

**DELTA DIABLO DETACHMENT 1155  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**MEETING MINUTES OF 15JUN06  
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL  
BRENTWOOD CALIFORNIA**

Attendance was taken by signup. There were 27 attendees.

**Opening Ceremonies**

COM Dale Cook opened the meeting at 1902 hours following the traditional mess at 1800 hours. Mess was donated by Jess Williamson from his Match Maker restaurant in Antioch. SAA *pro tem* Bill Putnam conducted the opening ceremonies and CHP Leslie Harrold gave the invocation. ADJ Myers conducted the roll call of Detachment 1155 Officers: COM Dale Cook, SVC Len Bregman, JVC Larry Stiles, JA Jim Ogle, CHP Leslie Harrold, and ADJ Booth Myers were all present. PM Ian Oxford, SAA Jim Washburn, and QM Ed Sutton were absent and excused.

**Guests**

Daniel Rickner, Grandson of Member Jess Williamson was present as a guest at the meeting.

**New Members** - No new members were present at the meeting

**Minutes**

Minutes of the 18MAY06 Detachment meeting minutes were approved as published in the June issue of *Gung Ho*.

**Paymaster's Report** - No report, PM Oxford was excused

**Members in Distress** - No report

**Correspondence**

ADJ Myers reported that we received an email from Howard Young of the Mt. Diablo Detachment 942 with a proposal that our two Detachments form and sponsor a Company of Young Marines in the area. This matter was discussed under New Business later in the meeting.

We received a flyer from the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Association announcing an up coming "Shoot Out" open to all active and veteran Marines. The shootout will be held on June 26 at the Contra Costa Sheriffs' target range. Participants need only bring ball ammunition for the M-1 rifles that will be provided at the time of the shootout. Any one interested was asked to contact ADJ Myers for more information.

We received an invitation to the upcoming 23<sup>rd</sup> Marines' Change of Command Ceremony. The ceremony will take place at 1800 hours on 12 August at the Moffet Parade Field in the South Bay.

The Detachment received a flyer at the 8 June Marine Coordinating Council Meeting announcing a new Marine Amphibious Landing ship to be christened in San Francisco in May 2008. A helicopter carrier ship of the Wasp Class, the new LHD-8 will be named the "MAKIN ISLAND" after the raid on that island by Carson's Marine Raider Battalion in 1942.

Notable upcoming events announced in the 8 June Marine Coordinating Council Agenda are: a talk on 19 June at the Marines' Memorial in San Francisco by Mark Bowden, Author of the book *Blackhawk Down*; a 30 June Change of Command Ceremony at the Marines' Memorial for the San Francisco Recruiting Station Staff; the 17 September All Marine Picnic at the Yountville Veteran's Home; and the 11 November 231<sup>st</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Ball at the Marines' Memorial. More information on these events can be found in the *Gung Ho* calendar and in upcoming issues of the *Gung Ho*.

#### **Commandant's Report**

COM Cook attended the Annual California Department Convention in San Diego on 8 to 11 June. There were 91 attendees, with one attendee from our Detachment and 3 attendees from the Mt. Diablo Detachment. Twenty seven Detachments in the California Department were not represented at the meeting according to COM Cook. Featured at this year's Convention was a trip to MCRD to attend a Marine recruit graduation ceremony and a banquet at the Miramar MCAS. A new California Department Commandant, Gene Rivers of Northern California, was elected at the meeting. Also resolved at the convention was that funds would be provided to carry out advisory audits of the California Detachments to help assure compliance with legal requirements for non profit organizations. A motion was passed at the Devil Dogs California Pack Growl to donate \$500 of the Pack funds to the Semper Fi Injured Marine Fund and an additional \$500 to the *Palo Alto Trauma Clinic*. The latter motion was initiated by COM Cook at the Growl.

