

## **Minutes of Townsend Detachment Business Meeting 21/July/2018**

Opening Ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance – Marine Corps Hymns- Opening Prayer

Acknowledgement of dignitaries and guests

**Roll Call of Officers:** All Present or Accounted for.

Application for membership: No new members were presented for membership

Minutes are being edited to reflect corrections.

No correspondence was presented.

Pay Master report was presented and accepted as presented with corrections.

**Members Sick or Distressed:** Joe Dawkins and Family have been sick; Matt Gibson's family is dealing with cancer and extended family care issues; Ed Galt has had surgery and will be facing additional medical procedures in the coming weeks; Bob and Clea Johnson; George White has been in the

Report of Officers:

**Commandant – Nancy Burtron** – Townsend Detachment's retention status (dues paid) has improved but is not good – 12% of our membership is delinquent. Junior Vice Matt Gibson has been tasked with calling the delinquent members.

2019 Budget is available and will be e-mailed to the membership in preparation for ratification at the August 2018 Meeting.

The American Legion Building in downtown Montgomery has completed their renovations, which took over a year, and was the reason that Townsend Detachment relocated to Arrowhead Country Club. Townsend Detachment has been invited to return to the headquarters of the American Legion by Greg Akers. Discussion ensued – pros and cons of the American Legion vs pros and cons of Arrowhead. Motion to stay at Arrowhead – seconded – passed. Townsend will return keys to the American Legion and ask Arrowhead if they can provide storage space for some Townsend properties.

**Senior Vice Commandant – Chuck Moore** - attended the Yank 72 Memorial Dedication in Jackson Mississippi. Yank 72 was a USMC craft which crashed outside of Jackson in July 2017. Mississippi area MCL Detachments and other organizations raised funds to erect a memorial to the 15 Marines and 1 Navy Corpsman who lost their lives in this accident.

POW – MIA Recognition Day 2018 will be held on September 22, 2018 at the state capital. the ceremony begins at 1100, with a motor cycle ride to precede the ceremony. Major General Livingston, USMC Retired will be the guest speaker. General Livingston is a Medal of Honor recipient and was the last man out of Saigon when it fell.

**Project Officer – Welcome Aboard Picnic – Richard Davis** – Picnic will be at the Family Pavilion – with Townsend business meeting at 0900 – and the picnic set up to follow – Picnic will begin at 11:00. Marine Wife, Kim Tormey will host the children's activities and raffle events. Richard sent around sign up rosters for work teams and for gate lists. All Townsend members were encouraged to obtain Door Prizes to give to our guests.

**New Business: None**

**Good of the League: None**

**Announcements: None**

**Closing Ceremony**