



BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391
March 4, 2020 Leadership Meeting
Minutes



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Location: Cooper Old Time BBQ, 3055 Earl Rudder Freeway South, College Station, TX 77845

Officers Present:

Commandant, Benny Vallejo; Junior Vice Commandant, Thorin Moser; Past Commandant, Keith Stephens; Adjutant / Web Sergeant: Ed Holcomb; Chaplain, Mary Jean Holcomb

Officers Absent:

Senior Vice Commandant, Doug Tennis; Paymaster, Dave Sahn; Staff Judge Advocate, Roger Martinez; Sergeant at Arms, Don Hutchcraft; PAO/Historian, Misti Moser

Minutes from Meeting:

1. Poolee Dinner:

- a. The Poolee Dinner is scheduled for March 31 from 1700 to 2000 at the Museum of the American GI.
- b. The current estimate is that there will be 200 people attending the Poolee event.
- c. Need the Poolee Coordinator in Houston to provide in writing the schedule of events so that we can have the dinner ready in time to meet their needs.
- d. The detachment will support the Houston Poolee event scheduled for April 4th.

2. Scholarship:

- a. Doug Tennis will be speaking at the Rotary Club on March 4th.
- b. Doug Tennis will be requesting \$1,000 for two scholarships to be given to Marines at Blinn College next Spring Semester.
- c. Thorin Moser will be speaking at the College Station Lion Club on March 16th.

3. Bylaws and Administrative Procedures:

- a. Leadership will review the Bylaws and Administrative procedures at the Texas A & M McFerrin Center for Entrepreneurship on April 25 at 0900.

4. Blinn College:

- a. Tom Powell, Glen Saunders and Ed Holcomb will represent the detachment at the Blinn College Honor our Bravest event on March 26th.

5. Officer Nomination:

- a. Officer election will occur at the next meeting (March9).
- b. Officer induction will occur at the April meeting (April 13).
- c. The following individuals have been proposed for detachment elected officers:

- i. Commandant: Benny Vallejo
- ii. Senior Vice Commandant: Steve Ament
- iii. Junior Vice Commandant: Pat (Red) McClung
- iv. Pay Master: Roger Martinez
- v. Staff Judge Advocate: Jeremy Williams
- d. The following individuals have been proposed for detachment appointed officers:
 - i. Adjutant: Glen Saunders
 - ii. Sergeant at Arms: Olivia Burnside
 - iii. Chaplain: Al Diaz
 - iv. Web Sergeant: Ed Holcomb
 - v. PAO/Historian: Thorin Moser

6. Chamber of Commerce:

- a. Benny Vallejo and Ed Holcomb will be attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 5th.
- b. Keith Stephens and Benny Vallejo will represent the detachment at the Chamber of Commerce event on March 26th.

7. Iwo Jima 75th Anniversary:

- a. The event will be held by the flags in Veterans Park on Thursday, March 26th, at 1700.
- b. March 26th was selected because it was the last official day of the battle for Iwo Jima, through fighting continued for a few days longer.
- c. Bill Collopy will serve as historian at the event.
- d. Dan Ward will provide the invocation.

8. Chili Fest:

- a. Chili Fest t post removal is scheduled for April 5th.
- b. Need as many detachment members as possible to support the event.
- c. Members who have T post removal equipment need to bring them.

9. Paymaster tasks:

- a. Leadership needs to obtain an updated member roster.
- b. IRS Form 990 needs to be submitted.

10. Mameluke Sword:

- a. Four Mameluke swords have been purchase for a total price of \$800.
- b. There are two 30 inch swords and two 31 inch swords, which have been the most common lengths given out.
- c. Normally a Mameluke sword costs between \$600 and \$700 apiece.

11. Rest Home Visits:

- a. It was proposed that we form a committee to look into visiting Marines at rest homes in Bryan-College Station once a month.
- b. Some concern expressed that we not create a conflict with the American Legion, with whom we have had a good working relationship.
- c. Leonard Moore was suggested as a potential lead for the committee.

- d. Unlike the American Legion, it was proposed that the detachment not provide a gift during the meeting due to the fact that we would not be providing gifts to other residence of the rest home.

12. Wreath Across America:

- a. Wreath Across America has offered to provide \$1,000 to the detachment if we sale 300 wreaths.
- b. Wreaths that are purchased in the name of the detachment will go to the cemetery sections supported by the detachment if not designated for a specific grave.
- c. The cost of a wreath is \$15.
- d. It was suggested that a committee be formed to determine how the detachment can reach the 300 wreath target.

13. State Conference:

- a. Ed Holcomb will submit the detachment advertisement toward the end of next month.

14. Speakers:

- a. No speakers schedule for March meeting.

15. 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
3/04/2020	Leadership Meeting	Detachment leaders
3/05/2020	Rotary Club Presentation	Doug Tennis
3/05/2020	Chamber of Commerce	Benny Vallejo and Ed Holcomb
3/09/2020	Detachment Meeting	Detachment members
3/16/2020	Lion Club	Thorin Moser
3/17/2020	CBVVO	Benny Vallejo and Ed Holcomb
3/26/2020	Blinn: Honoring our Bravest	Tom Powell, Glen Saunders, and Ed Holcomb
3/26/2020	Iwo Jima Memorial	Detachment
3/28/2020	Brazos Valley Cares	Detachment
3/31/2020	Poolee Dinner	Detachment members
4/04/2020	Houston Poolee Event	Detachment members
4/05/2020	Chili Fest T Post Removal	Detachment members
4/25/2020	Admin Procedures Review	Leadership