



## BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391

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Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2016

**LOCATION:** Kreuz Market Bryan, 768 N Earl Rudder Fwy, Bryan, TX 77802

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Sr Vice Commandant Thorin Moser; Jr Vice Commandant John Withers; Paymaster Glenn Burnside; Sergeant-at-Arms Chris Paulson; Web Sergeant Ed Holcomb; Jr Past Commandant David Sahn

**OFFICERS ABSENT:** Commandant John McGuire; Adjutant Leo Rivera; Chaplain Doug Crabtree

**OPENING CEREMONY:** The meeting was called to order at 19:01

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** No minutes read since no official meeting for December

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER:**

- o Checking: \$4,658.75
  - Large balance is result of influx of Life Membership dues
  - Since membership dues will be submitted to MCL National, balance does not reflect actual funds available
- o Savings: \$1,325.58

**REPORT OF SICK/INJURED MEMBER OR FAMILY:** Commandant John McGuire; Roger Martinez' friends' father; Bryan "Puff the Magic Dragon" Parker

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

- Senior Vice Commandant report:

- o Calendar of events recap
  - Dec 5 Make-A-Smile-Happen (MASH) [13 members participated]
  - Dec 12 Wreaths of Honor [5 members participated]
  - Dec 12 Detachment Christmas Party
  - Jan 6 Det Leadership meeting
  - Jan 11 Regular meeting
  - Jan 13 Vet Camp
  - Feb 3 Det Leadership meeting
  - Feb 8 Regular meeting: officer nominations; TAMU PNS/MECEP program
  - Feb 27 Texas Concealed Handgun Licensing Class
  - Mar 9 Det Leadership meeting
  - Mar 14 Regular meeting: officer elections
  - Apr 11 Regular meeting: officer installation
  - April RSS College Station Poolee function
  - May Harry Bruce "Retreat Hell" Mameluke sword presentation
  - Jul Chappell Hill 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade; Bush Library Celebration
  - Nov USMC Birthday; Veterans Day
  - Dec Make-A-Smile-Happen (MASH); Det Christmas party



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- Junior Vice Commandant report:
  - o Suggested Detachment submit pictures and caption to local media and magazines
    - Sr Vice and Web Sergeant will collect photos and submit to local media
    - Will cast wider net for potential members
- Staff Judge Advocate report: Nothing significant to report
- Junior Past Commandant report:
  - o Received "Thank You Notes" for veterans from Cypress Grove Student Council
    - Student Council wrote and collected thank you notes for a veteran group
    - CGSC decided to give notes to BVMCL
    - Past Commandant suggested the Det respond with a letter to CGSC
      - He will draft letter and make it available at February regular meeting for member signatures
      - He will deliver it to CGSC
    - Paymaster suggested Det turnover Thank You Notes to American Legion for inclusion with monthly care package
      - **Marine Sahm motioned; Marine Holcomb seconded; Regular members present voted unanimously in favor**
  - o Reminded members to participate and encourage others to attend the upcoming regular meetings
    - Nominations are accepted only at February meeting
    - Need a quorum of members to vote on elected officers
    - Encourage all members to consider involvement as officer

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- Benevolence Committee
  - o Detachment provided assistance to retired Marine GySgt Walter Morris
  - o Morris provide DD-214 and Det provide funds for food
    - Other veteran service organizations provided funds for lodging
  - o Det concluded all funds donated thus far will be max provided
- Detachment Marine of the Year Committee
  - o Committee tasked to select 4th detachment Marine of the Year
  - o Committee selected Benny Vallejo
    - Previously had served as Junior Vice Commandant
    - Detachment charter member (first to pay dues)
    - Facilitated Wreaths of Honor participation
    - Instrumental in supporting Detachment Fallen Marine Program
    - Continuously in travel status but still manages to participate
  - o 2014 Marine of the Year John McGuire presented award to Benny Vallejo

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None (December meeting - Christmas party; November meeting - USMC birthday)



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### NEW BUSINESS:

- Upcoming programs:
  - o Marine Roy Robinson and General John Miller have tentatively committed to present on the attack on the Marine Barracks in Beirut
  - o Owners of Gun Corps tentatively committed to speaking to detachment regarding gun ownership today
- Commandant proposed detachment hike and (for those interested) possible camp out
  - o Event would take place in a manner so that all members and member's families could participate
- Change in meeting location
  - o Previous meeting location presented challenges during 2015
  - o Several locations were scouted; Top locations included:
    - Rudy's BBQ - Gary Blair radio show scheduled for same evening in fall and spring; meeting room "first come first serve"
    - Fuddruckers - meeting room; expectation that det eats
    - Kreuz Market - meeting room with media
  - o Det leadership decided to select Kreuz Market as new meeting location
- Scholarship awards
  - o Commandant announced that Detachment is now in a position to offer two small scholarships in 2016 (approx. \$250 each)
    - Will need to develop criteria and potential applicants

### GOOD OF THE CORPS:

- **According to the Detachment Charter, today is the Detachment's birthday**
  - o **Detachment was established on January 11, 2012**

**CLOSING CEREMONY:** The meeting concluded at 19:37.