

Minutes of Townsend Detachment Business Meeting 5/20/2017

29 Members present - 2 Guests

Opening Ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance – Marine Corps Hymns- Opening Prayer

Acknowledgement of dignitaries and guests

Roll Call of Officers: All Present or Accounted for.

Application for membership: No new members were presented for membership. Member Ron Jaworski and Member William Stringfieldl were sworn in as members.

Minutes were presented and accepted as presented with no corrections or additions.

No correspondence was presented.

Pay Master report was presented and accepted as presented with no corrections or additions.

Members Sick or Distressed: **Ron Balkcom's** daughter, Allison has been sick;

Ken Duan's daughter, Amy is receiving cancer treatments at MD Anderson clinic;

Member **Bob Johnson** has a surgery scheduled. Bob Johnson's wife **Cleta** has on going health concerns.

Member **Boykin Miller** has just received a diagnosis of Alzheimer's; discussion was held about the supports the Detachment can provide; motion was made and seconded and passed to pay Boykins annual membership. The Detachment will continue to monitor his needs and address them as they arise.

Vietnam Veterans 50th Anniversary Recognition Ceremony: Project Officer **Paul Williamson** presented the members of the Townsend Detachment, present at today's business meeting with Anniversary lapel pins; Associate Member **Alice Cole** read the Presidential Proclamation to the assembled detachment members. Member **Joe Dawkins** pinned each Vietnam Era member.

Report of Officers:

Commandant – Nancy Burtron - Discussed the upcoming Department meeting in Dothan scheduled for June 9th & 10th

Presented Project Officer **Chuck Moore** with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Wetumpka Helmet Drive event which raised \$1,200 in one day.

Discussed the up-coming Birthday Event at the Bill Nichols Home in Alexander City, to recognize our member, Retired Master Sergeant **Tommy Davis**, May 26 at 1400 – all Detachment members were encouraged to attend this event.

Reported on the 5K race at Troy, where our own Adjutant **Jim Fulks** ran in the event, (and didn't finish in last place)

Reported on the statewide MIA/POW meeting – also in attendance were members **Todd Kemper** and **Dan Newcomer**. This event will be held on the 3rd Saturday in September on the State Capital Grounds.

Presented the MCL Scholarship information for MCL members.

Presented the membership with the newly designed Townsend Polo shirts.

Senior Vice Commandant – No report

Junior Vice Commandant - Matt Gibson – Reported on the new policy to “Pre” order a government Headstone for veterans from the VA.

Chaplain – Charles Harris – No Report – not in attendance.

Judge Advocate – Chuck Moore – presented to the Detachment the newly revised Detachment by Laws; provided the rationale for the need to revise the By-law, to remain in compliance with National and State By- Laws

Motion to accept the by laws as presented – Second – call for discussion – no Discussion – The by laws were approved by the members present, the number of member’s present constituted a Quorum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Web Master – None, not present

Eagle Scouts – None, not present

Toys for Tots – None at this time

Historian – Janet Williamson – Requested members continue to supply her with pictures and information for the Detachment Scrap book.

By Law Committee - Members were recognized for their work on the By Laws, which was over 12 months in the process and over 14 revisions to the By Laws within the Committee ‘s work – Members included: **Todd Kemper, Chairman, Larry Tuggle, Larry Weltin, Brooks Barrow and Nancy Burtron.**

Good of the League Next meeting will be held at the Home of **Alice and Everett Cole**, as a detachment members and families picnic with swimming, fishing and shooting events for all to participate in we will meet at 1000 for a short business meeting and then have the picnic fellowship time.

Announcements – Member **Dick McClain** announced that he will be relocating to Pennsylvania in the fall; Member **Todd Kemper** announced that he will be relocating to the Washington DC area in the fall.

Closing Ceremony – Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Fulks, Adjutant