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Paymaster/Editor/
Quartermaster

Gary Brown Sr.
Sr. Vice
Commandant

Steve Mikula
Jr Vice Commandant
& Adjutant

Butch Kille
Judge Advocate

Rick Saunders
Past Commandant

Jerry Kolb
Past Commandant

Atilano Guillermo
Sgt. at Arms

Vern Smith
Asst. Sgt at
Arms/Historian

RAUL VALLE
Chaplain

FARM KID in the Marines (PARRIS ISLAND MARINE CORPS RECRUIT TRAINING)

Dear Ma and Pa,

I am well. Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all, of the places are filled. I was restless at first because you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to itch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothing. Men got to shave but it is not so bad, there's warm water. Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you until noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much. We go on 'route marches,' which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A 'route march' is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks. The sergeant is like a school teacher. He nags a lot. The Captain is like the school board. Majors and colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none. This next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it not shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes. Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be very careful though, they break real easy. It isn't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordan from over in Silver Lake. I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6" and 130 pounds and he's 6'8" and near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter, Alice

April Birthdays

Ernest Alvarez
Atilano Guillermo
Maggie Hart

Happy Birthday Marines



May Birthdays

Ernest Anaya=Jim Olson
Irish Loughran
Pete Muskopf=Vern Smith



Commandant Ron Saunders Comments: “Semper Fi”

I am saddened by the death of another Marine, Lavern Marts. She and Connie were proud to be a Marine and was committed to the detachment. When I first joined she was the Quartermaster and paymaster, who I got my cover and jacket from. I remember her going with us to the birthday cruises, all the events and how she was very enjoyable to be with. I will always remember Lavern, Connie and Chuck, where they are probably together taking care of those Marines up there. May God bless them and that he is with them now.

We are now getting ready for the first of the year events, the awards dinner. I will be sending out the invitations shortly and hope that you all will come and enjoy another year of great food and gathering. This event along with the birthday breakfast are when we and the families can all reunite with each other to remanence of our lives as Marines and to show how proud we are to be called **MARINES**.

With the help of the new and old officers I'm hoping for many new ideas of how to bring in new members and things we can do to do for the detachment.



As a reminder, please bring something for the raffle table. We pay at least \$20.00 a month for donuts and coffee. Please help with placing a donation in the coffee and donut cup.

Dedicated Marine donations are always welcomed. Please give your donations to paymaster Ron Saunders or mail it to 566 Mildred Place, Hayward, Ca. 94544

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“ ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE”

JOIN THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

1st Lt. Frank Reasoner, Detachment #919

Meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month AT 0900 hours

Veteran’s Memorial Building,

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1st Lieutenant Frank S. Reasoner, Detachment #919

Minutes of the meeting for March 10, 2018:

Opening Ceremony: The meeting was called to order at 0930 by the new Commandant Ron Saunders. There were 13 members attending. All officers were present or accounted for. Commandant Ron Saunders, started the meeting with the ceremony of swearing in the new elected officer. The new elected officers, Vern Smith, Atilano (Memo) Guillermo and Raul Valle came to the front and the commandant performed the swearing in process. Ron Saunders will still be paymaster and Steve Mikula the new Adjutant that were already sworn in.

Application for Membership: There were no new applications

Minutes of Previous meeting: Rick Saunders made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Gary Brown (Doc). There was a vote and the motion approved.

Correspondence: No correspondence

Paymaster's Report: Ron Saunders gave his report; Jerry Kolb moved to accept the Paymaster's report which was seconded by Rick Saunders. There was a vote and the motion approved.

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Raul sent the death notice of Lavern Marts to the National Chaplain. He also announced that he is now 94.

Report of Officers: Ron commented that he had had a mild heart attack a couple of weeks ago. He also stated that he had talked to the Gunny from 4th Recon in Alameda and that he might come to our next meeting. Doc will contact the 1st Sgt. for the awards dinner Marines. Ron commented on the prices of the dinner and that he will be sending out the flyers. If you wanted to become a life member, the price of the Life membership amounts were announced.

New Business: The Awards Dinner will be Saturday May 19th at the Pier 29 Waterfront, Restaurant in Alameda. The reservations have been confirmed and taken care of by the commandant. The invitations will come out this month. Butch mentioned committee for membership & 4th of July event. Rick gave Ron info for the past awards meetings researched by Vern. Butch will have a meeting to discuss any ideas to help the detachment. Earnie, said in the past that they had a phone membership list to remind the members of attending meetings. Rick remembered the calls and talked about phone call buddies.

Unfinished Business: Rick talked about the photo album that he has created for the detachment. Need to up-date the phone numbers for the buddies list. Butch discussed that we should meet with other detachments for the 4th of July parade and possibly do a march. Rick will pass on the info for the Alameda parade request that must be submitted within 90 days before.

Closing Ceremonies: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40.