

## Sgt. Clyde Thomason M.O.H. Detachment #1325

Minutes of Tuesday, February 11, 2025

The Sgt. Clyde Thomason M.O.H. Detachment #1325 met Tuesday, October 11, 2020 @ 1930 at Christ The King Church, 4881 Highway 34 E., Sharpsburg, Georgia 30277

Meeting called to order by **Commandant Jeff White** Officers Present: **Commandant Jeff White** 

Senior Vice Commandant Rodney Riggs Junior Vice Commandant Marty Crane Judge Advocate Mike Gentelilella Sergeant at Arms Ben Bolton Chaplain Mike Thomas

Adjutant Gordon Johnson- excused Paymaster Buddy Shaver- excused

Members in Attendance- 14 Guest- **Piper Hill**- Healing For Hereos

The minutes from the January 2025 meeting were available according to **Commandant Jeff White,** and had been transmitted electronically. The **Commandant** asked if anyone had questions concerning the minutes. There were none. The **Commandant** then asked for a motion to approve the minutes as transmitted. A motion was made by **David Epps** and seconded by **Don Herr** to accept the minutes. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.

### Officers Reports

Sr. Vice Commandant **Rodney Riggs** gave no report, as the Commandant would cover the items he would normally report on.

Jr. Vice Commandant **Marty Crane** reported he was working to reduce the number of delinquent members on our National roster

Paymaster **Buddy Shaver** was not present, but the **Commandant** informed the Detachment that the **Paymaster** had given his report at the February staff meeting. The **Paymaster** reported the Detachment's beginning balance in January was \$19,362.57 and ending balance was \$19,281.57

Judge Advocate **Mike Gentelilella** reported that he had compared the Detachment's By Laws Article 7 with the National By Laws Article 7, and the Detachment's article is in compliance with the National Article.

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Chaplain's Report- **Mike Thomas** reported that **Jay Maxwell** is in the hospital in Chicago, IL, for treatment of a chronic issue **Jay** has.

Mike also reported that Mike McLain and his wife are in poor health. Thomas reported that McLain was walking with two canes and could not use stairs with holding to a rail. The McLain's front steps do not have a rail. Thomas asked if the Detachment might be able to install handrails for the McLain's. Thomas was given the name of an organization, Riverlife, that specialize in such assistance. Thomas was to contact Riverlife.

The Chaplain also reported that Jack Riddle's wife, Charlotte had passed away this week.

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## **Old Business**

Marine Assist Program (MAP) Commandant Jeff White presented to the Detachment, the updated policy for assisting veterans in need. This update had been distributed by email to Detachment members to review, prior to the Detachment meeting. The Commandant noted that it will be the responsibility of the Commandant, the Sr. Vice Commandant and a member at large, to review and investigate requests for the MAP program and make a report to the Detachment of any action taken. The Commandant asked for a motion to approve the new policy. A motion was made by Jennings White to approve the policy. A second was made by Santiago Peterson. The Commandant asked if there was discussion. Don Herr and Piper Hill from Healing For Heros made comments as to their experiences with assisting veterans. The question was called and passed unanimously.

**Commandant White** presented **Piper Hill** a check for \$2500.00 for her organization Healing For Heroes. **Piper** said Healing For Heroes will have a training session February 24-26. She invited Detachment members to attend.

The **Commandant** said that a \$2500.00 check will be presented to the Shepherd's Men in the near future.

#### **New Business**

Commandant White reported that he, Rodney Riggs, Ben Bolton, and Jennings White attended the Department quarterly meeting in Perry, GA, this past weekend. They received training on the new transmittal/payment program that the Department is implementing. The Commandant also encouraged members to attend the Department of GA convention in Columbus, GA, in May.

The **Commandant** also reminded members that our Detachment and Detachment 1196 from Griffin will be hosting the 2026 Department convention.

**The Commandant** reminded the Detachment that the election of officers' process begins in April. He encouraged members to consider nominees for elected officer positions.

#### Good of the League

**Mike Thomas** suggested that the Detachment do something to show our appreciation to Christ the King Church for allowing us to meet here. **Mike** suggested re-stripping their parking lot. The suggestion was taken under advisement.

The February Detachment social will be at Carrabba's Grill in PTC on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025. The Detachment will be cooking steaks at the Coweta Veteran's Club on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025.

## **Monthly Meeting Minutes Continued**



**Rodney Riggs** was the "Know Your Marines" member. **Ken Bohman** won the 50/50.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the staff meeting on March 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney F. Riggs Sr. Vice Commandant

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