



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

**Detachment Business Meeting Minutes
April 2019**

Date of Meeting: 04/13/19
Location: Hoover Tactical Firearms
Recorded By: Jessica Findley
Date of Minutes: 04/13/19

Officers in Attendance: 5

1. Carol Higgins (Commandant)
2. Ceasar Rodriquez (Sr. Vice Commandant)
3. Patrick Hebdon (Jr. Vice Commandant)
4. Fernando Valentin (Paymaster; Jr. Past COMDT)
5. Vernon Wood (Sgt-At-Arms)

Officers Absent: 3

1. Ed Smith Jr. (Judge Advocate)
2. John Simmons (Chaplain)
3. Harvey Jones (Asst. Chaplain)

Total Present: 17

Guest (G): 2

Officers (O): 5

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| 1. Fernando Valentin (O) | 7. Tom Krebs | 13. Tom Donaldson |
| 2. Carol Higgins (O) | 8. Jim Murphy | 14. Tweety Byrd |
| 3. Vernon Wood (O) | 9. Philip Rushton | 15. Darrin Smith (G) |
| 4. Ceasar Rodriguez (O) | 10. Jessica Findley | 16. John Cole (G) |
| 5. Patrick Hebdon (O) | 11. James Alexander | |
| 6. David Gaut | 12. Larry Alred | |

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1. Commandant Higgins called the meeting to order at 10:08am.
2. Sgt-at-Arms Vernon Wood led the posting of the colors. Patrick Hebdon, Fernando Valentin and Jim Alexander served as the Color Guard.
3. Comdt Higgins gave the invocation.
4. Comdt Higgins recognized two visitors: John Cole (prospective member); Darrin Smith “the Hot Wheels Guy”; Ceasar recognized Smith for his relentless efforts to promote and advocate for the Show N Shine event.
5. No applicants for membership.
6. Jim Alexander reminded everyone that we’re set at the Warrior Ranch for the Brute shooting event on Saturday, May 4th. Just need to finalize food arrangements. Bring your own folding chair. Jessica will send out Brute Blast with directions and additional information. Bringing excess ammo in inventory for people to use. Need a Brute to bring a grill. Fernando will contact Ed Smith.
7. Jessica shared Adjutant’s report. Tom Krebs made the motion to accept the minutes and David Gaut gave the second. The minutes were approved.
8. Sr. Vice Rodriguez shared update on Car Show, which will be held on April 20th, at the Hoover Met. The posts have reached more than 30k people and have had over 500 shares. Lots of car groups have expressed interest in attending and plan to attend. Expecting a minimum of 250 vehicles. As it stands right now, our costs should be covered, and we should be making a good return. Paymaster Valentin asked about how people can register and pay in advance in case of rain. Paypal account was set up and is linked to the Regions account. Need volunteers to man registration, answer questions, help with parking, etc. Volunteers need to arrive by 8am. Bring your cover and wear a red shirt or something with the Marine Corps logo. COMDT Higgins paid \$176 for event insurance. Members should pick up and take flyers to share. Email address is alabamashownshine@yahoo.com. COMDT will keep membership updated on number of registrations.
9. Hoover Day is April 27th. We are registered. Three Brutes have signed up to volunteer. Jessica recommended having something to draw attention of kids so parents will stop. Last year, we sold one raffle ticket and only had a few people stop by the tent.
10. Tom Krebs has been working directly with the Reserve Station and they are testing an echo range finder. The I&I staff is determining how effective the range finder is as a training tool. If the I&I staff thinks it’s a good idea to get it, then we should get with other detachments and help secure funding to provide one for every reserve station in the state. Tom Krebs also has good relationship with the Retirement Center of Alabama that owns lots of Renaissance hotels. Would like to ask them to provide a weekend stay at a nice hotel, such as Ross Bridge or somewhere in Orange Beach, which can be offered as a raffle.
11. Paymaster shared impact report. Reported that there is \$471 in checking and \$5,461 in savings account. There is \$5,932 in the combined accounts and \$982 in Scholarship Fund. One new member in March.
12. Jessica shared info about the Vietnam Veterans History project, Memorial Day Ceremony and the Support our Soldiers memorial banquet.
13. No Jr. Vice report.
14. Judge Advocate absent.
15. COMDT shared information from the Southeast Convention. All but one Alabama detachment attended. Announced that the State Convention is 019 at Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge, Guntersville, AL. Jessica to add link to website to register for State Convention.
16. Fernando will work with Krebs to contact Charles Krulak to invite him and Harold Tubbs to a meeting to honor Mr. Tubbs for his honorable act of returning Krulak’s lost wallet.

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17. Mac Hefner shared information from his recent trip to Quantico to the Marine Corps Musuem with the company he served with in Vietnam. Suggested the detachment consider applying to have a brick at the memorial. Mac has details for that. Jessica will share info on website. COMDT starting a “Brick Fund”. The members raised \$120 toward the cost of a \$300 brick.
18. The raffle brought in \$85 for the Brute Scholarship Fund.
19. Sr. Vice Rodriguez closed us in prayer.
20. Sgt at Arms Wood led the detachment in the Marine Corps Hymn.
21. The meeting was closed at 11:40am.
22. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th, 2019.

Submitted by Jessica Findley