



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

**Detachment Business Meeting Minutes
July 2019**

Date of Meeting: 07/13/19
Location: Hoover Tactical Firearms
Recorded By: Jessica Findley
Date of Minutes: 07/13/19

Officers in Attendance: 6

1. Carol Higgins (Commandant)
2. Ceasar Rodriquez (Sr. Vice Commandant)
3. Patrick Hebdon (Jr. Vice Commandant)
4. Vernon Wood (Sgt-At-Arms)
5. John Simmons (Chaplain)
6. Ed Smith Jr. (Judge Advocate)

Officers Absent: 2

1. Fernando Valentin (Acting Paymaster; Jr. Past COMDT)
2. Harvey Jones (Asst. Chaplain)

Total Present: 20

Guest (G): 2

Officers (O): 7

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| 1. Carol Higgins (O) | 8. Chuck Moore (G) | 15. Jason Alexander |
| 2. Vernon Wood (O) | 9. Don Fisher (G) | 16. James Alexander |
| 3. Ceasar Rodriguez (O) | 10. Jim Murphy | 17. Mac Hefner |
| 4. Patrick Hebdon (O) | 11. Lillian Jones | 18. Jessica Findley |
| 5. John Simmons (O) | 12. Tweety Byrd | 19. Jeff Bacon |
| 6. Ed Smith, Jr. (O) | 13. Philip Rushton | 20. Jeremy Harris |
| 7. Slade Bridges | 14. Tom Krebs | |

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1. Commandant Higgins called the meeting to order at 10:15am.
2. Sgt-at-Arms Vernon Wood led the posting of the colors. Slade Bridges, Jim Alexander and Chuck Moore served as the Color Guard.
3. Chaplain Simmons gave the invocation.
4. Findley gave the roll call.
5. Sgt At Arms recognized two visitors: Don Fisher, Department Commandant, and Chuck Moore, Commandant of the Townsend Detachment
6. No applicants for membership.
7. Comdt Higgins recognized Jim Alexander as the Associate Member of the Year and gave him the Distinguished Citizens Award.
8. Sr Vice shared June meeting minutes. Ed Smith made the motion to accept the minutes and Tweety Byrd gave the second. The minutes were approved.
9. Findley shared the Paymaster impact report. Reported that there is \$313 in checking and \$3,200 in savings account. There is \$3,513.47 in the combined accounts and \$1,210 of that is in the Scholarship Fund.
10. Chaplain Simmons gave Chaplains report and took prayer requests from the floor.
11. Judge Advocate reported that there are no grievances at this time. He and the Commandant are working to organize a Robert's Rules class for the membership.
12. No Jr. Vice report.
13. Sr. Vice Rodriguez reminded members that dues are due today and shared notes from the State Convention.
14. Comdt Higgins noted that she and Sr Vice Rodriguez would be attending the National Convention and will not be at August next meeting. Jr. Vice Hebdon will preside in their absence. It was suggested that we have a light, casual meeting.
15. Sgt At Arms Wood requested that we consider bringing back guest speakers and recommended a gentleman by the name of Bobby Howard.
16. Rodriguez noted that "Peter the Patriot" would be attending the September detachment meeting to recite the Declaration of Independence. Don Fisher suggested providing him with an honorarium when he visits.
17. Jeremy Harris and Ceasar Rodriguez will look into setting up an Instagram account.
18. Findley brought up old business from May meeting noting that action is needed on a motion that was passed by the membership (presented by Don Lehman) requesting that "the officers to take into account all suggestions for fundraising and engagement from previous meetings and put them in the form of a vote at the next meeting". Officers asked that this item be postponed until the September detachment meeting.
19. Tom Krebs suggested that we again host a cookout for the reserve station. Noted again that he is confident Dr. Bronner will be willing to donate a weekend or two at an Alabama resort with a golf package for us to use as a raffle item. He will have a decision on that next week.
20. Don Fisher addressed the detachment. Noted there are funeral pins for individuals who have taken some role in 25 or more veterans' funerals in a semi-official capacity. Suggested that the officers review the roster list and ensure there are no deceased members on there. Shared highlights from the Department calendar. Next State Convention will take place in Decatur from June 26-27th, 2020. Make reservations now. Let Mike Ryan (Department webmaster) know if any information from our detachment needs to be updated on the Department website. Go through the updated National Bylaws and ensure that our detachment bylaws are up to date in accordance. Ed Smith asked Don to share with National that the paying of dues is too difficult for the detachment paymasters. Don assured Ed

that the beta version of the new system we've been hearing about will be demonstrated at the National Convention and should be coming into effect this coming year. The last issue they are trying to resolve is the distribution of funds. Commandant Fisher also noted that there's a lot of money in the Tag Fund and we need to share info about any Marine in Need we know. The Tag Fund is looking for Marines to help. Let Tag Fund know immediately when detachment provides assistance if expecting reimbursement. Tom Krebs recommended that Ed Smith and Vernon Wood share with the Reserve Station about using the Tag Fund as a resource to provide aide to their Marines with immediate needs. Department Board of Trustees voted to contribute \$1,000 to the National Office for the purchase of a trailer for moving National "stuff". National asked departments to contribute to that trailer. The Departments that assist will have their emblem on the trailer. The Tag Fund may reimburse the Department for that contribution.

21. Ceasar noted that Commandant Higgins has donated \$1,000 toward the cost of her flight to the National Convention.
22. Ed Smith noted that he is working with Cary to get a table set up at HTF to sell gun drawing tickets.
23. Findley shared info on Zamora and the ticket sale needs. Ed Smith donated \$100 towards the cost of the Zamora table.
24. Jim Alexander suggested a hunting trip raffle. Will connect with a neighbor or will allow his personal property for hunting. Members showed interest in this.
25. Rodriguez asked if anyone would volunteer for the Adjutant position. He also took a poll on whether members prefer updates via Brute Blast emails or via Facebook. Emails appeared to be the preferred method among those members present.
26. Comdt trivia question: What are the most stripes that have ever been on the American Flag? Chuck Moore got the answer right: 15.
27. The raffle brought in \$121 for the Brute Scholarship Fund.
28. COMDT Higgins closed us in prayer.
29. Sgt at Arms Wood led the detachment in the Marine Corps Hymn.
30. The meeting was closed at 11:55am.
31. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 10th, 2019.

Submitted by Jessica Findley