



BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391

June 10, 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; Paymaster, Dave Sahn; Past Commandant, Keith Stephens; Adjutant/ Web Sergeant, Ed Holcomb; Chaplain, Mary Jean Holcomb; Sergeant at Arms, Don Hutchcraft

Officers Absent:

Junior Vice Commandant, Thorin Moser; Staff Judge Advocate, Roger Martinez; PAO/Historian, Misti Moser

OPENING CEREMONY: The meeting was called to order at 1922.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- Bud Oliver unanimous voted in as a new member of Detachment 1391.
- Commandant Benny Vallejo swore in Bud Olive.

GUESTS:

- Monte Dale Hargrave: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Integrated Case Management Program

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Minutes for the May regular meeting were read.
- Marine Al Diaz motioned for minutes to be accepted
- Marine Keith Stephens seconded
- Regular members present voted unanimously in favor

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER: Report for May Provided.

REPORT OF SICK/INJURED MEMBER OR FAMILY:

- Chaplain Mary Jean Holcomb reported General Hopgood continues to recover well.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: None

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- MRE
 - o Orders must be in by 6/25.
 - o Support is needed on 6/28 to facilitate brisket pick up at HEB at Jones Crossing and delivery to Rudy's (coolers, trucks, and personnel). Roger Martinez and Bill Collogy are pursuing this effort. Commandant Vallejo will follow-up to determine if Roger Martinez will be available on 6/28 due

- to other commitments. Mary Jean Holcomb mentioned that there had been a request to meet on 6/25 to ensure all components are in place.
 - Commandant Vallejo noted that, although we had 25 briskets ordered, our goal was 50. He urged membership to sell / donate briskets to support this major fundraiser.
- Chappell Hill Parade
 - John McGuire reported that the parade starts at 1000 with forming up at 0900. We usually have two or three pick-up trucks.
 - Doug Tennis indicated he would talk with Louis Newman about making some magnetic logos (Marine Corps Emblem with detachment info) that can be placed on the sides of vehicles.
 - Keith Stephens reminded all to bring a couple bags of hard candy for tossing to people along the parade route.
 - Mary Jean Holcomb shared for the benefit of new members that this is a fun, family event in which children can actively participate.
 - Commandant Vallejo requested that people email him as to whether they are able to attend this event.
- Veterans Park
 - Doug Tennis presented information regarding the Military Heritage Center, a 20,000 square foot structure scheduled to be built in Veterans Park. He stressed this is not a museum but a place to service all veterans in the Brazos Valley with speakers, education, etc. Completion is scheduled for 12 to 18 months out.
 - Bricks are being sold for \$250 each. Doug strongly recommended that the Marine Corps League considers buying one brick with Marine Corps League Detachment #1391, with "Semper Fi" imprinted as a sign of continuing support of the League in our Brazos Valley. He also noted that an 8" x 8" size is being sold for \$400.
 - This discussion topic was tabled for further discussion in a future meeting.
- Annual Dues
 - Glenn Burnside reported that we presently have 30 lifetime members.
 - Dave Sahn reported that dues now run from 9/1 – 8/31 of each year. Annual dues are \$35, of which \$20 goes to national and \$5 goes to state. Dues are due by August 12 at our next meeting.
 - Life membership dues are based upon a member's age. The dues for a 60 year old are \$300. The detachment receives money annually from national based upon the number of members who are lifetime members.
 - To become a life member, one must be current on their membership dues. Since the process is slow, a member must start the process now to achieve it by next year.
- Memorial Day Event
 - Commandant Vallejo reported that due to weather and conflicting events, flag placement at the Bryan Cemetery was cancelled as a detachment event this year.
 - On Monday, June 3, detachment members removed flags from the Oakwood Cemetery and Bryan Cemetery that had been placed there over the Memorial weekend.
- Veterans Weekend Events
 - Commandant Vallejo explained that our organization has committed to distributing flags in the Bryan Cemetery in 2 sections on 11/9/2019.
 - BVMCL has committed to participate in Wreaths Across America, replacing the flags placed on veteran grave on 11/9 with a wreath later, the date not set yet.
 - Discussion ensued noting that the Veteran's Day weekend will be busy with:
 - 11/9 Flag Distribution & Veteran's Park Ceremonies
 - 11/10 Marine Corps Birthday Ball at Messina Hoff Winery
 - 11/11 Marine Corps Birthday Party at the regular BVMCL meeting
 - Keith Stephens shared that Golden Corral will not be available for our meeting that evening as they traditionally serve free meals for veterans on Veterans Day.
- Covers

