



BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391

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Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2017

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; Staff Judge Advocate Roger Martinez; Sergeant-at-Arms Olivia Burnside; Web Sergeant Ed Holcomb; Adjutant Thorin Moser; Jr Past Commandant David Sahn

OFFICERS ABSENT: Jr Vice Commandant Doug Crabtree; Chaplain Cary Tennis

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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

GUESTS: Bill Brown and Donald Hutchcraft

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: November meeting minutes were read.

- o Commandant McGuire motioned for minutes to be accepted; Marine Diaz seconded; Regular members present voted unanimously in favor

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER:

- o October:
 - Checking: \$3,290.44
 - Income includes:
 - o Account dividends \$0.16
 - Expenses include:
 - o Items for Detachment Birthday ceremony on Nov 14 \$342.39
 - Ending balance: \$2,948.21
 - Savings: \$1,253.59
 - Total assets: \$4,201.80
- o November:
 - Checking: \$2,248.21
 - Income includes:
 - o Account dividends \$0.14
 - o Donations for Coins \$140.00
 - o Donations for 5 Marines to attend the Messina Hof birthday dinner \$250.00
 - Expenses include:
 - o Detachment USMC birthday cake \$37.98
 - o Donations for 5 Marines to attend the Messina Hof birthday dinner \$250.00
 - Ending balance: \$3,050.37
 - Savings: \$1,253.59
 - Total assets: \$4,303.96



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- o December:
 - Checking: \$3,050.37
 - Income includes:
 - o Account dividends \$0.12
 - o Operation Seatback at Kyle Field \$886.60
 - o Donations for Coins \$50.00
 - Expenses include:
 - o Det Christmas party food \$434.72
 - o Two all-weather flags \$128.91
 - Ending balance: \$3,423.46
 - Savings: \$1,253.75
 - Total assets: \$4,677.21

REPORT OF SICK/INJURED MEMBER OR FAMILY:

- o Junior Vice Commandant Doug Crabtree still not feeling well; Commandant spoke to him and found he is in good spirits. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- o Olivia Burnside back in formation after a bout of illness

REPORT OF OFFICERS None

REPORT OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Upcoming calendar events

- o Jan 14 Wreaths Across America retrograde (wreath pickup)
- o Feb 8 Det Leadership meeting
- o Feb 9 "We Can't Forget: Vietnam" documentary/panel discussion
- o Feb 13 Det regular meeting (Officer nominations)
- o Mar 8 Det Leadership meeting
- o Mar 13 Det regular meeting (Officer elections)
- o Apr 5 Det Leadership meeting
- o Apr 10 Det regular meeting (Officer installation ceremony)
- o Apr Poolee Family Day
- o May Harry Bruce "Retreat Hell" Award presentation
- o Jun Operation MRE! (Meat-Ready-to-Eat!)
- o Jul 4 Chappell Hill 4th of July parade
- o Jul 4 I Love America! Celebration
- o Sep 13 Mexican-American War memorial dedication at Veterans Park
- o Nov 10 242nd USMC Birthday
- o Nov 11 Veterans Day
- o Nov Navasota Veterans Day parade
- o Dec Operation Seatback (Kyle Field seat removal fundraiser)
- o Dec Make-A-Smile-Happen (MASH)
- o Dec Detachment Christmas party



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- Life Membership presentation
 - o Commandant McGuire presented John Withers his Life Member plaque
- Co-Marine of the Year presentation
 - o Commandant McGuire presented Olivian Burnside as co-Marine of the Year for her part in detachment activities and community participation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Program:
 - o Show and Tell
 - Glenn Burnside: presented a toe-popper land mine
 - From 1st Gulf War, while serving as XO of Engineer Bn
 - John Withers: presented a Vietnam MPC
 - Military Payment Certificate
 - Doug Tennis: presented items from Vietnam
 - C-Rations (B-1 unit)
 - Russian F1 hand grenade (4 second fuse)
 - U.S. MK2 hand grenade (7 second fuse)
 - Ho Chi Minhs (sandals made of automobile tire rubber)
 - WWII Navy/Marine pilot survival knife found on VC sniper
 - B79 grenade launcher "Bee Hive" flechette
 - John McGuire:
 - Barracks cover Eagle, Globe, and Anchor circa 1956
 - USMC buttons from herringbone utilities
 - Swagger stick - which dates back to 1800's
 - o Came into heyday under CMCs Shepherd and Pate.
 - o CMC Shoup ended practice
 - o Presentation: "Marine Heroes You May Not Know"
 - Captain Joe Donovan (Vietnam)
 - Awarded two Navy Crosses for actions occurring with 8 weeks
 - o [Click here to see the citations](#)
 - [Daughter is TAMU Graduate and flies Ospreys in USMC](#)
 - Colonel Clovis Bucky Coffman (Korea/Vietnam)
 - Recon Marine (wrote Marine manual on reconnaissance)
 - Seven Purple Hearts (four in Korea and three in Vietnam)
 - Awarded Navy Cross
 - o [Click here to see citations](#)
 - LtGen Martin Brandtner
 - Commanded Co D, 1st Bn, 5th Marines in Sep 1968
 - Wounded in action and was twice awarded the Navy Cross
 - o 1st for actions on Sep 3; 2nd for actions on Sep 11
 - o [Click here to see the citations](#)
 - He is one of only two Marines to earn that distinction in the Vietnam War (the other being Captain Joe Donovan)



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- MajGen Ray Murray (WWI, Korea, Vietnam)
 - Texas A&M graduate
 - Subject of book, *Battle Cry* by Leon Uris
 - Led 2 Bn, 6th Marines from Guadalcanal to Saipan, where he received his 1st Navy Cross
 - Junior regimental commander during 1stMarDiv breakout from Chosin Reservoir; Awarded 2nd Navy Cross
 - o [Click here to see the citations](#)
- **Officer nominations**
 - o Submit names for Detachment officers nominations at regular meeting in February
 - Officer elections will take place at March regular meeting
- **Det # 1391 Scholarship Program**
 - o Scholarships will be presented to two Marine recipients at Troops to College event on January 19 at 11:30
 - Both Marines are enrolled at Texas A&M

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Spirit of Texas event
 - o March 4 at Wolf Pen Creek
 - o Will include a car show, chili cookoff, military equipment display
- Vet Camp at Texas A&M
 - o Jan 12, 5pm - 8pm, at Memorial Student Center
- Wreaths Across America retrograde
 - o Meet at Aggie Field of Honor for organizing meeting to arrange for pickup of all wreaths and deliver to recycle drop-off point
 - o Quick stats:
 - 2015 - 98 wreaths laid in Aggie Field of Honor
 - 2016 - 706 wreaths laid in Brazos County

CLOSING CEREMONY: The meeting concluded at 20:08.

Meeting Attendees:

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| Glenn Burnside | Maggie McGuire |
| Olivia Burnside | Thorin Moser |
| Al Diaz | Tom Powell |
| Ted Hamilton | Amy Raines |
| Ed Holcomb | David Sahm |
| Roger Martinez | Doug Tennis |
| John McGuire | John Withers |