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11 October 2011 Detachment Meeting Minutes

Opening Ceremony

Commandant A.B. Grantham called the meeting to order at 1859 hours. Posting of Colors and Opening Prayer ensued. 69 Members were in attendance.

Commandant Grantham recognized the following attendees:

- ADVC, SE Division and Dept of Alabama Jr. Vice Commandant – Cal Walters
- Aide to the National Commandant – Joe Fell
- PDCs Jerry Steele, Bubba Jackson, Joe Fell, John Reid, and Cal Walters.
- Dept of Alabama Sgt at Arms Charlie Malone, Adj/Paymaster Billy Crabtree, Chaplain Thurman Roland, and Jr. Vice 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

Guest Recognized

Commandant Grantham recognized members Scott Hunter, Al Pawlowski, Danny Stephenson, and Harvey Bryan who returned after long absences

Visitors

Commandant Grantham recognized the following visitors: Clifton Driver, Linda Beasley Wade, John Irving of University Oaks, James Porter, and Jim Ward. He later recognized James Willis from The Vet Center and City Council Member John Williams.

Membership Applications

Associate Members: Linda Beasley Wade (Earl Davis) was introduced and approved by the membership. She was sworn in by CMDT Grantham.

Regular Members: Jim Ward was introduced and approved by the membership. He was sworn in by CMDT Grantham. A break was taken to welcome the new members.

Life Members

Life Member card was presented to Scott Hunter. It was noted that Member Marvin McDuffie had applied for Life membership tonight and would be the 101st Life Member for the Detachment.

Presentations:

None

Prior Minutes

Prior minutes for September 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:

None

Paymaster Report

Paymaster Sheryl White presented the Paymaster's Report which was available on each table. The Paymaster noted that the information in the report on the table was incorrect and that she had a corrected copy. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as READ, not distributed.. Motion passed.

Chaplain Report

Chaplain –David Sprott, reported additions: Roy Lafon's brother has seen a recurrence of his cancer; Joe Belanger, knee problems; Mike Joiner, not doing well; Fred Walters, still in Biloxi VA for rehab but also in a lot of unexplained pain. John Bankston added that Michael Joiner has been resuscitated numerous times and Larry Hewitt visited Michael and Neicy Joiner in Houston.

Officer's Reports

Commandant – None

Sr. Vice Commandant – Gregg Wood commented on a program from CMDT Grantham to divide the Detachment into Platoons in order to get more people involved. Details to follow.

Jr. Vice Commandant – Zach Bolden reported that membership was “a-boomin’” with 250 paid members. Retention rate of 103.2%.

Judge Advocate – Nothing to report.

Adjutant – Nothing to report.

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

Service Officer--- **Bob Nabors** - absent

Web Sgt – **Tricia Allen** – Running for Warriors info along with National Convention info is on the site along with other updates.

Chaplain – **David Sprott** – Nothing further to report.

Public Relations Officer – **Tom Claxton** – Nothing to report

Sgt at Arms---**Gerald Jowers** – plenty of good items were available in the raffle. Also, a couple of items for the Picnic donated by Gregg Wood were on site for review.

Legislative Officer – **Cal Walters** – nothing.

Committee Reports

Wounded Warrior Project – Robert Carlock reported that information on the project was on the website and that he had already received about \$1400 in donations. He had donation forms available on the tables and welcomed any and all donations from the League. He thanked everyone for their support.

Convention/Conference Committee—Cal Walters reported that the hotel block for the Convention was open at the BattleHouse and Riverview and that anyone interested in staying at the hotels at a great rate should make their reservations soon. He also commented on the successful site visit of National Executive Director Mike Blum, National Convention Committee Chair John Tuohy, and National Comptroller Paul Hastings which concluded that day.

Bereavement Committee—David Sprott mentioned the following visitations:

Charles Cignus, Jr. Donald Ted Gossett, Jr. Joseph L Jackson, (Member)

Birthday Ball – Cal Walters reported that the Ball will be held on 5 Nov at the USS Alabama Aircraft Pavilion. Tickets for member and spouse will be \$20.00 and RSVPs must be made. Additional information is in The Emblem. A brief discussion of proper attire ensued.

Semper Fi Riders – Gregg Wood reported that the riders would participate in the Vets Day Ride and Toys for Tots ride this year.

Coke Rewards – Jerry Steele reported that he had not been able to make contact with Tom Wells, but that everyone who was entering codes should continue and that more info would follow.

Boy Scout Committee – No report

Newsletter Committee – Cal Walters nothing to report.

Hospitality Committee—Jim Evans thanked the CMDT and Jim MCEvoy for chow tonight. He also reported that volunteers were needed for chow.

Young Marines – no report.

