



BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391

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Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2018

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

OFFICERS PRESENT: Commandant Keith Stephens; Sr Vice Commandant Doug Tennis; Jr Vice Commandant/Adjutant Thorin Moser; Paymaster Glenn Burnside; Jr Past Commandant John McGuire; Historian Misti Moser

OFFICERS ABSENT: Staff Judge Advocate Roger Martinez; Chaplain Mary Jean Holcomb; Sergeant-at-Arms Don Hutchcraft

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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

GUESTS: Ellen Fuller - Wreaths Across America

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Meeting minutes were not read since no meetings were held in November or December 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE: Sr Vice Doug Tennis featured in *Semper Fi* magazine presenting the Harry Bruce "Retreat Hell" Mameluke sword presentation to 2ndLt Nicholas Romer.

REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER:

- o October:
 - Checking: \$3,638.66
 - Income includes:
 - o Account dividends \$0.19
 - o Membership dues \$835.00
 - o Donations \$20.00
 - o Hurricane Harvey Relief donations \$250.00
 - Expenses include:
 - o Gift cards for Harvey Relief \$1,251.95
 - o New Detachment checks \$16.95
 - o Membership dues payment (National) \$1,025.00
 - o Membership dues payment (Department) \$60.00
 - Ending balance: \$3,491.90
 - Savings: \$1,254.22
 - Total assets: \$4,746.12
- o November:
 - Checking: \$3,491.90
 - Income includes:
 - o Account dividends \$0.18
 - o Donations \$85.00
 - Expenses include:
 - o Gift cards for Harvey Relief \$100.00
 - Ending balance: \$3,477.08
 - Savings: \$1,254.22
 - Total assets: \$4,731.30



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- o December:
 - Checking: \$3,477.08
 - Income includes:
 - o Account dividends \$0.20
 - o Operation Seatback at Kyle Field \$1,080.30
 - o Membership dues \$35.00
 - o Detachment coin donation \$150.00
 - Expenses include:
 - o Benevolence donation to needy Marine \$113.25
 - Ending balance: \$4,629.33
 - Savings: \$1,254.38
 - Total assets: \$5,883.71

REPORT OF SICK/INJURED MEMBER OR FAMILY:

- o Ed and Mary Jean Holcomb not feeling well, experiencing flu-like symptoms

REPORT OF OFFICERS None

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- Detachment Scholarship Committee
 - o \$2,000 check written in January for four \$500 scholarships
 - Funding possible through Det fundraising efforts
 - o Scholarships awarded to four enlisted Marines attending TAMU
 - o TAMU Veterans Resource Center Col Jerry Smith reviewed applications
 - o Presentations will be made on Jan 18 at TAMU Troops to College ceremony
- Hurricane Harvey Relief Committee
 - o 1st delivery made Tuesday before Thanksgiving to FMF Corpsman attached to H&S Co, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines
 - o Corpsman living in Port Arthur, TX with parents and extended family.
 - o Lost everything (including car) but only asked for a bed for his parents
 - o Delivered queen mattresses, bedroom dresser set, couch, love seat, bookcase, microwave, \$250 in Lowes/HEB/Walmart gift cards, kitchen appliances, dishes and silverware, coffee table, side tables, mirrors, rocking chair, bottled water, dry goods
 - o During delivery drop-off, found the Corpsman's house had nothing in it and there was no electricity.
 - o Despite hardship - kid continues to work and attend reserve drills, including preparation for a deployment
 - o Det still expecting call-outs for support in coming months as homes are repaired
 - To illustrate, a friend living in Houston got sheetrock and flooring done in their house just before Christmas despite making their claim in a timely manner back in September



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Upcoming calendar events
 - o Jan 6 Wreaths Across America retrograde (wreath & flag pickup)
 - o Jan 18 Troops to College Ceremony/Det 1391 scholarship presentations
 - o Jan 27 Wreaths Across America recycle at Aggie Field of Honor
 - o Jan 31 Det Leadership meeting
 - o Feb 12 Det regular meeting (Officer nominations)
 - o Mar 7 Det Leadership meeting
 - o Mar 12 Det regular meeting (Officer elections)
 - o Mar 21 RSS College Station Poolee Family Day (MAGI)
 - o Apr 4 Det Leadership meeting
 - o Apr 9 Det regular meeting (Officer installation ceremony)
 - 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 (no detachment regular meeting)
 - o Nov 10 243rd 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

- Membership presentation
 - o Commandant Stephens presented Dale Hutchcraft her New Member pin

- Life Membership presentation
 - o Commandant Stephens presented Tom Powell his Life Member plaque

- Department Awards
 - o Jr Past Commandant McGuire presented the following Department awards:
 - Det colors streamer for Det 1391 attending the Dept Fall Conf.
 - Membership Certificate for maintaining 103% membership

- Wreaths Across America
 - o WAA placed 1.6 million wreaths at 1,400 locations nationwide
 - o Statistics for the Brazos Valley:
 - 110 wreaths in 2015 / 706 in 2016 / 1,500+ wreaths in 2017!
 - o Ellen presented WAA Brazos Valley challenge coins to Det 1391

- RSS College Station Poolee Family Day
 - o GySgt Benton Gillis reports that RS Houston Family Day will be Mar 24
 - o RSS College Station Family Day will be Mar 20, 21 or 22 at MAGI
 - o Requests that Det support with chow and possibly poolee t-shirts



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NEW BUSINESS:

- New meeting hours
 - o Situation: Det 1391 meetings currently conflict with Kreuz restaurant hours. Typically our meetings end right at or just after Kreuz is supposed to be closed and the crew is cleaning up the dining room.
 - o Proposal: Modify meeting hours to accommodate Kreuz
 - Current hours:
 - Chow/Camraderie: 18:00-19:00
 - Meeting: 19:00-20:00
 - Proposed hours:
 - Chow/Camraderie: 17:30-18:30
 - Meeting: 18:30-19:30
 - o **Marine Powell motioned for new meeting hours to be accepted; Marine G. Burnside seconded; Regular members present voted unanimously in favor**
- Det 1391 Budget Committee
 - o Situation:
 - Det 1391 has expenses and income but no real plan
 - Makes it difficult to support short-fuse requests from community
 - o Proposal:
 - Form a budget committee and review annual income and expenses
 - Develop budget by end of February 2018
 - Determine what Det 1391 can support on an annual basis
 - o Paymaster Burnside will review Det finances and prepare for discussion
- Officer Nominations
 - o Submit names for Det officer nominations at regular meeting in February
 - o Officer elections will take place at regular meeting in March
- Meeting Program
 - o Programs keep meetings viable, entertaining, and educational
 - o Det leadership is always open to suggestions for speakers or programs!

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Veteran Resource Fair
 - o March 3 at American Legion Post 159 in Bryan from 9am to 12noon
 - o Det 1391 may have a table if wishing to be present
 - o Spread word for veterans to attend: Legal aid, VA benefits assistance
- Military Order of the Devil Dog (MODD)
 - o MCL organization endorsed by Commandant of the Marine Corps
 - o MODD has rituals, fun, camaraderie
 - o Must be member in good standing for at least one year
 - o Contact John McGuire if interested

CLOSING CEREMONY: The meeting concluded at 19:45.



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Meeting Attendees:

Bill Brown

Glenn Burnside

Olivia Burnside

Bill Collopy

Al Diaz

Dale Hutchcraft

John McGuire

Misti Moser

Thorin Moser

Tom Powell

Amy Raines

Keith Stephens

Doug Tennis

John Withers