

"HOWLIN MAD" SMITH DETACHMENT 592

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MINUTES

18 JUN 22

Call to Order

Commandant Wiley Monteabaro called the meeting to order at 0958.

The ceremony was opened by the Sgt. At Arms, John Wilson. Colors were presented.

Roll Call of Officers

Meeting commenced by the roll call of officers by the Adjutant, Janna Joyner. Chaplain John Burks was excused.

Recognition

First time guests John Salter and Brian Crawford were recognized.

State Commandant Mike Ryan was recognized.

Past Commandants were recognized.

Past Devil Dog Pack leader Jack Hopping was recognized.

Pound keeper Danny Rooks was recognized.

There were no Gold Star families present.

All former Commandants present stood and were recognized.

Devil Dog Pack Leader Jack Hopping was 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 and War on Terror veterans stood and were recognized.

Initiation Ceremony

John Salter was sworn in by a ceremony conducted by Sr. Vice Commandant Roy Adkins.

Old Business

The Adjutant's report was presented by Janna Joyner. Minutes from 16 APL were posted on the website. The motion to accept the minutes as posted was made by Russel Casterlin and was seconded by Tyler Nabors. There was no correspondence to report.

The Paymaster's report was presented by Paymaster, John Hilmer. The Mutual fund has \$16,000 in it and the checking has \$9,721.00. The scholarship funds are caught up at this time and has \$1,150 in it. The golf account has \$100.00 in it. The motion to accept the paymaster's report was made by Tyler Nabors and seconded by Brian Gierlatowicz.

No Chaplain report was made.

Guest speaker Brian Crawford was presented by Commandant Wiley Monteabaro to discuss the Central Alabama Veteran Collaborative (CVAC). The resources they provide were discussed and a contact list for their network was provided. They do not have a website.

Commandant, Wiley Monteabaro, reported that the golf tournament is gearing up and more information will be provided next month. Information was also passed about retrieving you or a loved one's DD214 for funeral purposes. Wiley recommended taking a copy of your DD214 to the courthouse to have on file. Families of members who passed should also notify the Commandant.

The Sr. Vice Commandant, Roy Adkins, had nothing new to report.

The Jr. Vice commandant's report was presented by Mike Montabana. Mike reminded members to continue handing out applications as MCL recruiting needs to be a priority.

The Judge Advocate, Janna Joiner, had nothing new to report.

Jr. Past Commandant, Mike Ryan, had nothing new to report.

Committee Reports

Brian Gierlatowicz reported that visitations are still on hold at this time. The VA hospital has recently implemented a color code for visitation.

American Legion Post #171 Commander, Andre Richmond, was not present to give a report.

The Iwo Jima reenactment team has nothing on the schedule, but July 4th is a possibility.

The Librarian report was made by John Hilmer. There was nothing new to report.

Web Sgt Mike Ryan let the members know that the website is up to date. Mike discussed social media and the importance of reaching younger people. Recruiting at baseball games was discussed as a possibility. He strongly recommended sharing league related photos to the league's Facebook page.

There is no unfinished business.

New Business

The National Veteran's Day dinner on November 10th, 2022. It is the 75th anniversary for the dinner. The MCL has two tables reserved. Tickets are \$35 and each table seats 8. Belk's Charity sale is coming up in October. The exact date is TBD.

William Fife was not present at the meeting and has been having car trouble. If any person has a car to lend, please get in touch with the league.

The department quarterly meeting will be held July 23rd in Millbrook, AL and all are invited.

The national convention is in August and Jonny Baker is up for re-election. A sign-up sheet to be a delegate was passed around.

A motion was presented to purchase a new American flag for the American Legion with a maximum payment of \$200. A motion to accept this presentation was made by Doc Baldwin and Tyler Nabors seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Good of The League

Commandant Wiley Monteabaro stated that there would be a dinner July 29th. The dinner will begin at 1800. Location to be determined.

Yesterday was the Anniversary of the Navy Hospital Corps. It was established 17, June 1898. Accomplishments of esteemed corpsman were discussed.

The raffle was completed by the Jr. Vice Commandant, Mike Montabana.

Closing

Sergeant at Arms retired the colors and closed the meeting.

Prayer was offered by Danny Rooks.

Wiley Monteabaro announced there would be a growl post meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Commandant Wiley Monteabaro at 1056.