



BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391

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Meeting Minutes of September 12, 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; Web Sergeant Ed Holcomb; Jr Past Commandant David Sahn

OFFICERS ABSENT: Junior Vice Commandant Doug Crabtree; Staff Judge Advocate Roger Martinez; Chaplain Cary Tennis

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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

GUESTS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: August meeting minutes read.

- Marine Diaz provided correction: Al Diaz and Tom Powell both were recognized by Twin City Mission for donating briskets.
- Marine Holcomb provided correction: Det website was not sold; Host GoDaddy was sold and new owners are modernizing host site.
- Marine Diaz motioned for minutes to be accepted with corrections; Marine O. Burnside seconded; Regular members present voted unanimously in favor

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter expressing sincere thanks from Commandant John McGuire's sister for Detachment's support during their family's loss.

REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER:

- August:
 - Checking: \$4,132.39
 - Recent income includes:
 - Account dividends \$0.18
 - Memberships \$35.00
 - Donations for Coins \$160.00
 - Donations for MRE Briskets \$1,600.00
 - Recent expenses include:
 - Rent for Marine \$100.00
 - Flowers for memorial \$58.85
 - Donation for BVVMB Mexican War Memorial \$1,000.00
 - Ending balance: \$3,268.72
 - Savings: \$1,253.43
 - Total assets: \$4,522.43



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REPORT OF SICK/INJURED MEMBER OR FAMILY: Junior Vice Commandant Doug Crabtree not feeling well; Commandant spoke to him and found he is in good spirits. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- Senior Vice Commandant report:

- o K-Bar Raffle: Plan was to raffle a K-Bar at the Detachment 241st Marine Corps Birthday ceremony on Nov 14. Plan has changed - everyone that attends the ceremony at Kreuz Market will get one ticket each and will be entered into a drawing. The drawing will take place during the ceremony and the winner must be present.
- o Birthday Coin: Fully paid members that attend the Detachment 241st Marine Corps Birthday ceremony on Nov 14 will receive a Commandant of the Marine Corps' 241st birthday coin.
- 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 add'l members' pics
- o If members have patches or stickers, then please consider submitting them as well

- Junior Vice Commandant report: Nothing significant to report

- Staff Judge Advocate report: Nothing significant to report

- Junior Past Commandant report: Remember there are Marines everywhere in our area. Be sure to invite them to the Det meeting

- Chaplain report: Nothing significant to report

- Web Sergeant report: Nothing significant to report

REPORT OF COMMITTEES: Nothing significant to report



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Upcoming calendar events

- 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 12 Navasota Veterans Day Parade
- o Nov 14 Regular meeting - USMC Birthday ceremony
- o Nov 11 Veterans Day
- o Dec 3 Make-A-Smile-Happen (MASH) at Post Oak Mall
- o Dec 4 Kyle Field seat removal fundraiser
- o Dec 9 Det Christmas party
- o Dec 17 Wreaths Across America at Aggie Field of Honor

NEW BUSINESS:

- Larry Farmer reported that the Brazos Valley Food Bank still needed assistance. Volunteered to be Detachment Liaison to Food Bank.
- Marine Corps League National Headquarters has changed the date by which annual membership dues are due. That date is now August 31st. For those of you who are life members (and we have many), carry on with the knowledge that this change does not affect you. For those of you who pay on an annual basis, the Paymaster will be sending you a notice for your 2017 dues. For many of you they will be pro-rated.
- SHOW AND TELL: Bring your favorite Marine-related book, and "sell us" on why we should read it:
 - o John McGuire - "Fields of Fire" by Jim Webb
 - o John McGuire - "The Nightingale's Song" by Robert Tinberg
 - o Thorin Moser - "Hiram Iddings Bearss" by George B. Clark
 - o Bill Collopy - "Operation Buffalo" by Keith William Noland
 - o Keith Stephens - "Hell in the Pacific" by Jim McEnery with Bill Sloan
 - o Amy Raines - "On Killing" by Dave Grossman

GOOD OF THE CORPS:

- Wreaths Across America: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 937 and Tom Powell supporting local efforts for WAA
 - o Wreaths sponsored through program will be placed on veterans' gravestones at cemeteries in Bryan/College Station area
 - o VVA 937 is helping obtain wreath sponsorships
 - o For every two wreaths sponsored at \$15, VVA 937 will receive third wreath for a veteran
 - o Local ceremony will take place Dec 17 at Aggie Field of Honor

CLOSING CEREMONY: The meeting concluded at 20:09.



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Meeting Attendees:

Glenn Burnside
Olivia Burnside
Bill Collopy
Al Diaz
Larry Farmer
Ed Holcomb
Angel Martinez
John McGuire

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