

“HOWLIN MAD” SMITH DETACHMENT 592

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MINUTES

16 OCT 21

**Call to Order**

Commandant Mike Ryan called the meeting to order at 1000.

The ceremony was opened by the Sgt. At Arms. Colors were presented. Danny Rooks offered a prayer.

**Roll Call of Officers**

Meeting commenced by the roll call of officers by the Adjutant Janna Joyner. All were present except Chaplain Johnny Burks.

**Recognition**

There was one first time guest, Harion Enervold, Commandant of Grundy County Detachment in Morris, IL.

There were no Gold Star family present to be recognized.

Former Commandants stood and were recognized.

Devil Dog Pack Leader Jack Hopping was absent and not recognized.

There were no WWII vets present to be recognized.

Korean War veterans stood to be recognized.

Vietnam War veterans stood and were recognized.

First & Second Gulf War veterans stood and were recognized.

**Old Business**

The Adjutant's report was presented by Janna Joyner. Minutes from 18 AUG 21 were posted on the website. The motion to accept the minutes as posted was made by Doc Thompson and was seconded by Brian Gierlatowicz. There was no correspondence to report.

Commandant, Mike Ryan, reported that at the Department Meeting on 25 Sep 21 they discussed the Department Convention. The convention will be in Perdido Key Resort. Check in will be 21-24 APR 22. Rooms will be \$185 per night and can be upgraded to \$230. Marines can stay at this price up to 3 days prior to the convention and 3 days following the convention. They will hold room for us until 23 MAR 22. To make a reservation call 251-981-9811. A detachment is holding a raffle for rooms to be paid for Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$5. The drawing will be on 22 APR 22. He also reported that scrapbooks and newsletters will be needing historical documents and photos if anyone has anything they would like to donate, to include their time scrapbooking and compiling a newsletter. How to dispose of TAG fund money was discussed. Department

bylaws changes are due to the Department Judge Advocate by the January Department meeting. The POW/MIA event was a success. Different services and MIA were introduced. Nancy Burton raised the colors.

The Sr. Vice Commandant report was presented by Mike Montabana. He urged member to call other members who were missing from meetings. He reminded members that we need to recruiting new members.

The Jr. Vice commandant's report was presented by Wiley Monteabaro. Wiley let all members know that golf tournament was going to be on 20 OCT 21. Members need to be there by 0845 with volunteers being there at 0730-0745. Tee time is 0900.

The Judge Advocate report was offered by Walt Williams. There was nothing to report at this time.

The Paymaster's report was presented by Paymaster, John Hilmer. He reminded everyone to send him funds for the golf tournament. The Mutual fund has \$16,500 in it and the checking has \$6,202.48. The scholarship funds are caught up at this time and have \$120 in it. He also let members know that their plastic member id cards will be forwarded to them when they are received. The motion to accept the paymaster's report was made by Doc Thompson and was seconded by Russell Casterlin.

The Chaplain's Report was presented by Danny Rooks. Dan Copeland Dept. Social Media Director passed away. His funeral is 16 OCT 21 at 1300. Our Chaplain Johnny Burks is there for the ceremony. Mickey Head had knee surgery and got a staph infection. Rod Ryan is very ill at this time. Joe Findley is doing okay. Whitey Glanton's wife is in a nursing home.

Jr. Past Commandant had nothing to report.

Brian Gierlatowicz 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 be on hold until further notice. They are only accepting previous volunteers at this time. They will be accepting new volunteers in the near future.

The American Legion Post #171 representative, Rico Stewart, reported that they will have a float at the Veteran's Day Parade if anyone was interested in joining them on the float.

Brian Gierlatowicz reported that the Iwo Jima reenactment team will be at the Vietnam memorial at Kirkwood by the River on 7 NOV 21 and at Bethel Baptist Church in Dora on 12 NOV 21.

The Librarian report was made by John Hilmer. He stated that we can access books if needed.

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

Wiley Monteabaro reported for the ship store. He reported that sweatshirts were not in stock at this time.

### **New Business**

There will be a Veteran's Day Dinner on 10 NOV 21. Tickets are \$45 each.

Commandant Mike Ryan sent an email with details about the Veteran's Day parade. We have offers from T.S. Nabors and Phillip Williams to donate trailers for the event. Phillip has offered to pull his trailer if needed.

The McLaughlin Detachment in Guntersville is having a Marine Corps Birthday Dinner at Guntersville State Park

on 6 NOV 21. Tickets are \$45 each.

The Howlin' Mad Smith Detachment will have a cake cutting ceremony on 6 NOV 21 at 1100 at the American Legion post #171.

Wayne O'Dell reported that the Belk sale was the 18 – 22 OCT 21 and volunteers are needed.

Col. Davis will let us know how toys will be handed off to Echo Co., 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve.

Brian Gierlatowicz stated that volunteers are needed for the gun show 0900 – 1700 on 23 OCT 21 and 1000 – 1600 on 24 OCT 21.

### **Good of The League**

The Birmingham VA Health Care System is now providing seasonal flu vaccinations during routine visits. Veterans can walk into their primary care clinic and requesting a vaccination. Veterans are encouraged to stop by their clinics and get this vaccination.

Commandant Mike Ryan stated that there would be a Devil dog growl after the meeting.

The drawing was completed by the Sr. Vice Commandant, Mike Montabana.

### **Closing**

Sergeant at Arms retired the colors and closed the meeting.

Prayer was given by Danny Rooks.

The meeting was adjourned by Commandant Mike Ryan at 1107.