

**DELTA DIABLO DETACHMENT 1155  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**MEETING MINUTES OF 20OCT05  
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL  
BRENTWOOD CALIFORNIA**

Attendance was taken by signup. There were 32 attendees.

**Opening Ceremonies**

Commandant Dale Cook opened the meeting at 1915 Hours. SAA James Washburn conducted the opening ceremonies and CHP Leslie Howard gave the Invocation. ADJ Myers conducted a roll call of the Detachment 1155 Officers: COM Dale Cook, SVC Len Bregman, JVC Larry Stiles, QM Ed Sutton, ADJ Booth Myers, PM Ian Oxford, CHP Leslie Harrold, and SAA Washburn were all present. JA Jim Ogle was excused.

**New Members**

No new Members joined the Detachment at this meeting.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the September 15, 2005 Detachment meeting were accepted as published in the Detachment's October newsletter.

**Correspondence**

ADJ Myers reported that the Detachment received a notice from the Internal Revenue Service notifying us that they received our Form 1024 requesting tax exempt status for the Detachment as a 501(c)(4) Organization. The note informed us that they would complete processing of our application within approximately 120 days.

We received a flyer advertising a Golden State Warriors benefit game to be held on Nov. 11. A fraction of the proceeds from ticket sales will be used to send boxes of supplies to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We received the menu for our Marine Corps Birthday Dinner from the Liberty Hotel in Pittsburg.

ADJ Myers received a telephone call from the National MCL Office requesting information on the Detachment for their upcoming League Directory. Copies of this Directory will be available to members for an unspecified cost.

**Finance Report**

PM Ian Oxford reported that the Detachment's bank account balance as of September 30 was \$2205.11 including \$300.00 held as reserve. The balance of the fund set aside for Color Guard uniforms now stands at \$344.88. The Detachment collected \$300 in payments at last week's barbecue.

**Commandant's Report**

COM Cook reported on the Detachment's upcoming M-1 drawing. First prize is an M-1 Rifle, second prize is a man and woman's

watch set, and the third prize will be a commemorative K-Bar knife. The drawing will be held at the Detachment's January 28 Crab Feed. Tickets will be distributed to members in the near future.

COM Cook discussed the cost of the Marine Corps Birthday Celebrations to be hosted by various Marine organizations in the Bay Area. The Celebration to be hosted by the 23rd Marines on November 5 in Reno will be \$110 per person, the Marine's Memorial Celebration in San Francisco will be \$120 per person, and the Mt. Diablo Detachment's luncheon will be \$35 per person. Our Detachments Dinner Celebration at the Liberty Hotel will be only \$45 per person, a good value. Featured at our Celebration will be guest speaker Dr. Quoc Nguyen, Commander, USN who was recently deployed with the 3rd Marine Air Wing in Iraq. Dress code for our Celebration will be the white League shirts, with no covers. We will limit attendance to 85 persons, and if space is available we will open up ticket sales to non-League members starting November 1.

#### **Officer's Reports**

SVC Bregman talked about the Brentwood Veteran's Park. The dedication ceremony planned for November 11 has been cancelled due to delays in installation of the flag poles and service plaques. The dedication may be delayed until Memorial Day in 2006.

The annual Marine Toys for Tots campaign is about to begin. SVC Bregman is seeking volunteers to help distribute and collect barrels for donated toys. Last year we collected over 450 toys.

JVC Stiles has Detachment business cards available for any Members wanting some. The Membership Recruitment contest has been extended to December. Two members are currently in the lead for the first prize of an NCO Sword. JVC Stiles also brought a CD with the song "Arlington" written by a Marine in Iraq, which he played for the detachment.

JA Ogle - Excused, no report.

ADJ Myers discussed the Certificates that will be presented by the Pound 47 Devil Dogs in their upcoming visit to the Martinez Veterans Hospital on Nov. 9. Also upcoming is a ceremony in honor of the issue of four Marine Corps Commemorative Stamps. The ceremony will be held at Noon on November 10 at Union Square in San Francisco. On December 8 the Marines' Memorial will host a talk by LtGen. James Mattis, USMC, the Commanding General over the Marines during the 2003 Invasion of Iraq.

PM Ian Oxford - No report

ADJ Myers noted that he has recently upgraded the Detachment's website calendar and thanked Member Don Hester for his advice and help in making the upgrade.

Honor Guard Representative Gene Lopez discussed the upcoming Brentwood Parade on November 19. The Detachment Color Guard will participate in the Parade. There was an extended

discussion over a proposal to hand out small American Flags to the public during the parade. Several Members expressed concern over the possible mistreatment or neglect of flags randomly handed out to the public. The membership voted to not hand out the flags at the parade.

COM Cook noted that the term "21 Gun Salute" is to be used only in connection with rifle salutes to Heads of State and other high ranking officials. Rifle salutes at other events should properly be referred to as "Three Volley Salutes"

QM Sutton reported he had six engraved nametags ready for Members. Any Member not having one is entitled to get one and should contact QM Sutton. QM Sutton discussed to need to have someone volunteer to lead the Crab Feed Drawing and suggested we form a committee of six Members to manage the drawing. He suggested we acquire between 30 and 40 prizes for the event. He also has volunteered to make "shadow boxes" for Members to house photographs and service medals for a cost of only \$45. This is a very low cost compared to commercially available boxes. Hew also noted that the Detachment's embroidered red shirts are available for \$35.

SAA Washburn - No report

CHP Harrold - No report

#### **Members in Distress**

Bob Nielsen has been in John Muir hospital for over a week due to a leg ailment. A card for Bob was circulated at the meeting.

**Good of the Order** - No report

#### **Old Business**

The next Devil Dogs' meeting is scheduled for December 3 at a location yet to be announced.

#### **New Business**

Member Don Hester displayed two Marine helmets he acquired. The first was a pith helmet with a gold spike and Marine EGA Emblem dated around 1898, and a second was an Officer's dress uniform cover worn by China Marines in the early 1900's.

COM Cook alerted members to ongoing fraudulent telephone solicitations in which the caller pretends to be from the Veterans Administration seeking credit card information. Members were warned against giving out any such information to an unknown caller.

The Membership thanked Bill Goldsby for hosting the Detachments' Barbecue this month.

In response to a question regarding the whereabouts of Detachment Member SSgt. Pena, ADJ Myers noted that we continue to receive email from SSgt. Pena, who is in Iraq and doing well. Any Member wishing to communicate with her should contact ADJ Myers for more information.

There was a discussion regarding next month's Detachment meeting. Since it is scheduled to occur on November 17, the day before the Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Celebration it was decided to cancel the meeting. There will be an Officer's meeting in the Veteran's hall basement that day in place of the regular Detachment meeting. Any Member wishing to attend that meeting is welcome to attend.

The Detachment offered its collective "Thanks" to our Head Cook Don Learned and able Assistant Cook Frank Grimly for their, once again, great meal!

**Closing Ceremony**

SVC Bregman and SAA Washburn conducted the closing ceremonies and CHP Harrold read the closing prayer. SAA Washburn declared the meeting closed at 2022 hours.

**Respectfully Submitted**

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

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**Booth R. Myers, Adjutant**