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13 September 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. 66 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	Absent/Excused
Jr. Vice Commandant Zach Bolden	Present
Judge Advocate Rick Ivy	Present
Chaplain David Sprott	Absent/Excused
Sgt. At Arms Gerald Jowers	Present
Paymaster Sheryl White	Present
Adjutant Cal Walters	Present

Visitors

Commandant Grantham recognized Nancy Wright, Juan Rodriguez, Harold Zilli, James Mathers, Michael James

Membership Applications

None. Cmdt Grantham recognized new member (Regular) Brandon Quinly and (Asso) Debbie Rushing. A break was taken to welcome the new members.

Life Members

Life Member cards were presented to Bob Albach and Jim McEvoy. There were two new Life Member applications taken today. It was noted that, with the addition of these Life Members, the Detachment now has 99 Life Members on its roster. PDC John Reid stepped forward to apply to be the Detachment's 100th Life Member.

Presentations:

Cmdt Grantham welcomed County Commissioner and Detachment Associate Member Mike Dean to the meeting as well as AWOL Detachment member George Hopkins.

Prior Minutes

Prior minutes for August 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 Mulherin Home thanking the Detachment for their generous support over the last few weeks. Guest Harold Zilli emotionally spoke on the topic as he recently lost a daughter who was mentally challenged and appreciated the support of the Detachment for the Home.

Paymaster Report

Paymaster Sheryl White presented the Paymaster's Report which was available on each table. The Detachment has \$9,658.64 in available balance. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

Chaplain Report

Chaplain – John Reid, in David Sprott's absence, reported additions: 'Jo' Bob Hamilton received a clean bill of health on his recent tests, Mike Joiner is in the hospital with kidney stones, Don Herrin is still being treated for cancer, Joe Jackson as well, Ron Bridges and Cindy are dealing with the flu.

Officer's Reports

Commandant – None

Sr. Vice Commandant – Absent

Jr. Vice Commandant – Zach Bolden reported that membership was 250 paid members. Retention rate of 103.79%.

Judge Advocate – Nothing to report.

Adjutant – not asked to report.

Paymaster Report – Sheryl White had nothing further to report

Service Officer--- Bob Nabors - absent

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

Chaplain – Absent

Public Relations Officer – Tom Claxton – Nothing to report

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

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 \$1000 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.

Bereavement Committee—John Reid for David Sprott mentioned the following visitations:

Larry O, Scott, Sr.
Charles Signius, Jr.

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 will be available at the next meeting.

Semper Fi Riders – Gregg Wood absent. Rick Ivy reported that they were looking for riders and that anyone interested should contact Gregg for more info.

Coke Rewards –Jerry Steele reported that he had not been able to make contact with Tom Wells, although a quick canvas of the members present showed over 30,000 had been entered.

Boy Scout Committee – No report

Newsletter Committee – Cal Walters reported that the Newsletter had gone out on time. If anyone is having trouble downloading the newsletter, he recommended that they download the latest version of the Adobe reader. A link for it is available on the website.

Hospitality Committee—Jim Evans thanked Zach Bolden for tonight's chow of gourmet pizza. He also reported that volunteers were needed for 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 \$116.50 on its last weekend and will be staffed for the last weekend of this month. Anyone interested should contact him. He also thanked Dianna Grantham and Sheryl White for the collages that they made to display.

Color Guard – John Reid reported that the Firing Detail and Bugler performed admirably at the 9/11 ceremonies at the Battleship and that the next event for the Detail was on 25 September.

Golf Tournament – no report

Green Home – Larry Savell reported that the 10 November visit will be held this year.

Mulherin Home –Edward Walters reported that the Home had an emergency recently as they ran out of toothpaste. Member Fred Walters (from his hospital bed in Biloxi) donated \$100.00 which, with the help of Walgreen's produced 159 large tubes of toothpaste which were delivered yesterday. He also thanked everyone for their thoughts concerning Fred and noted that Fred was still being treated for infections but was getting some strength back.

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 – No report.

Vets and the Hank –Cal Walters for Fred Walters (absent) reported that the season is over and was a success with over 500 veterans enjoying the games. The next project is the Senior Bowl in January.

Ships Store – Herschel Mason reported that there was plenty of new stuff on hand. He also reminded everyone that he could accept credit cards for purchases.

Americanism – Dianna Grantham nothing to report.

Ways and Means – Cal Walters and Herschel Mason reported on the Scrip fundraising program 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.

Special Announcements

Cmdt Grantham advised the Detachment members of a \$500 donation to an Army veteran that was approved by the Board of Directors. He also commented on the ability to make donations on the Detachment website for various programs of the League.

Old Business

Cmdt Grantham commented on the Department meeting of 27 August which was a success with the majority of the Detachment's proposals passing as well as the Department Budget for the year. He also commented on the 9/11 service and the Wounded Warrior fishing trip which was moved to a freshwater lake in Shorter, AL. He also mentioned that Detachment Member Audrey Imsand had been elected Post Commander for American Legion Post 88. The next Honor Flight is 21 September – muster at 1800 at Mobile Airport in Red Blazer. Asso Member Sydney Halliday mentioned that Margaret Coley from the Airport was requesting volunteers for the Orientation to be held on the 17th.

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

RECESS WAS TAKEN

Chaplain reopened the Bible
Meeting was called back into order.

New Business

Cmdt Grantham announced that he had appointed Bubba Jackson to serve as the Chair of the Awards Committee and Jerry Steele as chair of the Nominating Committee.

Good of League

Sgt at Arms reported \$121 raised in tonight's drawing.

Jim Smith announced that volunteers were needed for a JROTC Drill Evaluation next month.

Jim Evans mentioned that Harold Zilli brought US Flags to be disposed of. Jim Smith took them for a ceremony at Post 250.

Cmdt Grantham made note that the Detachment has three members running for the County Commission currently held by Mike Dean. He reminded everyone that the League was non-political and non-sectarian and thus cannot endorse any candidate.

Announcements

Next Staff meeting – 30 Sept @18:30 with training @1800. Next Regular meeting – 11 Oct 2011.

The Picnic will be held on 22 Oct.

A Devil Dog Growl will be held on 25 Sept at Pup Gregg Wood's doghouse. Devil Dog dues are due.

Larry Kent noted that the Detachment will have a table at the Chamber event in Tillman's Corner on 13 Oct. He also mentioned that he had spoken with Larry Gill and that we will most likely have a new home to be built for an injured Marine, possibly in Semmes.

Cal Walters made a motion that the Detachment purchase a table cover from the National Ship Store. It is red with MCL logo on the front and can be used for events such as the Chamber meeting mentioned by Larry Kent and the flea market. The motion was seconded and passed.

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,

Cal Walters
Adjutant