to everyone.

Homes for Our Troops – Larry Kent, Tom Claxton, and CMDT Grantham joined Larry Gill from HFOT to present a check to him for \$2,400.00. Larry Gill reported that HFOT is at 100 homes built and is gearing up for the next 100.

Captain Stuckey of the Montgomery Recruiting District – spoke on the Wounded Warrior Projects in Alabama. He explained that there had already been one very successful deer hunt and a turkey hunt (Apr 29) and fishing trip (summer) were being planned. He thanked the MCL for their support on the projects and looked forward to working together with the League in the future.

Hospitality Committee---Herschel Mason reported that he had volunteers through May.

Flea Market Committee –**Larry Kent** reported that the Flea Market visits were set to resume and that further plans would be forthcoming. He also requested assistance on the project due to his health issues.

Color Guard – **John Reid** reported that the Detail performed on 25 February for the Fairhope parade. On 4 March, the detail participated in two parades: Gilliard Scholl and Daphne parade. Next event is on 7 April for ship reunion on USS Alabama.

Golf Tournament – **Zach Bolden** reported that the tournament was fast approaching, with a date of 2 April 2011. With the help of Tom Claxton, Springhill Golf Course will be the location. Zach announced that he would be reaching out for volunteers. The plan is to move forward for a bust for Corporal Whitehead for Operation Never Forget. Springhill Toyota will be giving away a car for a hole in one. Budweiser would be on hand to supply beverages. CMDT Grantham also challenged each member and officer to find one hole sponsor.

Green Home – **Larry Savell** distributed lists of items needed for the Green Home. He provided tote bags for collection points.

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

Roadblock – CMDT Grantham reported in Chair's absence. The Roadblock on Saturday was a great success with over 20 members present and over \$5,000 raised.

Vets and the Hank –**Fred Walters** reported that as soon as the Bay Bears announced their schedule for the season, he would coordinate with the VA to find out how many games they would like to attend. He would report further as he got the schedule.

Ships Store – **Dave Sprott** reported that they were planning another trip to Pensacola for anyone who needed items from the PX. There were also a few of the SEDIV shirts available for \$10.00. Also pocket crests were still in process for \$34.00. Orders should be made to Dave Sprott asap.

Special Announcements

Charlie Malone was taking orders for the Detachment Red and White name tags.

Old Business

CMDT Grantham reported that approval had been given on the MCL side to request the USS New York to come into town for the 2012 Convention.

Cal Walters reported that the Daphne Detachment has held its first organizational meeting on 2 Mar and will be having its next meeting on 22 March. It looks as though they will have enough interest to apply for a Charter at that time.

New Business

Department Commandant Cal Walters reported that the next Department of Alabama Meeting will be held at Marion Military Institute on 9 April with the business meeting starting at 0930. Meet at Post 88 at 0600 to carpool. Uniform of the Day is Red Blazer. Lunch will be served for \$7.00, with presentation of the check at parade at 1300. All are welcome. This will be the last meeting before the Department Convention in Oxford, AL on 10-12 June. Information is on the Detachment website.

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

\$88 raised in the raffle tonight.

Pound Keeper PDD Cal Walters reported that the next Growl will be 27 March at PDD Charlie Malone's Doghouse at 1300. All are encouraged to attend and bring an eligible mongrel.

Tricia Allen – reminded everyone that The Scuttlebutt Radio program is broadcasting every Wednesday night from 8pm to 9pm on 106.5 fm with Cal Walters and Tom Claxton.

Next Staff meeting – 29 March @18:30 with training @1800

Next Regular meeting – 12 April 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 2051 hours.



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Beginning Balance - 7 February 2011 **\$15,838.15**

INCOME

Biloxi Vets Senior Bowl Trip: Donations From American Legion - McDuffi	850
Fund Raising: Road Block	5148
Fund Raising: Raffle Income	115
Membership Due life - income	150
Membership Dues Incoming	130
Ship Stores Income	470

TOTAL INCOME **\$6,863.00**

EXPENSES

Americanism	61.87
Annual Picnic	100
Communications: Call em all	75
Communications: Internet	25.9
Conference or convention expenses	2,906.41
Donations - Expense: MMI Scholarship	100
Donations - Expense: St. Vincent de Paul	100
Emblem	82.57
Fund Raising Expense: Monthly Raffle Expense	102.83
Gulf Shores Detachment Cover Expense	70
Hospitality: Detachment Meeting Food	65.58
Installation of Officers	100
Membership Dues	519
Misc.	117.52
Mardi Gras Beads	220
Office Supplies: Postage	6.5
Ships Store	113.4
Storage	100

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$4,866.58**

Ending Balance as of 14 March 2011 **\$17,834.57**

Reserves

Homes For Our Troops	2,899.00
Operation Never Forget	5,000.00
Total Reserves	\$7,899.00

Total Current Available Balance **\$9,935.57**
