

Minutes of Townsend Detachment Business Meeting: 10/15/2016

15 Members present

Opening Ceremony

Welcome Guests: CWO 3 Laverne Cook and 4 cadets from the Jefferson Davis High School and JRROTC program; Major Tim Tormey instructor with Air Command and Staff College

Roll Call of Officers: All present or accounted for. Junior Vice has tendered his resignation – the position will remain vacant until election in January 2017. Adjutant Alice Cole is out of town. Noted: Chaplain Charles Harris was in attendance today, after a long recovery from surgery.

Application for membership: Laverne Cook was presented for membership, sponsored jointly by members Willie Tarver and Don Fisher. Unanimous vote of the detachment members – sworn in.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were presented, motion to accept, seconded and approved.

Correspondence: E-mail from Jeanne Stone resigning her position as Adjutant effective immediately.

Pay Master Report was presented by Richard Davis. Commandant advised that the Paymaster report did not require a vote. Paymaster Richard Davis explained the “New & Improved” membership dues formula for the coming year.

New members will be presented by their sponsor, who will secure a copy of the DD214, present them for membership and subsequently. Mentor them for approximately six months. New member ‘Sponsor/Mentor’ guidelines will be provided to detachment members.

Detachment members are strongly encouraged to carry membership applications with them – to provide to potential members at any time

Members Sick or Distressed: Charles Harris is continuing his recovery.

Report of Officers:

Commandant – Commandant Don Fisher updated membership concerning the upcoming Veteran’s Day parade. Red shirts and covers will be the uniform of the day; spouses, children and grandchildren are welcome to participate.

Goodwyn Middle School will be advised of the parade and the concert at the City Hall after the parade.

WEB SITE: Commandant provided two quotes for building a new Detachment website. Discussion followed. Motion was made and seconded to contract with the Headland Area Marine who built the Department Web Site – to build a Townsend Detachment website. The cost will be \$30 a month. **Motion passed.**

Senior Vice Commandant – Introduced Major Tim Tormey, who presented the Detachment with a Thank you letter for sponsoring his family’s attendance at Roof Top Friend’s disability retreat. Major Tormey advised the detachment of the Birthday Cake cutting ceremonies aboard Maxwell, and

information concerning the Birthday Ball on Maxwell. Ball tickets are available for the detachment- contact Richard Davis for tickets. Last day to secure a ticket will be the 11th of November.

Judge Advocate – No Grievances have been filed. Detachment By-law updates are progressing, Larry Tuggle & Larry Welton were added to the By-Laws revision committee. Judge Advocate’s goal is to have the new by-laws ratified in January 2017

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Toys for Tots – Events are scheduled for Nov 25 – 27 and 10-11 at the BX on Maxwell and 9 with the 12 Days of Giving program. Sign up with Richard McClain to volunteer.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the League Ken Duan is calling members in conjunction with his duties on the nominating committee – Ken strongly encourages members to keep in contact with members who are not currently active in the detachment

Announcements – Gold Star wives will dedicate their monument at the National Cemetery in Montevallo at 2:00 PM on the 22 of October.

The detachment Christmas Party will be hosted by Linda and Richard Davis on the 3rd of December, 11 – 2.

Wreaths across America acknowledgement by the Governor will be 12/12 10:00 AM at the state house.

Closing Ceremony – Adjourn

RE-Convene “Proposed for Membership” Farrish Danley, was voted in to the Detachment, and Sworn In to the Detachment. Farrish’s sponsor is member Ken Duan.

Adjourned