

Melvin M. Smith Detachment Business Meeting Minutes for Sept 8th, 2011

The meeting was brought to order by Commandant Hank Melanson at 19:00. The Roll Call of Officers revealed that Jr. Vice Brown was excused and our Opening Ceremony was held.

Introduction of Dignitaries: Appropriately held with the following Past Commandants present: Don Crain, Dennis Dressler, Doug Shurtleff, Randy Ott, Jim Bennett, Dick Jamieson. National Officers present were Dennis Dressler and Doug Shurtleff

Introduction of Guests: Nan R. Kenton, Capt. USMC, active volunteer in many other local VSOs.

Quorum of Board of Trustees (Elected Officers) Present: YES

Application(s) for Membership: Jr. Vice Brown is missing, no update.

Presentation of Life Memberships: None.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: No minutes from the August meeting due to the BBQ in lieu of meeting. Motion to accept the non-minutes from Dick Jamieson, seconded by Norm Sanborn. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: None.

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster: A full September report was given and an August report was turned into the Officers. Balance in the accounts and membership are in a healthy status. Membership is at 111. The old Wells Fargo account is going to be closed. A new account was established at the INB. Bryan Scott motioned to accept as read. Seconded by Norm Sanborn. Motioned carried.

Report of Sickness/Distress: Chaplain Town reported on our many members and their status. The following Marines/Corpsmen have passed since our last meeting: Gerald Bell, 88; Dr. George Blane, 92; Charles Turner, 87; Roy F. Jahfra, 92; Dr. Robert Davis, 89, his funeral was attended by the several members of the Detachment. James R. Nesbitt, 72; Louis Arapa, 61; Donald Dobbs, 88; Vernon Petis, 82; Kenneth Porter, 82; Harry Levesque, 85; Gerald Greene, 79; Gordon Heath, 88. A moment of silence was held.

Reports of Elected Officers: None

Reports of Standing Committees: VAVS—Report from Sept's meeting was updates on VAMC progress and our upcoming BBQ in January. **Membership**—Ed Thew's son, Andrew Thew, applied for membership. He is currently a college student at WSU. DD214 was verified and he will be sworn-in at the next meeting he is available to attend.

Awards—Department Meritorious Unit ribbons were given to new members present, star will be recorded for old members. **Newsletter**—Randy Ott has opened the Newsletter to members to share a story, joke, pictures, anything. Get the info to him before the 20th of the month and he will get it into print. **Coffee Stop**—Doug Shurtleff reported successful stops this summer. He motioned that we buy 2 tall chairs for the coffee stop at \$29.95 each. Second by Chaplain Town. Motioned carried. **Calling Committee**—No change in status. **Reports of Special Committees: Funeral Details**—

Supported one funeral in August. **Memorial Day**—No report. **Americanism**—Work in progress with Marcus Poulin stepping forward to work on the 2011/2012 History. **Homeless Vets**—No report. **Veterans Court**—update from the Commandant on mentors needed for the court. The court is doing well, but needs support for the young Vets in need.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Marine Jim Eggers stood forward to make a motion the concept of awarding Eagle Scouts the Marine Corps League Certificate and be the liaison for this event. Discussion for the numbers was the concern, cost was going to minimal. Dennis Dressler made the second that we accept this endeavor. Marine Ott read a letter to chair and form a building committee to research the concept of a new home for the Detachment, Auxiliary and the MODD. A copy of the letter was sent to all current and past Commandants/Officers. A copy of the letter will be made available to the committee and those that ask for it. Dennis Dressler moved that this be approved and Randy be the chair. Second by Doug Shurtleff. Motioned carried.

Good of the League: Marine Shurtleff moved to form an audit committee for the accounts. Commandant Melanson asked for volunteers for the audit. Volunteers were assigned and will report back in January 2012. Sgt-At-Arms Esparza asked to carry on the work of Kay Morse to help with recycling. Manny didn't know that Sr. Vice has been doing this. So the two will work together to cover the town and collect cans. Marine Shurtleff asked for shooters interested in the shooting team that could participate before the October deadline. See him for details. Sr. Vice Rowand asked to find a driver for moving the Toys for Tots trailer into place for the setup of the warehouse. Discussion to get it started now before we run out of time.

Ceremony of Installation of Officers: N/A.

Announcements: MIAP program will be held at the Medical Lake Vets Cemetery on Monday, Sept 12. 62 remains will be placed by all branches of service. MODD Growl on Saturday, Sept 10th at Terry's on Trent. Breakfast will be held on Sept 17th at VFW Post 51 from 1000 to 1200. The Commandant called forward Doc Kaltenbaugh for an overdue Certificate of Distinguished Service.

Closing Ceremony: Appropriate.

Next Meeting: 1900 on October 13, 2011

Present at Meeting: Members (28)

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Ott
Adjutant/Paymaster