



BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391
October 14, 2019 Detachment Meeting Minutes

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Location: Golden Corral, 700 University Dr. E, College Station 77840

Officers Present:

Commandant, Benny Vallejo; Senior Vice Commandant, Doug Tennis; Junior Vice Commandant, Thorin Moser; Paymaster, Dave Sahm; Staff Judge Advocate, Roger Martinez; Past Commandant, Keith Stephens; Adjutant/ Web Sergeant, Ed Holcomb;

Officers Absent:

Chaplain, Mary Jean Holcomb; Sergeant at Arms, Don Hutchcraft; PAO/Historian, Misti Moser

OPENING CEREMONY: The meeting was called to order at 1900.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- Michael Beggs, Frank Fisher, and Patrick McClung completed applications for membership during the meeting.

GUESTS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Minutes for the August regular meeting were read.
- Al Diaz motioned for the Paymaster Report to be accepted.
- Marine Bud Oliver seconded.
- Regular members present voted unanimously in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER:

- The Paymaster presented the report for August.
- The Paymaster presented the Budget for the fiscal year.
- John Withers motioned for the Paymaster Report and the proposed budget to be accepted.
- Roger Martinez seconded.
- Regular members present voted unanimously in favor.

REPORT OF SICK/INJURED MEMBER OR FAMILY:

- x.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- Amy Reinks attended the meeting, now that she has returned from deployment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- **Operation Meat Ready to Eat:**
 - o Jr. Vice Commandant Thorin Moser announced the detachment brisket program on KBTX on October 8, 2019. Thorin was accompanied by the recipient of one of the detachment scholarships.
 - o The Eagle will also be doing an interview on our program, as well as an interview by WTAN.
 - o The detachment website provides the information for acquiring a brisket under Announcements on the Home Page.
 - o Brisket requests can be submitted by mail or through Venmo from October 8, 2018 through December 2, 2019.
 - o Detachment members will be packaging the briskets from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Rudy's on December 12, 2019.
 - o Briskets ordered must be picked up between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM at Rudy's on December 12, 2019.

- **Marine Corps Birthday Party:**
 - o To begin with, Commandant Vallejo noted that the 1859 Marine NCO sword, which is traditionally used to cut the birthday cake, is the oldest in continuous use sword in the U.S, military service.
 - o The detachment will celebrate the 244th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps at Coopers Old Time BBQ on November 4, 2019 to celebrate..
 - o The social will start at 1800 so that attendees can interact over dinner. Birthday celebration and formal meeting will start at 1900.
 - o At this point there is not a quest speaker scheduled.
 - o Commandant Benny Vallejo reported that since Coopers has a bar, members should bring a detachment coin to the Detachment meeting on November 4, 2019.

- **Texas Veteran's Higher Education Symposium:**
 - o Commandant Benny Vallejo and Ed Holcomb represented the detachment at the Texas Veteran's Higher Education Symposium held at Texas A. & M. University on October 2 and 3.
 - o A couple attendees expressed interest in joining the local detachment.
 - o Representatives from Lubbock and El Paso expressed interest in forming a detachment in their area.

- **Brazos Valley Gives:**
 - o The deadline for submission of requests was September 30, 2019, which we missed.

- **Medal of Honor Memorial Golf Tournament:**
 - o Commandant Benny Vallejo and Demond Oliver represented the detachment at the tournament held on September 23. Two Marines attending Texas A & M University completed the team membership for the tournament.
 - o The detachment paid \$1,000 to sponsor the four person team.
 - o Money from the tournament goes to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, which provides College Tuition support for children of Marines that have died while serving their country.
 - o The tournament raised \$64000, of which \$45,000 went to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation and \$20,000 went to Combined Arms, which provides support to veterans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Upcoming Calendar Events:**
 - o Oct 24-27: Fall Staff Conference in Nacogdoches

- Nov 4: Detachment USMC Birthday Celebration at Coopers Old Time BBQ
- Nov 9: Place flags in Bryan City Cemetery lots 17 and 18 beginning at 0800
- Nov 9: Chili Cook Off
- Nov 10: Marine Corps 244th Birthday Ball at Messina Hof
- Nov 11: Veterans Day
- Nov 17: Operation Seatback (Kyle Field seat removal fundraiser)
- *No detachment regular meeting in December*
- Dec 12: Package briskets.
- Dec 14: Pick up flags at BCC and replace them with wreaths
- Dec 14: Wreath Across America presentation at the Aggie Field of Honor
- Dec: Make-A-Smile-Happen (MASH)
- Dec: Detachment Christmas Party

PROGRAM: - None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Brazos Valley Gives:**
 - Commandant Benny Vallejo reported that the BVMCL has challenged the other veteran organizations to a Chili Cook Off on November 9, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the American Legion.
 - There is no charge to participate and any member of the detachment can create their own submission.
 - Detachment members are also welcome to attend for a taste of great chili
 - The event occurs after completion of the flag placement at the Bryan Community Cemetery.

- **Wreaths Across America:**
 - Past Commandant Keith Stephens will be the guest speaker at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the College Station Field of Honor on December 14, 2019 at 11:00 AM.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: No update

CLOSING CEREMONY: The meeting concluded at 1952

Meeting Attendees:

Michael Beggs	Thorin Moser	Roger Sheredan
Bill Brown	Bud Oliver	Roger N Sheredan
Al Diaz	Demond Oliver	Keith Stephens
Frank Fisher	Tom Powell	Doug Tennis
Ted Hamilton	Darrel W Ray	Benny Vallejo
Ed Holcomb	Teresa Ray	Sherry Vallejo
AJ Kostic	Amy Reinks	John Withers
Roger Martinez	Tony Rogers	
Patrick McClung	David Sahn	