

**DELTA DIABLO DETACHMENT 1155  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**MEETING MINUTES OF 20SEP07  
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL  
BRENTWOOD CALIFORNIA**

Attendance was taken by signup. There were 29 attendees.

**Opening Ceremonies**

COM Cook opened the meeting at 1930 hours following the traditional mess at 1900 hours. Mess was provided by QM Ed Sutton. SAA Walsh conducted the opening ceremonies and CHP Harold gave the invocation.

ADJ Myers conducted the roll call of Detachment 1155  
Officers: COM Dale Cook, SVC Wes Tilton, JVC Larry Stiles, JA Harrold Dominguez, QM Ed Sutton, SAA Dick Walsh, PM Don Hester, CHP Leslie Harrold, and ADJ Booth Myers were all present.

**New Members** - None

**Guests**- None

**Awards and Presentations** - None

**Minutes**

Minutes of the 16AUG07 Detachment meeting were distributed by COM Cook. A motion to approve the minutes was made and passed by the membership.

**Paymaster's Report**

PM Hester reported that the Detachment's account balance was \$21,853.36 as of 01SEP07.

**Members in Distress**

Marine Veteran George Singh is currently in hospice. The Detachment received a request to provide an Honor Guard for his burial service when needed. The Concord Marines may support this as well.

**Correspondence**

ADJ Myers reported on the Minutes from a Detachment Officer's meeting held from 1900 to 2100 on 17Sep07. There was a discussion concerning committees. SVC Tilton will be the Crab Feed lead for 2008 and the Detachment Board will be the Ad Hoc Committee for the Marine Corps Birthday Dinner on 9NOV07. Also discussed were the need for a

Donations Chairman, and the need for a Detachment Public Information Officer (PIO). A motion was made by ADJ Myers and seconded by CHP Harrold recommending the creation of an Officer level position to manage all Detachment Donations. The motion passed unanimously. There was a discussion regarding Color Guard support for Heritage High School events. VA Liaison Jim Ogle relayed an offer to League members for a day (11NOV) at the races at Golden Gate Fields for \$25. This Offer will be announced at the 20SEP07 Detachment meeting. A motion was made by JVC Stiles and seconded by ADJ Myers recommending the creation of a committee to design a Challenge Coin for the Detachment. The motion passed unanimously. It was resolved that the Committee will be headed by Ed Sutton. It was also resolved that ADJ Myers will create a "donation" form to be used to record essential information for all donations to the Detachment. A draft Form will be submitted at the 20SEP07 Detachment meeting. This concludes the report on the 17SEP07 Officers meeting.

ADJ Myers relayed a number of compliments made at the 13SEP07 Marine Corps Coordinating Council meeting regarding our Detachment's 8SEP07 Barbecue at the VA Palo Alto Polytrauma Center.

ADJ Myers relayed a request received from LtCol. Sollner of the Marine For Life Program that we support Marine Veterans in finding employment and adjusting to civilian life after leaving the Corps.

There will be a Devil Dogs Growl at 0830 on 29SEP07 at the Brentwood Veterans Hall.

ADJ Myers distributed copies of a Donations Solicitation Letter, a Donations Record Form, a Marine Corps Birthday Flyer and the Detachment Business Card.

### **Commandant's Report**

SVC Wes Tilton will lead this year's Crab Feed. Member Rit Zuniga will take over COM Cook's position on the Veterans Hall Board of Trustees. COM Cook thanked QM Sutton for work on the evening meal.

COM Cook discussed the need for a Detachment Public Information Officer (PIO), a Historian and a Donations Officer.

COM Cook discussed Challenge Coins and proposed that the Detachment generate five candidate designs and select one

for possible production. COM Cook and JA Dominguez passed some sample Challenge Coins around.

There will be a CA League Department meeting at Grass Valley on 12OCT07.

### **Officers Reports**

SVC Wes Tilton reported that he presented a donation of \$1000 from Detachment funds collected at the 2007 Cornfest proceeds, as well as donations and proceeds from the 8SEP07 Detachment Barbecue to the VA Palo Alto Polytrauma Center. SVC Tilton is planning more trips to the Palo Alto Facility and is putting together gifts baskets. SVC Tilton made a motion to buy two commemorative bricks for the Oakley City Hall for \$150. The motion was approved unanimously.

JVC Larry Stiles Distributed a flyer on volunteer service at the Martinez VA Hospital. The facility needs drivers, information desk helpers, and volunteer helpers for other activities. VA Liaison Jim Ogle and JVC Stiles have applications for anyone interested. There was a discussion of the Antioch Library's need for donations of hard cover books.

JA Harrold Dominguez - No report

QM Ed Sutton reported that the Blind Stitch embroidery store in Oakley has a League patch available for \$30.

SAA Dick Walsh - No report

CHP Leslie Harrold requested approval for \$25 for a donation to the Marine Corps League Foundation to provide a certificate to the family of a deceased Marine. A motion to do this was made and approved.

VA Liaison Jim Ogle discussed shuttle driver needs at the Martinez VA Hospital. Volunteers need to have a physical exam to do this work - see Larry Stiles or Jim Ogle for more information. The hours are flexible and if you work more than three hours you'll get a free lunch. On Sunday 11NOV07 there will be a day at the races at the Golden Gate Fields Turf Club for \$25. Jim needs a signup to do this - six hands were raised.

Color Guard Lead Duane Edwards discussed recent Color Guard activities. He has received requests for Color Guards at various high school football and basketball games this fall. The new Heritage High School needs our support as well. Member Len Bregman has scheduled a 10NOV07 Veterans Day Ceremony at the Brentwood Veterans Park, and requested a Detachment Color Guard be at the event.

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

Veterans Hall Board of Trustees VFW Representative SVC Tilton reported that the Veterans Hall management is now incorporated in California, and that Member Rit Zuniga is now a representative for our Detachment on the Board.

Antioch Rivertown Jamboree lead JVC Stiles is seeking volunteers for this upcoming event.

*Toys for Tots* lead Don Hester announced a 1900 meeting next Thursday 27SEP07 at his home. Plans for a *Toys for Tots* fundraising event are in flux, with the date for the event yet to be determined

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** - Member Len Bregman announced a Veteran's Day celebration at 1000 on 10NOV07, and requested help in getting the word out.

**Good of the Order.** - COM Cook read a write-up on the recent Court Martial of the Haditha Marines. With the exception of one Marine Sergeant, all the Marines that had been charged have had all charges dismissed.

## **Closing Ceremony**

SAA Walsh conducted the closing ceremony. Member Kieth Vierra played Taps and CHP Harrold read the closing prayer. The meeting was declared closed at 2044 hours.

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

