

Townsend Detachment # 920

Business Meeting

Minutes, January 18, 2020

Arrowhead County Club 0830

- Members Present:** 15 members 1 Guest
- Opening Ceremonies:** Posting of the Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Singing of the Marine Corps Hymn
Prayer
- Roll Call of Officers:** All present – except for Sgt at Arms who is in North Carolina this weekend
- Presentation of Applicants for Membership:** Michael Humphries is re-instated as an active member with his dues paid in full and in attendance today. Member Dan Newcomer and his wife Netta are visiting with us today, they have relocated to North Carolina
- Sick & Distressed:** **Willie Thomas** is recovering from his recent accident;
Charles Harris is going to the Doc on Thursday to schedule a heart procedure;
Nancy Burtron is soliciting support both attendance and funding to host two recognitions of 100-year birthday's, Colonel Carl Cooper of Vestavia Hill Alabama during the month of March and Master Sergeant Tommy Davis, Townsend member residing at the VA home in Alex City during the Month of May.
- Correspondence:** None
- MINUTES:** Last meeting was November – November Minutes have been posted on the website. December Christmas party in lieu of business meeting.
- Pay Master Report:** Presented, motion to accept, seconded and adopted. Paymaster Davis advised the Detachment has 74 members with 6 who have not renewed their membership with payment of current membership dues.
- Sick & In Distress:** None voiced
- Officers Reports** **Commandant Chuck Moore** Updated the Detachment of efforts to assist a homeless Marine, Willie Griffin, served with 2nd Bn 6th Marines from 1974 to 1976. He became homeless when he chose to leave a place where his disability money was being mismanaged by a person he

had trusted. Commandant Moore approached the American Legion Post 1948 **PEERS** Veterans Home and they agreed to accept him on a trial basis. Johnny Baker was contacted, and the Tag Fund has paid his first month expenses with **PEERS**. Commandant Moore paid for some clothes and a bus pass for the Marine. Marine Griffin was not able to attend today. Update will be provided at the February meeting.

Judge Advocate – MCL National has set forth a “Template” By-Laws and strongly encourages all Detachments / Departments to adopt the template for their local By-Laws. Discussion: Townsend has recently revised our By-Laws and adapted them to be in compliance with national and state, we will look at the template and work towards moving Townsend Detachment to the Template that is recommended.

RIFLE RAFFLE COMMITTEE: No report at this time.

Unfinished Business: Up coming meetings MCL National Midwinter will be Feb 27th in Norfolk, Virginia

Southeast Division Conference will be in Warner Robbins Georgia March 26-28; a delegate list was prepared and given to the Paymaster to write a check and to mail out.

Department of Alabama Convention will be in Decatur June 26 – 28, individual registration applications were passed out for members to complete and return. Currently the following members have registered for the following meetings.

Mark Kuehndorf – Dept of Alabama

Charles Harris – SE Division / Dept of Alabama

Mark Barnhart – Dept of Alabama

Janet / Paul Williamson – Dept of Alabama

Richard Davis – Dept of Alabama

Chuck Moore – SE Division / Dept of Alabama

Nancy Burtron – SE Division / Dept of Alabama

Discussion concerning the Department of Alabama advertisement for the convention booklet – Motion, second and approved. Townsend Detachment will purchase a one-page ad to the convention booklet and feature Tommy Davis as our ‘focus’ in the ad.

Townsend Detachment forwarded a \$100 donation to the MMI scholarship program through the Department of Alabama.

New Business:

Discussion: Meeting place – meeting day – meeting time. A recap of our 3 month informational meeting aboard Maxwell was summarized. Discussion concerning a “Permanent” Home was discussed – meeting time and place was discussed. Paul Williamson has talked to Arrowhead and they are willing to discuss and provide evening times if we request. Our major concern is turning out more members. Discussion tabled.

The following locations were mentioned: Maxwell AFB, Charles Harris stated the entry rules were more relaxed and more of us could qualify for base access; Yellowhammer restaurant on Taylor Road; Wetumpka – Coaches Corner restaurant, - discussion was tabled.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Past Commandant Richard Davis conducted the election of Officers; the nominated officers were: According to Townsend Detachment By-Laws, nominations were closed at the November meeting and the following slate of candidates was presented for a vote of members present.

Commandant – Chuck Moore

Sr Vice – Mark Barnhart

Jr Vice – Jamie LyBrand

Judge Advocate – Mark Kuehndorf

One unanimous vote for the slate as presented was entered into the minutes.

Those officers will be installed at the February meeting as there is only one change and the expense of a formal installation banquet can thus be avoided.

Good of the League:

Townsend Detachment supported 28 funeral with LIMA company last year.

Closing Ceremonies:

Posting of the Colors

Prayer

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

Adjourn