

SgtMaj Leland D. ‘Crow’ Crawford Chapter  
Board of Directors Meeting  
16 July 2019

**Members Present:**

Vice President: GySgt Alan Hulett (Ret)  
Secretary: SSgt Gregg Stoner (Vet)  
Treasurer: SgtMaj Bobby Woods (Ret)  
Parliamentarian: GySgt Harold Franco (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Doug Barr (Ret)  
Board Member: GySgt Tom Donner (Ret)  
Board Member: Sgt Tom Rhodes (Vet)  
Advisor: Maj Alan Franke, S-3 RTR  
Advisor: SgtMaj Dewayne Reese, SgtMaj 1stBn  
Advisor: 1stSgt Joseph Alvarez  
Advisor: MSgt Rocky Bosman  
Advisor: GySgt Ben Parmele  
SA President: Stephanie Parmele, SA President  
SA Member Emily Pro

**Members Absent:**

President: CWO3 Chip Dykes (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Bill Paxton (Ret)  
Board Member: MGySgt Duane Siegmann (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Ron Hoffman (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Dave Francisco (Ret)

**Call to Order:** At 1605 hours Vice-President Alan Hulett called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review of Minutes:** Secretary Stoner had previously electronically sent the minutes of the board of director meetings for 21 May 2019, 18 June 2019, and 27 June 2019 to the board members for review. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** SgtMaj Bobby Woods gave a review of the current cash balances in the checking and savings accounts, as well as a review of our Thrivent account. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. The motion passed.

**Spouse Auxiliary:** Stephanie Parmele reported that she is keeping the current board of directors of the SA and is working closely to get back on track.

**Silent Auction:** Steph Parmele had just received the silent auction items and will be taking photos to promote the items for sale. Alan Hulett indicated that we will also be getting a signed helmet from Ladanian Tomlinson, and we also have R. Lee Erney's motorcycle helmet. In discussion it was agreed to open bidding at \$500 for each of the two helmets. Also in the available auction items are four trips to a wine tasting vineyard. Bobby Woods said he could bring some items to supplement the auction. Gregg Stoner advised that we have purchased a case of WCDIA wine again this year and we also have two magnum bottles.

**Opportunity Drawings:** In discussion it was determined that we would not be able to hold an opportunity drawing at MCRD this year. However, holding one or more opportunity drawings for a 50/50 split of the take is an option that can be held at the Duty Hut and the Banquet.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Development Committee:** Harold Franco said that we have the application in for SgtMaj Julio (Ret) for board membership. Voting on his application will take place after the reunion, as SgtMaj Meza is being asked to participate in our reunion to get a first-hand knowledge of what we do. Also discussed was that we also have an application for board membership by GySgt Ben Parmel (Active). Alan Hulett advised that upon research with the Depot and Marine Corps orders it has been determined that active duty Marines are not allowed to become board members on any non-profit organizations while they are on active duty, but they can be advisors in a non-voting capacity.

**Brick Committee:** Bobby Woods reported that our 2019 bricks would be delivered to us on Thursday, 18 July. Installation is being coordinated with our mason Tim Perkins for the week of 22 July. It was noted that Chip Dykes needs a photo of the HOF brick ASAP in order to get the photo properly framed for presentation at the reunion banquet. Also, the Sgt G. Wilson brick was given back to us for installation at the memorial site. Also noted was that Sgt Wilson's widow wants to be present for the installation. It was questioned whether her intention was the memorial service or the actual brick being laid in the ground: the group agreed the most appropriate viewing was the memorial.

**Reunion Committee:** As of the date of this meeting there are still some open-ended situations regarding the Friday MCRD visit:

**1. Memorial:** CG BGen Heritage wants to preside over the DI Memorial. We need to submit a copy of our memorial procedures in case the CG wants to follow that protocol, but it is up to him. We were advised that the Depot Chaplain would be there as well. It was uncertain if chairs and shade tents would be available.

**2. Picnic:** There is a financial issue that is being debated about funds for the event. The RTR Battalions were advised that they needed to fund the event with their MCCS funds, but the Battalion SgtsMaj indicated they had no funds. Additionally,

another issue about the funds was that the funds are for all the personnel at the battalions including support personnel, and if the funds were used for a DI exclusive event there could be a legal issue if any of the personnel complained. BGen Heritage ordered that RTR make this work. At the time of this meeting the board was informed that the estimated cost of the picnic for 800+ DIs and family members to also include the WCDIA would be around \$2,000. The board discussed that if it was absolutely necessary that we could provide the funds, but the active duty personnel present were also told that we had not charged our members for the picnic like we always do based on the original premise that we were offered this meal for free. It was determined by the board that both CWO3 Chip Dykes and SgtMaj Bobby Woods should meet with Depot G-3 to work out any issues. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to provide whatever funds are necessary to make the picnic work.

**3. Seating and tents:** SgtMaj Reese felt that they could provide the seating and tents needed. However, we were also told that MCCA does not have the equipment and they may have to go to Miramar.

**4. Duty Hut:** Harold Franco reported that he needs board members to bring coolers to the Duty Hut. Board members have donated a good start-up for the Duty Hut bar.

**5. Golf:** Ron Hoffman had reported earlier that we have 21 golfers signed up and more are expected before our final count must be submitted. Bag stuffers have been obtained and Bobby Woods has additional items. Ron also reported that the Ladanian Tomlinson Foundation is planning on making a \$1,000 donation to us for the purpose of creating a Leadership Award. The board needs to determine how we will determine the manner of determining the recipients.

**6. Banquet:** The WCDIA has a donor that is willing to fund 40 DIs and their wives to attend the banquet. RTR was asked to provide a list of the names of those attending. It was suggested that we offer shirts and hats for sale at the banquet. Gregg Stoner was tasked with contacting Fay Crawford to see if she will be in attendance.

### **Old Business:**

**1. Online store update:** Alan Hulett confirmed the store is up and running and plans to immediately begin to promote it.

**2. DI Lounge:** No action has been taken at this time on the DI Lounge and must wait until after the DI Reunion.

**3. DI School SMMC Displays:** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to move this matter to the August board meeting.

### **New Business:**

**1. Coronado Parade Results:** Alan Hulett received a request from SgtMaj Bill Paxton to let the board know that his float won first place for military floats at the Coronado Parade on the Fourth of July. SgtMaj Paxton will forward the names of the

Marine volunteers that assisted so letters of appreciation can be prepared and sent to RTR so their records reflect their volunteerism.

**Adjourn:** At 1456 hours a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Stoner  
Secretary