- Keith Stephens reported that certain cover sizes have been out of stock and not obtainable. The men's covers will be available at the August meeting. The women's sizes are still out of stock.
- Thorin Moser provided Ed Holcomb during transition with a sample male and female cover that may meet member needs. Ed Holcomb will bring to the August meeting.
- It was also noted that Hank Lawson has never received a cover.
- 990 Review
 - Olivia Burnside reported that form 990 was submitted one month prior to the due date. It is done via an on-line post, and covers a calendar year. Copies were sent to Steve Oeding (Department of Texas Adjutant/Paymaster).
- Meeting Location
 - Commandant Vallejo noted that comments have been made that our meeting site (Golden Corral) is too crowded for our membership.
 - Commandant Vallejo reported that Old Time BBQ on Rock Prairie is being built. He will investigate whether Old Time BBQ is a viable meeting place option.
 - Members suggested other possibilities and reasons why they may not be viable:
 - Fuddruckers – too noisy
 - Rudy's – even with garage doors down, too noisy
 - Denny's private room – gone with a remodel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:**
 - John McGuire reported that a check for \$100 for the Cam Posi Scholarship Fund needs to be delivered from the detachment at the Department of Texas Convention. Ed Holcomb will bring the check.
 - The detachment will have 4 delegates to the Department of Texas convention.
- **UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS:**
 - Jun 25: Brisket order deadline
 - Jun 27-29: Department of Texas Convention (Abilene, TX)
 - Jul 2: Operation Meat Ready-to-Eat (Rudy's BBQ)
 - Jul 4: Chappell Hill 4th of July Parade
 - *No detachment regular meeting in July*
 - Aug 12: Regular Detachment meeting
 - Aug 21: TAMU Vet Camp
 - Sep 9: Regular Detachment meeting
 - Oct 14: Regular Detachment meeting
 - Nov 10: Marine Corps' 245th Birthday
 - Nov 11: Veterans Day
 - Nov 11: Detachment USMC Birthday Celebration
 - *No detachment regular meeting in December*
 - Dec: Operation Seatback (Kyle Field seat removal fundraiser)
 - Dec: Make-A-Smile-Happen (MASH)
 - Dec: Detachment Christmas Party

Program:

- Monte (Dale) Hargrave, RN Case Manager, from the Integrated Case Management Program of the VA from Waco, indicated the purpose of their organization is to support veterans in accessing health care.
- His office/function is to create an Integrated Case Management Plan (put a plan of care together for the individual veteran that improves their life, health, etc.).

- The focus is on those veterans who are dealing with such things as uncontrolled diabetes, blood pressure, ALS, cancer, heart issues, COPD, etc. in an effort to keep veterans out of the hospital and feeling healthy.
- This is initiated by scheduling a consult and entering into an agreement to participate daily in the plan utilizing a small computer and a phone furnished by the VA.
- They focus on the VHA side (the health side) but can give direction to either the business side or disabilities area (VBA).
- Dale stressed that their job is to 'hear' veterans, their needs, and their concerns to build a viable health- program for that veteran.
- He shared that his bosses' name (Dorothy Sanders @ 254-742-4991) should be notified if you are dissatisfied with service furnished.
- After addressing a few questions, Dale further indicated he would be joining his wife for dinner so would be available after the meeting to answer any further questions.
- He also brought a multitude of business cards.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Ed Holcomb reported that the last two bottles of detachment port has been sold.
- Maggie McGuire awarded Al Diaz with a Quilt of Valor, which she had made.
- Doug Tennis, Sr. Vice Commandant, presented to John McGuire, former detachment Commandant with the Distinguished Service Award for his leadership and countless hours of service to the League. John and Maggie will be moving to the Tyler area following his retirement in August, 2019.
- Dave Sahms noted that, in response to Amber Alerts going off during the meeting, it is important to check those alerts, noting that tornado alerts had been going off in the area, flooding dangers, etc.

CLOSING CEREMONY: The meeting concluded at 2010

Meeting Attendees:

Bill Brown
 Glenn Burnside
 Olivia Burnside
 William Collogy
 Al Diaz
 Ted Hamilton
 Ed Holcomb
 Mary Jean Holcomb

Dale Hutchcraft
 Don Hutchcraft
 Don Jalufka
 John McGuire
 Maggie McGuire
 Bud Oliver
 Tom Powell
 Darrel W Ray

Teresa Ray
 Tony Rogers
 David Sahn
 Keith Stephens
 Doug Tennis
 Sherry Vallejo
 John Withers