Minutes of Townsend Detachment Business Meeting: 21 January 2017

17 members present

**Opening Ceremony** 

Welcome Guests: None

**Roll Call of Officers:** All present or accounted for.

Application for membership: None

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

**Correspondence:** None

Pay Master Report: Not presented, due to illness of Richard Davis

Members Sick or Distressed: Charles Harris, Richard Davis, Frank LaVonne received pacemaker,

## **Report of Officers:**

**Commandant**- Commandant Don Fisher reminded all of Installation of Officers/Change of Command ceremony February 18<sup>th</sup> at Wynlakes G&CC. Reservations 'only' on the website. \$20 per person payable to MCL via Richard Davis home address before the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Website: If a member has an event that he/she believes is orientated toward veterans & would be of interest to Marines; let him know via the comments page on the website.

Southeast Division Conference: March 30 – April 1; Hosted by south Alabama Detachments at Mobile Marriot <a href="https://www.sediv.org">www.sediv.org</a>

**Senior Vice Commandant**-Advised attendees of Change of Command ceremony to come and have FUN, bring spouses.

Invited all to "Mentoring New Members" program this Thursday at her house, subjects to include learning about detachment & MCL, social media and Mentoring.

Upcoming in April – Detachment activity at Air show at Maxwell. We have permission for 2 awnings & need volunteers to 'man' them...Saturday and Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in April

**Judge Advocate** – No grievances. Todd Kemper urged all to reread Oath of Membership before attending any MCL event, in order to refresh our memory of how we are to conduct ourselves. He will present Staff and Officers the final version of By-Laws in February. He stated we were in compliance for Officer Election according to Article 5 subparagraph 1 of our By Laws.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Toys for Tots:** Dick McClain- Wrap Up: 2 weekends at Maxwell & 1 at Walmart. 167 ¾ hours Volunteered. \$6538.68 collected, \$3662 in toys purchased, equaling 328 toys. 168 children served.

Bill Nichols Veteran's Home & Fundraiser: March 4, a Helmet Drive at Walmart on Hwy 280 in Alex city. Come 10 - 2, then Group go to Bill Nichols while Larry finishes drive w/locals

Veterans Service Officer: Matt Gibson reported he visited the VA Hospital.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** Todd Kemper- New Report needed to locate all equipment the detachment owns.

Dan Newcomer recommends book-Brute by Robert Coram

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Bob Johnson, absent. Ken Duran, Joe Dawkins, Willie Tarver called everyone on Roster who were nominated and they all agreed, if elected, they would be willing to serve.

**ELECTION OF 2017 - 2018 OFFICERS:** Conducted by Junior Past Commandant Dan Newcomer. Posting Slate: Commandant - Nancy Burtron, Sr. Vice Commandant - Richard Davis, Jr. Vice Commandant - Matt Gibson, Judge Advocate - Chuck Moore. 1 Vote each by Acclamation

Commandant Don Fisher then turned meeting over to Commandant elect, Nancy Burtron, who extended an invitation to join the installation ceremony and State Commandant, Jerry Churney.

**CLOSING Ceremony- Adjourn**