

“HOWLIN MAD” SMITH DETACHMENT 592

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MINUTES

19 JUN 21

Call to Order

Commandant Mike Ryan called the meeting to order at 1035.

The ceremony was opened by the Sgt. At Arms. Colors were presented. Chaplain Johnny Burks offered a prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

Meeting commenced by the roll call of officers by the Adjutant, Janna Joyner. All were present except Jr. Past Commandant Brian Gierlatowicz.

Recognition

There was one first time guest, Mike Ivey, who introduced himself to the detachment.

There were no Gold Star families to be recognized.

Former Commandants stood and were recognized.

Devil Dog Pack Leader Jack Hopping stood to be recognized.

There were no WWII vets present to be recognized.

Korean War veterans stood to be recognized.

Vietnam veterans and Vietnam Era Vets stood and were recognized.

First & Second Gulf War veterans stood and were recognized.

Initiation Ceremony

Melissa Hopper was sworn in as an Associate Member by Sr. Vice Commandant Mike Montabano. The ceremony ended with a prayer by Chaplain Johnny Burks.

Old Business

The Adjutant’s report was presented by Janna Joyner. Minutes from 17 April 21 were posted on the website. The motion to accept the minutes as posted was made by George Thompson and was seconded by R.C. Smith. There was no correspondence to report.

The Sr. Vice Commandant report was presented by Mike Montabano. He noted that the convention was a success. He also informed the members that our Commandant Mike Ryan is now the State Commandant and our Chaplain Johnny Burks is the new Chaplain for the Southeast Division.

The Jr. Vice commandant's report was presented by Wiley Monteabaro. Wiley let all members know that golf tournament forms are available and that we need to be recruiting members.

The Judge Advocate report was offered by Walt Williams. There are no bylaws updates at this time or Chapter nines in the workings.

The Paymaster's report was presented by Paymaster John Hilmer. The Mutual fund has \$15,500 in it and the checking has \$7,506. The scholarship funds are caught up at this time and have \$100 in it. The golf fund has \$100.00 in it. The motion to accept the paymaster's report was made by Russell Casterlin and was seconded by George Thompson.

The Chaplain's Report was presented by Johnny Burks. Ira West passed away. His services will be on Tuesday, 29 June 2021 at St. Luke Episcopal Church. Our cook, Jeff, has just lost his sister in Florida. Sidney Laterrade has Alzheimer's.

Jr. Past Commandant was absent and so there was nothing to report.

Russell Casterlin reported that the VA Hospital Visitation Squad has not been able to make visits due to COVID 19. Brian Gierlatowicz talked to the volunteer center and stated that visitation would resume shortly.

Rico Stewart was present to give an American Legion Post #171 report. He reported that their new Commander was a Marine. He also noted that the post is struggling financially and urged us to support them in any way we can.

Bob Arnwine reported on the Iwo Jima Reenactment Team's activity. They will be at The American Legion baseball tournament in Pelham on 8 August 2021.

The Librarian report was made by John Hilmer. He stated that we can access books if needed. There was one donation to the library.

Commandant Mike Ryan let the members know that the website is up to date.

Wiley Monteabaro reported for the ship store. He reported that there are plenty covers if anyone needs one. He also stated that the store sold about \$1000 worth of goods at the convention.

New Business

Commandant Mike Ryan reported that the state convention was a success. There were about 21 members from our detachment present. He also stated that we need to focus on recruiting new members, especially younger members. He also noted that we need a larger presence on social media. He mentioned that the 100th national convention may be in Daytona. We need to compile a detachment history by August to submit to the state. Mike also stated that the Southeast Division elections were cancelled and the elections will be held at the national convention.

Russell Casterlin reported for the Good of the League and mentioned that he came in first place at a national shooting match.

Commandant Mike Ryan awarded the Associate Member of the Year, Pam Davidson, with a certificate. He noted that Brian Gierlatowicz was the Marine of the Year but will award his certificate next month since he was absent.

Wayne Odell informed members that the FRA national convention next year will be at the Hyatt at the Galleria. He also stated that the FRA needs new members and urged anyone interested to join.

The raffle was completed by the Sr. Vice Commandant Mike Montabana.

It was announced that there will be a growl after the meeting today.

Closing

Sergeant at Arms, Doc Baldwin, retired the colors and closed the meeting.

Prayer was given by Chaplain Johnny Burks.

The meeting was adjourned by Commandant Mike Ryan at 1125.