



## BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT #1391

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, Inc.

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Meeting Minutes of September 11, 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; Staff Judge Advocate Roger Martinez; Chaplain Mary Jean Holcomb; Web Sergeant Ed Holcomb; Sergeant-at-Arms Don Hutchcraft; Historian Misti Moser

**OFFICERS ABSENT:** Jr Past Commandant John McGuire

**OPENING CEREMONY:** The meeting was called to order at 19:01

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None

**GUESTS:**

- Col A.J. Kostic and his wife. Col Kostic is the [Professor of Naval Science at Texas A&M](#)

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes for August regular meeting were read. **Marine Tennis motioned for minutes to be accepted; Marine Farmer seconded; Regular members present voted unanimously in favor**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER:**

- August:
  - o Checking: \$3,955.91
    - Income includes:
      - Account dividends \$0.16
    - Expenses include:
      - Gen Hagee name on BVVM Wall of Honor \$150.00
      - Veteran Assistance (rent payment) \$210.98
      - New Detachment Coin Order \$479.00
    - Ending balance: \$3,116.09
  - o Savings: \$1,254.06
  - o Total assets: \$4,370.15

**REPORT OF SICK/INJURED MEMBER OR FAMILY:** None

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:** None

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:** None



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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### - Upcoming calendar events

- o Sep 13 Mexican-American War Memorial dedication (Veterans Park)
  - Request members support event and be onsite by 1700
  - Park by softball fields and enter near Civil War memorial
  - Uniform: red Detachment shirt and cover
- o Sep 27 Detachment leadership meeting (Kreuz)
- o Oct 9 Detachment regular meeting **(at Wiseman Gunworks)**
  - The October meeting **will not** be held at Kreuz
  - Det #1391 is taking a "field trip" to Wiseman Gunworks
  - Bill Wiseman (retired Master Sergeant, USMC)
  - [Click here to see more about Mr. Wiseman](#)
- o Oct 20-22 Department Fall Conference (Houston)
  - The hotel did not receive any damage
  - The conference is still on schedule
  - [Click here for more details and to register](#)
- o Oct 24 Bryan City Council Pledge of Allegiance (Bryan)
  - Det has been asked to administer the pledges for the meeting
  - Arrive at 17:50 to stage and rehearse
  - Pledge presentation starts at 18:00
  - Uniform: Red Detachment shirt and Det cover
- o Nov 10 242nd USMC Birthday
- o Nov 10 Veterans Day Wall of Honor ceremony (Veterans Park)
- o Nov 11 Veterans Day Ceremony (American Legion Post 159)
- o Nov 13 Detachment regular meeting (Kreuz)
  - Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony
  - K-Bar giveaway
- o Nov 17 <sup>or</sup> 18 Operation Seatback (Kyle Field seat removal fundraiser)
- o Dec 2 Make-A-Smile-Happen (MASH)
- o Dec 9 <sup>or</sup> 10 Detachment Christmas party
- o Dec 16 Wreaths Across America (Aggie Field of Honor)
- o Jan 2018 Det Scholarship presentations at Troops to College



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### NEW BUSINESS:

#### - Det #1391 Scholarships

- o Det fundraising supports the Harry Bruce "Retreat Hell" award and scholarships
- o The scholarships are considered one-time and are not endowed
- o The scholarships and amounts are proposed during the fall semester to the Texas A&M Veterans Resource and Support Center - which reviews the applicants and determines the awardees in time for the spring semester
- o Scholarships are awarded at the Troops to College ceremony the following January
- o Eligibility requirements are as follows:
  - Must be enlisted Marine or FMF Corpsman
  - Must be actively enrolled as sophomore or higher
  - Must be in good academic standing with school
  - Must apply to be considered
- o In 2016, based on fundraising - Det 1391 was able to present two \$500 scholarships to two enlisted Marines actively enrolled at Texas A&M
- o In 2017, Operation Meat-Ready-to-Eat raised just under \$2,200 which will enable Det to offer more or larger scholarships
- o Discussion:
  - Det can offer four \$500 scholarships
  - Det can offer one \$200 and four \$500 scholarships
  - Det can offer two \$500 and two \$600 scholarships
  - **Doc Powell motioned that the Det offer four \$500 scholarships; Marine Withers seconded; Regular members present voted unanimously in favor**

