



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

**Detachment Business Meeting Minutes
March 2019**

Date of Meeting: 03/09/19
Location: Hoover Tactical Firearms
Recorded By: Jessica Findley
Date of Minutes: 03/09/19

Officers in Attendance: 7

1. Carol Higgins (Commandant)
2. Ceasar Rodriquez (Sr. Vice Commandant)
3. Patrick Hebdon (Jr. Vice Commandant)
4. Fernando Valentin (Paymaster)
5. Vernon Wood (Sgt-At-Arms)
6. John Simmons (Chaplain)
7. Harvey Jones (Asst. Chaplain)

Officers Absent: 1

1. Ed Smith Jr. (Judge Advocate/Jr. Past Comdt)

Total Present: 17

Guest (G): 5

Officers (O): 7

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| 1. Fernando Valentin (O) | 8. Albert Barfield | 15. Jessica Findley |
| 2. Carol Higgins (O) | 9. David Gaut | 16. Bud Airaghi (G) |
| 3. Vernon Wood (O) | 10. Tom Krebs | 17. Clarence Connor (G) |
| 4. Ceasar Rodriguez (O) | 11. Don Lehman | 18. Sara Weber (G) |
| 5. John Simmons (O) | 12. Jim Murphy | 19. Mike ?? (G) |
| 6. Harvey Jones (O) | 13. Philip Rushton | 20. Eric Brosch (G) |
| 7. Patrick Hebdon (O) | 14. Steven Weber | |

1. Commandant Higgins called the meeting to order at 10:15am.

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2. Sgt-at-Arms Vernon Wood led the posting of the colors. Patrick Hebdon, Albert Barfield and Harvey Jones served as the Color Guard.
3. Chaplain Simmons gave the invocation.
4. Tom Krebs made the motion to accept the minutes and David Gaut gave the second. The minutes were approved.
5. Paymaster shared impact report. Reported that there is \$312 in checking and \$5,956 in savings account. There is \$2,668 in the combined accounts and \$912 in Scholarship Fund.
6. Chaplain Simmons shared that Amy Roberts, Al Barfield's daughter, is home recovering. Al Barfield back in attendance at meeting
7. Sr. Vice Rodriguez shared about news article profiling Carol as new Comdt and that she has been nominated for the Trailblazer award for the Center for Women Veterans. The award will be presented in Washington, DC this year.
8. No Jr. Vice report.
9. Judge Advocate absent.
10. Car Show on April 20th at the Hoover Met. Including an Easter Egg hunt for the children, as it's the day before Easter. There will be a band, Smooth Operators, playing music at the event as well. Two members of the band present at meeting. It is a five-piece band, and they play mostly classic rock, blues, funk and country rock. Hoover Met will have police, EMTs, concessions, and will make the restrooms available. Inviting every detachment in the state to join and set up tent. Charging cars an entry fee, attendees will vote on cars. Need volunteers: traffic control, security, etc. Already have about 100 cars secured. Need 100 cars to cover our cost. Charging \$30 per car, and they will get 2 spaces for the entry fee. Currently no back-up plan for inclement weather.
11. COMDT asked for motion to have car show. Vernon Wood made the motion; Ceasar Rodriguez gave the second. Motion approved.
12. COMDT asked for vote to approve \$3000 toward the car show. Krebs made the motion; Ceasar gave the second. Floor opened to discussion. Many concerns shared about detachment's exposure. Suggestions put forward about getting car owners to pre-pay for registration to cover cost in advance. Ceasar Rodriguez, Tom Krebs, and Al Barfield each offered \$500 toward the cost of the event, bringing the total projected cost exposure to \$1500. COMDT anticipates bringing in \$30,000 in revenue. Called for the vote. Vote passed. Flyers will be ready by end of the day to share on website and on Facebook. Email address is alabamamshownshine@yahoo.com. COMDT will keep membership updated on number of registrations.
13. COMDT reported that Ed Smith working on getting a pistol to raffle at the car show.
14. Hoover Day is April 27th. COMDT working on getting us registered to set up. COMDT and Woody volunteered to man the tent and urge others to come as long as they can when they can.
15. COMDT shared that Steven Weber has to step down from the Adjutant position due to increased work responsibilities. Send Adjutant recommendations to COMDT Higgins.
16. One new member: Bud Airaghi (Uh-rah-ghee).
17. Vernon Wood suggested that we have rifle bearers along with flag bearers for Color Guard.
18. COMDT introduced another guest: Lt. Col. Eric Brosch. Working with the Marine Corps History Division with the Marine Corps University to capture Marine Corps history through oral interviews and collection of artifacts.
19. Jessica reported that Jim Alexander (absent) has secured **Sunday, May 4th *** (*Amended by JF on 3.17.19 to reflect correct date) for the detachment shooting event at Warrior Ranch in Brookwood, AL. Already have 20 people signed up to attend. Will have lunch provided by detachment. The day is intended to be a relaxing Sunday at the range.

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20. Tom Krebs 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.
21. 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.
22. COMDT Higgins will attend the Southeast Division Conference March 21-24.
23. The raffle brought in \$70 for the Brute Scholarship Fund.
24. Chaplain Simmons closed us in prayer.
25. Sgt at Arms Wood led the detachment in the Marine Corps Hymn.
26. The meeting was closed at 11:45am.
27. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13th, 2019.

Submitted by Jessica Findley