

“HOWLIN’ MAD” SMITH DETACHMENT 592

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MINUTES

18 MAR 23

**Call to Order**

Commandant Wylie Montebaro called the meeting to order at 1000.

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 Judge Advocate, Janna Joyner. All officers were present with the exception of Chaplain John Burks, Adjutant, Andi Murphy and Past Commandant, Mike Ryan, who were absent while excused.

**Recognition**

First time guest Scott Fletcher was recognized.

Gold Star Families were recognized. The Murkerson family was present.

Past Commandants were recognized. All former Commandants present stood and were recognized.

Devil Dog 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**

Scott Fletcher was sworn in as a member and Jeff Denmark was sworn in as an associate member in a ceremony conducted by Jr. Vice Commandant Mike Montabano.

**Old Business**

The Adjutant’s report was presented by Janna Joyner. Minutes from previous meeting were posted on the website. The motion to accept the minutes as posted was made by Pete Bessiere and was seconded by George Thompson. 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 \$7,293.22. The scholarship funds are caught up at this time and has \$1,050 in it. The golf account has \$3,000 in it.

The Chaplain had nothing to report.

Commandant, Wiley Montebaro, reported that the golf tournament will be Wednesday, October 13, 2023. He also reported that there will be a social next Friday evening at the American Legion in Homewood at 1800. The meal will be free with a cash bar.

Sr. Vice Commandant Roy Adkins had nothing 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. He mentioned that the brochure we have is going to be updated soon and will be passed out to give to prospective members. A Belk sale will take place April 10-15 from 1000 – 1400 at the Galleria location in Hoover.

The Judge Advocate, Janna Joyner, had a proposed bylaw change to discuss. This change adds a paragraph in Article Eleven after Line Item 4. The change adds a delegation of expenses for the Detachment to reimburse the Commandant for expenses incurred while attending the Department convention. A motion was made to accept the change by Russell Casterlin and seconded by Pete Bessiere. Discussion ensued regarding specific verbiage to be used so the privilege might not be abused. A motion was made by Commandant Wylie Montebaro to table the discussion until further adjustments could be made to the verbiage making it more specific. A second was made by Walt Williams. The proposed change was submitted by Mike Ryan and he will be contacted for further clarification and discussion.

Past Commandant, Mike Ryan, had no report.

### **Committee Reports**

Brian Gierlatowicz reported that visitations are back going and we have 3 people on the visitor's squad at the moment.

An American Legion Post #255 Representative, Joe Minor, let everyone know that the Post has karaoke on Wednesday's, Friday's and every other Saturday.

The Librarian report was made by John Hilmer. He stated that the library is in storage and will be moved this week.

Wayne Odell let us know that the Korean Consulate in Atlanta is still trying to get Korean War Veterans together to recognize them.

It was announced that our annual picnic will be 13 MAY 2023 at Tannehill State Park at 1100.

### **New Business**

Annual elections were conducted by Danny Rooks. Wylie Monteabaro was nominated as Commandant. The motion for additional nominations for Commandant was closed and seconded by George Thompson. Roy Adkins was nominated for Sr. Vice Commandant. The motion for additional nominations for Sr. Vice Commandant was closed and seconded by Brian Gierlatowicz. Mike Montabana was nominated for Jr. Vice Commandant. The motion for additional nominations for Jr. Vice Commandant was closed and seconded by John Hilmer. Janna Joyner was nominated for Judge Advocate. The motion for additional nominations for Judge Advocate was closed and seconded by George Thompson. One unanimous vote was cast for each nominee by the temporary adjutant. All officers were installed into their respective offices.

### **Good of The League**

A drawing was conducted.

There will be a growl following the detachment meeting.

### **Closing**

Sergeant at Arms retired the colors and closed the meeting.

Prayer was offered by stand in Chaplain.

The meeting was adjourned by Commandant Wylie Monteabaro at 1111.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janna Joyner

Judge Advocate