

Townsend Detachment # 920

Business Meeting

Minutes, May 18, 2019

Arrowhead County Club 0830

Members Present: 21

Guests: 1, Sandra Robinson

Opening Ceremonies:

Posting of the Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

Singing of the Marine Corps Hymn

Prayer

Roll Call of Officers:

All present or accounted for; Commandant Chuck Moore is sick.

Presentation of Applicants for Membership:

Nancy Burtron presented Sandra Robinson for consideration as an Associate Member in Townsend Detachment. Detachment voted unanimously accept Ms Robinson as an associate member.

Sr. Vice Commandant Mark Barnhart administered the oath of membership.

Round Robin Introductions:

Members of the Detachment introduced themselves to our new member.

MINUTES:

Minutes were published and posted on the WEB page, no corrections, minutes accepted as posted

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 – he celebrated his 99th birthday this month; Karl Winn joined us at the detachment meeting, he reports he is doing better, Ed Galt continues to recover from his recent surgery- all members are encouraged to call and drop in on him; Warren Mitchell is basically homebound – all members are encourage to call on him and drop in for visits

Presentations:

Sr. Vice Mark Barnhart presented 1st Sergeant Christopher Battle with and Individual Meritorious Service Award for his support of the Detachment these past 3 years. Sgt Battle will be PCS in June to Sergeant Major School for a one-year academic program in El Paso, Texas.

1st Sergeant Derrick Battle presented Townsend Detachment with a Lima Co. guidon encased in a frame as a thank you for the detachment's support of Lima Co. over the past 3 years. Derrick cited the detachment's participation in the Deployment Family Day, the Banner to welcome the Troops back home, aiding a family member with car repairs, support of family members for an injured Marines' hospital stay.

The new I&I 1st Sergeant will be Christopher Stoudemire who is a Prattville native. He will report for duty during the summer.

Correspondence:

Paymaster Richard Davis presented a request from Jeff Davis High School Jr ROTC OIC, Laverne Cook, for a MCL Tag Fund request of \$1,000 to aid in refurbishing the Jr ROTC firing range and to replace some of the weapons, Air rifles. Motion to support Jeff Davis Jr ROTC with the Tag Fund request for \$1,000 was made, seconded, passed.

Officers Reports:

Jr. Past – Nancy Burtron provided cemetery flags to members from Prattville and Wetumpka.

Detachment members working the Montgomery area cemeteries will muster at 0730 on Saturday the 25th of May, at Sommers Restaurant on Vaughn Road. Cemetery assignments and flags will be distributed at that time, all members are encouraged to join us in placing flags on the graves of those Marines who have gone before us. Spouses, children and grandchildren are invited to participate. Hammers and large spikes are required to prep a place for the flags.

Everett Cole, Alice Cole, Mark Barnhart, Paul Williamson, Ron Balkcom participated in the Biscuits Baseball Veteran's Memorial Program – it was a great event, and everyone who attended enjoyed baseball and veteran recognition. Paul & Ron presented the "MISSING MAN" stadium chair – which will stand in honor of those who did not return.

NEW Business:

Judge Advocate Mark Kuendorf – advised the members the Rifle committee will be meeting soon to plan the Rifle fundraising event. Mark also advised his wife has had hip surgery and is recuperating at home.

Senior Vice Mark Barnhart solicited an Officer in Charge of the Welcome Aboard Picnic, scheduled for August 17 at Maxwell AFB; Richard Davis will take the lead, with other Detachment Members supporting the planning and execution.

Jr. Past Nancy Burtron – shared VA hospital event dates to include:

May 19th Family Fun Day – Tuskegee campus

Memorial Day Activity – May 27 – 11 AM – Montgomery Campus

Independence Day Activity – July 3 both campuses

Summer Youth Intern Program – Applications available

Stand Down for Homeless Vets – Sep 6 9-3 Cramton Bowl

POW/MIA Committee:

Don Fisher, Chuck Moore & Nancy Burtron are representing the MCL on this statewide committee, the next meeting will be June 6th at 11:00 AM at Dept of Alabama American Legion HQ building – all members are encouraged to become participatory in these planning events.

Good of the League:

Everett Cole shared with the Detachment a letter written by John LeJeune to his wife while he was a midshipman on a cruise.

Members not yet registered for the Department of Alabama convention – need to act quickly

Rifle tickets are available to support the Department Convention

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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