

Minutes of Townsend Detachment Business Meeting 6/17/2017

This meeting was conducted at the home of Everett & Alice Cole in Hope Hull, Alabama in conjunction with a detachment picnic, shooting range, fishing and swimming recreational opportunity.

12 Members present - 4 Guests

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

Normal meeting format was not adhered to at this meeting.

Dan Newcomer updated the detachment on the retired Master Sergeant Tommy Davis project. Townsend Detachment secured the \$5,700 needed to renovate the bathroom in the home. Tommy Davis will meet with the local VA to schedule home health care services. The Bathroom renovations are scheduled to begin in a couple of weeks.

Todd Kemper, is the Project Officer for the August Welcome Aboard Picnic. Todd advised he is working on plans for the picnic and will assign individual tasks and responsibilities at the July Detachment meeting. Todd suggested we do the 'adult' door prizes up-front as many of the GEO-BACH Marines bug out immediately after eating to attend to other responsibilities in the community, I.e. Dragon Boat team practice. Nancy Burtron will co-ordinate the children's activities and all members are tasked with soliciting door prizes.

Todd Kemper, is serving as the Townsend Liaison for the MIA-POW committee. Tasks have been assigned through the committee, the committee is going to approach the state of Alabama to encourage the state to take over the responsibilities for this event.

The River Region Veteran's Day Parade, will be coordinated by the city of Montgomery. The city has proposed to organize an event at the Riverfront Park and to discontinue the actual parade. Details to follow.

Richard Davis, Senior Vice and Paymaster, advised that the budgeted amount for the Welcome Aboard Picnic may need to be ratcheted up some. No quorum was present, but all members present agreed that going over the budgeted amount would be fine. The budget serves as a tool for raising and spending monies, it is not a spending cap.

The proposed Detachment Budget will be presented in the July meeting.

The **Department Meeting** was held in Dothan Alabama with the Wiregrass Detachment hosting the event. Nine Townsend members were in attendance. Don Fisher will be the Townsend Detachment delegate to the National convention in August, he will vote the 9 Townsend Detachment votes at that meeting.

Our By-Law have been uploaded to our Web Site. At the state convention, it was suggested that we read our MISSION STATEMENT at the beginning of each Detachment meeting. Chuck Moore our Judge Advocate will do that each time we conduct a business meeting.

Guests may attend the Townsend Detachment business meetings with prior approval from the Commandant or the Senior Vice is the Commandant is not present.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES: All Marine Corps League member's annual dues will be due and payable on the 31st of August 2017, and delinquent on September 1, 2017. Some members have not paid dues for 2017 and are in arrears for the pro-rated partial years dues of \$19.00. Prior to a members new annual dues being accepted, they will need to pay their delinquent dues.

TAG FUND – at the state convention, it was announced that all requests for Tag Fund monies need to go thru a Detachment Commandant. Additionally, the officer nominating process has been changed. All nominations for elected officers must be completed, no less than one day, prior to the vote for officers. No longer will nominations be taken from the floor on the day of the scheduled election.

Townsend Detachment does not meet the DAY prior to an election. Therefore, our nominations, from the floor and from the nominating committee will be done on the Business Meeting prior to the elections. (EX: elections are held in January, nominations will be done at the business meeting before the elections, typically the November business meeting, or if we schedule to meet in December).

Dick McClain updated the detachment on the new officers for the State of Alabama Pack.

Linda Davis gave a recap of the Women's Events at the state Convention.

Ken Duan requested that new members provide a bio of themselves when they are initiated.

Colors recognized – meeting adjourned – picnic begins.