

**DELTA DIABLO DETACHMENT 1155
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**MEETING MINUTES OF 17JUN04
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL
BRENTWOOD CALIFORNIA**

Attendance was taken by signup. There were 31 attendees.

Opening Ceremonies

COM Dale Cook opened the meeting at approximately 1905 Hours. SAA Nielsen conducted the opening ceremonies. ADJ Myers conducted a roll call of Detachment Officers. The following Detachment 1155 Officers were present: COM Cook, SVC Doug Mercado, JVC Len Bregman, SAA Bob Nielsen, JA Larry Stiles, CHP Leslie Harrold, and ADJ Booth Myers. PM Ian Oxford was not present and was excused from attending

CHP Leslie Harrold gave the Invocation.

New Members

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:

- Jess Williamson of Antioch, CA - Joined the Marine Corps in 1941 and went to boot camp at MCRD San Diego. Jess served for 18 months on the Battleship Mississippi, and later at Quantico, VA. Jess, who also served in the 5th Amphibious Assault Bn. Operates a restaurant named the "Match Maker" in Antioch.
- Harrold Dominguez of Brentwood, CA - Joined the Marine Corps in 1967 and went to boot camp at MCRD San Diego. Harrold served in Vietnam where he was wounded in 1968.
- Eduardo Martinez of Oakley, CA. - Joined the Corps in 1967 and went to Vietnam. Eduardo served as a demolitions expert, sniper and cook. Later he joined the Army, where he spent 17 years before retiring.
- Bob Simonds of Pittsburg, CA - Joined the Marine Corps in 1966, went to boot camp at MCRD San Diego and served in Vietnam as a demolitions expert from December 1966 to December 1967

- Mark Stanz of Antioch, CA - Joined the Marine Corps in Indiana in 1974 and went to boot camp at MCRD San Diego. Mark's MOS was 0331, and he served as an MP at the Concord Naval Weapons Station and later in 3MARDIV. Mark left the Corps in 1978 and is currently the Head Coach at Liberty High School. (Note: Mark arrived later during the meeting and was introduced and sworn in following the Officer's reports below. The description is included here in the minutes for consistency and readability)

Following their introduction to the Detachment, and approval by the Detachment Members, the above Candidates were formally sworn in by COM Cook. There was a brief recess to welcome the new members to the Detachment.

Minutes

Minutes of the April 15, 2004 Outpost meeting were not read at the meeting, since they were published in the Detachment's June Newsletter. A motion to accept the minutes as published was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all present.

Commandant's Report

COM Cook requested volunteers to help prepare meal, as Don Learned, our Detachment Chef, will be in the hospital and later in a walker for some time as a result of a leg injury. The possibility of buying pizzas from Winco was discussed. Jess Williamson, who owns the "Match Maker" restaurant in Antioch volunteered to bring a spaghetti dinner to the July meeting.

COM Cook reported that the PM (not present) had previously reported to him that we have \$1836.56 in the Detachment's bank account.

COM Cook relayed that our Detachment's sign for the front of the Veteran's Memorial was completed, and a second roadside sign is in work. Cost for the two signs was \$45.00

Our Detachment's nine M-1 rifles should arrive imminently. Slings for the rifles have been ordered and we have a large inventory of blank ammunition already in hand.

COM Cook discussed our Detachment uniforms (League cover, white shirt with League emblems, black trousers and shoes, and red jacket), pointing out that the uniforms are

available to Members, but are not mandatory. JA/QM Stiles is the point of contact for purchase of any uniform items.

Officer's Reports

SVC Mercado discussed membership in the Devil Dogs which is available to Members after one year in the League. The Devil Dogs meet four times per year. Next meeting is Saturday, June 19. Devil Dog door mats are available for \$60. SVC Mercado is the point of contact for members wishing to join.

JVC Bregman noted that the new park on Balfour Rd. in Brentwood will be named "Veteran's Park". The Summerset Veterans Club will donate a rose garden in the new park. The Dedication Ceremony will be held on Veteran's Day. JVC Bregman described the trip by the Summerset Veterans Club to the World War II Memorial Dedication in Washington D.C. earlier this month.

ADJ Myers requested comments and suggestions for improvement for the newsletter and the Detachment's website at www.mcl1155.org, which is now operational. ADJ Myers requested that any members that had not yet signed the Detachment's Charter Document to please do so at this meeting. This would be their last chance as we intend to have the charter document sealed in a protective laminate in the near future. The ADJ had no correspondence to report.

JA/QM Stiles, the point of contact for purchase of any uniform items, discussed the new Detachment jackets and other uniform items to the membership. He was authorized to purchase the traditional blue trousers with scarlet blood stipe, an optional Detachment uniform item.

SAA Nielsen discussed the Raffle held at the California State Convention in June. Detachment Member Walsh won the second prize, a golf cart. SAA Nielsen is in the process of getting our Detachment's credits for tickets we sold. He also discussed the charities supported by the Devil Dogs

New Business

COM Cook relayed the need to have members support the Contra Costa County Veterans' Affairs Office in Martinez. The Office is facing budget and staff cuts as a result of the impending budget tightening by State and County Governments.

Members in Distress

Member Don Learned is still in the hospital with leg problems. He is recovering and expected to return home soon,

but expects to be using a walker for the next several months.

Good of the Order

No actions

Closing Ceremony

CHP Harrold led the closing prayer and SAA Nielsen Declared the Meeting Closed at 2035.

Respectfully Submitted



Booth R. Myers, Adjutant