

## **MINUTES MEMBERS MEETING**

**3 May 2025**

We gathered at Drill Instructor School at 0900. 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Mattingly gave the membership a very informative brief.

The meeting was called to order at 0925.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and accepted.

There was a question about having a photographer as we have had in the past. We will explore that option for next year.

Some members are still having difficulty navigating the website. Ken will take for action and provide information in June's newsletter.

Forms are always available if you call Ken.

We need more active-duty participation. We are going to offer membership for one year to all DI School graduates.

We need to keep the welcome aboard breakfast on Friday morning. This year AMVETS will offer breakfast on Sunday for the farewell.

Getting aboard the Depot was easier this year.

The host hotel did not offer free breakfast, and we had no hospitality room. Ric VanNorton volunteered to work with the hotel to maybe offer more next year. It was mentioned that all members should stay at the same hotel giving us more buying power.

Membership would like to see the emblem ceremony at the conclusion of the crucible. The ceremony being held is a very somber event and is meant to be mainly for the new Marines. John

Allen mentioned that people could meet at DI School and watch the new Marines march on their way to the ceremony.

The members also would like to see more training.

We still recognize Drill Instructors with quarterly awards.

When we met all the senior leaders are new. We need to arrange a brief.

We had some things in the LOI that got a little garbled. The martial arts demonstration was somehow dropped. Will try again next year.

We survive by the generosity of our members. With the passing of some of our members, donations are down.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

We want to plan another weapon raffle for 2026. We need input on which weapon the membership would like to see offered. We are going to have to purchase this weapon. So far M1A and AR-15 has been mentioned. We need input to make this happen and more members selling tickets.

## **ELECTIONS:**

Trustees: Les Wood was nominated by Ric VanNorton second by Ray Bongiorno. Miguel Martinez was nominated by Jack Pomeroy second by Jim Sharp. Both were elected. Duane Siegmann was nominated by Brenda Moore second by Shar Prieur, he was later nominated for a Board seat.

Board of Directors: Jim Moore was nominated by Jim Sharp second by Tom Dawson, Bill Nash was nominated by Mary Miller second by Dan Showalter, Duane Siegmann was nominated by Dan Showalter second by Chris Grollneck, Sharleene Prieur was nominated by Brenda Moore second by Nina Patino all were elected as Board members.

Secretary Treasurer: Mary Miller was nominated by Dan Showalter second by Don Gabbard having no other nominations she will continue to serve.

President: Ken Miller was nominated by Dan Showalter second by Brenda Moore having no other nominations Ken will continue to serve.

## **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Mary gave the Treasurers report: Checking: \$17,204.76  
Savings: \$9,676.61

Motion to accept by Duane second by Dr Marsaglia report accepted.

After the elections in closing the meeting Ken spoke about SgtMaj Smack the incoming RTR SgtMaj and the encouraging vibes he is getting.

Having had numerous requests about the Drill Instructor Book. When Ken last spoke to Acclaim Press the book is supposed to be published in August.

Before we adjourned, we had a motion to make memberships 2 years for \$100.00. Duane made the motion Crouch second. The motion was not adopted. Ken did mention that members can have as many years as they want it does not have to be done annually.

Duane mentions increasing the reunion by one day to make more available. The board will investigate the feasibility.

Motion to Adjourn by Brenda second by Shar all were in favor. Meeting adjourned 1030.