

Townsend Detachment # 920

Business Meeting

Minutes, June 15, 2019

Arrowhead County Club 0830

Members Present: 21

Guests: 1, Tim Tormey

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

Presentation of Applicants for Membership:

Nancy Burtron presented Tim Tormey for consideration as a Member in Townsend Detachment on the behalf of Richard Davis who was not able to do so, because he was out of town. Detachment voted unanimously accept USMC Major Tim Tormey as a member.

Commandant Chuck Moore 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:

No paymaster report, the Paymaster is out of town at this time.

Sick & In Distress:

Tommy Davis is at the Veteran's Home in Alex City. Ed Galt is doing better. Charles Harris has lost 4 family members within the month; Carl Winn is doing better and able to join us at the meeting today. Matt Gibson continues to have assorted illnesses in his extended family.

Officers Reports

Commandant Chuck Moore – Thanked all Detachment Members, spouses, family and friends who participated in the Memorial Day Flag Placement in local Cemeteries.

Additionally, Commandant Moore reported that he had received a 'Thank You' from Mrs. Esther Varon, widow of Morris Varon, a WWII Marine, who was thrilled to find a Marine Corps and US flag had been placed on her husband's grave.

Commandant Moore updated the Detachment on an On-Going Marines Helping Marines project. Cedric Ollison is a homeless Marine, recently

relocated from Savannah Georgia, looking to establish himself in the Montgomery area. Commandant Moore vetted Cedric for qualifications for assistance, found him qualified, and immediately went to work to find resources and support systems for him. Townsend Detachment Officers were polled and it was a unanimous decision to pay the fees for the Montgomery area American Legion Post 1948 veteran's home on South Court Street, and to provide a couple monthly bus passes to assist Cedric short term while he found employment and got back on his feet. Cedric is currently sheltered in the American Legion Post 1948 PEERS program home; he is currently employed; he is using a city transit bus pass to get around, Townsend Detachment provided the bus pass.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to continue to support this Marine in the PEERS home up to (\$125 week rent) a total of \$775.00; with the ultimate plan to ask the Tag Fund for reimbursement for this money.

Commandant Moore advised the Detachment of a \$1,500 gift (pass through the Detachment) given by the employer of Townsend Detachment Member Bryan DeCapite at the Monthly Luncheon at Sommer's Place Restaurant. The money is to be used to support a Marine who experienced Hurricane Michael destruction. LIMA Co Marine Jason Harvey has been identified as the recipient of this donation. Harvey was displaced from his home and had to replace most of his belongings as a result of the storm. The monies will go towards his new housing accommodations and replacing items needed for daily living. Harvey is currently living in Dothan Alabama and his wife and child are currently living in Tallahassee Florida. Sgt Harvey works as a corrections officer at a prison in Chipley Florida which is too far from Tallahassee to make commuting practical. (It's complicated.)

Junior Vice Jim Fulks has been contacting past due members and encouraging them to get their dues up to date and encouraging them to re-engage with the Detachment

Correspondence:

None

Unfinished Business:

Fund Raising Committee – Officer in Charge **Judge Advocate Mark Kuehndorf** advised that his fundraising team is working on selecting a rifle for our give away event. When the rifle has been procured – production of tickets will begin, and all members will be approached to assist with distribution of tickets and collections of donations. Additionally, gun shows will be scheduled for ticket distribution.

Welcome Aboard Picnic – August 17 is the date for the Maxwell Welcome Aboard Picnic, all members are encouraged to sign up to work

at the picnic and to procure items for door prizes. Sign up sheets will be circulated at the July Detachment Meeting.

Budget – Board of Trustees is tasked with presenting a Budget (AKA spending plan) at the next Detachment meeting.

MIA/POW – Ceremony will be September 21 at 1100 - Plans are on-going. Chuck Moore, Don Fisher and Nancy Burtron are members of the organizational committee. Meetings are open to all detachment members; the next scheduled meeting will be July 11th at 1100 at the American Legion Headquarters on Jackson Street.

Good of the League:

Judge Advocate Mark Kuehndorf challenged all LIFE members in attendance to match his \$10 donation to the Detachment - \$100 were raised for Townsend Detachment by Life Members

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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