#### - Annual membership dues

- o The following does not apply to members [Paid Up For Life](#)
- o Det #1391 annual membership dues are \$35
- o Dues submission procedure changed
  - Previously - members pay dues before anniversary of join date
  - Now - all members pay dues before Sep 1
- o If you haven't already done so, submit dues renewal this month
  - Cash accepted
  - Checks should be written out to "Brazos Valley Det #1391"
  - Payment may be mailed to: BVMCL, PO Box 3745, Bryan, TX 77805
- o **Too confusing? Too much to remember? Don't like paperwork?**
  - [Click here to learn how to become a life member!](#)



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- October regular meeting change in location:
  - o **The October regular meeting will not be held at Kreuz**
  - o Det #1391 is taking a "field trip" to Wiseman Gunworks  
Bill Wiseman & Co.  
18456 State Highway 6 South  
College Station, TX 77845
  - o Same times: 1800 chow/camaraderie, 1900 meeting
  - o Chow will be provided; bring your own beverage (water, tea, etc.)
  - o [Click here to see more about Mr. Wiseman and his company](#)
  
- Harvey Relief:
  - o Situation:
    - Marine Corps League members in southeast Texas affected
    - Marines of RS Houston, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 23d Marines, and 4<sup>th</sup> AAV Galveston are affected - NONE HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE
      - RS Houston and 4<sup>th</sup> AAV still determining needs
      - 1/23 Family Readiness Officer Kristen Ruiz reported:
        - o 2 Marines/1 Corpsman in Corpus (C Co) affected
        - o 3 Marines in Houston (H&S, A Co) affected
        - o Marines still reporting in, many affected
    - o If anyone wants to donate, here are a few resources that can accept funds, provide charitable contribution receipt, vet recipients, and distribute funds:
      - [Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society](#)
        - Donated money goes to general fund
        - Not all Marines/Corpsmen eligible to use NMCRS
        - Interest free loans:
          - o \$300/\$600 no-questions-asked for Harvey victims
          - o Loans >\$600 require application and counseling
      - [Marine Corps League Foundation](#)
        - Money donated for Harvey goes to Harvey Fund
        - Marines/FMF Corpsmen eligible to use
        - Those in need must apply but are given grants not loans
      - [MoMsUSA](#)
        - 100% of money donated goes to veterans in Texas
        - 1/23 Family Readiness Officer uses this organization
        - Those in need must apply but are given grants not loans
    - o BVMCL taking donations to support 1/23 personnel in Corpus Christi
      - 1<sup>st</sup> phase (now) - monetary donations, clean-up supplies
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> phase (later) - monetary donations, applicances, furniture, kid and adult clothing, household supplies, etc



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### GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Catholic Charities:
  - o Can provide variety of veteran services
    - Family counseling
    - Financial counseling
    - Psychological counseling
  - o All services are offered free of charge
  - o Contact Doc Powell for more details
  
- National American Legion Commander to visit Bryan, TX:
  - o All veterans are invited to receive the Natl Commander at Post 159
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> woman commander of American Legion
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> commander to visit Post 159
  - o Reception from 1700-1900
    - Finger foods will be available
  
- Grant:
  - o Det considering writing a grant to help fund veteran outreach activity in community

**CLOSING CEREMONY:** The meeting concluded at 20:14.

### Meeting Attendees:

Bill Brown	Mary Jean Holcomb	Amy Raines
Glenn Burnside	Don Hutchcraft	David Sahn
Olivia Burnside	Roger Martinez	Wayde Smith
Bill Collopy	Misti Moser	Keith Stephens
Larry Farmer	Thorin Moser	Doug Tennis
Ed Holcomb	Tom Powell	John Withers