



BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391 August 7, 2019 Leadership Meeting Minutes



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, Inc.
P.O. BOX 3745 BRYAN, TEXAS 77805
Email: brazosvalley1391@gmail.com
Web: www.brazosvalleymcl.com
Facebook: Brazos Valley MCL Facebook

Location: Rudy's, 504 Harvey Road, College Station, TX 77840

Officers Present:

Commandant, Benny Vallejo; Junior Vice Commandant, Thorin Moser; Paymaster, Dave Sahm; Past Commandant, Keith Stephens; Adjutant / Web Sergeant: Ed Holcomb

Officers Absent:

Senior Vice Commandant, Doug Tennis; Staff Judge Advocate, Roger Martinez; Sergeant at Arms, Don Hutchcraft; Chaplain, Mary Jean Holcomb; PAO/Historian, Misti Moser

Minutes from Meeting:

1. MRE:

a. Summer MRE sale:

- i. Might move the summer MRE sale from targeting Independence Day to targeting Memorial Day weekend.
- ii. Focus of sales will be members.

b. Winter MRE sale:

- i. December sale should be focused on sales to the community.
- ii. Benny will pursue getting Thorin a spot on KBTB to publicize our Brisket sale.
- iii. Glenn will be asked to contact the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial.
- iv. Benny will contact the American Legion.
- v. We should also survey the detachment for other veteran organizations that might be interested in buying the MRE's.
- vi. Detachment members can also purchase MRE's, but they will not be the focus of the sale.
- vii. Need to provide appropriate document for IRS donation data.
- viii. The target for the winter MRE sale is 60 briskets.

2. Vet Camp:

- a. Scheduled for 8/21/2019, from 1630 to 1900.
- b. Benny and Ed will be attending.
- c. There is a limit of 2 representatives.

3. Fall Leadership Training:

- a. Scheduled for 10/24/2019 through 10/26/2019.

- b. Training sessions will be on the Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant, and Jr. Vice Commandant roles.
 - c. Benny will be attending the Commandant training session.
 - d. If Doug and / or Thorin are not able to attend the Fall Conference, Ed and Al plan to attend the Sr. Vice Commandant and Jr. Vice Commandant training session.
 - e. Ed will contact Al to ensure that he still plans to attend the Fall Conference.
4. **Veterans Park:**
- a. Tabled due to Doug Tennis was not able to attend the Leadership Meeting.
5. **Annual Dues:** Annual dues for those that are not life members are due to National by August 31, 2019.
- a. David has notified members that need to pay their annual dues by email without a response from them.
 - b. David will email the leadership team the list of those who need to renew their membership.
 - c. Members of the leadership team will contact the members still needing to pay their dues to determine whether they plan to continue membership in the detachment.
 - d. The new member inducted at the last meeting (Bud Oliver) will not be able to attend the August meeting, when he was to pay his annual dues. Benny will determine if Bud would like him to pay the fee for him.
6. **Tax 990 Review:**
- a. Olivia reported earlier that this has been completed.
7. **Veterans Day Flag Placement:**
- a. Flags will be placed on 11/9/2019 at 0800 at the Bryan City Cementary.
8. **Navasota Veterans Parade:**
- a. The parade will occur on 11/9/2019.
 - b. Since this conflicts with other detachment activities that day, the detachment will not participate in the parade.
9. **Marine Corps Birthday Ball:**
- a. The event is planned by Marines outside of the detachment (even though some are members of the detachment).
 - b. The event is held at Messina Hof.
 - c. Registration for the event can be made through the detachment website (www.brazosvalleymcl.org) by accessing **Supporters** and then clicking on **Messina Hof**.
10. **Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Party:**
- a. The normal November detachment meeting, which is when we hold our Marine Corps Birthday Party will be on Monday, November 11, 2019, which is Veterans Day.
 - b. Golden Corral will not be available that day due to their practice of providing free meals to veterans on Veterans Day.
 - c. Benny will contact Tom Marty about holding the meeting at the American Legion.
 - d. Ed Holcomb will pursue the possibility of holding the meeting a Miramont.
 - e. Neither the American Legion nor Miramont provide dinners.

- f. A number of detachment members have rolls in the Veterans Day celebrations at Veterans Park, which ends around 1800.
- g. If we have the meeting at the American Legion for Miramont, we may want the meeting to start at 1830 to allow people to get settled before the formal celebration starts at 1900.

11. Detachment Christmas Party:

- a. Benny is tentatively proposing to host the Detachment Christmas Party at his house.

12. Wreaths Across America:

- a. Benny reported that planning is in progress.
- b. Keith volunteered to be the spokesman at the Aggie Field of Honor if needed.

13. Operation Seatback:

- a. Glenn will be providing leadership with the date that the event will occur.

14. Old Time Coopers BBQ:

- a. Still in construction.
- b. Benny will continue to pursue as a potential location for detachment meetings.

15. Finance:

- a. David reported that we have \$11,630 in checking.
- b. We have not received any requests from the American Legion for help in addressing request of Marines in need made to them
- c. The American Legion has received a \$20,000 grant from Brazos Valley Cares, so may not need detachment help.
- d. The detachment has \$500 remaining from the grant that they provided the detachment last year that must be used to help needy Marines.
- e. We need to review the budget and make appropriate adjustment at the next leadership meeting.
- f. Thorin noted that this should be done at the first leadership meeting as part of the detachment corporate audit following the induction of the new leadership.

16. Detachment Annual Activity Calendar: A review was made of the Activity Calendar for remaining months of the year. The following are the results of the review:

Date	Activity	Notes
08/07/2019	Leadership Meeting	Detachment officers
08/12/2019	Detachment Meeting	Detachment members
08/20/2019	CBVVO Meeting	Ed Holcomb and Benny Vallejo
08/??/2019	TAMU Vet Camp	Ed Holcomb and Benny Vallejo
09/04/2019	Leadership Meeting	Detachment officers
09/09/2019	Detachment Meeting	Detachment members
09/17/2019	CBVVO Meeting	Ed Holcomb and Benny Vallejo
10/09/2019	Leadership Meeting	Detachment officers
10/14/2019	Detachment Meeting	Detachment members
10/15/2019	CBVVO Meeting	Ed Holcomb and Benny Vallejo
10/24-26/2019	Department Fall Conference	Detachment representatives
11/06/2019	Leadership Meeting	Detachment officers

11/09/2019	Navasota Veterans Parade	Detachment members
11/09/2019	Flag Placement	Detachment members
11/11/2019	Det. USMC Birthday Party	Detachment members
11/14/2019	Wreaths Across America	Selected members
11/15/2019	CBVVO Meeting	Ed Holcomb and Benny Vallejo
12/??/2019	Operation Seatback	Detachment members
12/??/2019	M*A*S*H Toy Drive	Detachment members
12/04/2019	Leadership Meeting	Detachment officers
12/??/2019	Det. Christmas Party	Detachment members
10/15/2019	CBVVO Meeting	Ed Holcomb and Benny Vallejo