

"HOWLIN MAD" SMITH DETACHMENT 592

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MINUTES

20 AUG 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.

Chaplain John Burks lead with prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

Meeting commenced by the roll call of officers by Adjutant, Andi Murphy. Past commandant, Mike Ryan was excused.

Recognition

First time guest Rich Ron was recognized.

There were no Gold Star families present.

All former Commandants present stood and were recognized.

State Chaplain John Burks was recognized.

Past Devil Dog Pack leader Jack Hopping was not present.

Pound keeper Brian Gierlatowicz 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

There were no new members to be initiated.

Old Business

The Adjutant's report was presented by Andi Murphy. Minutes from 23 JUL 22 were posted on the website. The motion to accept the minutes as posted was made by Pete Bessiere and was seconded by William Fife. The motion passed. 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 \$7,815.32. The scholarship funds are caught up at this time and has \$1,150 in it.

The golf account has \$500.00

The Chaplain's report was presented by Chaplain, John Burks. Jack Hopping and his wife, Kaaren, have undergone medical procedures. Danny Rooks had covid but is on the mend. Danny's son is also recovering from cancer. Tim McIntyre passed away, and his memorial service will be held on August 27th at 1130 in Huntsville. Paul Kellogg passed a few months ago. Prayers are requested for all.

Commandant, Wiley Monteabaro, reported the 100-year anniversary for the national convention is next year. Registration for the convention is open and hotel rooms are booking quickly. The 8th Annual Veteran's Golf Tournament is 19 OCT 22. Check in for the tournament is 0800 and starts at 0900. Information pamphlets were made available. Sponsors and players are needed. Wiley reported there is a new National Judge Advocate, Russ Miller.

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

The Jr. Vice commandant's report was presented by Mike Montabano. Mike reminded members to continue handing out applications as MCL recruiting needs to be a priority. He advises attention brought on by the Camp Lejeune lawsuit may be a good way to recruit.

Discussion ensued on the Camp Lejeune lawsuit. Environmental Litigation in Birmingham was suggested for members who may be affected.

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

Committee Reports

Brian Gierlatowicz reported that visitations are still on hold at this time.

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

The Iwo Jima reenactment team has nothing on the schedule.

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

Commandant Wiley Monteabaro reported the website was up to date and that funeral detail volunteers are needed.

There is no unfinished business.

New Business

The Associate members are bringing back the monthly luncheon. They are meeting 25 AUG 22 at 1100. The location will be Brightstar in Bessemer. A private room has been reserved.

Good of The League

The Reserve Association Nation Convention will be in Birmingham for the first time OCT 16-22. Day sponsorships are available for purchase (tax deductible) for \$250.00.

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 Chaplain John Burks.

Wiley Montebaro announced there would be a growl post meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Commandant Wiley Montebaro at 1048.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrea Murphy

Adjutant