COM Cook reported on the luncheon honoring veterans that will be hosted by the Delta Women's Connection of Brentwood on 20 June at the "Nines" restaurant in the Brentwood Country Club. CHP Harrold will speak to the group on his WWII experiences, Member Wes Tilton will describe his time in Vietnam, and Member SSgt Mariela Pena will talk about her recent deployment to Iraq. Our Detachment will also provide a Color Guard at the event.

## **Officers Reports**

SVC Bregman reported on the May 27 Flag Raising Ceremony at the Brentwood Veterans Park. The event was well attended by our Detachment. Our Color and Honor Guards did an outstanding job with the Posting of the Colors and Rifle Salute. Work will continue by the city on the upgrading of the park.

JVC Larry Stiles reported on information he received on the new Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery. JVC Stiles also encouraged Members to continue to recruit new Members for the Detachment.

JA Ogle reported on an event on 30 June at the Brentwood Veterans Parks to be hosted by the American Legion. Participants are to bring "Veterans Honor" roses to the event for a display honoring the Nation's Veterans.

ADJ Myers requested approval for payment of bills for the Detachment's annual web site fee of \$109.45 and for the purchase of \$118.00 in stamps for future newsletter mailings. A motion was passed approving these expenses.

ADJ Myers also noted that we have new information from the League's National Headquarters that will allow us to update and validate our Detachment's Membership roster. Updated rosters will be available at the next Detachment meeting.

SAA Washburn - No report, excused

PM Oxford - No report, excused

QM Sutton - No report, excused

CHP Harrold - No report

**Report of Standing Committees:** - No report

**Old Business** - No report

## **New Business**

The Detachment thanked Jess Williamson for donating the evening's spaghetti dinner, and SVC Len Bregman for donating a case of beer to the Detachment.

COM Cook discussed a proposal to operate a stand at an event to be sponsored by the City of Oakley. Oakley will be hosting "First Fridays at the Plaza" events on 2 June, 4 August, and 1 September. The cost for the Detachment to operate a booth would be \$15. The booth would be similar to the one we plan for the upcoming Brentwood Corn Fest, and we would use leftover merchandise from the Corn Fest at the Oakley event. After some discussion a motion was approved to proceed on this.

COM Cook also discussed our plans to operate a stand in the upcoming Brentwood Corn Fest on 7, 8 and 9 July. We have received approval of our application to operate a booth (#43) near the intersection of Oak and Second streets. We plan to sell American Flags, covers, emblems, and military memorabilia, as well as recruit new Detachment Members.

JVC Stiles discussed his plan for Detachment Members to man the Detachment's Corn Fest booth and passed out a signup sheet for volunteers. Watches will be at: 1600 to 1900 hours, and 1900 to 2200 hours on Friday, 7 July; 1000 to 1300 hours, 1300 to 1600 hours, 1600 to 1900 hours, and 1900 to 2200 hours on Saturday, 8 July; and 1000 to 1300 hours, 1300 to 1600 hours, and 1600 to 1800 hours on Sunday, 9 July.

The proposal for our Detachment and the Mt. Diablo Detachment to jointly support a Young Marines Company was raised by COM Cook and discussed by the Membership. It was concurred by the Members present that we should invite a speaker to describe this in more to the Detachment at a future meeting.

COM Cook briefly discussed the Devil Pups organization.

COM Cook presented nametags to members that had not yet received them, and took names of others that still did not have nametags.

#### **Good of the Order**

SAA *pro tem* Bill Putnam described CPR classes supported by the "Delta First Five" non profit organization. The classes are available to Members free of charge. Applications can be picked up at "Delta First Five" office in the old post office building across the street from the Veterans Hall.

COM Cook read an amusing story about the formation of the Marine Corps titled the "Story of Creation".

#### **Closing Ceremony**

SAA *pro tem* Putnam conducted the closing ceremonies and CHP Harrold read the closing prayer. SAA *pro tem* Putnam declared the meeting closed at 2015 hours.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Booth R. Myers, Adjutant**

