

“HOWLIN MAD” SMITH DETACHMENT 592

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MINUTES

18 July 26

Call to Order

Commandant Janna Joyner called meeting to order at 1000.

The ceremony was opened by the Sgt At Arms, John Salter. Colors were presented.

Roll Call of Officers

Meeting commenced by the roll call of officers by the Adjutant, Vickie Gavin. Sr. Vice Don Adkins and Senior Past Commander Roy Adkins were absent.

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

Southeast Division Chaplain John E. Burks was recognized.

Past Commandants were recognized.

Department Sr. Vice and Pound Keeper Wiley Monteabaro was recognized.

There were no WWII Veterans present to be recognized.

Korean War Veterans stood to be recognized.

Vietnam War Veterans stood and were recognized.

First and Second Gulf War and War on Terror Veterans stood and were recognized.

Old Business

The Adjutant's report was presented by Vickie Gavin. Minutes from previous meeting were posted on the website. The motion to accept the minutes as posted was made by Wiley Monteabaro and was seconded by Tyler Nabors. Motion passed. There was no correspondence to report.

The Paymaster's report was presented by Paymaster John Hilmer. Total available balance \$12,554.71. Golf Account: \$100.00 IWO Account: \$656.11 Regular Account: \$8,648.60 Scholarship Account: \$3,150.00 Motion to accept the paymaster's report was made by Wiley Monteabaro and seconded by Tyler Nabors. Motion passed.

The Chaplain reported that RC Smith needed prayer and Roy Adkins surgery went well and he was healing well. Prayers were requested for both Marines, Motion to accept Chaplain's report was made by Russell Casterlin and seconded by Wiley Monteabaro. Motion passed.

Commandant, Janna Joyner, reported on the Convention; Detachment of the Year criteria changing-points will be awarded to Set based on criteria such as what extra activities the Det completes such as hospital visits, building ramps for Veterans, various things the community. Also, paying dues in timely manner, any type of training or classes. Great idea to take pictures of events you do with the Veterans. Website is changing—take a look at it and offer opinions. Young Marines Program was discussed. Jr. ROTC was discussed. VSO-does anyone want to be a VSO; if so speak with Commandant. Finally, would anyone like additional training/ classes following monthly meeting? Six people responded yes. She would like to see all officers following the meeting.

Sr. Vice-excused/no report.

Jr. Vice-no report.

Judge Advocate-no report.

Past Commandant-excused/no report.

Committee Reports

VA Hospital Visitation Squad-Bill Whitmire reported that the Squad was meeting every Wednesday to visit patients at the VA. Things were going well and they continue to grow.

American Legion Post #255-No report

Iwo Jima Reenactment Tea-Bob Arnwine reported the team did an event in June and have no scheduled events at this time.

Librarian - John Hilmer reports the library may be closing. John Wilson donated several boxes of books; please take what you would like.

Website - Mike Ryan reported he and the Commandant have been updating the website. Visit the website and see the new improved version.

New Business

Wiley Monteabaro briefed on the upcoming Golf Tournament—things are going well but always need hole sponsors and golfers.

Brian Gierlatowicz reported on the Gun Show at the Finley Center-Hoover Met/25 July and 26 July. If you would like to volunteer, see Brian after the meeting to sign up.

Wayne Odell reported on Wreaths Across America—the event will be in December.

Good of the League

Drawings were made and prizes awarded.

Growl followed the meeting.

Closing

Sargent at Arms retired the colors and closed the meeting.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain.

The meeting was adjourned by Commandant Joyner at 1050 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie W. Gavin

New Business

Mike Ryan made a motion to amend motion from last meeting—change \$1,000 to 4,000. Discussion was made about the motion: 4 March 1968 PFC Pendergrass was killed in action in Vietnam. He was interred at Walker Chapel Cemetery. Over the years the cemetery has been left unattended and significantly deteriorated. The widow of PFC Pendergrass started the process to re-inter PFC Pendergrass to the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo. in March of 2026 this was accomplished. The \$4,000 will be given to Widow Pendergrass to help with the \$7,000 expenses she has incurred. We will then submit paperwork to the TAG fund for reimbursement for the unit to get \$4,000 back.

Motion by Tyler Nabors to accept this amendment; 2nd by Wiley Monteanarao; motion passed unanimously.

John Hilmer presented an award given to the Marine Hospital Visitation Team at the VA. The team has been serving the Veterans for over 35 years and accumulated over 40,000 volunteer hours with Voluntary Service at the Birmingham VA Hospital. The award was presented to Commandant Joyner. A picture was taken.

Passing of George Thompson, Vietnam Veteran, he has been very sick and unable to attend meetings for about 10 years.

A donation check for \$2,000 for the Scholarship Fund was presented to Commandant Joyner.

Wiley Monteanarao gave an update on the 12th Annual Golf tournament. It will be Wednesday 21 October 2026 at Bent Brook Golf Course. Applications for players and sponsorships are now available.

Chaplain Burks blessed the food.

The meeting was adjourned by Commandant Janna Joyner.

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie W. Gavin

Adjutant