

**“HOWLIN MAD” SMITH DETACHMENT 592**

**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MINUTES**

**15 FEB 25**

**Call to Order**

Commandant Roy Adkins called the meeting to order at 1001.

The ceremony was opened by the Sgt. At Arms, David Ervin. Colors were presented.

**Roll Call of Officers**

Meeting commenced by the roll call of officers by the acting Judge Advocate. All officers were present, with the exception of the Adjutant, Roderick Zeigler.

**Recognition**

No first time guests were present to be 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, Wiley Monteabaro, 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.

**Old Business**

The Adjutant's report was presented by Wiley Monteabaro. Minutes from previous meeting were posted on the website. The motion to accept the minutes as posted was made by Don Adkins and was seconded by Mike Ryan. The motion passed. There was no correspondence to report.

The Paymaster's report was presented by Paymaster, John Hilmer. The Mutual fund has \$17,000 in it and the checking has \$4,394.95. The scholarship funds are caught up at this time and has \$3,050 in it. The golf account has \$8,081.05 in it. A motion to accept the report as read was made by John Hilmer and was seconded by Mike Ryan. The motion passed.

A motion was also made by John Hilmer to fund a UAB endowment at \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Mike Ryan and the motion passed.

The Chaplain reported several members and families in distress. Eugene Smiley is present at the meeting. His brother has passed away. Danny Rooks is still having some physical challenges. Chris Rousseau also continues to have physical challenges. Don Adkins will have eye surgery in March. Russell Casterlin had shoulder surgery 2 weeks ago and is doing well. John Birmingham is doing okay and is stable.

### **Report of Officers**

Commandant Roy Adkins reminded everyone that registration for the convention is ongoing and reservations need to be made at the hotel if you are staying there.

Sr. Vice Commandant Janna Joyner, reminded everyone that we need to sell more ads for the convention book as well as need the graphics for the ads purchased.

The Jr. Vice Commandant Don Adkins, let everyone know we need to secure more members. Don also reminded everyone that we are having a raffle for convention purposes and if anyone needs tickets to sell, they need to see him.

The Judge Advocate was absent and there was nothing to report.

Past Commandant Wiley Monteabaro, encouraged all to register for the convention and make hotel reservations now. He also encouraged everyone to sell book ads for the convention. Wiley also gave a ship's store update. He can get red dress jackets for \$100 if anyone needs one.

### **Committee Reports**

Brian Gierlatowicz reported that visitations are going well but we still need more volunteers for visiting at the VA hospital.

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

Mike Ryan stated the website was up to date. He also made a motion to pay \$200 to the individual that made the detachment and Devil Dog ads for the convention book. John Hilmer seconded the motion, and it passed.

### **New Business**

Annual elections are coming up. Nominations from the floor will be taken during the March meeting. We will then proceed to have officer election and installation of new officers.

A drawing was conducted.

**Closing**

Sergeant at Arms retired the colors and closed the meeting.

Prayer was offered by stand in Chaplain.

The meeting was adjourned by Commandant Roy Adkins at 1056.