

10 June 2017

Meeting Time: 1000-1200

Location: Hoover Tactical Firearms



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

Business Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2017

ATTENDANCE -

NEW MEMBERS -

I. OPENING CEREMONY

- Sr. Vice Commandant Higgins called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.
- Mike Jeffries led the color guard in the posting of the colors in Jeff Bacon's absence.
- John Simmons gave the invocation.

II. OFFICER/TRUSTEE REPORTS

A. **Commandant** - Fernando Valentin (krulak.commandant@gmail.com)

- Commandant Valentin was absent to attend the Department of Alabama Convention in Dothan, Alabama, along with Jr. Vice Commandant Barfield, Life Member Del Mar Scivley, and Adjutant Findley.

B. **Sr. Vice Commandant** - Carol Higgins (krulak.srvice@gmail.com)

- Sr. Vice Commandant Higgins presided over the meeting in Commandant Valentin's absence.
- She recognized all guests and potential new members.
- She also announced that she and a number of other members attended the funeral service of Mr. Alvin Rogers, the local marine who had intended to become a member of this detachment. In lieu of flowers, his family asked that donations be made to our detachment. His son, also a Marine, has plans to join the detachment down the road.

C. **Jr. Vice Commandant** - Al Barfield (krulak.jrvice@gmail.com)

- Jr. Vice Barfield was absent to attend the State Convention.

D. **Judge Advocate** - Tom Krebs (krulak.judgeadvocate@gmail.com)

- Judge Advocate Krebs recognized the outstanding work of David Landier in regard to his leadership and initiative in organizing the gun drawing fundraiser.

- He also gave a powerful speech congratulating the detachment for its part in the success of HB440, which Governor Kay Ivey signed into law in mid-May.
- This is the bill sponsored by Representative Steve McMillan and championed by Captain Charles Kennedy that increases the regulatory oversight of youth residential facilities.

E. **Paymaster** – David Landier (krulak.paymaster@gmail.com)

- We currently have \$22,904 in the bank.
- We currently have 153 current members.
- Several life members who haven't been recognized.
- Everyone's dues are due now - \$30

F. **Chaplain** – John Simmons (krulak.chaplain@gmail.com)

G. **Adjutant** – Jessica Findley (krulak.adjutant@gmail.com)

- Adjutant Findley was absent to attend the State Convention.

H. **Jr. Past Commandant** – Ed Smith, Jr. (krulak.jrpast@gmail.com)

- Jr. Past Commandant was out of town tending to his father.

I. **Sergeant-At-Arms** – Jeff Bacon (krulak.sgtatarms@gmail.com)

- Brute Mike Jeffries assumed the role of Sgt at Arms in Jeff Bacon's absence.

III. NEW MEMBERS SWORN IN

IV. GUEST SPEAKER: BRUTE JOHN O'MALLEY, CUBA

- Brute O'Malley shared highlights from his recent trip to Cuba and pointers for anyone considering visiting.
- He shared insights about how to prepare, what to expect, how to get there, where to stay, what to see and do, etc.

V. COMMITTEE/SQUAD REPORTS

A. Three Hots and a Cot (Don Lehman)

- Brute Lehman noted that Home Depot is looking for volunteers to assist with tearing out and remodeling work to make the home of a wheelchair-bound Navy veteran more accessible.
- Got to know manager Mark Hamilton of Home Depot. Home Depot is donating upwards of \$200 million towards veterans and veteran organizations. He and John made a presentation a while back and are developing that relationship.
- Considering having an appreciation day for Hoover Tactical staff and invite first responders and police officers. Perhaps a cookout at HTF after one of the detachment meetings.

B. National Cemetery/Veterans Memorial Park (Don Brooks)

- Brute Brooks reported that he and a few others from the detachment put flags out for Memorial Day.

C. “Second Chance” Gun Donation Drawing (David Landier)

- So far, we have raised \$10,714.
- Hats off to all who have sold tickets and/or worked the table.
- See David for tickets.
- David reminded members that we really need people to step up to sell tickets and work the table at Hoover Tactical. HTF is doing us a favor by letting us set up a few days a week. We need to take advantage of it. We haven’t done a good job filling volunteer time slots.
- Brute Andra Hall won the Glock 19 in the first of the four gun drawings.

D. Office (David Landier)

- We need volunteers to help with the following activities:
 - Steel door/commercial steel door
 - Paint door
 - Acoustical tiles in ceiling
 - Chair rail painted
 - Load custom made cabinets
 - Paint cabinets
 - Install floors
 - David willing to come to HTF at any time

E. Toys for Tots (1st Sgt. Spuesens)

- 1st Sgt Spuesens thanked the detachment for all of its support, particularly in supporting some of her Marines to attend the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.
- This year, she is specifically asking that our support come in the form of \$300 to purchase chair covers.
- Mike Jeffries made a motion to cover the cost of the chair covers. O’Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Shoot with the Brutes

- 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.

G. Lillian Jones

- Secured a table for us at the Flag Day ceremony.
- Needs a few volunteers to help her get our flags to the program and set up the table.
- The ceremony will be held on Sunday at 2pm at the Pelham Civic Center.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

– State Convention

- Do we want to host the State Convention in 2018?
- There was a good deal of discussion about the responsibilities and time commitment involved in hosting the convention.
- Consensus was that we need more information before deciding.

– Minutes

- Minutes were approved.

VII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE DETACHMENT

- Awards/Recognition
 - o Sr. Vice Higgins recognized all of the Vietnam Vets and presented them with a pin.

VIII. DONATION DRAWING

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

IX. RETIRING OF THE COLORS/ADJOURNMENT

- Chris Linn gave the closing prayer.

****NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE JULY 8, 2017****

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Submitted by

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