

**DELTA DIABLO DETACHMENT 1155
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**MEETING MINUTES OF 20DEC07
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL
BRENTWOOD CALIFORNIA**

Attendance was taken by signup. There were 29 attendees. A quorum was present

Opening Ceremonies

COM Cook opened the meeting at 1940 following the traditional mess at 1900. Mess was provided by Ed Sutton. SAA Dick Walsh conducted the opening ceremonies and CHP Harrold gave the invocation.

ADJ Myers conducted the roll call of Detachment 1155
Officers: COM Dale Cook, SVC Wes Tilton, JVC Bill Putman, JA Harrold Dominguez, QM Ed Sutton, SAA Dick Walsh, PM Don Hester, CHP Leslie Harrold, Asst. CHP Duane Edwards, ADJ Booth Myers, Honor Guard Lead Duane Edwards, and Color Guard Lead Gene Lopez were all present. VA/VS Officer Jim Ogle Was present earlier but had departed and was excused

New Members - Ryan Berg, Gregory Montes, and Charis Mapson, prospective members, were all voted in unanimously by the membership.

Guests- none

Awards and Presentations- Byron Hagar was presented the Detachment's Marine of the Year Medal and congratulated by the Detachment.

Minutes

There were no November Detachment Meeting Minutes to be approved as the November Detachment business meeting was replaced with a social meeting.

Paymaster's Report

PM Hester reported that the Detachment's account balance was \$24,105.17 as of 30NOV07.

Members in Distress - 1st Sgt. Fred Tittle, USMC at the Palo Alto VA Clinic is indisposed. The Detachment voted unanimously to present him with a \$200 Gift card.

Correspondence- The Detachment received a Quarterly Roster from National dated 30SEP07 and our local roster has been updated to be consistent with National's.

The Detachment received a letter with a Message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps seeking help in recruiting new Marines. The letter was read to the members by ADJ Myers.

The Detachment received a flyer describing a new Jacksonville, NC Marine Museum.

The Detachment sent a letter to Gen. Myatt thanking him for appearing as the Guest of Honor at our Marine Corps Birthday Banquet.

Commandant's Report - COM Cook reported on progress in revising the Detachment's Bylaws as required by the California Department. Officer's nominations are upcoming and will be held at our February Detachment meeting. Additional nominations and voting will take place at our March Meeting. COM Cook proposed that the Detachment hold a Social Breakfast meeting at 0800 on December 29, but no interest was expressed by the membership and the proposal was dropped.

Officers Reports

SVC Wes Tilton - no report

JVC Bill Putman described a recent article on the Monkey Wrenches Auto Repair shop. The owner, Mr. Curran, is a Marine veteran and has a son in Iraq.

JA Harrold Dominguez discussed the ongoing revision of the Detachment Bylaws, which will be approved by the Membership in segments.

QM Ed Sutton Reported that he had T-shirts for sale

SAA Dick Walsh - no report

CHP Leslie Harrold - no report

ADJ Booth Myers - Read the Message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps as described above.

Honor Guard Lead Duane Edwards- Honor Guard activity is upcoming at Freedom High School basketball games.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees

Building Committee - Don Hester and Rit Zuniga reported on the status of a property issue (small building next to the Veteran's Hall) which was discussed at length at this month's meeting and which has been tabled for the present. A "To-do" list for building repairs and maintenance is in work and Detachment volunteers will be needed for this effort.

Toys for Tots Committee - Don Hester reported that the fundraiser was a resounding success. Don reported that ours was the 3rd largest toy drive in County. Thanks were offered to Dick Walsh, Jim Ogle, and all the others that helped make the drive a success. In addition to the donated toys, which filled a 7 ton truck, we received \$206 in cash donations. County Supervisor Mary Piepho and the Mayor of Oakley were speakers at the event. The Kaiser Volunteers Organization Donated \$1000 to Toys for Tots. Bob Nielsen arranged for the donation of a storage container by Acorn Storage. All in all 48,000 toys were collected in the County.

Crab Feed Committee - Wes Tilton announced he had bought prizes for drawing, talked about tickets, costs, etc. Volunteers are needed for the January 19 event.

Old Business - Detachment Participation in next year's Cornfest was discussed.

New Business - Bob Nielsen announced that Detachment Member Mariela Pena is currently in Panama serving as an interpreter. Bob suggested going back to the old dinner schedule with an earlier mess. Following a discussion it was decided to continue our current schedule (mess at 1900) as it allows a number of working Members to attend our monthly meetings. There was a discussion regarding possible morning meetings. There was also a discussion regarding Detachment hosting of homecomings for returning Marines.

SVC Wes Tilton thanked SAA Dick Walsh and Bob Nielsen for soliciting donations from Wal-Mart.

ADJ Myers discussed the upcoming 2008 Marine Corps League Service Rifle and Pistol competition. Several Detachment members expressed interest in forming a team, with Members Eekhof, Hester, Myers, Nielsen, Walsh, and Zuniga volunteering to be on the team

Don Hester discussed Detachment social get-togethers.

Closing Ceremony

SAA Walsh conducted the closing ceremonies. Member Keith Vieira played Taps. CHP Harrold read the closing prayer and the meeting was declared closed at 2110.

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

