

SgtMaj Leland D. ‘Crow’ Crawford Chapter
Board of Directors Meeting
17 September 2019

Members Present:

President:	CWO3 Chip Dykes (Ret)
Secretary:	SSgt Gregg Stoner (Vet)
Treasurer:	SgtMaj Bobby Woods (Ret)
Parliamentarian:	GySgt Harold Franco (Ret)
Board Member:	SgtMaj Doug Barr (Ret)
Board Member:	SgtMaj Bill Paxton (Ret)
Board Member:	Sgt Tom Rhodes (Vet)
Advisor:	SgtMaj Hidalgo (2 nd BN SgtMaj)
Advisor:	SgtMaj Reese (1 st Bn SgtMaj)

Members Absent:

Vice President:	GySgt Alan Hulett (Ret)
Board Member:	SgtMaj Ron Hoffman (Ret)
Board Member:	SgtMaj Dave Francisco (Ret)
Board Member:	MGySgt Duane Siegmann (Ret)
Board Member:	GySgt Tom Donner (Ret)

1. Call to Order: At 1603 hours President Chip Dykes called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Review of Minutes: An electronic copy of the minutes of the 8-3-19 Board meeting had been sent to the board prior to the meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes.

3. Financial Report: SgtMaj Bobby Woods reviewed our financial status. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the financial report.

4. Spouse Auxiliary: There were no SA representatives at the meeting. Chip Dykes said that the SA board is in disarray with members not attending meetings or showing interest. A discussion will be held with Steph Parmele to determine whether to continue the program, dissolve the program, or establish a new board. Chip will talk to the battalion reps to see if there can be assistance from them.

5. Committee Reports:

Reunion 2019:

A general discussion took place about the 2019 Reunion. It was agreed by all that the reunion was a success and the change of reunion dates from September to

early August was better for all. Attendance was up substantially from previous reunions. The G-3 has promised that 2020 will be better coordinated. It was noted that we made a good profit at the reunion but that the amount was still short of our annual budget needs.

Chip Dykes announced that the Crowne Plaza Hotel would not renew our annual booking due to noise complaints they received at our last reunion. A new venue will be secured in Mission Valley.

An annual “Best Damned Battalion Cadence Caller in the West” trophy needs to be secured for the annual winners of the active duty cadence callers so that the trophy can be displayed for the year at their respective battalion. Gregg Stoner will obtain the trophy and have the name, rank, company and battalion of this year’s winner engraved on the brass plaque to be attached to the trophy. The trophy design will be similar to our normal DI Trophy, but will have an upper section added to the normal base. Each side of the base will have a brass plate that will accommodate future winners.

Chip Dykes requested our advisors to obtain a list of names of the active duty Marines that help support our reunion (Marine Band San Diego group that provided music at our banquet and the color guard that presented the colors at the banquet) to that a letter of appreciation can be sent to their commands.

Development Committee:

GySgt Harold Franco advised that SgtMaj Jose Meza has declined to become a board member. No other candidates are in the pipeline at this time.

Brick Committee:

Bobby Woods noted that we have two replacement bricks that need to be installed to replace the original bricks that had errors. Bobby will install the two bricks himself.

6. Old Business:

A. Online Store Update: Chip Dykes said that Alan Hulett has ordered the new short sleeve and long sleeve tee shirts in battalion colors.

B. 782 Gear Replacement Order: Gregg Stoner said that we need to replenish our 782 gear and will order additional shirts and caps. Also, a bid to obtain 200 more DI Challenge coins was presented for board approval: the board approved purchasing 200 coins.

C. DI Lounge: The original DI Lounge that had been taken over by the Fire Department subsequent to their state fire is now available again for use. Also, the Boat House building is also available. Our two advisors present felt that the Boat House was not a viable option for active duty DIs to use due to the distance from their normal locations. They felt that the original DI Lounge was a more viable location if we decide to use it.

D. DI School SMMC Shadow Boxes: Discussion ensued about assisting DI School with funding of their proposed upgrade of the SMMC Shadow Boxes that represent the four DI School personnel that went on to become SMMC. The estimated cost was originally approximately \$2,500, but could be more. Chip Dykes suggested that if the WCDIA decides to assist with the cost of one box that he could get the Frontwave Credit Union to match our donation. Chip will contact 1stSgt Coburn for updated information on the project, and to also determine what additional funds that 1stSgt Coburn is able to procure for the project.

7. New Business:

A. Raffle For Crow Crawford Revolver: Gregg Stoner was able to procure Crow Crawford's Smith and Wesson .357 revolver for \$600. A photocopy of the revolver was passed out for the Board to see. GySgt Franco suggested that we should continue using the small two-part tickets that were used at the DI reunion to save the expense of the original tickets we had for the first gun raffle. In discussion about the timing and length of the raffle: he suggested that we run the raffle from February 2020 until the annual Inland Valley DI Call. No vote was made, but those present agreed with the time line.

B. Set date for Annual Offsite Meeting: A proposal was made and approved to set our annual offsite dinner meeting to be Saturday, 7 December 2019. The venue will be the American Legion at South Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, California.

C. Set Date for 2020 Reunion: A date was set for the 2020 reunion: 30 July to 2 August.

D. LT Donation: How to use? When SgtMaj Ron Hoffman secured the LT Donation the purpose was originally to be used for youth leadership development. However, in discussions with the LT representative it was noted that most of our DI families have small children of elementary school ages resulting in limited potential of achieving the specified use. The rep indicated that we had some latitude in how we employ those funds, so additional discussion will be needed to develop a viable strategy.

E. October DI Call: Chip was advised by RTR that they are planning a DI Call in October with the date to be determined. Information will be forwarded when known.

F. Veteran of the Year: SgtMaj Bill Paxton said that the San Diego Veteran of the Year awards program is once again coming up, and he nominated GySgt Harold Franco to be our nominee this year. Bill will get the necessary paperwork to be submitted.

8. Adjourn: At 1656 hours a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Stoner
Secretary