

West Coast Drill Instructor Association
SgtMaj Leland D. 'Crow' Crawford Chapter
Teleconference Reunion Committee Meeting
6 August 2018

Members Present:

President:	CWO3 Chip Dykes (Ret)
Vice President:	GySgt Alan Hulett (Ret)
Secretary:	SSgt Gregg Stoner (Vet)
Treasurer:	SgtMaj Doug Barr (Ret)
Past President:	SgtMaj Bobby Woods (Ret)
Board Member:	SgtMaj Ron Hoffman (Ret)
Board Member:	GySgt Harold Franco (Ret)
Board Member:	GySgt Tom Donner (Ret)
Emeritus Member:	SgtMaj Mark Allen (Ret)
Member:	MSgt Shafi McCants (Ret)
Spouse Auxiliary:	Steph Parmele

Members Absent: None

Call to Order: President Chip Dykes called the meeting to order at 1800 hours. A roll call was held and all committee members were present.

Reunion Review:

1. Duty Hut:

a. Check-in at the Duty Hut: Gregg Stoner reported that the Duty Hut is set to open at 1500, but if early access to the Duty Hut is available before it will be open as early as 1300. All attendee packages will be ready to distribute. The 782 gear will be displayed, and new stock was ordered to supplement. DI Pins will be purchased prior to the event. Bobby Woods requested that the names of attendees be forwarded to him as soon as possible so name tags can be prepared as we go. A group photo will be made at 1800.

b. Duty Hut: Alan Hulett advised that four access keys will be provided to the Officers and if the hotel does not have the rooms rented on the Wednesday before our event we can have access on Wednesday. It was noted that early access allows all the gear to be stored and laid out in advance.

c. Bar stock and food: Harold Franco will have coolers available to put ice in. Tom Donner is donating cash to stock the bar with beverages and food items, and board members also donate stock for the bar. Gregg Stoner will order pizza and Doug Barr/Lonnie Long have volunteered to obtain fried chicken.

2. Breakfast at the mess hall:

a. G-3: The request has been submitted and Bobby Woods will follow up. Gregg Stoner will provide PMO with three lists of all members and guests attending the reunion.

b. Muster: Members are requested to muster outside the mess hall at 0545 for a group entry at 0600 when the mess hall opens.

c. Gate Entry: Members will be advised that the only entry before 0600 is Gate #5 at Washington Street.

d. Guest Speaker: Chip Dykes said RTR CO, Col Kazmier, will be the guest speaker following the breakfast.

3. CG's Morning Color Ceremony: The G-3 request has been submitted and Bobby Woods will follow up.

4. Known Marine Memorial Service:

a. Seats/Tenting: Bobby Woods is requesting support from RTR.

b. Practice: Bobby Woods is coordinating rehearsal with RTR.

c. Chaplain: Alan Hulett has this set up.

d. DI's: Bobby Woods has this on the G-3 request. Will coordinate with RTR as well.

e. Script: Bobby Woods will coordinate with Bill Paxton to see if he has the script. If not, Bobby thinks he might have a copy.

f. Reading: If Bill Paxton is available he will read the poem. If not, Chip Dykes volunteered.

g. Bugler and Firing Squad: This was requested on G-3 form, but will be consolidated by Chip and Bobby at a G-3 meeting prior to the event.

h. Bell: Bobby will request the bell from 2nd Battalion.

i. Wreath: Bobby said the current wreath is beat up and suggests we get a new one. Bobby will take care of it.

5. Barracks Tour: Discussion ensued about the timeline of having the barracks tour immediately following the Known Marine Memorial Service, as it only allows a maximum of 30 minutes to travel to, have the tour, and return to the bleachers for the graduation parade. It was suggested that the tour follow the graduation. No decision was made at this meeting, as we need to know what barracks is involved and it's location near the bleachers. Another option is to cancel the tour.