Flea Market Committee –Rick Ivy reported that the Flea market made \$202.50 on its last weekend and will be staffed for the last weekend of this month. This will be the last weekend for this year. Anyone interested should contact him.

Color Guard – No report at this time.

Golf Tournament – No report

Green Home – Larry Savell reported that the 10 November visit will be held this year. Anyone can bring donations to the next meeting. Larry was asking for everyone to attend and that the uniform of the day is Red Blazer.

Mulherin Home –Edward Walters absent.

Picnic – Zach Bolden reported that the Picnic will be held on 22 October at Walters Park. Most arrangements will be the same as last year, with Shannon Walters at Wemo's Wings providing meat for the event. Everyone is asked to provide a large side dish and drinks. Member and Spouse is free. Guest are \$5. Children under 12 are \$3.

Roadblock – CMDT Grantham reported that the last roadblock of this year will be held this Saturday, 15 Oct at the intersections of University and Hillcrest and University and Old Shell if participation is adequate.

Fishing Rodeo – Tom Claxton made motion to move \$100 into the Fishing Rodeo account in order to keep the balance above the threshold for a monthly charge. He withdrew the motion when John Williams made a donation to the fund.

Vets and the Hank –No report.

Ships Store – Herschel Mason reported that if anyone wanted to purchase anything in particular to let him know and he would order it.

Americanism – Dianna Grantham nothing to report.

Ways and Means – Not asked to report.

Special Announcements

Cmdt Grantham advised the Detachment members of the Veterans Day parade on 11 Nov and the luncheon to follow (\$15 to Paymaster asap). He also mentioned that Tom Claxton had been nominated by the Detachment for Veteran of the Year. He also commented on the Nominating Committee Chair, Jerry Steele, who mentioned the Committee's next meeting on 25 Oct.

(Out of order)

Awards Committee – Bubba Jackson had nothing to report.

CMDT Grantham asked Cal Walters to report on the upcoming Wing Bowl. Cal reported that the Detachment was asked to participate in the competition by Gen Cooper. The event is Saturday, 12 November, from 11-2 at Bienville Square. Registration is \$300, total cost around \$500, and we will get 50 tickets to distribute. Member Shannon Walters has agreed to do the cooking and the event should be a great way to promote the Detachment and have some fun. Tom Claxton said that the Marine Recruiters had agreed to donate Marine tents for our use. A motion was made and seconded to participate. Motion carried.

Turkey and Ham Sales – CMDT Grantham mentioned that turkey and hams were on sale and that the pickup date for Thanksgiving was 23 Nov. Dianna Grantham was in charge and information was on the website. Cutoff date for order TBD.

Larry Kent – This Thursday, 13 October, the TCCC will hold an after hours business sessions and the Detachment will have a booth. Can pre-sell turkeys and hams. Pecan Festival is 5-6 November. We have a spot for the trailer and can recruit and sell turkeys and hams. 3 December is the Tillmas Corner Christmas Parade, with 10 am start time.

Cmdt Grantham mentioned the Project Give/Circle Hope for the Snow Road Baptist Church. He also mentioned the Homeless Veterans Standdown on this Thursday from 8-3 at Texas St in Mobile. He also mentioned a Special Pack Growl to be held on 20 November in relation to charges against Pack Leader George Lawson.

Chaplain closed the Bible.
Sgt at Arms closed the meeting.

RECESS WAS TAKEN

Chaplain reopened the Bible
Meeting was called back into order.

Old Business

None

New Business

Herschel Mason commented on the Detachment's SCRIP fundraising program. Our application has been approved and more info will follow.

Good of League

Sgt at Arms reported \$181 raised in tonight's drawing.

Re-announced: Pecan Festival, Roadblock, Detachment Picnic.

Tricia Allen reminded everyone of The Scuttlebutt Network Radio Program on Wednesday night with Tom Claxton and Cal Walters.

Jim Evans announced that Gregg Wood had agreed to do food for December. Dianna Grantham and Sheryl White volunteered for November.

(Out of Order)

Color Guard – John Reid reported that the detail had made \$100 at a 25 Sept reunion. There will be a detail on 14 Oct at the USS Alabama. The USS Hanson has cancelled. There will be a drill meet on 30 November at the Fairgrounds. The Color Guard will be purchasing outdoor gear and a second set of colors is being looked at. He mentioned the idea of having a Detachment Drill meet in 2012. There is also a Flag Disposal ceremony at Post 250 this Sunday. Cal Walters made a motion the Color Guard purchase all gear from one of our supporters, Alabama Flag and Banner, as long as they have it available. After a heated discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Announcements

Next Staff meeting – 25 Oct @18:30 with training @1800. Next Regular meeting – 8 Nov 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 2118 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cal Walters
Adjutant

