



BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391

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Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2016

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

OFFICERS PRESENT: Commandant John McGuire; Sr Vice Commandant Doug Tennis; Paymaster Glenn Burnside; Adjutant Thorin Moser; Sergeant-at-Arms Olivia Burnside; Chaplain Cary Tennis; Web Sergeant Ed Holcomb; Jr Past Commandant David Sahn

OFFICERS ABSENT: Vice Commandant Doug Crabtree; Staff Judge Advocate Roger Martinez

OPENING CEREMONY: The meeting was called to order at 19:00

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

GUESTS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: No official July meeting; June meeting minutes read
o Marine Diaz motioned for minutes to be accepted; Marine Holcomb seconded; Regular members present voted unanimously in favor

CORRESPONDENCE: Twin City Mission officially recognized and thanked Al Diaz for donating briskets from Meat Ready to Eat fundraiser.

REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER:

- o June:
 - Checking: \$2,977.86
 - Recent income includes:
 - o Account dividends \$0.15
 - o Memberships \$70.00
 - o Coins \$100.00
 - o MRE Briskets \$1,600.00
 - Recent expenses include:
 - o Cam Posey scholarship \$100.00
 - o Meat for MRE \$427.48
 - Ending balance: \$4,220.53
 - Savings: \$1,253.43
 - Total assets: \$5,473.96
- o July:
 - Checking: \$4,220.53
 - Recent income includes:
 - o Account dividends \$0.18
 - o Memberships \$35.00
 - o Donations for rent \$580.00
 - Recent expenses include:



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- o July 4th parade candy \$73.48
- o Rub/sauce for MRE \$89.90
- o Rent paid for Marine \$480.00
- Ending balance: \$4,132.39
- Savings: \$1,253.43
- Total assets: \$5,385.82

REPORT OF SICK/INJURED MEMBER OR FAMILY: Commandant McGuire's mother had passed

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- Senior Vice Commandant report: Nothing significant to report
- Junior Vice Commandant report: Nothing significant to report
- Staff Judge Advocate report: Nothing significant to report
- Junior Past Commandant report: Nothing significant to report
- Chaplain report: Nothing significant to report
- Web Sergeant report: In process of moving website because current site was sold

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- Board of Trustees: Nothing significant to report
- Programs Committee: Nothing significant to report
- Benevolence Committee: Committee met with Marine and his spouse after American Legion reported his need was greater than was they could give. Examined his DD-214 and confirmed he is a honorably discharged combat veteran who has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while serving in Iraq with 2/4. Married with a step-son from his wife and another child for whom he is paying child support (says he is current at this time). Transportation is not an issue. Only run-in with the law was a DWI about 10 years ago (misdemeanor), for which he successfully completed probation. He is currently working temp jobs while seeking permanent employment, after having been laid off from the oil patch. He is applying for work with Lowes and another employer. Wife also works. The Marine is seeking help to pay his current month's apartment rent, which is \$980. The American Legion conducted a similar assistance interview, found him a just candidate, and gave him \$500 toward the rent. The Marine is in the process of getting his VA disability rating increased from 30% to 70%, and that should help him financially as well. They have applied for food stamps.



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The rent deficit is \$480. The committee agreed that he is a good candidate for assistance. Recommended the Det send a check to his landlord for \$200 from the Det account, as well as any additional money that our Det Marines wishing to donate on their own. Any money in excess of the \$480 they need could be used toward the next month's rent. He is not asking, nor are we offering, assistance in any other fashion.

Because the Det had already paid out \$200 in assistance from the Det benevolence fund to another Marine in need earlier this year, the Board voted unanimously to free up another \$200. The Det was apprised of the situation and asked if able to also contribute. The landlord had given the Marine until July 23rd to make rent. The Det was able to raise the \$480 and made payment directly to the landlord.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Upcoming calendar events

- o Sep 7 Det leadership meeting
- o Sep 12 Regular meeting
- o Oct 5 Det leadership meeting
- o Oct 10 Regular meeting
- o Nov 9 Det leadership meeting
- o Nov 10 Groundbreaking at Battle of Chapultapec memorial at Veterans Park
- o Nov 10 USMC Birthday; USMC Birthday Dinner at Messina Hof
- o Nov 14 Regular meeting - USMC Birthday ceremony
- o Nov 11 Veterans Day
- o Nov Kyle Field seat removal fundraiser
- o Dec Make-A-Smile-Happen (MASH)
- o Dec Det Christmas party

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sr Vice Commandant announced the following initiatives:

- o Pictorial history of the Det membership
 - Submit a pic from time in the service
 - Complete "Pic Info Form"
 - Identify date, location, and subject(s) in pic
 - Pic may be submitted electronically to Ed Holcomb or in person to Doug or Cary Tennis
 - Submit pic and information by Oct regular Det meeting
 - Pics will be scanned and then returned to member
 - Scanned pics will be added to Det Pictorial History board as part of collage of member submissions
 - Det board will travel to major detachment events to present a history of its members in the Corps
 - Collage arrangement will allow space for additional members' pics
 - If members have patches or stickers, then please consider submitting them as well



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- o Marine Corps Birthday Coin
 - The Detachment will purchase the 241st Marine Corps Birthday Coin from the Marine Corps Association. Each current member will be given a coin at the Detachment birthday celebration on Nov 14 as part of the evening's ceremonies.
- o K-Bar Raffle
 - The Detachment will raffle a 241st Marine Corps Birthday K-Bar and scabbard at the November regular meeting during the Birthday celebration ceremony.
 - Tickets will be available for \$5 each and may be purchased from Doug Tennis.
 - There is no limit to the number of tickets for purchase.
 - NOTE: winner must be present at the November regular meeting during the birthday celebration ceremony to win
- Adjutant reported that a survey will be announced this month to collect feedback from the Detachment. Last survey was in 2014, and this survey will help collect information from the membership on the Det direction

GOOD OF THE CORPS:

- Team Red, White, and Blue
 - o Amy Raines reminded members of the RWB local chapter - which actively engages vets in social community
 - o More information at www.teamrwb.com
 - o Activity schedule on TeamRWB facebook page and includes
 - Walk/runs
 - Rucks
 - Dinner socials
 - Bowling
 - Billiards
 - Softball
 - Kickball
 - Volleyball
 - o Most if not all events are family friendly and include veterans from all eras
- Jim McClung mentioned that last month Marine Captain Luke Wells was seeking veterans to join his company, and that only one veteran was found after making the announcement in June. If the detachment knows of veterans seeking work, then please push them over for the opportunity.

CLOSING CEREMONY: The meeting concluded at 20:14.



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Meeting Attendees:

Glenn Burnside
Olivia Burnside
Al Diaz
Larry Farmer
Ted Hamilton
Ed Holcomb
Jim McClung
John McGuire

Maggie McGuire
Thorin Moser
Tom Powell
Amy Raines
David Sahn
Keith Stephens
Cary Tennis
Doug Tennis
John Withers