

“HOWLIN MAD” SMITH DETACHMENT 592

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MINUTES

17 OCT 20

Call to Order

Commandant Mike Ryan called the meeting to order at 1000. Sgt. At Arms, David “Doc” Baldwin, opened the ceremony. Colors were presented. Chaplain Johnny Burke offered a prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

Meeting commenced by roll call of officers. All were present except Sr. Vice Commandant Jim Davis.

Recognition

Christy Ellis from Detachment 1404 was present. There were no Gold Star Families present to stand.

Former Commandants stood to be recognized.

There were no WWII veterans present to be recognized. The Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War & War on Terror veterans stood and were recognized.

Old Business

The Adjutants report was presented. A motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Doc Baldwin. It was seconded by Brian Gierlatowicz. There was no discussion. The motion to accept the minutes from September passed.

The Paymaster’s report was presented. The Mutual fund has \$16,300 in it and the checking has \$8,158. The scholarship fund has \$1,250 in it. A motion to accept the Paymaster’s Report was made by Bob Arnwine. It was seconded by Russell Casterlin. There was no discussion. None were opposed and the motion to accept the Paymaster’s Report passed.

The Chaplain’s Report was presented. Roger Ledbetter has stage 4 cancer. Jeff, our chef, has just had ankle surgery. Gene Hopper continues to have trouble with his foot. They have amputated more of it. Our previous chaplain, Gene Hitchcock, has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. Sidney Laterade has Alzheimer’s as well. Ray Barry and Jim Davis have not been able to be reached.

The Jr. Vice Commandant report was presented. We have given \$1200 in scholarships to UAB this past month. We had 8 people work the Belk sale and we collected \$1400 in 4 days. He also mentioned that we need to be recruiting members. We need to increase our membership by 20 people during the 1st quarter of 2021.

The Judge Advocate had nothing to report.

Brian Gierlatowicz reported that the VA Hospital Visitation Squad has not been able to make visits.

No one was present to give an American Legion Post #171 Report.

Bob Arnwine reported that the Iwo Jima Reenactment Team will be at Lowe's in Oxford at 1300 tomorrow.

The Librarian report was made by John Hilmer. He stated that the books are here for member to use at their leisure.

Commandant Mike Ryan let the members know that the website is up to date. He also stated that the minutes from each meeting will be posted online for members to review prior to meetings.

Wiley Monteabaro reported for the Ship Store. He let us know that he would be ordering more sweatshirts next week.

Wayne Odell reported that we had 8 people work the Belk sale and we collected \$1412 in 4 days.

Brian Gierlatowicz reported that the gun show booth was a success. We collected \$175 in donations.

New Business

The Veteran's Day parade has been cancelled. We will meet at VFW Post 668 at 1600 on 11 November.

We will be filming a brief video following the meeting for Veteran's Day.

Our Marine Corps Birthday Celebration on 7 November has been cancelled. Christy Ellis from Detachment 1404 let us know that their detachment is having a Marine Corps Ball at Gunter'sville State Park Lodge and tickets will be \$35 if anyone wants to join them.

Commandant Mike Ryan reported for the Good of the League. We need to form a committee to ensure we get everyone's emergency contact information and update everyone's email address. We also need to call members who have not been attending. We still have deceased members on the roll that need to be removed. The Marine Corps Birthday Gathering will be discussed during our next meeting on 21 November 2020.

Closing

Sergeant at Arms David "Doc" Baldwin retired the colors.

Prayer was given by Chaplain Johnny Burke.

The meeting was adjourned by Commandant Mike Ryan at 1049. Sergeant at Arms closed the meeting.