

Marine Corps League

CPL. Suzi Sannes Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97

Rocky Mount, NC

August 1, 2016

Opening Ceremony:

At 1900 hours Commandant Rick Thomason instructed Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle to secure the quarters. Nineteen active members and two guests were present. The posting of colors, salute to the flag and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle.

The Bible was opened and the opening prayer was read by acting Chaplain Rick Ferguson.

The meeting was declared open for the transaction of official business by acting Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle.

Roll call of officers:

All present with the following exceptions; National Web Sergeant Lori-Sannes-excused.

Visiting guests: Mike Black Commandant of the Wilson-Gold Leaf Detachment

Induction of new officers: William Blackmon and Candace Evans

Correspondence: Comdt. Rick Thomason read emails from National Commandant Richard Gore concerning the upcoming Supreme Grawl events in Tulsa, OK reminding everyone that General Robert Neller, the 37th Commandant of the Marine Corp will be the guest of honor and guest speaker at the Grand Banquet.

Passing of Marine John Richard Skuce Jr. and instructions on the funeral.

Marine week: September 7-11 in Nashville, TN.

Northwest District DoNC Fall Quarterly Meeting September 24 in Boone, NC

Donor Impact Report from Wesleyan College thanking Joint Veterans Commandants Nash and Edgecombe Counties.

Department of North Carolina Challenge coins – if interested in purchasing coins the cost before September is \$7.50 each, after September 1 the cost will be \$10 each.

Presentation: David Evans ‘This is Who I am’

Old Business:

Motion to accept July minutes were accepted by David Sannes, second Charles Minton. Unanimous vote taken and accepted.

Paymasters Report:

Opening balance is \$6,576.68. Listed deposits totaling \$6,576.68 – total checking \$6,576.68. Listed payouts totaling \$0. Cash on hand \$40.00 with an ending balance of \$6,616.68. Previous monies voted as dedicated: Uniform Fund \$91.51, Scout fund \$205.35, Humanitarian fund \$262.46. Marine Corp Ball Ad book \$865.00. This leaves the Detachment \$5,192.36 total usable funds. A motion was taken to accept paymaster report by Joe Pisarik, second by James Berardi. Unanimous vote taken and accepted.

Sickbay report:

Tom Deaner back and walking without a can, doing well.

Chaplain Melvin Wolfe back and blood clots being monitored by the VA.

Bill Adcock Chemo has destroyed bone marrow; he is home and living day by day. Needs prayers and visits from members.

Officer Reports:

David Sannes – Pumpkin Festival- members needed to help October 1st in Spring Hope. Helpers needed for Ninja Warriors event in Red Oak to work concession, crowd control and traffic. September 3rd and 4th.

David Evans – Requesting sign for MCL with Detachment information. Asked Joe Pisarik to run it by VFW Board. Ask for everyone to work on recruiting new members for the League. He will help with follow up.

T4TExchange in Wilson was made from Candace Taylor and Wilson County will now run.

Pat Milligan – League Mudcats Baseball game date has been moved from August 13 to Friday September 2nd at 7pm. End of season will be September 6. Advise how many tickets everyone needs/wants.

Larry Hill – Member dues. Rick Ferguson in June, Donna Minton in June.

Good of the League:

Joe Pisarik Cleared and updated the property for the Ladies Auxiliary Club and replaced the air conditioner. Rentals for building are down and needing donations to help with the cost. Motion was made by Charles Minton to donate \$500.00 from the League and was seconded by Melvin Wolfe. Unanimous vote taken and accepted.

Carl Johnson discussed the Marine Corp Ball. Encouraged selling of Ads. Possible speaker he has in mind and decorations for ball. There will be an auction using donation from Osbourne Jewelers. Open Ball, invite others, Coat and tie and remember to promote “Friends and Family of Marines donations for \$10.00. Requesting decoration committee to set up tables and decorate. Consider Navy ROTC, oldest and youngest marine and awards committee.

Rick Thomason – Will be traveling and sharing the Detachment information. Great detachment more structured and regimented. No staff Officers meeting this time. Would like to see an awards committee in place. Needs to ‘mean’ something. Recognize the League or community, a business. Asked for volunteers. Joe P., Bill K and Donna M. volunteered. Pat M. and Melvin W. are to head up the committee, draw some guidelines and report back.

Charles Minton- National Convention coming up. Can bring back anything needed for members. September 24th Quarterly meeting in Boone, NC. Uniform or casual dress with Cover. Make reservations by September 2nd using code – MCL1320. Spouses allowed.

Closing Ceremony:

Rick Thomason calls on Sergeant at Arms to retire colors.

Chaplain reads closing prayer.

Sr. Vice Commandant reads closing statement.

Sergeant of Arms declares meeting officially closed till Thursday September 8, 2016 (Monday a Holiday)