

Minutes of Townsend Detachment Business Meeting 4/15/2017

16 Members present 1 Guest

**Opening ceremony** - Pledge - Salute - Marine Corp Hymn

**Acknowledgement of Dignitaries / Guests**

Members were asked to discuss blessings

**Roll Call of Officers:** All present or accounted for; Richard McClain acting Sergeant at Arms

**Application for Membership** - Susan Fulks was presented as an applicant for Associate Membership. Detachment membership voted Susan in as an Associate Member - ceremony of initiation performed.

**Previous minutes** - Discussed and verification of posting on website acknowledged

**Correspondence**- Thank you note from the wife of member James Wrights read aloud in appreciation of detachments funeral attendance

**Paymaster Report** – presented by Richard Davis, no discussion – report accepted as presented  
Advised the detachment of delinquent members and the new dues schedule for the MCL

**Sick call** - Clela Johnson. Bob Johnson's wife; Janet's brother, Kenny; Ken Duan and his daughter Amy

**Report of Officers:**

**Commandant – Nancy Burtron**

Update on southeast division meeting

Update on the Air show attendance. (12 members)

Member training - April 27th - St Johns church - \* Uniforms and Ribbons

Mentor program roll out

Recruiting responsibilities of Jr Vice

**Senior Vice Commandant** – No report

**Junior Vice Commandant - Matt Gibson –**

Updated report of New Doctors and nurse practitioner on staff V.A.

**Chaplain – Charles Harris –**

Update phone contact. Sick and infirmed

Requested that Detachment Members call him when they need prayers and/or have significant challenges facing them or their loved ones, 334 294 9183

**Judge Advocate – Charles Moore**

Update 501 C 19 vs 501c4 status. Financial record audit; Department By-Law motions to be voted on at June convention - voting on tag committee

**Junior Past Commandant – Don Fisher** – new software is being purchased to support the National MCL Membership data base; some applications in the new programs will be accessible by the Department and Detachments Pay Masters

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Web Master – Don Fisher** – will be adding MCL license plate information to our web site.

**Historian – Janet Williamson** - Please forward pictures. And documents for inclusion in book [Jan-paulw@mindspring.com](mailto:Jan-paulw@mindspring.com)

**Eagle Scouts – Charles Carver** None, not present

**Veterans Service Officer – Matt Gibson** Presented during Jr vice Report

**Toys for Tots** – None at this time

**By Laws – Todd Kemper** – By laws have been staffed through the Detachment's Board of Trustees; they will be mailed to the membership this week, they will be discussed and voted on at our next regular business meeting, May 20, 2017.

## New Business:

Townsend Detachment has registered with the Department of Defense to be a **Vietnam Veterans' Commemorative** partner for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. - Detachment member, Paul Williamson, volunteered to be the Project Officer for our recognition events. All Detachment Members will be recruited to participate in Ceremonies that will be designed and implemented by Paul.

**Department of Alabama. Annual convention** - Department training Friday afternoon – all members are strongly encouraged to register for and attend this event in Dothan, Alabama.

**Jeff Davis High School JRROTC** will be presented with a \$1,000 check from the tag fund. Chuck Moore is the Project Officer for this event – additionally the Cadets of the Year will be recognized.

**Lance Corporal Ryan Winslow 5k** will be held at Troy University on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, funds raised will benefit the Support Committee of the Montevallo National Cemetery. All members are encouraged to participate. Nancy Burtron is the Project officer for this event.

Townsend Detachment will hold a **Cemetery Registration & Helmet drive** - Walmart Wetumpka, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Chuck Moore Project Officer. All members are encouraged to participate.

**Memorial Day Flagging** – Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>, meet at 0730 for cemetery assignments and flags. All members are encouraged to participate – Project Office Dan Newcomer

**MCL National Convention** – August 2017, Overland Park Kansas. **Motion** to submit registration for the Townsend Detachment Membership – Discussion – Vote – **Passed**. Townsend Detachment will register all our voting members, and redeem our right to vote by the attendance of member Don Fisher.

**Welcome aboard picnic** – August 19th

**Good of the League:** a new detachment, **Foster Harrington Detachment # 1449**, has been Chartered in the western area of Mobile County  
State newsletter has been forwarded.

Nominations for Department Officers include: Commandant AB Grantham; Senior Vice Don Fisher; Junior Vice Danny Rooks; Judge Advocate Lloyd Potter and Darryl Lankford

**Announcements** – none

**Closing Ceremony** – Adjourn