

HOWLIN' MAD SMITH DETACHMENT 592

Birmingham, Alabama

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MINUTES

18 NOV 2023

CALL to Order

The Sgt. *At Arms* called the meeting to order at 1000.

The ceremony was opened by Sgt. *At Arms*. Colors were presented, Chaplin Johnny Burks offered a prayer.

Roll Call of Officer

Meeting commenced by the roll call of officers by the Acting Adjutant Don Adkins.

Sr Vice Roy Adkins, Adjutant Andrea Murphy and Judge Advocate Janna Joyner were absent. All others were present. There was enough for a quorum

Minutes: Motion was made to accept minutes from last meeting by Mike Ryan and seconded by Danny Rooks; Motion passed.

Recognition

No first time guest and no Gold Star families were present.

South East Division Chaplin John Burks was recognized.

Former Commandants stood and were recognized

Devil Dog Pound Keeper Brian Gierlatowicz stood and was recognized

There were no WWII vets present to be recognized

There were no Korean War Veterans to be recognized.

First & Second Gulf War veterans stood and were recognized.

INITIATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Montabana reminded membership about recruiting more members.

Veterans Day Parade float had 12 riders.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a Devil Dog growl after meeting.

Chaplin John Burks reported that Gene Hopper had passed away.

National Convention will be held in Palms Spring in August 2024

More information to follow when it is available.

Report by Pay Master John Hilmer. Golf tournament has \$5500.00 in Checking

Scholarship fund has \$1050.00

Regular checking has \$7734.66

Mutual funds \$16,000.00

Bond funds \$2000.00

American Legion post #255 to donate \$250.00 for Toys for Tots. Motion made by John Hilmer that detachment add \$250.00 to bring total to \$500 Seconded by Mike Montabana, motioned passed.

Next Meeting December 9, 2023. 1100 bring Toys or Money

Also bring deserts for Christmas dinner.

Mike Ryan: Past Commandant. Board of Trustees meeting. 2025 will be the 250th birthday of the Marines. A birthday cruise is being planned.

There is a link on the website to find your DD214

A Motion was made by Mike Ryan to spend \$580.00 plus freight and tax to purchase a bugle for the detachment for funerals. Motion was seconded by John Hilmer, motion passed

Report on Belk's Charity Sale October and November 2023

MCL "Howlin' Mad" Smith Detachment #592

MCL "Howlin' Mad" Smith Detachment 592 took part in the Belk charity sale along with the Fleet Reserve Assoc. Brach 112 Birmingham, Alabama. This was a joint operation to help both groups to earn operating money. We teamed up to work two Belk stores, Trussville Belk store and the Hoover Galleria Store. Both organizations had the following days to work. 18Oct,19Oct,20Oct,24,25,27 Oct, 2nd and 3rd November. Those from the "Howlin' Mad" Smith Marine Corps League Detachment 592 who took part in this event are:

Wiley Monteabaro, Dolly Campis, Brian Gierlatowicz, Russel Casterlin, Patty Finley, Roy Adkins, Don Adkins, Becky Adkins, Garland Wayne Odell.

In those 10 days the "Howlin' Mad" Smith Detachment 592 took in \$1120.00 in ticket sales, \$58.00 in Donations for total of \$1178.00. Also, we had Juanta Burks, Pam Davidson, sell tickets on their own for another \$50.00. So, our Detachment made a grand total \$1228.00. This money will help our scholarship fund or operating expense.

Garland Wayne Odell moved that this report be accepted as read.

Garland Wayne Odell was the Squad Leader of Belk Charity Sale

Motion was seconded by John Hilmer; Motion Carried.

The raffle was completed by Jr. Vice Mike Montabana

CLOSING

Sergeant at Arms retired the colors and closed the meeting.

Prayer was given by Chaplin John Burks

The meeting was adjourned by Commandant Wiley Monteabaro at 1050

Respectfully submitted

Don Adkins

Acting Adjutant