

West Coast Drill Instructor Association
SgtMaj Leland D. 'Crow' Crawford Chapter
All-Member Meeting
3 August 2019

Board Members Present:

President:	CWO3 Chip Dykes (Ret)
Vice-President:	GySgt Alan Hulett (Ret)
Secretary:	SSgt Gregg Stoner (Vet)
Treasurer:	SgtMaj Bobby Woods (Ret)
Board member:	SgtMaj Doug Barr (Ret)
Board member:	SgtMaj Bill Paxton (Ret)
Board member:	GySgt Tom Donner (Ret)
Board Member:	Sgt Tom Rhodes (Vet)

Board Members Absent:

Board Member:	SgtMaj Dave Francisco (Ret)
Board Member:	SgtMaj Ron Hoffman (Ret)
Board Member:	GySgt Harold Franco (Ret)
Board Member:	MGySgt Duane Siegmann

Members and Guests Present:

President SA:	Stephanie Parmele
Member:	Mike Hallek
Member:	GySgt Ben Parmele
Member:	Stan Haveriland
Member:	Shafi McCants
SA:	Emily Pro
Guest:	Melody Stoner
Guest:	Pearl Haveriland
Guest:	Virginia Urrutia
Guest:	Jeff Crane (Thrivent)
Guest:	Mike Miller (Thrivent)

Call to Order: At 0805 hours President Chip Dykes called the meeting to order.

Financial Report: SgtMaj Bobby Woods reviewed our current financial status including our Thrivent Account that currently totals approximately \$106,000.

Reunion Update:

Chip Dykes reviewed how the reunion the Depot primarily ran this year, but some glitches and issues arose that affected some events. The BBQ (picnic) could not be held at the Boathouse and was initially changed to the lawn outside the bowling alley. It was then reset to the MCRD Command Museum courtyard. Due to complications the

Command Museum Foundation sponsored the WCDIA's picnic event and we ended up donating \$1,000 to the Museum Foundation to assist with the cost of the meal.

The cadence-calling contest will have 12 active duty DIs competing. An additional 20 DIs and their guests will be sponsored guests to attend the banquet.

BGen Heritage promised that the 2020 reunion would be handled much more smoothly than this year.

Year in Review: Chip Dykes reviewed the following:

1. The WCDIA is contracted with MCCA to provide approximately \$17,000 in services to DIs and their families.
2. Gifting outside of the normal:
 - a. A check-list was created for grants of assistance that are outside of the normal grants of aid we normally provide. A review of several grants this past year included assisting in the replacement of a member's roof that was blown off in a hurricane and the member did not have wind insurance; another grant of aid was provided for a Marine undergoing a divorce that resulted in his mortgage going unpaid and was to be sold at foreclosure. It was noted that all grants of this nature must go through the requestors' sergeant major, and all other outside resources have been checked as well.
3. By-laws amended: Our by-laws were amended to clarify terms of officers, and to amend provisions that were unclear or ambiguous.
4. Former board member SgtMaj John Clampitt resigned due to health issues.
5. Former board member SgtMaj Lonnie Long took a leave of absence for medical-related issues.

Board Member Comments:

1. Alan Hulett created an on-line sales shop for selling items. The name of the site is "Shopify". More items will be added and it is expected that the site will become a good source of revenue from additional sales of our gear.
2. Bobby Woods mentioned that our budget goes up as more things come up.
3. Doug Barr noted that our gift program does not circumvent the normal Marine Corps options available to Marines in need.
4. Tom Rhodes stated he is a new board member and is too new to offer information yet.
5. Gregg Stoner mentioned that members often fail to notify us of changes in their mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, and rank promotions (active duty). When emails bounce they are removed from the address book mailings and a letter is sent prior to the reunion requesting an update. If the letters come back as undeliverable then the member is removed from the roster.
6. Tom Donner had no comments.
7. SA President Stephanie Parmele indicated that it has been a rough year for her board and she is currently the only active board member. She is working on increasing the staff.

Comments and questions from the floor:

1. Bill Paxton advised the group that his 4th of July float in the Coronado Parade took 1st Place for military floats.

2. Shafi McCants felt we deserved kudos for the reunion. He inquired if there were any plans to have an East/West reunion in the future. Chip Dykes said the board would discuss this as a possible event for the future and see if there is member interest that would support it. Shafi also asked if we plan to offer college tuition to members. Gregg Stoner advised that since most DIs do not have college-aged kids we decided in the beginning to offer “child care assistance” to DI families who need help with child care costs.

Thrivent Financial Presentation:

The WCDIA financial advisor Jeff Crane and his associate Mike Miller provided the group with a presentation about some available options for members to offer tax-free donations from their IRA/Keogh accounts by directly gifting unneeded funds instead of taking taxable mandatory distributions required by IRS. Jeff handed out a brochure to members and offered to review any member’s financial situation to see if they could be of assistance. Jeff explained that he has been doing this for 27 years and Thrivent has been in business for 115 years. He is a certified financial planner and has a Series-7 brokers license.

Adjourn: With no further business Chip Dykes called for the meeting to adjourn at 0845 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Stoner
Secretary