“HOWLIN MAD” SMITH DETACHMENT 592

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MINUTES

15 August 2026

Call to Order

Commandant Janna Joyner called meeting to order at 1003.

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

Roll Call of Officers

Meeting commenced by the roll call of officers by the Adjutant, Vickie Gavin.

All present or accounted for--Jr. Vice-Roderick Zeigler excused.

We have a quorum. 42 members signed in.

Recognition

Gold Star Families--not present.

Southeast Division Chaplain John E. Burks was recognized.

Past Commandants stood to be recognized.

Department Jr. 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.

Guest-Department of Alabama Commandant Jermaine Payne and Eli Smith, Jr.

Applications for membership

There were no new applicants.

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Minutes of previous meeting

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 Tyler Nabors and was seconded by Mike Ryan. Motion passed.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

Paymaster's Report

The Paymaster's report was presented by Paymaster John Hilmer. Total available balance $12,968.49;

Golf Account: $3,150.00 IWO Account: $656.11 Regular Account: $7,862.38 (error from July should be $8,648.60)

Scholarship Account: $3,150.00 TB $2000.00; Mutual $21,300.00. Motion to accept the paymaster's report was made by Tyler Nabors and seconded by Pete Summers. Motion passed.

Chaplain's Report

The Chaplain reported that Wayne Odell/Edith G./Wiley's brother-Fred/Roy Adkins/Chaplain issues in family need prayer.

Pete Bessier and John Birmingham are doing well.

Officers' Report

Commandant-nothing to report

Sr. Vice - briefed golf tournament will be 21 Oct Wednesday

Jr. Vice – No report

Judge Advocate - nothing to report

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Jr. Past Commandant - nothing to report

Standing Committees Report

VA Hospital Visitation-doing well, 35 years in serve to this program. Visits are made on Wednesday--last visit 47

Veterans were visited.

American Legion Post #255-n/a

Iwo Jima Reenactment Team-events scheduled include 8 Sept 2026/February 2027

Librarian-Coming to an end. Need to get rid of all books. Please see if you would like any--they will be donated.

Website-"in construction phase" go to website and see the changes.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Wiley Monteabaro briefed on the National convention. 2027 will be in Buffalo, NY (August). Southeast will be March 2027 in Chattanooga, TN. Upcoming Golf Tournament—things are going well but always need hole sponsors and golfers.

Toys for Tots boxes will arrive soon; so be thinking of how many you need and where you will put them-stores etc.

Young Marines-graduated first student. Next CPR class will be 22 August 2026; Drill Class will be 19 September 2026; Car Wash 3 October 2026; Field Exercise 17 October 2026. Program always needs volunteers; so please consider helping with this very important training.

Lakeshore Foundation is a wonderful facility and Veterans have free access--located in Homewood, AL.

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Kenneth Means spoke about update on Camp Lejeune; Veterans that filed for compensation should hear results late 2026/early 2027. He also spoke about pre-registration at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, AL.

New items were brought back from National Convention--check them out!

Good of the League

Department of Alabama Commandant Payne thanked everyone who worked or attended the Department Convention and appreciated the support of Detachment #592.

Discussed the new state logo and showed pictures of how it will be updated. Website will be rebuilt--in process. Bylaws are being updated and reworded in some areas. The Department of Alabama will be having a fund raiser and each Detachment will be asked to sell tickets.

There is $427,000.00 in account to help Maines and families of Marines.

Drawings were made and prizes awarded.

Growl followed the meeting.

Closing Ceremony

Sargent at Arms retired the colors and closed the meeting.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain.

The meeting was adjourned by Commandant Joyner at 1058 hours.

Next meeting will be 17 Sept 2026

Respectfully Submitted

Vickie W. Gavin

Adjutant