6. Graduation Parade: The G-3 form requested bleachers. No other coordination is needed.

7. Barbeque at the Boathouse:

a. Location: Tom Donner reserved our space, but we had to settle for the east side by the basketball courts. There is no gazebo there, but space should be enough for our event.

b. Parking: The former Depot SgtMaj allowed our members to park in the red zone along the road. Chip will check with the new Depot SgtMaj, SgtMaj Lee and see if we are still good on that commitment.

c. Timeline:

1) Seating of member:

2) Guest of Honor speaker: Chip will either have Depot SgtMaj or RTR SgtMaj as guest speaker. Bobby Woods will provide the audio equipment.

3) Year in Review: Chip will provide a 5-10 minute review of WCDIA accomplishments in past year and offer ideas of what we plan for the next year.

4) Chow: Following Chip's review members will be sent through the chow line. Tom Donner has two bids for 150 guests: one for \$1,800 and the other for \$2,000. Franco is awaiting a third bid.

5) Best Damned Cadence Caller In The West Contest: Shafi McCants will run the show. He will attempt to get current Drill Masters for the judges, but if that isn't possible he will ask Bobby Biers and Larry Carmon to be judges. Shafi proposed that this year we offer a trophy to the best active duty DI and another for the veteran DIs. Also proposed was a third trophy to the active or veteran DI winners in a runoff cadence call. Those present did not want to do that. Gregg Stoner will get the two trophies discussed.

6) Opportunity Drawing: Steph Parmele and the Spouse Auxiliary will prepare the opportunity drawing materials and handle the ticket donations and post the winners. Bobby Woods is assisting with procuring items for the drawings.

8. Golf Tournament: We were notified by SgtMaj Overstreet that the planned R. Lee Erney Memorial Golf Tournament had to be cancelled for a number of reasons. As a result Ron Hoffman contacted Riverwalk Golf Course and arranged for our standard golf tournament there. Their price is \$85 per member and Ron suggested charging \$90 to cover optional items. The price includes a cart, lunch of either a hot dog or hamburger, and range balls. Chip will try and get bags from PMCU and Bobby will assist with items to fill the bags. Ron will try and get Callaway Golf to provide some gift items. Members who submitted \$125 payment would be given the option of the WCDIA returning the additional funds paid. Gregg Stoner will pay the deposit as soon as possible.

9. Banquet:

a. Room: We were unable to get the same room as last year, but we will have a smaller room that we have used in the past.

b. POW/MIA Table: Alan Hulett is getting the materials to set the table up. Gregg Stoner will get dog tags. Alan will check with Bill Paxton for other needed items.

c. Band, Color Guard, and Chaplain: Bobby woods requested this on his G-3 request for.

d. Guest of Honor: BGen Heritage has been asked to be our GOH. It was decided to provide the general with a bottle of WCDIA wine following his talk.

e. Meal: Alan Hulett arranged to have the same meal as last year to keep the cost the same. We increased the price to \$55 this year for a better margin.

f. Silent and Live Auction items: Ron Hoffman suggested that we use—*All American Classics Auctions in a Box*, as they offer free delivery of items for sale, and also free return of items if they don't sell. They have a large variety of items such as military items, trips, etc. They set a minimum bid and everything over the minimum they

set is profit to us. Steph Parmele will follow up. It was noted that the Museum Foundation utilized this firm and they made many thousands of dollars over minimum bids. The Spouse Auxiliary will handle packaging of silent auction items, and we will offer the wine we purchased as part of their offerings. We will see if SgtMaj Overstreet will be our auctioneer again. It was agreed that the SA would participate in 50% of the proceeds of the silent auction items and the opportunity drawing at the BBQ.

g. Disc Jockey: Gregg Stoner retained Darryl Roberts to be our DJ again this year.

9. Burrito Breakfast and Final Farewell: Gregg Stoner will obtain the burritos and breakfast sandwiches from Jack in the Box on Sunday morning.

With no further items to discuss Chip Dykes made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved at 1907 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Stoner
Secretary