

14 October 2017
Meeting Time: 1000-1200
Location: Hoover Tactical Firearms



THE LT. GEN. VICTOR “BRUTE” KRULAK DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Business Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2017

ATTENDANCE -

I. OPENING CEREMONY

- Commandant Valentin called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.
- Jeff Bacon led the color guard in the posting of the colors.
- John Simmons gave the invocation.
- Adjutant Findley completed a roll call of the officers. Jr. Vice Al Barfield was absent.
- Commandant Valentin recognized guests and visitors.
- Commandant Valentin asked for motion to approve September minutes, which were sent out via Brute Blast and uploaded to the Brutes Only” section of the detachment website.
 - David Gaut made the motion and DC Scivley gave the second.
- Judge Advocate Krebs presented the applicants for membership.
 - Seven members sworn in; 4 regular and 3 associate.
 - David Parker (R); Carmen Blanco (R); Percy Lawson (R); Curtis Engstrom (A); James Alexander (A); Matthew Moyer (A); Robert Webb (R).

II. OFFICER/TRUSTEE REPORTS

- A. **Commandant** –Fernando Valentin (krulak.commandant@gmail.com)
 - Presented Life Membership cards to John Simmons, Vernon Wood, Harvey Jones, and Ross O’Malley
 - Gave an update on Jr. Vice Al Barfield following motorcycle accident.
 - Noted that Melody Lott started the financial review.
 - Suggested members to join the nominating committee.
 - Slate of officers will be presented at the December detachment meeting.
 - No meeting next month, as we will be participating in the Veteran’s Day Parade.
- B. **Sr. Vice Commandant** – Carol Higgins (krulak.srvic@gmail.com)
 - Presented plaque recognizing the Krulak Detachment as the fastest-growing detachment in the country.

- C. **Jr. Vice Commandant** – Al Barfield (krulak.jrvice@gmail.com)
 - Absent due to motorcycle accident
- D. **Judge Advocate** – Tom Krebs (krulak.judgeadvocate@gmail.com)
 - Announced that General Krulak signed the *Goodnight Marines* books that the Detachment will be giving out to the Bessemer reservists with children. They will be wrapped and distributed sometime next month.
- E. **Paymaster** – David Landier (krulak.paymaster@gmail.com)
 - We currently have about \$9,937 in the bank.
 - Currently have 145 members.
 - Paymaster report accepted; David Parker made motion and Tweety Byrd gave the 2nd.
- F. **Chaplain** – John Simmons (krulak.chaplain@gmail.com)
- G. **Adjutant** – Jessica Findley (krulak.adjutant@gmail.com)
- H. **Jr. Past Commandant** – Ed Smith, Jr. (krulak.jrpast@gmail.com)
- I. **Sergeant-At-Arms** – Jeff Bacon (krulak.sgtatarms@gmail.com)

III. GUEST SPEAKER: John O'Malley, Marine Corps League Overview

- Overview of the organizational and administrative structure of the Marine Corps League.

IV. COMMITTEE/SQUAD REPORTS

- A. “Second Chance” Gun Donation Drawing (David Landier)
 - We still need members to step up to collect donations for the gun drawing.
 - Request tickets from David Landier (krulak.paymaster@gmail.com)
- B. Shoot with the Brutes (David Landier)
 - Reminder that Shoot with the Brutes will be held on Saturday, October 28th, at Brock’s Gap Training Center. Shooting will begin at 1000 and will end at 1700.
 - There are new firearms and other new features/activities at the event this year, and with that comes the need for more volunteers.
 - All Brutes encouraged to sign up for a volunteer position. We need everything from those working the registration table and passing out refreshments, to those demonstrating how to use the firearms and directing traffic. Sign up on the Shoot with the Brutes website under the “Volunteer” tab. [Or click here to be redirected to the sign-up page.](#)
 - There is a committee meeting after the detachment meeting today.
- C. Birthday Ball Committee (Jessica Findley)
 - The detachment’s Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held on Friday, November 10th, at The Club.
 - The cost is \$60 per person or \$400 for a table of 8.
- D. Veteran’s Day Parade (Fernando Valentin)

- We are officially registered to participate in the parade.
- Let Commandant Valentin know if you can join.
- Color Guard needed.
- Meet at Hoover Tactical and carpool.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Hoover Tactical Appreciation

- Postponing to accommodate HTF's schedules

VI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE DETACHMENT

A. 1st Sgt Spuesens

- Reminded the detachment that Toys for Tots is around the corner.
- See her for boxes.
- Will need help with distribution again this year; using same warehouse.
- Also reminded everyone that the Reserve Station will be having its Birthday Ball on Saturday, October 28th.

B. Don Brooks

- Step stone ceremony will be held at Veterans Memorial Park on November 5th. This will include the step stone dedication for Jim Clark.

C. Brute Office

- The detachment office at HTF is complete except for getting the lock on the door, which Mac Hefner will be assisting with, as he also provided the door.

VII. DONATION DRAWING

- All of the money brought in from the donation drawing goes in the scholarship fund.

VIII. RETIRING OF THE COLORS/ADJOURNMENT

- John Simmons gave the closing prayer.

****NEXT OFFICIAL DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 9TH, 2017****

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Submitted by

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Adjutant