

"HOWLIN MAD" SMITH DETACHMENT 592

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MINUTES

19 NOV 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. All officers were present and accounted for.

**Recognition**

First time guests, Jim Woodman and Darlene Adkins stood and were recognized.

There were no Gold Star families present.

All former Commandants present stood and were recognized.

Southeast Division Chaplain John Burks was recognized.

State Commandant Mike Ryan was recognized.

Pound keeper Brian Gierlatowicz was recognized.

There were no WWII vets present to be recognized.

There were no Korean war vets present 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 applicants.

**Old Business**

The Adjutant's report was presented by Andi Murphy. Minutes from 15 OCT were posted on the website. The motion to accept the minutes as posted was made by Gene Hopper and was seconded by Pete Bessiere. 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 \$6,746. The scholarship funds are caught up at this time and has \$2,050 in it. The

golf account now has \$7,011. The motion to pass the paymaster's report was made by Brian Gierlatowicz and seconded by Pete Bessiere. The motion carried.

The Chaplain's report was presented by Chaplain, John Burks. Former Commandant Jack Hopping passed on NOV 11 22. His funeral service was NOV 18 22. It is requested to keep Kaaren Hopping in your prayers. Prayers are requested for "Tweety" Byrd as he lost his wife a month ago.

Commandant Wiley Monteabaro discussed the past golf tournament. The golf tournament was a tremendous success as we broke our goal of \$10,000.

Wiley requests that members sign into the logbook when you attend meetings. Signing in is law per the Fire Marshal and ABC.

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

Jr. Vice Commandant, Mike Montabano discussed the upcoming Toys for Tots donation drive. Prince of Peace Church has donated \$2,500. American Legion Post 255 generously donated \$1,500. Bob and Liddy Sexton were introduced. Bob and Liddy can help with pick up of any large toy donations if needed. Their number has been posted to the website. Volunteers for toy buyers was requested. The age limit for needed toys was discussed. Toys for children between the ages of 2-16 are requested. More toys suitable for ages 2-3 are needed.

The Christmas Luncheon will be DEC 10 at 1000.

Judge Advocate, Janna Joiner had nothing new to report.

### **Committee Reports**

Brian Gierlatowicz reported that VA hospitals are open again. There is a quarterly meeting on NOV 30. An address was provided for anyone who may want to volunteer at the hospital. All volunteers are required to be vaccinated.

American Legion Post #255 Commander, Joe Minor, was introduced and proceeded to donate \$1,500 on behalf of post 255 for Toys for Tots. Joe then donated \$100 of his own money to toys for Tots.

The Iwo Jima reenactment team was presented by Wiley. Bob Arnwine was not present. There are no reenactments until APR 2022. Multiple volunteers are requested for next year.

State Commandant, Mike Ryan stated the website is up to date and pictures from the cake cutting ceremony will be posted. The department website has changed formats and any issues encountered are requested to be reported via email to Mike Ryan.

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

Commandant Wiley Monteabaro reported the State Department Convention will be in Montgomery in June. Reservations will need to be made soon after the information is published on the state website. The ship store has a few new items such as blankets and hand-crafted quilts. Applications for Scholarships offered by Alabama Gun Collectors Association were made available.

John Hilmer made a motion to send two \$500 checks to the Montevallo Scholarship in honor of Jack Hopping and Paul Kellogg. The motion was seconded by Mike Ryan. The motion carries. Secondary donations are requested in lieu of flowers for Jack Hopping.

### **New Business**

There is no new business to be reported. There will be no official meeting next month. Members are just reminded of the Christmas luncheon on 10 DEC. Members will meet at 1000 with chow at 1100 and are reminded to bring a toy for Toys for Tots. Members need to ensure their contact information is up to date and ensure their voicemail is not full. Contact information can be updated on the detachment website. Wiley reminds members to pass out MCL member applications.

### **Good of The League**

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 Monteabaro announced there would be a growl post meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Commandant Wiley Monteabaro at 1053.

Respectfully submitted,

Andi Murphy

Adjutant