

**DELTA DIABLO DETACHMENT 1155  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**MEETING MINUTES OF 16MAR06  
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL  
BRENTWOOD CALIFORNIA**

Attendance was taken by signup. There were 35 attendees.

**Opening Ceremonies**

COM Dale Cook opened the meeting at 1915 hours following the traditional mess at 1800 hours and demonstration of disassembly of the M-1 rifle by JVC Larry Stiles. SAA Jim Washburn conducted the opening ceremonies and CHP Leslie Harrold gave the invocation. ADJ Myers conducted the roll call of Det 1155 Officers: COM Dale Cook, SVC Len Bregman, JVC Larry Stiles, PM Ian Oxford, SAA Jim Washburn JA Jim Ogle, CHP Leslie Harrold, QM Ed Sutton, and ADJ Booth Myers were all present.

Guests - None present.

**New Members**

COM Cook Read the Application for Membership from Jack H. Wood of Brentwood. Jack joined the Marine Corps on 18 June, 1950 and went through boot camp at MCRD San Diego. Jack spent six years the Corps before being discharged as a LCpl. While in the Corps he served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Air Wing as a chopper turbine mechanic, and saw duty in Sugi Japan, and in Korea aboard the USS Philippine Sea. Based The Membership voted to admit Jack as a member of the League.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the 16FEB2006 Detachment meeting minutes were approved as published in the February issue of Gung Ho.

**Correspondence**

ADJ Myers reported that we had received several emails announcing the upcoming arrival from Iraq of 15 members of the Concord Reserve Marines on or around March 22. A reception is planned for the returning Marines.

The Detachment received a telephone call and email from Ms. Debbie Peevyhouse announcing a Medal of Honor Ceremony to be held at Colma on March 25. The organization hosting the event requested a Color Guard for their ceremony. The matter was referred to COM Cook for decision.

We received an email from MajGen Mike Myatt announcing that Michael Gordon will be the guest speaker at the Marines' Memorial Club in, San Francisco, on Tuesday, 21 March at 1800. Gordon is the Chief Military Correspondent for the New York Times and author of the book *COBRA II - The inside story of the invasion and occupation of Iraq*. A wine reception and book signing will follow in the Commandants Room. This event is co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Northern California and free to all Marines' Memorial Association members. Non-members will pay \$15 and students \$5. Registration is at 1730 on the 10th deck.

ADJ Myers report on material the Detachment received at the Spring Meeting of the California Department held on March 11 in Folsom. The event was attended by Delta Diablo's COM Cook, ADJ Myers and Member Rit Zuniga. We received information and forms to request training for Detachment Officers on their official duties. We also received a briefing and presentation package on Federal and California tax laws governing non-profit corporations.

ADJ Myers, while attending the Marine Coordinating Council meeting the previous week, received information on mechanisms to channel donations to the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Heads Trauma Rehabilitation Facility. A fraction of the proceeds from our January Crab Feed will go to this Center as approved by the membership.

#### **Paymaster's Report**

Paymaster Ian Oxford reported that the balance in the Detachment Account was \$9983.32 on 31 JAN 2006, and was \$8336.36 on 28 FEB 2006. He presented bills from the Quartermaster for supplies, the Mess Sergeant for dinner costs, and the Adjutant for newsletter printing and mailings from November 2005 to March 2006. The Membership approved the payment of all the above.

#### **Members in Distress:**

Member Sam Pappalardo's wife is experiencing medical problems. Sam declined to provide details.

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

COM Cook reported that the League's Annual Convention will be at San Diego this year and will feature attendance at an MCRD Graduation Ceremony.

COM Cook reported that Life Membership dues for the League will be going up. Starting on January 1, 2007 Life Membership dues will be \$400 for ages 35 and under (\$325 at

present), \$350 for ages 36 to 40 (\$300 at present), \$350 for ages 41 to 50 (\$275 at present), \$250 for ages 51 to 60 (\$200 at present), and \$125 for ages 61 and over (\$100 at present). A League Member can become a Life Member any time after payment of initial dues.

The Commandant reported on his travel to the 61st annual Reunion of Honor tour to Guam and Iwo Jima the first two weeks of March.

There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at 1000 hours at the Union Cemetery and a request was made regarding our Color Guard's availability for the event.

