

Marine Corps League

Cpl. Suzi Sannes

Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97

Rocky Mount, NC

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Opening Ceremony:

At 1900 hours Commandant Rick Thomason instructed Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle to secure the quarters. Eighteen active members and four 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 Chaplin Melvin Wolfe.

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

Roll Call of Officers:

Conducted by Detachment Chaplin, Mel Wolfe. All present with the following exceptions; Judge Advocate Leo Nieves-Absent, Adjutant Donna Minton-Excused, Public Relations Moonie Sloan-Absent, and Amber Rushton – Excused, and National Web Sergeant Lori Sannes - Excused.

Visiting Guests:

Jeff Jones, Michael Meyers Jennifer Meyers , and Mike Black - 1267 Gold Leaf Detachment.

Paymasters Report:

Paymaster report moved up accommodating paymaster's need to leave early. Midwest Conference; Larry has signup sheets for those attending. Deadline to submit – Feb 8. Conference dates – Mar 3- 5. Also has updated list of National Trustees and National Staff with emails. Opening balance is \$7196.72. Listed deposits totaling \$265.00 – total checking \$7461.72. Listed payouts: national Dues-\$60.00, State Dues-\$15.00, Statement Fee PNC-\$2.00, Department Rifle Raffle-\$100.00, Wesleyan College Donation-\$300.00 (\$100.00 was from Carl Johnson), totaling \$477.00 – Add back Dues Paid \$65.00 - total checking \$6759.72, cash on hand \$40.00 Totaling \$7224.72. Previous monies voted as dedicated were listed as Uniform fund @ \$91.51; Scout fund @ \$655.35; Humanitarian fund at \$212.46. Leaves the Detachment \$6065.40 total useable funds. Motion to accept paymaster report by Rick Ferguson, second by Joe Pisarik. Unanimous vote taken and accepted.

Guest Speaker: Rick Thomason introduces our own Historian and WWII survivor, James Berardi as the guest speaker for the night. Commemorating the anniversary of Pearl Harbor attack. James opens with a tribute to the members who attended Sgt. Beck's key ceremony and the extraordinary turnout he witnessed. James then went on to present a heartfelt and emotional recap of events from his personal involvement/perspective.

Induction of New Members: None

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

Rick Thomason announces that the minutes of last meeting were emailed to the membership along with an updated roster. He asked that any member who's info is incorrect to notify the adjutant. He then gave members instructions on how to obtain additional copies and that he would entertain a motion to accept them as posted. Motion to accept the November Minutes was made by Rick Ferguson, second by Charles Minton. Unanimous vote taken and accepted

Sickbay Report: Donald Skinner doing well and hopes to start attending meetings. Bill Adcock continues to contend with emphysema. Fred David has been in the hospital, latest unknown. His son told Charles Minton he wanted to attend tonight's meeting if possible; his absence indicates he may have been admitted again. We are reminded that Moonie Sloan's challenges also continue.

Officers Reports:

Sr. V Cmdt/T4T Dave Sannes – kept remarks to Toys For Tots events. Stressed that the following two weeks are “crunch time”. All available help is requested to pick up, sort and distribute. Rick Thomason emphasizes that this activity is a Detachment function and needs to be given priority. Pat Milligan is given the floor to explain / coordinate toy pickup requirements.

Rick Ferguson Jr. V. Cmdt. - Suggests Detachment members attempt to wear clothing that have Marine Corps insignias. Explaining how it has attracted Marines to introduce themselves. Rick went on to explain a workout recording program that he is putting together. The idea being that we all can make better health a detachment function. Other members / visitors joined in a lively discussion around aspects of getting new faces to our meetings.

Charles Minton - reminded members of the Spring Quarterly coming up January 16th in Salisbury. Charles made the point again that all members are welcome and the advantages of attending.

Jeff Jones Sr. Vice of DoNC – updates members about national Website.

Commandant – takes opportunity to encourage every member to continue to get involved in MCL activities. The detachment doesn't function properly without all hands engaging. Alerted membership of the time and date that John Dinan's Marine of the Year award would be presented to Mary Francis, and encouraged everyone to come forward after the meeting to view the awards.

New Business: Rick Thomason does quick survey and for sake of time moves to:

Good of the League:

Jeff Jones DoNC Sr. Vice: reminds everyone this night is last time they will see rifle being raffled by Dept. Drawing to be Jan 16th. Goes on to explain the next DoNC rifle to be raffled is “a made in April of 1942 M1 Garande” original except for barrel. Raffle starts in February. Announces the next Pack 210 growl will be in Cary on Jan 9 and a Pack growl in Salisbury.

Rick Ferguson – mentions his dad received a citizenship award. Explained how his dad's Marine Corps birthday celebration is paid for and then some is by using an add book much like we did when we hosted the annual Department Conference.

Jeff Jones – asked membership their thoughts on how well our last Marine Corps Birthday picnic was accepted.

Closing Ceremony:

Rick Thomason called on Sergeant of Arms to retire the colors.

Chaplain Melvin Wolfe reads closing prayer.

Sr. Vice Commandant reads closing statement.

Sergeant of Arms declares meeting officially closed for business till Monday, January 04, 2015.

First verse of Marine Corps Hymn sung

Meeting closed - Ordered by and approved by Commandant Rick Thomason

Prepared by: David Sannes, reviewed by Donna Minton - Adjutant