

**DELTA DIABLO DETACHMENT 1155  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**MEETING MINUTES OF 15APR04  
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL  
BRENTWOOD CALIFORNIA**

Attendance was taken by signup. There were 30 attendees.

COM Dale Cook opened the meeting at 1909 Hours. SAA Nielsen conducted the opening ceremonies. Detachment Officers present were: SVC Doug Mercado, JVC Len Bregman, PM Ian Oxford, SAA Bob Nielsen, JA Larry Stiles, CHP Leslie Harrold, and ADJ Booth Myers.

CHP Leslie Harrold gave the Invocation.

Five prospective members were introduced to the Detachment. In the sequence below, they gave their names and a brief description of their backgrounds in the Corps:

- Bob Simonds of Pittsburg, CA - Joined the Marine Corps in 1966 and served in Vietnam as a demolitions expert from December 1966 to December 1967
- Kevin Ford of Brentwood, CA - Served in the Marine Corps for 21 years in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Divisions in numerous roles and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer
- Eduardo Martinez of Oakley, CA - Joined the Corps in 1967 and served as a demolitions expert, sniper and cook.
- Gene Lopez of Brentwood, CA - Joined the Corps in 1967 and served through 1994. Duty included the Marine Barracks in Concord. Retired as a First Sergeant.
- William Putnam of Brentwood, CA - Joined the Corps in 1969 and served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1971

Following their introduction to the Detachment, and approval by the Detachment Members, Kevin Ford, Gene Lopez, and William Putnam were formally sworn in by COM Cook. There was a brief recess to welcome the new members to the Detachment.

Minutes of the March 18, 2004 Outpost meeting were read by ADJ Myers. A motion to accept the minutes with no changes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all present.

COM Cook discussed the Ceremony on April 1 to celebrate the signing of Delta Diablo Detachment Charter Document and the Installation of Officers. We had over 60 attendees. There was a discussion regarding the acquisition of M-1 rifles for the Detachment's Color Guard. A written application was submitted by COM Cook and we expect to receive nine rifles in approximately six weeks. The rifles

will be shipped to a gunsmith in Pleasant Hill. We need approximately 20 volunteers to support a Detachment Color Guard to cover funeral and ceremonies. Color Guards are assigned by zip codes, and it is our plan to declare our Detachment's Color Guard as available for this area. Eventually we hope our Color Guard volunteers will be compensated an amount equal to one day's reserve pay. Our Detachment's Color Guard Uniform will be the white "aviator's shirt" with sunburst insignias and shoulder patches, red MCL cover, and black trousers and shoes. Our QM is looking into red jackets, which are expected to cost \$34. The QM is negotiating with the "Blind Stitch" establishment in Oakley to add an embroidered Detachment name for a cost of \$6 each.

COM Cook received a call from the Boy Scouts regarding placement of Marine Flags on graves in the area's cemeteries on Memorial Day. They are currently trying to identify graves belonging to Marines and plan to place Marine Flags on these. There will be a Memorial Day Service at the Union Cemetery at 10:00 a.m.

COM Cook discussed the proposed naming of the new Danville Veterans Hall after deceased League member John Boswell. COM Cook sought the support of the Detachment's members to petition the County regarding this proposal. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present.

The Annual Marine Corps League Convention is coming up in June. It will be held in Concord. Our Detachment is allowed one vote for every five members, but there is no limit on the number of attendees.

QM Stiles discussed the availability of plastic nametags for the Detachment for \$8 each. Members are directed to QM Stiles to sign up for purchases of all uniform items.

PM Oxford then reported that the Detachment currently had \$1333.75 in the Detachment's bank account, with an additional \$400 (approx.) collected at this meeting.

COM Cook discussed the possibility of an SOS breakfast in the near future. Detachment member Kevin Ford offered to provide a "smoker" for our use in the upcoming Brentwood Corn Festival. The smoker could handle up to 300 pounds of tri-tip steak, pork ribs, or turkey legs. He pointed out that there is a large potential for profit for the Detachment by operating a food stand in the Festival. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Good of the Order: Com Cook reported that the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mare Island Naval Shipyard is upon us. The submarine U.S.S. Drum will be located there as a museum. On April 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be a ceremony at the Marine Memorial

in San Francisco commemorating the start of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Cost to attend is \$150 per person. Also discussed was the Leatherneck Club in Las Vegas, upcoming tours of Saipan and Tinian, an American Legion celebration in Antioch on Saturday May 29 and upcoming tryouts for the Devil Pups.

JVC Bregman invited Detachment members to attend the Flag Day BBQ at Summerset III. Donations are sought to cover the cost of inviting the families of overseas Servicemen and Servicewomen. Also coming up is the September 19<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Celebration at Yountville.

SVC Mercado alerted members to the store "Someplace Special" in Stockton. The store has a wide variety of uniform items, etc.

One of the Detachment members noted that Paul Chase was not at the meeting - he had taken Paul to a nearby hospital just prior to the meeting due to a difficulty in breathing. The Detachment will follow up on this.

Detachment member Rit Zuniga noted that there is an upcoming luncheon for 1MARDIV veterans.

The group expressed their gratitude to Don and Frank for preparing the evening's (once again) outstanding dinner.

CHP Harrold read the Closing Invocation and the meeting adjourned at 2015 hours (8:15 p.m.).

**Respectfully Submitted**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Booth R. Myers", written over a light blue rectangular background.

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**Booth R. Myers, Adjutant**