#### **Officers Reports:**

SVC Bregman reported that the Brentwood Veterans Park dedication is set for Saturday 27 May at 1300 hours. The park will have a new flag section which includes a 50-foot pole for the U.S. Flag and six 25-foot poles for the individual service ensigns: Marine, Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. The Detachment will provide a Color Guard, Rifle Honor Guard and Bugler. SVC Bregman also reported on the recent visit by former Congressman Pete McCloskey to the Summerset Veteran's Club on March 13.

JVC Larry Stiles reported on day trips the Detachment might make. A show of hands from the Detachment indicated that we would have good attendance at a Travis AFB Tour. JCV Stiles will pursue setting a trip up in the near future. JCV Stiles also discussed the need to keep recruiting new members. He distributed a number of "Vials-of-Life" to the Members and will use these as handouts to advertise our Detachment to potential members.

JA Ogle - No report

ADJ Myers reported that copies of the Detachment Bylaws are always available at meetings to any member requesting a copy. He also announced that all non-life members of the Devil Dogs Pound 47 must pay their annual membership dues of \$25 to him, either now or at the next Growl.

CHP Harrold announced that there will be a 9/11 Ceremony held by Summerset IV. The Ceremony will be held on Sunday 10 SEP 2006 at 1400 hours and will involve the placing of a commemorative plaque and the planting of two cypress trees representing the twin World Trade Center towers that were destroyed by terrorists on 11 SEP 2001. CHP Harrold requested that our Detachment Color Guard and Bugler be present.

SAA Washburn - No report

PM Oxford noted that the plumbing in the bar area of the Veteran's Hall is in need of repair.

Rifle Color Guard Leader Lopez - No report

### **Report of Standing Committees**

Veterans Hall Building Committee - Jim Ogle reported in detail for the Veterans Hall Building Committee and provided a handout with information on recent actions and decisions. He described contributions of funds by the three Veteran's Organizations (MCL, VFW, and American Legion) to the kitchen renovation. Also a patio will be built on the north side of the building and the Delta Fence Company is donating the fence to enclose the patio. The fence is valued at \$992. Another item of discussion was the proposal to hold a joint fund raising event to generate additional money for the kitchen renovation.

### **Old Business - none**

### **New Business**

Detachment Member SSgt Mariela Pena recently returned from Iraq where she served with a number of other Marines from the Concord Marine Reserve unit. Her return preceded the rest of the Concord Marines since she had been attached to another unit and returned with them. SSgt. Pena thanked the Detachment for the packages sent by the Summerset Veterans Club. Following a brief talk on her experiences SSgt. Pena received a standing ovation from the Detachment. Semper Fi!

Nomination and Election of Officers - At the February Detachment meeting, With JVC Stiles presiding, Dale Cook was re-nominated for Commandant; COM Cook then asked for the additional nominations. Larry Stiles was re-nominated for Junior Vice Commandant There were no nominations made for the two remaining elected offices -Senior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate.

Calls for additional nominations were made at this (March) meeting. SVC Bregman presided over a call for additional nominations for Commandant. Subsequently nominations were made for Len Bregman for Senior Vice Commandant and Jim Ogle for Judge Advocate. Three calls were made for additional nominations and none were forthcoming.

The slate of nominated candidates was as follows: Dale Cook for Commandant, Len Bregman for Senior Vice Commandant, Larry Stiles for Junior Vice Commandant and Jim Ogle for Judge Advocate.

Since there were no opposing candidates nominated for any of the four elected offices, a vote by show of hands was made to approve the slate of officers as nominated. A show of hands was made and the slate was approved with no dissenting votes.

Commandant Cook then proposed appointments for the offices of Paymaster (Ian Oxford), Sergeant at Arms (Jim Washburn), Adjutant (Booth Myers), and Chaplain (Leslie Harrold with Duane Edwards as Alternate). These appointments were unanimously approved by the Membership. Quartermaster Ed Sutton declined to continue in the office leaving this position open at present.

There was a discussion regarding an SOS Breakfast meeting at the Veterans Hall on April 8 to formally install the Detachment Officers. It was agreed by the Membership to do this and 0900 hours was set as the time. Wives and Significant Other are welcome at the event.

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

There was a discussion about inviting the Junior Marines in Stockton to one of our meetings. The proposal was well received and the Detachment will arrange this.

An upcoming Devil Dogs Raffle was announced.

#### **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 2021 hours.

Respectfully Submitted



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Booth R. Myers, Adjutant