



Marine Corps League

CPL. Suzi Sannes Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97

Rocky Mount, NC

December 5, 2016

Opening Ceremony:

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

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

Roll call of officers:

Commandant Rick Thomason, Sr. Vice Commandant David Sannes, Jr. Vice Commandant/TFT David Evans, Judge Advocate Patrick Milligan, Paymaster Larry Hill, Sgt. At Arms Claude Battle, Honor Guard Captain William Blackmon, Weapons Officer Joseph C. Pisarik. All present and/or accounted for with the following exceptions; National Web Sergeant Lori-Sannes-excused, Adjutant Candace Evans excused, Chaplain Melvin Wolfe excused, Historian James Berardi absent.

Visiting guests: Mike Black, North East District Vice Commandant

Guest Speaker:

City of Rocky Mount Director of Parks and Recreation present to discuss the proposal from City for a playground for children with special needs and handicapped veterans. Rick Thomason introduced Kevin Yarrell, who discussed the proposed project the City of Rocky Mount has been working on over the past year. It will entail building the first Children's and Disabled Veterans playground/fitness area in the Sunset Park Area, City of Rocky Mount, Nash County. The projected cost of the project is \$711,000.00 with an ambitious opening goal of Memorial Day. Grants are in place and applied for along with funds from the City but still needing monies for the project from the Community.

Correspondence:

Commandant Rick Thomason discussed correspondence sent out from Charles Minton on bike drive. This is the First Bike Battalion. Commandant recommended that the League make donation towards this drive. Charles Minton made motion for \$100.00. Motion was seconded by Walter Pridgen. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed without dissent.

The November Minutes are posted on the website, sent out via email and available here at meeting. Announcement made on price of hotel rooms and dates of upcoming Quarterly meeting. See New Business for corrected dates.

Paymasters Report:

Pay Master Larry Hill presented November report and had available October revised report with entries from Marine Corp League Ball. Opening balance is \$9,082.84. Listed deposits totaling \$765.00 with a total checking of \$9,847.84. Listed payouts totaling \$2,142.34. Cash on hand (50/50 change) \$40.00 with an ending balance of \$7,745.50. Previous monies voted as dedicated: Uniform Fund \$91.51, Scout Fund \$205.35, Humanitarian Fund \$292.46, MC Ball \$1,564.70. This leaves the Detachment with \$5,591.48 total usable funds.

Sickbay Report:

Chaplain. Melvin Wolf is at the Durham VA for follow up on the issue of blood clots in his legs.

Gene Smallwood is having issues with heart and blood pressure and placed on oxygen and a heart monitor.

Officers Report:

Junior Vice Commandant David Evans – T4T money and donations are coming in. He is now covering Wilson, Martin, Nash, Edgecombe and Wayne counties for Toys for Tots. A warehouse was donated in Wayne County to assist with storing for this area. Faith Christian Academy Basketball game will be on December 9. School will be donating toys for drive and entry to game with be a donated toy. Presence from League is requested for this TFT Basketball tournament.

Pay Master Larry Hill – Membership dues this month; David Evans, William Blackmon and Carl Johnson.

Old Business:

Commandant Rick Thomason updated on his situation from November 11 event. After visits to Nash Hospital and then Wake Med he is much better.

New Business/Good of the League:

David Evans - Thank you for cards and calls from oldest sisters passing in November.

Rick Thomason – Update on sign for League. Will make change on time from civilian to military time for start of meeting time. Mud Run in May, consider being a part of whether helping where needed or participating. Good for Public Relations. More info to come.

Charles Minton – Dates on upcoming meetings. January 6 and 7, growl on the 6th and meeting on the 7th to begin at 0930. March 2 through 4. Winter Conference in Fredericksburg. State Convention June 2 and 3 Raleigh Hilton Ext 282. Mid-east same hotel on 16th and 17th. Quarterly in April with no date set yet.

Mike Black – Wilson Gold Leaf Detachment thank you to Commandant Rick Thomason and Senior Vice Commandant David Sannes for coming to toy run and invites anyone interested to attend his Detachment meeting on December the 20th at Parkers BBQ in Wilson.

Closing Ceremony:

Rick Thomason calls on Sergeant at Arms to retire colors.

Chaplain Melvin Wolfe read the closing prayer.

Sr. Vice Commandant read his closing statement.

Sergeant at Arms declares meeting officially closed until Monday January 2,2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace Evans, Adjutant