



## BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391

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### Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2017

**LOCATION:** Kreuz Market Bryan, 768 N Earl Rudder Fwy, Bryan, TX 77802

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Commandant Keith Stephens; Sr Vice Commandant Doug Tennis; Jr Vice Commandant/Adjutant Thorin Moser; Paymaster Glenn Burnside; Chaplain Mary Jean Holcomb; Web Sergeant Ed Holcomb; Sergeant-at-Arms Don Hutchcraft; Jr Past Commandant John McGuire

**OFFICERS ABSENT:** Staff Judge Advocate Roger Martinez; Historian Misti Moser

**OPENING CEREMONY:** The meeting was called to order at 19:00

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None

**GUESTS:** Ed Yi, Disability Claims Counselor at the Texas Veterans Commission

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Not read to facilitate guest speaker and upcoming events briefing.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** "Thank you" note read from Ellen Fuller (Wreaths Across America) - thanking the Det for placing American flags on veteran graves in Bryan City and Oakwood cemeteries Memorial Day weekend. Detachment placed over 600 flags. The "thank you" also included a [link to story in The Eagle](#).

#### REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER:

- o April:
  - Checking: \$2,514.82
    - Income includes:
      - o Account dividends \$0.10
    - Expenses include:
      - o Poolee T-shirts \$150.00
    - Ending balance: \$2,364.92
  - Savings: \$1,253.90
  - Total assets: \$3,618.82
- o May:
  - Checking: \$2,394.92
    - Income includes:
      - o Account dividends \$0.11
    - Expenses include:
      - o MCL Dept member renewal \$5.00
      - o MCL Nat'l member renewal \$15.00
    - Ending balance: \$2,345.03
  - Savings: \$1,253.90
  - Total assets: \$3,598.93



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**REPORT OF SICK/INJURED MEMBER OR FAMILY:** Doug Crabtree in better shape and occasionally out-and-about; he hopes to return to Det meetings and activities.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS** None

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:** None

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Upcoming calendar events
  - o Jun 22-25 Department Conference (Beaumont, TX)
  - o Jun 27-30 Operation MRE! (Meat, Ready-to-Eat)
  - o Jul 4 Chappell Hill 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade
  - o Aug 11 Harry Bruce "Retreat Hell" Award presentation
  - o Aug 22 Texas A&M Vet Camp
  - o Sep 13 Mexican-American War memorial dedication at Veterans Park
  - o Nov 10 242nd USMC Birthday
  - o Nov 11 Veterans Day
  - o Nov Navasota Veterans Day parade
  - o Dec Operation Seatback (Kyle Field seat removal fundraiser)
  - o Dec 16 Wreaths Across America (Aggie Field of Honor)
  - o Dec Make-A-Smile-Happen (MASH)
  - o Dec Detachment Christmas party

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Department of Texas Annual Convention:
  - o In Beaumont, June 22-25
  - o Det 1391 placed ad in program
  - o Moser will attend Saturday, June 24
- Operations Meat Ready-to-Eat (MRE):
  - o Action Officer: Burnside
  - o Submit payment and pre-paid order form by Fri, June 23
  - o Schedule of Events
    - Jun 27: load fire wood at Burnside's @ 17:00
    - Jun 28: meat prep at American Legion @ noon to 13:00
    - Jun 29: fire pits @ 10:00; meat on grills @ noon
    - Jun 30: meat cooled and wrapped for pickup at 10:00 to noon
  - o Needs:
    - Participants, wood
  - o Participants should bring long sleeve shirt, gloves, wiping towel, flashlight, chair, water/snacks



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- Chappell Hill 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:
  - o Action Officer: McGuire
  - o Schedule of Events on July 4
    - 08:30 - rally at Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department
    - 09:00 - stage two trucks in parade
    - 10:00 - parade step-off
  - o Needs:
    - Participants wearing red shirts, Marine-type covers/hats
  
- Harry Bruce "Retreat Hell" Mameluke sword presentation:
  - o Action Officer: McGuire
  - o Award to be given to GySgt Romer (MSgt Select)
  - o McGuire coordinating with Mrs. Bruce and Col Bright
  - o Moser coordinating with Trigon for plaque plate
  - o RSVP with McGuire if attending
  - o Uniform - Det cover, blazer if possible
  
- Program: Exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune
  - o Presenter: Ed Yi
    - Disability Claims Counselor, Texas Veterans Commission
    - Served in U.S. Army
    - Offices at VA Clinic on Rock Prairie in College Station
  - o Provided general guidance for submitting claims associated with exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune.
  - o Visit the [VA Compensation website](#) to get more details on eligibility and presumptive conditions, and how to file a claim
  - o See enclosures

### GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Independence Day Concert "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave":
  - o 6pm on Sunday, July 2
  - o Identify yourself as a veteran or wear patriotic attire
  - o Christ United Methodist Church is hosting
    - On northbound Highway 6 feeder between Fitch and Barron Rd
  
- Military Order of the Devil Dog:
  - o Interested? Speak with John McGuire, Ed Holcomb, Benny Vallejo, or Glenn Burnside
  - o Commitment includes once-a-quarter get-togethers
  - o No extra credit as Marine Corps Leaguer, but good-to-go organization within Marine Corps League



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- Brazos Valley's involvement in WWI: John Blair is local expert and can describe how the Brazos Valley was involved in World War I
  - o Scheduled for regular meeting in January 2018

**CLOSING CEREMONY:** The meeting concluded at 20:05.

**Meeting Attendees:**

Bill Brown	Don Hutchcraft	Tony Rogers
Glenn Burnside	Jim McClung	David Sahn
Al Diaz	John McGuire	Keith Stephens
Ed Holcomb	Thorin Moser	Doug Tennis
Mary Jean Holcomb	Tom Powell	John Withers