



BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391
September 9, 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; Past Commandant, Keith Stephens; Adjutant/ Web Sergeant, Ed Holcomb;

Officers Absent:

Staff Judge Advocate, Roger Martinez; 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: None

GUESTS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Minutes for the August regular meeting were read.
- Marine Tom Powell motioned for minutes to be accepted.
- Marine John Withers seconded.
- Regular members present voted unanimously in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER:

- Report for August provided.
- Marine Tom Powell motioned for the Paymaster report to be accepted.
- Marine Dale Hutchcraft seconded.
- Regular members present voted unanimously in favor.

REPORT OF SICK/INJURED MEMBER OR FAMILY:

- Commandant Benny Vallejo reported that Gus Flores is recovering from surgery.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- Teresa Ray received her Marine Corps League Life Membership status.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- **Old Time BBQ:**
 - o Commandant Vallejo reported that Darla Wootan is the manager of Old time BBQ.
 - o Darla Wootan plans to open the restaurant in mid-October.

- The restaurant has two meeting rooms: One supports 25 people and the other supports 125 people.
 - There is no charge for the room, but the meeting attendees are expected to buy a meal there.
- **Texas A & M Symposium:**
 - The goal of the symposium is to connect local, state and national support services for higher education institutions with student veterans and military-connected students.
 - The symposium anticipates approximately 175-200 attendees from colleges and universities from across the state.
 - The symposium is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2 from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM, and Thursday, October 3 from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.
 - Keith Stephens and Ed Holcomb will represent the detachment at the symposium.
 - **Vets Hungry:**
 - Col, Jerry Smith is setting up this program to support undernourished veteran students at Texas A & M and their families.
 - The program will encompass all 11 Texas A & M campuses.
 - Support is provided through prepaid cash cards.
 - **Marine Corps Birthday Party:**
 - The detachment meeting has been moved from the normal second Monday of November (11/11) to the first Monday of November (11/4) due to competing events associated with Veterans Day.
 - The Golden Corral room is not large enough to support the expected attendees for the Birthday Party.
 - The Old Time BBQ may be available in time for the Birthday Party.
 - A fallback option is the Auxiliary Conference Room at the American Legion.
 - The American Legion site would not support having a meal. But, it would support the cake cutting ceremony.
 - **Brazos Valley Gives:**
 - The detachment has approximately \$500 remaining from last year's grant.
 - Roger Martinez and Tom Powell were involved in obtaining the last grant.
 - Tom Powell, Keith Stephens, and Sherry Vallejo will pursue potential of obtaining another grant.
 - The detachment has until October 22, 2019 to submit the request.
 - **Marine Corps Birthday Ball:**
 - Ted Hamilton reported that the Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held again this year at Messina Hof on Sunday, November 10, 2019.
 - The fee for the event is around \$50, and there is a limit of approximately 70 people. So, registering for the event needs to be made early.
 - There is also a request for donations to provide Marines at Texas A & M to attend. Normally, the donations cover 4 couples.
 - Oversight of the Birthday Ball has been provided by Russell McGee, Ted Hamilton, and John McGuire.
 - Since John McGuire has moved out of the Bryan-College Station area, there is a need for a local replacement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Upcoming Calendar Events:**
 - Sept 11: 911 Memorial

- Sept 23: Marine Medal of Honor Memorial Golf Tournament
- Oct 2-3: Texas A&M Symposium for Veterans
- Oct 14: Regular Detachment meeting
- Oct 24-27: Fall Staff Conference in Nacogdoches
- Nov 4: Detachment USMC Birthday Celebration
- Nov 9: Place flags in Bryan City Cemetery lots 17 and 18 beginning at 0800
- Nov 10: Marine Corps 244th Birthday Ball at Messina Hof
- Nov 11: Veterans Day
- *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:** None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Age Well Brazos:**

- The Health & Wellness event will be held at the Brazos Center on Tuesday, September 10, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- The program is being presented by the Texas A & M Center for Population Health and Aging.

- **911 Memorial:**

- The 911 Memorial will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at Veterans Park, beginning at 0745.
- Members are requested to arrive early for the event and to wear their covers and red detachment shirts.

- **Medal of Honor Memorial Golf Tournament:**

- Jr. Vice Commandant Thorin proposed that the detachment provide a team to participate in the Marine Medal of Honor Memorial Golf Tournament in the Woodlands, scheduled for September 23.
- 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.
- The cost of a team is \$1,000.
- Tom Powell moved that we finance a team of four, two of which would be from the detachment, and two would be acquired from Marine veterans attending Texas A & M.
- Keith Stephens seconded the motion.
- Regular members present voted unanimously in favor.
- Demond Oliver will be one of the detachment two team members.
- Ted Hamilton will contact Jim McClung to see if he will be the second team member from the detachment. If not, Ted will assume the position.
- Thorin Moser will pursue getting the two Marine students from Texas A & M.

- **Guest Speaker:**

- Commandant Vallejo noted that he would appreciate member support in identifying speakers for upcoming meetings.
- A number of potential names were mentioned that will be pursued.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: No update

CLOSING CEREMONY: The meeting concluded at 2012

Meeting Attendees:

Bill Brown
Larry Farmer
Ted Hamilton
Ed Holcomb
Dale Hutchcraft
Thorin Moser

Bud Oliver
Demond Oliver
Tom Powell
Darrel W Ray
Teresa Ray
David Sahn

Keith Stephens
Doug Tennis
Benny Vallejo
John Withers