

Townsend Detachment # 920

Business Meeting

Minutes, April 20, 2019

Arrowhead County Club 0830

Members Present: 17

Guests: 1 Tim Tormey

Opening Ceremonies:

Posting of the Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

Singing of the Marine Corps Hymn

Prayer

MINUTES:

Accepted as posted on the Detachment Web Page

Pay Master Report:

Paymaster passed out his report – *LIMA Marine SSgt Grant Garab had a motorcycle accident and his wife, mother, father and step father came to town for his surgery and to assist in making arrangements for his convalescence; Townsend Detachment assisted the family with Motel costs – 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 – Charles Harris brother has been placed under Hospice Care - all members are encourage to call on him and drop in for visits

Correspondence:

Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs has instituted an Honor Certificate and pin for those veterans who serve in Color Guards and on Funeral duty for Veterans. The VSO must sign off on 25 rotations of service for an award to be presented.

Department of Alabama's "Proposed By Laws" were passed out to all members present. Commandant Moore requested all detachment members read the "Proposed By Laws" and be prepared to engage in discussion at our next Detachment Meeting in May. These will be presented for a Department vote of acceptance in June at the Department meeting.

Officers Reports:

Commandant Chuck Moore gave a re-cap of the Voting for Officers at the Southeast Division Meeting in Charleston SC. Chuck explained the procedures for Officer elections and the significance of "registering delegates" for all MCL venues where officer elections will take place.

Commandant Moore discussed the upcoming state Department of Alabama meeting and the need for all members to consider attending and participating in the meeting. Department of Alabama meeting will be June 28 – 30 in Guntersville at the State Park Lodge. Applications are available right now, and on line.

Judge Advocate Mark Kuendorf has agreed to serve as the Officer in Charge of our Rifle Fund raising event. Mark has photos and descriptions available today of a variety of weapons for detachment members to consider. After much discussion a committee was selected consisting of Mark Kuendorf as chair; Paul Williamson; Ron Balkcom; Jamie LyBrand as members. The committee will meet and set the guidelines for the fund-raising event. Sr Vice Mark Barnhart volunteered to serve on the committee and his offer was accepted by Chairman Mark Kuehndorf. (addendum to original posting)

Senior Vice Mark Barnhart advised the Detachment that he had been in communication with Amy Richardson of the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce- there will be a “Veteran’s” Recognition at the Biscuits Baseball Game on Friday May 3rd at 6:30 PM – honored veteran’s (3 or 4 from each branch of the military) will be provided tickets for their entire family and be recognized on the field before the game. All other veterans are encouraged to participate by buying tickets and attending the ceremony and game. Combat veterans Paul Williamson, Everett Cole and Ron Balkcom will be the Representatives for the USMC/MCL.

Pay Master Richard Davis has served as the point of contact for the Detachment with LIMA Company for the Honor Guard 3rd man. Richard advised that Willie Tarver has joined the Honor Guard group and served with his first Bugle assignment.

Judge Advocate Mark Kuendorf was tasked with re-working the Townsend Detachment Facebook page. Mark reports that 2 pages were open, he intends to close one page and keep the other page open to public view.

NEW Business:

Adjutant Nancy Burtron reports that she has contacted a “tour” guide who will be willing to arrange an MCRD PISC tour for the detachment – any member and their spouse who is interested should talk to Nancy about the opportunity to return to MCRD PISC.

Mary LyBrand announced that her son will be graduating in August from recruit training and she and her husband will be taking the trip to PISC – suggested that would be a good time for the entire detachment to visit.

Member Paul Williamson announced Arrowhead Country Club, our hosts for our monthly business meeting are having a \$1,000 give away,

tickets are open to anyone at \$100 each which will get you one free greens fee; a dinner for two with cocktails and a chance to win the prize.

Member Alice Cole and her husband Everett Cole will be participating in a “Soldiers Freedom Outdoors” event on a 400-acre outdoor recreation venue in Florida. She encouraged all members to google the event and sign up if they can participate.

Good of the League:

Memorial Day Cemetery Flag placements will be done on May 25 – members are encouraged to participate and to bring their families with them to help in placing flags.

Closing Ceremonies:

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Prayer

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

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