



BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391

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Meeting Minutes of June 11, 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; 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: None

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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

GUESTS:

- o Richard Torres, District 5 Vice Commandant
- o Marty Cangelosie, owner, Triangle Storage
- o Colonel Gerald Smith, Director, Veteran Resource & Support Center, TAMU
- o Dawn ByBee, Junior, TAMU (USMC veteran)
- o Steve Mullen, Senior, TAMU (USMC veteran)
- o Jacolby Robinson, Asst Manager, Kreuz Market Bryan
- o Ellen Fuller, Brazos Valley Wreaths Across America
- o Michelle Haunett
- o Edmond Hernandez

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

- o **Marine Withers motioned for minutes to be accepted; Marine Holcomb seconded; Regular members present voted unanimously in favor**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER: None

REPORT OF SICK/INJURED MEMBER OR FAMILY: None

REPORT OF OFFICERS None

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- Harvey Relief Committee

- o Roger Martinez put out a request for support to store items collected by Det 1391 until they could be delivered to veterans affected by Harvey.
- o From Oct 2017 to April 2018, Marty Cangelosie, owner of Triangle Storage, donated a climate-controlled 10'x10' storage unit to Det 1391.
- o Det Commandant Stephens presented Marty with a Det coin and a Certificate of Appreciation.



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- Operation Meat Ready-to-Eat Committee
 - o Local HEB donated \$500 to go towards purchase of briskets
 - o Kreuz Market Bryan agreed to smoke briskets for us
 - Kreuz will allow package and pickup to take place at restaurant
 - Will also host profit share on Jun 29 in support of Operation MRE
 - 20% of pre-order profits & 10% of same day order profits
 - Will also solicit for donations
 - Pre-orders must be made by 12noon on Jun 28
 - o Brisket pickup will take place on Fri, Jun 29 at Krueez in meeting room from 10:30 to 12:30.
 - o Det Commandant Stephens presented Jacolby Robinson with a Det coin.

- Chappell Hill 4th of July Parade Committee
 - o John McGuire has submitted application to participate
 - o Det will participate with two trucks
 - Arrive and park at Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Dept at 08:30
 - Stage in parade line-up at 09:00
 - Parade start at 10:00
 - o Det colors in lead truck
 - o Coolers and water will be in each truck
 - o Uniform: USMC-themed shirt and hat; dress for warm/hot weather
 - o Easy mission: just smile, wave, and quickly throw candy!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Upcoming calendar events
 - 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 4th of July parade
 - o Jul **(no detachment regular meeting in July)**
 - o Aug 8 Detachment Leadership meeting
 - o Aug 13 Detachment Regular Membership meeting
 - o Sep 5 Detachment Leadership meeting
 - o Sep 10 Detachment Regular Membership meeting
 - o Oct 3 Detachment Leadership meeting
 - o Oct 8 Detachment Regular Membership meeting
 - o Nov 7 Detachment Leadership meeting
 - o Nov 10 243rd USMC Birthday
 - o Nov Navasota Veterans Day Parade
 - o Nov 11 Veterans Day
 - o Nov 12 Detachment Regular Membership meeting
 - o Dec **(no detachment regular meeting in December)**
 - 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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PROGRAM:

- Texas A&M Veteran Resource & Support Center
 - o Colonel Gerald Smith, Director, Veteran Resource & Support Center, TAMU
 - Provided overview of VRSC program at TAMU
 - VRSC in current form started in 2012 with Jerry and Karen on two computers
 - Goal was to identify, develop and provide resources and services to veterans attending TAMU
 - In 5 years, VRSC services and client population exploded
 - o 1,150 veterans attending TAMU
 - o In order: Army, USMC, Navy, Air Force, National Guard
 - o Typically older than civilian students (22-37 yrs old)
 - 67 yr old received degree in Dec 2017
 - o 1/3 still serving (active/reserve)
 - o 1/2 served in combat
 - o 1/2 married, many with children
 - o THEN: 35 scholarships (and no spouses/dependents)
 - o NOW: 66 endowed scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$1,000
 - Can now offer additional services:
 - o Can now support all veterans (active/reserve/retired), family members, and survivors attending TAMU
 - o Can offer event tickets for veterans
 - o Veteran Lending Library saves \$250,000 in textbook costs
 - Results:
 - o Less student debt
 - o High graduation rate
 - o Faster graduation rate
 - VRSC is indebted to community for support
 - o Dawn ByBee, Junior, TAMU (USMC veteran)
 - Wanted to apply for MECEP but didn't know where to go
 - Made decision because TAMU had VRSC (that also had a USMC director)
 - VRSC provided small things like use of VRSC office space
 - o Steve Mullen, Senior, TAMU (USMC veteran)
 - Was in combat, then 1 month after returning to U.S. was in class
 - VRSC provided support for that type of transition - the challenge of transitioning from military life to campus life
 - VRSC helped with the administrative requirements of going to school

NEW BUSINESS:

- Flag Day - Jun 12
 - o Boy Scout Pack conducting flag retirement ceremony
 - Ceremony starts at 1900 at American Legion Post 159
 - o Snacks after ceremony; bring family!



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- District 5 Vice Commandant Torres:
 - o Provided background of District 5:
 - 8 detachments in district, all in southeast Texas
 - All detachments affected by Harvey but still provided support
 - o Leaving office this year
 - Charter member of Galveston Det (member for 30 years!)
 - Lives in Round Rock, TX
 - o Installed the following Detachment officers:

▪ Commandant	Keith Stephens
▪ Sr Vice	Doug Tennis
▪ Jr Vice	Thorin Moser
▪ Paymaster	Glenn Burnside
▪ Staff Judge Advocate	Roger Martinez
▪ Adjutant	Thorin Moser
▪ Chaplain	Mary Jean Holcomb
▪ Sergeant at Arms	Don Hutchcraft
▪ Web Sergeant	Ed Holcomb
▪ Historian/PAO	Misti Moser

- Veteran Support Fund Grant
 - o Det 1391 awarded \$5,000 one-time grant
 - Thanks for effort from Maggie & John McGuire, Roger Martinez, and Doc Powell!
 - o Grant application included a proposal for the following:
 - \$4,000 for veteran scholarships
 - \$1,000 for veteran assistance
 - o Funds will not be mixed in with operational funds; instead they will be kept separate and tracked per the grant requirements.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Ellen Fuller extended thanks to Det 1391 for participating in Memorial Day flag placement at Bryan City Cemetery

- Det 1391 Semper Fi Board
 - o Semper Fi Board is Detachment's "Show & Tell" board
 - Displays pictures of Det members from time in service
 - o Board is taken to Detachment events to show off members
 - o If you are not on the board and want to be, contact Doug or Cary Tennis
 - Pics will be added to board
 - If you want pic to be returned, then the pic will be scanned and reproduced to be added to board.

CLOSING CEREMONY: The meeting concluded at 19:23.



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Meeting Attendees:

Bill Brown
Olivia Burnside
Glenn Burnside
Bill Collopy
Al Diaz
Larry Farmer
Ted Hamilton
Ed Holcomb
Mary Jean Holcomb

Don Hutchcraft
Don Jalufka
Roger Martinez
John McGuire
Misti Moser
Thorin Moser
Tom Powell
Amy Raines
Tony Rogers

Roger N. Sheridan
Roger O. Sheridan
David Sahn
Jerry Smith
Doug Tennis
Benito Vallejo
Sherry Vallejo
John Withers