



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

October 2018
Detachment Business Meeting Minutes

Officers in Attendance: 8

1. Fernando Valentin (Commandant)
2. Carol Higgins (Sr. Vice Commandant)
3. Mike Jeffries (Jr. Vice Commandant)
4. Vernon Wood (Sgt-At-Arms)
5. Ed Smith Jr. (Judge Advocate/Jr. Past Comdt)
6. Jessica Findley (Adjutant/Interim Paymaster)
7. John Simmons (Chaplain)
8. Harvey Jones (Asst. Chaplain)

Officers Absent: 0

Members Present: 14

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| 1. David Gaut | 6. Don Lehman | 11. Lillian Jones |
| 2. James Murphy | 7. Tweety Byrd | 12. Philip Rushton |
| 3. Ceasar Rodriguez | 8. Jeremy Harris | 13. Jack Nolen |
| 4. Mac Hefner | 9. Steven Weber | 14. Al Wood |
| 5. Ken Suggs | 10. Oather Alred | |

1. Commandant Valentin called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
2. Sgt-at-Arms Vernon Wood led the posting of the colors.
3. Chaplain John Simmons gave the invocation.
4. Senior Vice Higgins gave the roll call of officers.
5. The September meeting minutes were approved. Jack Nolen made the motion and Mike Jeffries gave the second.
6. There were no visitors or prospective members in attendance.
7. COMDT Valentin shared the detachment’s account balance of \$11k.
8. ADJ Findley reminded everyone that we will have a table set up at the Zamora Sportsman’s Giveaway at the Zamora Shrine on Saturday, September 22nd. Arrive by 9am to set up. Event officially begins at 10am. Drawings usually begin around 1pm. Over by 2pm.
9. COMDT Valentin informed the members that he was not charged for his hotel stay during the National Convention and took a vote as to whether or not to call the hotel to make them aware of the matter. The membership voted to contact the hotel.

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10. Brute Ceasar Rodriguez will be receiving a car from Progressive Insurance at a special ceremony and luncheon on November 8th. Sgt-at-Arms Wood will be arranging a color guard.
11. ADJ Findley will share dates and details about various Birthday Ball/Veterans events/dinners.
12. We will participate in the Veterans Day Parade. Brute Jason Alexander will let us use his 5-ton truck. SV Higgins is getting us signed up. Brute Jack Nolan, who is also the Quartermaster of the Kelly Ingram VFW, announced that the VFW will have nickel beer and we are invited to meet there prior to and after the parade. The VFW will be our “rendezvous” point.
13. Everyone should bring a toy to our November meeting for Toys for Tots.
14. COMDT Valentin reminded us of our commitment to host an appreciation cook-out for Hoover Tactical. JA Smith said he would contact Spire about using their grill and also suggested that we see if the American Legion wants to co-sponsor the appreciation cook-out.
15. JV Jeffries noted that we have 168 members and a total of 25 delinquencies.
16. COMDT Valentin urged members to continue recruiting new members. ADJ Findley is working on “recruiting” materials like flyers/handouts.
17. Mac Hefner reiterated the need to establish a flag retirement program whereby we will hold a ceremony to formally retire flags. We can collect them through the year (HTF as an ongoing drop-off location) and then hold a ceremony once or twice a year where we can invite the public. Mac and SV Higgins will work together to draft up a proposal. Mac agreed to chair this committee.
18. We discussed the need for everyone to keep up with events around town that would be good locations for recruiting and selling gun drawing tickets, such as gun shows, boat shows, state fair, etc. ADJ Findley will start a list.
19. Don Lehman shared the proposed policies and procedures for the Brute Scholarship Fund, including calendar, criteria, eligibility, budget, etc. SV Higgins moved to accept the policies and procedures. David Gaut gave the second.
20. COMDT Valentin asked for recommendations for the next gun drawing. A home defense shot gun was recommended.
21. David Gaut suggested we do something other than a gun for a drawing and suggested a camping or a fishing package. Members engaged in a discussion about various package ideas, some examples included: 60/40 drawing; tool package; cruise; Disney World; Six Flags; Barber; weekend getaway; family-friendly packages;
22. The raffle brought in \$40, which was half of the 50/50 drawing.
23. John Simmons closed us in prayer.
24. Sgt at Arms Wood led the detachment in the Marine Corps Hymn.
25. The meeting was closed at 11:30am.
26. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 10th, 2018.

Submitted by Jessica Findley, Adjutant