

**DELTA DIABLO DETACHMENT 1155  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**MEETING MINUTES OF 19OCT06  
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL  
BRENTWOOD CALIFORNIA**

Attendance was taken by signup. There were 37 attendees.

**Opening Ceremonies**

COM Cook opened the meeting at approximately 1900 hours following the traditional mess at 1820 hours and a very interesting talk by Debbie Badal of the Blue Star Moms. Mess was prepared by Edwardo Martinez. SAA Jim Washburn 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, QM Ed Sutton, SAA Jim Washburn, CHP Leslie Harrold, and ADJ Booth Myers were all present. PM Ian Oxford was absent and excused

**New Members**

Three new members were sworn into the Detachment:

- Jack Wood joined the Corps in 1951 and went to boot camp at MCRD San Diego. Jack served in Korea in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Air Wing from 1951 to 1954 was discharged as a Lance Corporal in 1954.
- John Elliot joined the Corps in 1967 and went to boot camp at MCRD San Diego. John served in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968, and was discharged as a Corporal.
- Vincent Torres joined the Corps in 1994 and went to boot camp at MCRD San Diego. Jack served at HQMC at Camp Pendleton and was discharged as a Lance Corporal in 1997.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the 21SEP06 Detachment meeting were approved as published in the October issue of *Gung Ho*.

**Paymaster's Report**

PM Oxford was excused and in his absence COM Cook reported that the Detachment's account balance was \$3203.37 as of the meeting date.

**Members in Distress** - Detachment Member Bob Nielsen is undergoing an operation on his leg.

## **Correspondence**

ADJ Myers reported that we had received numerous invitations to Marine Corps Birthday celebrations from units and organizations throughout the Bay Area. Many of these are listed in this month's issue of *Gung Ho*.

We also received a letter from the Devil Dogs Kennel Dog Robber stating that two of our Detachment members, Len Bregman and Bob Nielsen, have been retroactively advanced from Pups to Devil Dogs.

The Detachment received a letter thanking us for our donation to the Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament, and a second note thanking our Color Guard for their ceremony at the services for departed Summerset resident Leo Graff.

The Detachment received a *National Junior Vice Commandant's Citation* for 100% membership retention at the recent California Department meeting in Clovis.

We also received a League Life Membership Interest list from the National Marine Corps League Headquarters. This list shows those Detachment Members that are eligible for Life Membership in the League.

## **Awards**

CHP Harrold presented a Certificate to Detachment Member SSgt. Mariela Pena commending her for her Patriotic Activities while serving in both the U.S. and Iraq during the past year. SSgt. Pena informed the Detachment that as a result of her participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom her application for U.S. Citizenship was accelerated. She expects to be granted U.S. Citizenship shortly and plans a celebration on 15 November. All Detachment Members were invited to attend.

## **Commandant's Report**

COM Cook reported that while at the recent CA Department meeting in Clovis he secured two donations from the Military Order of the Devil Dogs to the Palo Alto VA Polytrauma Center. The two donations totaled \$750. He reported that we had also collected a total of \$205 in donations to the Clinic at the Oakley Street Fair. COM Cook converted this into \$5 bills which he gave to the Clinic to be distributed among the patients to cover expenses for personal items and entertainment.

COM Cook reported that the *Marine Corps Museum of the Carolinas* is soliciting donations to help fund a proposed

museum. Donations will be rewarded with engraved bricks which will become be part of the Museum structure.

The Coeur d' Alene Detachment of the League is holding a raffle for a three wheeled motorcycle. Tickets are \$100 each.

COM Cook asked the Detachment to congratulate the evening's cook, Detachment Member Edwardo Martinez, for another great meal.

COM Cook described his viewing of the new film about the Battle for Iwo Jima, titled "Flags of Our Fathers". Dale, along with several other Detachment Members attended a screening of the film for the press and invited guests the previous week. Dale, a wounded veteran of the Battle for Iwo Jima, described the movie as a realistic and credible portrayal.

#### **Report of Standing Committees**

- **Antioch Riverfront Jamboree** - JVC Larry Stiles reported that the Detachment booth at the Antioch Riverfront Jamboree made \$723.
- **Marine Corps Birthday Celebration** - JVC Larry Stiles announced that our Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Celebration will be on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Lone Tree Golf Course and Event Center in Antioch. We had 30 signups as of this meeting. JVC Stiles announced that there would be a practice held for the Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony during the coming week. There was a discussion of the dress code and it was decided that a black tie is optional for those Members who choose to wear their standard League uniform.
- **Toys for Tots** - Member Don Hester will be leading the Detachment's annual *Toys for Tots* campaign. Don has reached an agreement with the Concord Marines that we will take responsibility for all the *Toys for Tots* collection barrels for the area east of Pittsburg. We already have a \$1000 donation to this cause made by Kaiser Permanente employees. Don will be putting a team together to collect and transport the donated toys. We plan to use our new storage container to store collected toys prior to transport to the Concord Marine Center. Don also discussed the possible participation of a local motorcycle club in the hosting of a motorcycle show and the collecting of toys. Don solicited suggestions for potential sites for a show.

## **Officers Reports**

SVC Bregman announced that the City of Brentwood will present a plaque to the Detachment Color Guard at 1900 hours on 17 November at the Brentwood Veterans' Park.

JVC Stiles reported that the Detachment now has a sign located on Member Byron Hagar's property at the intersection of Highway 4 and Brownstone Road in Oakley.

Color Guard Leader Duane Edwards reported that there will be a practice for the 4 November Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony. The Color Guard will also support a 10 November ceremony at 1030 hours at the Summerset I Clubhouse, and an 11 November Ceremony at the Golden Hills Community Church at 1600 hours.

**Old Business** - No report

## **New Business**

Member Wes Tilton passed around a photograph of himself and members of his Marine Unit on Hill 409 during the Vietnam War. The photo was published in *Life Magazine* at that time and republished in a recent issue of *Life*.

COM Cook has reserved the Veterans' Hall on January 26, 2007 for our upcoming annual Crab Feed.

## **Closing Ceremony**

SAA Washburn conducted the closing ceremonies and CHP Harrold read the closing prayer. The meeting was declared closed at 2023 hours.

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

