



## BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391

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Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2018

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

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Commandant Keith Stephens; Jr Vice Commandant/Adjutant Thorin Moser; Paymaster Glenn Burnside; Staff Judge Advocate Roger Martinez; Sergeant-at-Arms Don Hutchcraft; Chaplain Mary Jean Holcomb; Jr Past Commandant John McGuire; Historian Misti Moser; Web Sergeant Ed Holcomb

**OFFICERS ABSENT:** Sr Vice Commandant Doug Tennis

**OPENING CEREMONY:** The meeting was called to order at 18:30

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Ryan McMillen, Wpns 1/1

**GUESTS:**

- o Colonel A.J. Kostic and wife Ann, Professor of Naval Science, TAMU
- o Libby Sittley, Dir. of Veteran Services, Catholic Charities Central Texas
  - Funded annually by Texas Veterans Commission grant
  - Support veterans and their dependents in 25 central Texas counties (*Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Brazos, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Coryell, Falls, Fayette, Hamilton, Hays, Lampasas, Lee, Limestone, Llano, Mason, McLennan, Milam, Mills, Robertson, San Saba, Travis, Washington, and Williamson*)
  - Local CCCT office focuses on veterans in Brazos Valley
    - Consistently support current goal of 100 households each year
    - Provide following services to local veterans:
      - o Short term financial assistance (*limited/restricted*)
      - o Mentoring
      - o Mental health counseling
      - o Employment/Education support
      - o Transportation vouchers
      - o Housing stabilization
      - o Peer support groups
      - o Disaster response
      - o Legal services/Family reunification
    - Goal: overcome barriers/create solutions on path to recovery
      - o Provide two-six month case management
        - Determine primary goals
        - Ensure financial stability
        - Map how CCCT can assist
      - o Provide counseling (in-person or online)
        - Two licensed counselors on staff
  - BVMCL can help by referring those in need to CCCT
  - Contact:
    - o Phone: (979) 822-9340 ext. 111
    - o Web: [www.ccctx.org](http://www.ccctx.org)



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**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes for March regular meeting were read.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER:**

- o March:
  - Checking: \$2,416.77
    - Income includes:
      - o Account dividends \$0.11
    - Expenses include:
      - o RSS CS Poolee Family Day \$211.95
    - Ending balance: \$2,204.93
  - Savings: \$1,254.38
  - Total assets: \$3,459.31

**REPORT OF SICK/INJURED MEMBER OR FAMILY:**

- o Doug Tennis' brother has leukemia and started chemotherapy
- o Don Hutchcraft's mother's common law husband has cancer; also youngest child is having challenges

**REPORT OF OFFICERS** None

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Upcoming calendar events
  - o Apr 27 BVMCL Harvey Relief delivery to Combined Arms Houston
  - o May 9 Det Leadership meeting
  - o May 11 Harry Bruce "Retreat Hell" Award presentation
  - o May 14 Det regular meeting PROGRAM: COL AJ KOSTIC & TAMU CADETS
  - o May 25-27 Brazos Valley Weekend of Remembrance
  - o Jun 6 Det Leadership meeting
  - o Jun 11 Det regular meeting PROGRAM: COL SMITH & TAMU VRC
  - o Jun 21-24 Department of Texas Convention in Bastrop, TX
  - o Jun 27-29 Operation MRE! (Meat-Ready-to-Eat!)
  - o Jul 4 Chappell Hill 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade
  - o Jul **(no detachment regular meeting in July)**
  - o Nov 10 243<sup>rd</sup> 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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- RSS College Station Poolee Family Day
  - o RSS College Station Poolee Family Day was success
  - o Commandant Stephens thanked all volunteers - over 100 served
- Veteran Resource Fair at Earl Graham Post 159
  - o Olivia Burnside and Ed Holcomb attended and represented BVMCL
- National Vietnam Veterans Day at VA Clinic in Austin on Mar 29
  - o Jim McClung attended
  - o Declared national holiday in 2013; President Trump signed it in 2017
  - o Formatted to be a welcome home event for Vietnam veterans
  - o Jim will plan to attend again in 2019

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Hurricane Harvey Relief
  - o Next delivery planned for Friday, April 27
  - o Situation: Harvey Relief may be out-of-sight/out-of-mind for some
    - But recovery efforts still under way in greater-Houston area
    - Example: this past week a friend bought groceries and cooked dinner in her kitchen for first time since August 2017
    - Many veterans starting to move back into their homes and need assistance getting back to normal
  - o Will hope to "caravan" all collected items from B/CS to Houston
  - o Deliver all goods to Combined Arms Houston - umbrella organization for all veteran services in Houston
  - o Currently BVMCL has several couches/sofas, various furniture, bedroom set, small household appliances, kitchenware, clothing, toys, decorations
  - o Proposal: several members with trucks (and one with a trailer) load up all goods from Harvey Relief storage locations in B/CS and caravan to Combined Arms in downtown Houston.
  - o Inclement weather plan is to either delay or obtain moving van
- Harry Bruce "Retreat Hell" Mameluke sword presentation
  - o Scheduled for 12noon on May 11 at Rudder Theater on TAMU
  - o Recipient: Midshipman Michael Russell
  - o BVMCL will invite Harry Bruce's widow, Dottie Bruce
  - o Attend if possible
- Membership presentation
  - o Commandant Stephens welcomed Don Jalufka to Detachment!
- Life Membership presentation
  - o Commandant Stephens presented Ted Hamilton his Life Member plaque

**CLOSING CEREMONY:** The meeting concluded at 19:15.



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### Meeting Attendees:

Bill Brown

Glenn Burnside

Olivia Burnside

Al Diaz

Ted Hamilton

Ed Holcomb

Mary Jean Holcomb

Don Hutchcraft

Don Jalufka

A.J. Kostic

Roger Martinez

Jim McClung

John McGuire

Misti Moser

Thorin Moser

Tom Powell

Roger Sheridan

Keith Stephens