

NATIONAL EDGE & TA



Minutes from the General Meeting, September 10, 2005, Gentry Arkansas hosted by Branch 37

Branch President, Larry Morrison addressed the group thanking them all for attending. Meeting was then turned the meeting over to EDGE&TA President Larry Voris.

Larry Voris thanked President Larry Morrison and all of the members of Branch 37 for their hard work. He then led the group in prayer, followed by asking all to stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Since the flag had not been brought into the hall, Larry asked a lady who was in the audience with a white T-shirt and the American flag on the front to come to the front of the room. This flag was used for our salute to the flag. Larry then led us in singing the National Anthem.

Larry Voris introduced the directors present, Dorene Yearian, Vice President and NC Director, from branch 16, Missouri... George Christmas, SE Director, from branch 129, South Carolina. Dick Tombrink, NW Director and our insurance contact, branch 29, Montana. Howard Hodson, SC Director, branch 37 Arkansas. Wayne Timchuck, NE director, branch 103, Ohio. Don Young SW director, branch 22, California. Darryl Carter, NC Advisor, branch 16, MO. Josh Dilsaver, EDGE&TA Webmaster, branch 16 Missouri. Ruth Warnock, Secretary/treasurer, branch 22, California. Curtis Cook past president from Virginia, branch 35.

Secretary Ruth Warnock took the roll call of the branches. There were 21 branches present out of 126.

There wasn't any old business to discuss.

Larry asked if there was any new business. There was none.

Larry asked if there were any ballots that had not been submitted. There were not.

Results of the ballot: 51 branches turned in ballots. 51 votes for Dick Tombrink for NW Director, 50 votes for Don Young for SW Director.

Larry asked them to both stand and be recognized.

Larry asked if there was a representative from branch 23, Washington present. There was not. Branch 23 will host the National show in Vancouver Washington, the 15th and 16th of July, 2006.

Hall of Fame chairman Howard Hodson, made the following announcements regarding the EDGE&TA Hall of Fame. Jerry Mac Martin, our past webmaster who passed away last December was voted in by the board of directors to be inducted into EDGE&TA Hall of Fame.

Howard presented plaques to Curtis Cook, past president of EDGE&TA, Virginia, branch 35 and Willie Heyen, branch 19, Four Corners. Willie thanked everyone for the honor of receiving this award.

Gus Peterson, past NW director and current EDGE&TA show coordinator will receive his plaque at the NW Regional Show later in the month.

Clifford Parks plaque will be mailed to him.

Larry asked if there were any questions from the floor that we can help them with. There were none.

Larry once again thanked branch 37 for all their hard work. Meeting was turned over to Larry Morrison again who made a few more announcements thanking the many businesses that supported and contributed articles for door prizes.

Larry Voris closed with the attached letter from a farm kid that was stationed in SD CA to his parents.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Warnock, Secretary

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 maybe all of the places are filled. I was restless at first because you got to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m., but 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 pitch, 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 till 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 is 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 country is nice, but awful flat.

The Sergeant is like a schoolteacher. He nags some. The Capt. 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 ain't 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 real careful though, they break real easy. It ain'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. He joined up the same time as me. But I'm only 5'6" and 130 pounds and he's 6'8" and weighs 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, Gail

Courtesy of **Blakely Sandford, EA**, San Diego