

Townsend Detachment # 920

Business Meeting

Minutes, March 16, 2019

Arrowhead County Club 0830

Members Present: 16

Guests: 0

Opening Ceremonies:

Posting of the Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

Singing of the Marine Corps Hymn

Prayer

MINUTES:

Our last event was our Change of Command Ceremonies – no minutes were taken

Pay Master Report:

Paymaster passed out his report – no discussion – motion to accept as presented – seconded – Unanimous

Sick & In Distress:

Tommy Davis is at the Veteran's Home in Alex City; Karl Winn is continuing to struggle with his health and has been in the hospital again; Ed Galt continues to recover from his recent surgery- all members are encouraged to call and drop in on him; Larry Weltin is present with us today and continues to improve; Warren Mitchell is basically homebound – all members are encourage to call on him and drop in for visits

Officers Reports:

Junior vice Jim Fulks is concerned with retention – he is going to reach out to members who are delinquent, and those who are not attending on a regular basis.

Commandant – advised all members of the up-coming Department Meeting in Millbrook and strongly encouraged all to attend this meeting on April 6th at 0900 at the American Legion post in Millbrook. Department of Alabama should be presenting their 'revised' By Laws at this meeting; **WEAR YOUR COVER TO VOTE & PARTICIPATE**

Toys FOR TOTS:

2018 Toys for Tots Coordinator Larry Weltin presented **Certificates of Appreciation** to all who volunteered during the fall Toys for Tots Campaign, both detachment members and family and friends. Townsend worked 4 solicitation events and multiple times in the Toy warehouse – Job **WELL DONE**

Major Tim Tormey:

Major Tormey has been the Detachment's liaison with the colleges on Maxwell for the past 3 years. He has officially retired and is preparing to join our detachment.

NEW Business:

Commandant Moore advised the membership of the Officers/Trustee meeting time and place and invited any and all members to participate / attend these meetings all the time

Judge Advocate Mark Kuehndorf – advised the members of the upcoming Rifle Raffle event, he is seeking input and direction from all members who have participated in the past. Mark asked that anyone who has ideas, suggestions, best practices, please contact him and share the information they have with him.

Past Rifle Raffle Officer in Charge – Paul Williamson has agreed to advise Mark on this event and past protocols

Adjutant – Nancy Burtron advised the members of the meetings and contacts she has in the area of standing up a Young Marine Unit in the greater Montgomery area, and solicited assistance from detachment members

Member – Willie Tarver appealed to the Detachment to remember the Good Work that is accomplished through the Semper Fi Fund. Discussion ensued; **MOTION** by Willie Tarver to **donate \$500** to the Semper Fi Fund; Second by Nancy Burtron

A motion to amend the motion was presented – request for reimbursement from the State Tag Fund – that was rescinded after discussion of the purpose of the Tag Fund Monies – helping Alabama Marines was held.

Voice vote to approve sending \$500 to the Semper Fi Fund passed with no dissenting votes

George White – inquired about the Relationship of the Detachment and the **Jeff Davis High School JrROTC** unit. Discussion regarding past contacts with the JrROTC staff members was held. George White & all other members present were advised of the Department of Alabama commitment to fund USMC JrROTC units up to \$1,000 annually. George was concerned that no member of the Detachment participated in a JrROTC public event – he was advised that we didn't know it was occurring. **George White has agreed to work towards fostering an improved relationship with the Jeff Davis School unit.**

Memorial Day Cemetery Flag Placement – members were advised that our scheduled day of placing flags would be **Saturday May 25**, they were asked to save the date – and to encourage spouses, grandchildren and friends to participate in this activity with us. George White was encouraged to recruit the JrROTC unit to participate in this event with us.

Janet Williamson – Townsend Detachment Historian, encouraged all members to share pictures and news with her, re: Detachment members and Detachment activities and events

Face Book – members were encouraged to check our Facebook page, and our Web page on a regular and on-going basis

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Wire Grass Detachment – Clay Pigeon Shoot Out request for support was presented to the Detachment. After discussion of the event and encouraging individual members to participate in the event. The officers had discussed the request at the officer meeting and recommended against financial support on the basis that the request was for one detachment to fund another detachment (which is not "Marines Helping Marines." Motion by Nancy Burtron to deny the funding request; second by Mark Kuehndorf. Vote – the motion to deny the funding request was passed by unanimous vote. No money will be sent to Wiregrass Detachment for this purpose.

Good of the League:

Vietnam Memorial Recognition Event will be at Committal Shelter # 1 on March 28, 2019 at 1000 – members are encouraged to attend this event

Townsend Detachment has supplied the 3rd man for Funeral Details in support of LIMA Company 10 times since January 1. Detachment members are all encouraged to support and participate in this program.

Headquarters MCL- Ships Store -does not have a red jacket in a size to fit Mark Kuehndorf. Any suggestions as to how to find big & tall sizes would be appreciated

Paymaster Richard Davis – is preparing a new and improved detachment roster and will send copies out electronically in the near future.

Closing Ceremonies:

Posting of the Colors

Prayer

Charge to find new members and be faithful in participating in Detachment meeting and events

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