

Board of Directors Meeting 15 October 2019

Members Present:

President: CWO3 Chip Dykes (Ret)
Vice President: GySgt Alan Hulett (Ret)
Secretary: SSgt Gregg Stoner (Vet)
Treasurer: SgtMaj Bobby Woods (Ret)
Parliamentarian: GySgt Harold Franco (Ret)
Board Member: SgtMaj Ron Hoffman (Ret)
Board Member: SgtMaj Doug Barr (Ret)
Board Member: GySgt Tom Donner (Ret)
Board Member: Sgt Tom Rhodes (Vet)
Advisor: SgtMaj Smith
Advisor: SgtMaj Reese (1st Bn SgtMaj)
Advisor: SgtMaj Vega
Advisor: 1stSgt Nelson Coburn (1stSgt DI School)
SA President: Steph Parmele
SA Board Member: Maria Yulee
SA Board Member: Sunshine Hafner

Members Absent:

Board Member: SgtMaj Dave Francisco (Ret)
Board Member: SgtMaj Bill Paxton (Ret)
Board Member: MGySgt Duane Siegmann (Ret)

- 1. Call to Order:** At 1600 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 9-17-19 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:** Gregg Stoner reviewed our financial status. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the financial report.
- 4. Spouse Auxiliary:** Steph Parmele said that they are forming a new board of directors. It was suggested that the SA's seek the advice from battalion personnel to find volunteers that are willing and able to assist the SA organization.
- 5. Committee Reports:**

Reunion Committee:

1. New Hotel Needed: Chip Dykes reviewed that the general manager of the San Diego Crowne Plaza Hotel has told us that we will not be welcomed back due to the loud and raucous behavior of some of our members outside the Duty Hut late at night resulting in numerous requests to quiet down by security. A discussion ensued about suggestions for a new location. Tom Rhodes suggested that we might try going back to the GM to see if there is anything we can do to rectify the issue and continue using their hotel. Chip Dykes questioned why we would want to go to a place where we are not welcome. A former suggestion of trying the Bahia Hotel on Mission Bay was nixed due to the traffic congestion of mid-summer vacationers in the area. Other locations in Mission Valley will be sought.

Development Committee: At present Harold Franco does not have anyone in the potential board member pipeline. He plans to make up a flyer that can be passed out at various commands seeking interested Marines who might be candidates. Harold mentioned that the biggest concern potential candidates have expressed are the amount of time needed for the tasks of the position as well as the potential expenses they might incur.

Brick Committee: No report was provided.

6. Old Business:

a. On Line Store: Alan Hulett advised that the new WCDIA patches are now in and available at the store. A question arose about why the store is charging sales tax when we have always offered the merchandise for a donation (not a sale) quid pro quo. Alan will check with the site. At this time we have no idea where the taxes collected are located and who would be responsible for reporting them. Gregg Stoner asked Alan to provide a list of needed 782 merchandise so that new items can be obtained.

b. DI School Shadow Boxes: 1stSgt Coburn reviewed the prior request for assistance in getting 5 new shadow boxes to replace the old ones at DI School. The shadow boxes house displays featuring the five prior DI School instructors that went on to become Sergeants Major of the Marine Corps. He stated the total cost would be about \$2,500. A motion was made and seconded to provide a maximum of \$2,500 toward the project—the motion passed. 1stSgt Coburn will get an invoice of the total cost.

c. LT Youth Leadership Awards: Ron Hoffman told the group that the required use of the funds has some flexibility. The award will be a perpetual annual award. In discussion it was felt that we initially provide a \$250 check to a DI family from each battalion requisite of the individuals participation in a leadership capacity. It was noted

that MCCS would be advised of the new award program we will add to the contract and no issue is anticipated from MCCS.

d. Veterans Day Parade: SgtMaj Paxton had contacted Gregg Stoner and requested that the board assist him with getting a volunteer to drive a truck or SUV to pick up the trailer at a rental location and then tow the trailer at the parade. He also wanted to confirm that there would be volunteers for the float. Bobby Woods confirmed that the request for the volunteers was submitted to the G-3 for processing. Also confirmed was that the DI of the Year was willing to participate as previously requested. There were no volunteers for assisting with getting and then towing the trailer.

7. New Business:

a. Quarterly DI Call: The advisors suggested that the next DI Call be held at the Command Museum on Tun Tavern Tuesday. The next TTT is scheduled for 5 November. The WCDIA will provide the Museum Foundation with a donation of \$250 for our food share. The SA will get a list of all the new babies for the baby basket preparation, and they have sufficient funds to obtain the needed items for the baskets. Chip Dykes will send more specific information to the board regarding combining our efforts with the Museum's TTT event after he speaks to Chris Weimer at the Museum Foundation.

b. Mail Chimp: Chip Dykes secured a bulk mailing service called "Mail Chimp". The program allows sending bulk emails to our members. These programs require that the user must provide an "opt-out" for anyone that does not want to receive the emails, but Chip cautioned that once a member opts-out that it is almost impossible to get back into the program. Some board members had received the initial email Chip sent and did not know what it was so they deleted them. The email shows "Secretary" as the sender of the email.

8. Adjourn: At 1652 hours a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Stoner
Secretary