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8 November 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. 60 Members were in attendance.

Commandant Grantham recognized the following attendees:

- Aide to the National Commandant – Joe Fell
- PDCs Jerry Steele, Bubba Jackson, Joe Fell, John Reid, and Perry Vaughn.
- Adj/Paymaster Billy Crabtree and Chaplain Thurman Roland

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	Excused
Adjutant Cal Walters	Present

Visitors

Commandant Grantham recognized Mr. and Mrs. Johnson

Membership Applications

Cmd Grantham swore in two regular members Libby Davis and HB Dumas. A break was taken to welcome the new members.

Life Members

None.

Presentations:

None.

Prior Minutes

Prior minutes for October were announced as available and posted to the website for review. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as posted. No discussion. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

A letter was read from the William F. Green State Veterans Home inviting the Detachment to attend their Veteran's Day Ceremony on 11-11-11 at 2:30. Additionally, the Detachment's Color Guard received a thank-you note from Lee Aldridge, Reunion Coordinator for the USS Lyman K. Swenson for their participation in their Ship's Memorial Service on board the USS Alabama.

Paymaster Report

Cmd Grantham presented the Paymaster's Report which was available on each table. The Detachment has \$15,986 in available balance. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

Chaplain Report

Chaplain – David Sprott, reported additions: Roy Lafon's brother Danny received a clean bill of health on his recent tests as well as did Larry Hewitt. Charlie Maloney has had recent surgery but is doing well. Lastly, Dave reported that Marines, Mike Joiner and Layden Phillips had recently passed away.

Officer's Reports

Commandant – Nothing to report.

Sr. Vice Commandant – Nothing to report.

Jr. Vice Commandant – Zach Bolden reported that membership was 250 paid members with a retention rate of 104.9%.

Judge Advocate – Nothing to report.

Adjutant – Nothing to report.

Paymaster Report – Dianne Grantham for Sheryl White reported that the Detachment was selling Turkey and Hams for our annual fund raiser and that the "flyers" were being published on line as well as with our newsletter. She encouraged all Members to get behind the program.

Service Officer--- Bob Nabors – Nothing to Report.

Web Sgt – Tricia Allen – Nothing to report.

Chaplain – Nothing to report.

Public Relations Officer – Tom Claxton – Let Detachment know that he was successful in helping the Marine Reserves acquire a \$600 grill for their use. Tom also remind members that tomorrow there would be a meeting "of older vets" at the Captain's Table at 1130. Lastly, he stated he was still moving forward on the top cover for the trailer and hope to have more news soon.

Sgt at Arms---Gerald Jowers – plenty of good items were available in the raffle due to Dianna Grantham.

Legislative Officer – Nothing reported.

Committee Reports

Wounded Warrior Project – Cmd Grantham reported for Robert Carlock that information on the project was on the website and that while Robert had collected about \$1400 in donations, he was behind in his goal and that we needed to get out and help Robert with his project.

Convention/Conference Committee—Cmd Grantham reported for Cal Walters that we were still on track and progressing towards the 2012 Convention. More information will follow.

Bereavement Committee—David Sprott mentioned the following visitations:

Paul Trauner
Samuel Robert Lee
Michael Joiner

Birthday Ball – Cmd Grantham stated that ball went very well and that all had a good time.

Semper Fi Riders – Gregg Wood reported that there will be a “ride this Sunday the 13th. Riders will start at 1030 at the Battleship and ride to the American Legion on DIP. Cost is \$20 a bike and all SFR’s are welcomed. .

Coke Rewards –Jerry Steele reported that we had 38,000 points and that we would terminate this year’s collections at the end of November.

Boy Scout Committee – No report

Newsletter Committee – Jerry Steele reported that the Newsletter will be ready for distribution tomorrow. He thanked those who helped with articles and pictures.

Hospitality Committee—Jim Evans thanked AB Grantham for tonight’s chow of gourmet pizza. Greg Wood will bring chow to the next meeting.

Young Marines – no report.

Flea Market Committee –Rick Ivy reported that the Flea market made \$17 on its last weekend. Felt that this low amount was due to the fact that we were no longer able to have a “tip jar” available. Rick asked members to come up with some ideas to help raise funds for future flea market events.

Color Guard – John Reid reported that some members of the Color Guard would be judging some ROTC Units at the Fairgrounds this 30th of November.

Golf Tournament – no report

Green Home – Larry Savell reported that Members wishing to visit the veterans tomorrow to please muster at the Post at 0830 for a 9:30 visit.

Mulherin Home –Edward Walters reported that some friends and family members had recently donated many vegetables and fruit as well as meats from our recent picnic to the residents. Additionally Edward stated that he also delivered blankets and a mixer to help their needs and that these items had been within our budget. He also stated that we may need to readdress our budget for the Home as we maybe close to its limit. Additionally, a Detachment Member present also requested that we send a thank-you note to Edwards’s uncle who had given many of the vegetables to the residents from his own garden.

Picnic – Zach Bolden reported that the Picnic held on 22 October at Walters Park. All went well. Members and their guest had a great time and look forward to next year.

Roadblock – No report.

Vets and the Hank –No report

Ships Store – Herschel Mason reported that he was on the last batch of polo shirts and was looking to make any special orders our members may need. He also reminded everyone that he could accept credit cards for purchases. Lastly he let members know that there was a vendor that could provide our Red Blazers at about ½ the current cost that we were paying. To order a new blazer, see Herschel.

Americanism – Dianna Grantham nothing to report.

Ways and Means – Herschel Mason reported on the Scrip fundraising program (Great Lakes) for the Detachment. The program allows for members to purchase gift cards through the Detachment for personal use with the Detachment making a percentage on the purchase amount. The program could

provide significant income to the Detachment and will be up and running before the holidays. Flyer made available for more info.

Special Announcements

None

Old Business

None

RECESS WAS TAKEN

Chaplain reopened the Bible
Meeting was called back into order.

New Business

Jerry Steele as chair of the Nominating Committee offered the following slate of Officer's for the upcoming Detachment Elections: Cmd... AB Grantham, Sr Vice... Dave Sprott, Jr Vice.... Terry Sullivan and Rick Ivy for Judge Advocate. Jerry also let the members know that any qualified Regular Detachment Member could be nominated from the floor at the December Meeting

Good of League

Sgt at Arms reported \$126 raised in tonight's drawing.

On the 10th at 5pm the Sports Academy in Daphne will hold a Birthday Celebration for the Marine Corps. Gen Kurlak will be the guest of honor.

On the 12th the Montford Point Marines are having their Birthday Ball at the Admiral Semmes Hotel. Social hour starts at 5pm Ceremony starts at 6pm. Tickets are \$45/each.

On the 11th at 0800 at Post 88 there will be a Flag Rising. (Breakfast will be provided prior the event.) Following this event at 9am, Detachment will muster at the Civic Center for a 1000 Parade. A luncheon at Fort Whiting will follow at 1200. (Red Blazer is the UOD)

On the 11th there will be a free performance given by the Mobile Symphonic Pops Band at the Hangar near the USS Alabama Show starts at 1900.

On the 12th we will be a part of Wings Bowl VII. Free tickets are available to our members. The wings will be ready for consumption at 1100 in Bienville Square.

A special Pack Growl on 20 Nov 1430 in Millbrook, Al. Muster at Post 88 to leave at 1030.

There will be a Pound Growl on 27 Nov 1300 at Jim Evans Doghouse.

Announcements

Next Staff meeting – 29 November @18:30 with training @1800. Next Regular meeting – 113 December 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 2048 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Steele
Adjutant