

Marine Corps League

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Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97, Rocky Mount, NC

4 December 2017

Opening Ceremony:

At 1900 Commandant Dave Sannes instructs Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle to secure the quarters. The Sergeant at Arms was further instructed to post the colors and lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members uncovered for the pledge.

Bible was opened and opening prayer was read by Acting Chaplain William Blackmon.

Meeting was declared open for business by Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle.

Roll Call of Officers:

All present except: Chaplain Melvin Wolf-excused, National Web Sergeant Lori Sannes – excused.

Visiting Guests:

Dept. Commandant Jeff Jones, Dept. Sr Vice Rick Thomason, and Toys For Tots volunteer Charles Harding are recognized. Charles is given opportunity to introduce himself and review history with detachment's Toys For Tots program.

Induction of New Members:

Mike Pressley gives brief account of his active duty history and accepted our invitation to join the detachment. Swearing in ceremony was conducted by Commandant Sannes with Rick Thomason accepting sponsorship responsibilities. James Wagoner was asked to step forward prior to a 10 minute recess. James as a new member attending his first regular meeting since swearing in at Golden Corral, had not been introduced to some members present.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

November Minutes: Rick Ferguson makes motion to accept minutes as posted. Second by Joe Pisarik. Motion passed.

Paymaster Report: Larry Hill gave updated paymaster report. Beginning balance \$8,185.83 & total deposits \$1,380.00 put check book \$9,565.83. \$15.00 dues/renewals plus \$2.00 service fee deducted and with \$40.00 cash on hand – Ending Balance \$9,588.83. Minus: \$91.51 uniform fund & 332.46 humanitarian fund leaves General Use at \$9,164.86. Motion to accept from Rick Ferguson, second from Walt Pridgen. Motion passed

Sickbay Report:

Rick Thomason gives update on Wally Darling.

Officers Report:

None

New Business

Dave Sannes explains and shoulders blame for the detachment not putting up a Detachment Marine Of The Year at our Birthday Ball. Also gives short explanation of why Rick Thomason and he agree there is a member, who in fact, deserves this recognition. Dave calls upon Rick Thomason to make a formal nomination. Rick starts by announcing that this award recognizes performance 'above the call of duty'. Detailing the fact that for the last two years our detachment has made money through hosting a successful Marine Corps Birthday Ball; identifying Carl Johnson as the one member who is unquestionably personally responsible for the event unfolding. Additional information is presented outlining several ways Carl continues to excel. Rick formally nominates Carl Johnson for MOY. Charles Minton seconds the nomination and general discussion is positive. The membership is asked for any additional nominations, following an apology that

they had no notice prior to the meeting that this would be included. No other nominees were put forward. A vote was called, and carried unanimously. The award will be presented at a future event planned for late January.

Larry Hill explains the history, responsibilities & requirements concerning the relationship between PNC Bank and the detachment membership. Emphasizing the handling of the detachment's account and checkbook. The need for two signatures, availability and accountability. Adding that the names presently recognized by the bank may be considered outdated by membership, they were officers at the time they were recorded, but are no longer filling those billets. After discussion, membership agreed elected officers and paymaster should be on the account and names updated following annual elections. It was recommended the requirement to update bank signatures each year following elections be incorporated into our detachment bylaws. Rick Thomason makes formal motion that Commandant David Sannes, Sr Vice Commandant Joseph Pisarik, Jr Vice Commandant Richard Ferguson, Judge Advocate Patrick Milligan, and Paymaster Larry Hill should be the names placed on the detachments signature card at PNC Bank for the current and following year. Walt Pridgen seconds. Vote is called for, motion passes.

David Sannes reviews Toys For Tots events that had preceded the meeting, thanking individuals who showed up in support. Membership support to date has been excellent. The updated handout of upcoming events was distributed. Members were asked, encouraged, to keep the dates in mind and attend when possible. Individual events were reviewed, commitments were asked for.

David Sannes emphasized the compressed time remaining and the plans to distribute from the warehouse will require significant numbers of volunteers. Both in the warehouse, almost daily, to sort toys and especially on Dec 16, 20, & 21 for help distributing toys to families.

David Sannes reminds membership Toys For Tots is homeless after the first of January. Asks everyone to keep alert to any possible alternatives. Building behind UBW might be available for red boxes. Joe Brewer paints might have storage.

William Blackmon alerts membership that monthly flag ceremony same day as warehouse distribution. Commitments and uniform were discussed.

Good of the League:

Rick Thomason pound 210 growl coming up Jan 13 at American Legion in Chapel Hill.

Rick Thomason March 1-3 Mid-Winter Conference at Fredericksburg, VA. Apr 20-21 Dept. membership meeting in Greenville, NC. May 5 pound 210 growl will be held at Jeff Jones' home in Middlesex, bring weapons and ammo. June 14-16 Mid East Division Conference, info soon.

Joe Pisarik Asks members to continue raffle ticket sales, not just M1A, but KBar and shotgun also. If everyone sales the tickets they have out, we have only 140 to go.

David Sannes presents to Carl Johnson a Certificate of Appreciation for his financial support and management efforts to ensure our detachments Marine Corps Birthday celebrations were a complete success. Rick Thomason mentions the 2018 MC birthday falls on a Sat night. That the Elks Lodge has asked us to choose a night other than a Fri or Sat. They have charged us \$375 the past two years, they had to turn down requests that would pay the usual \$800. Discussion ends with Carl agreeing to ask about Sun. the 11th of Nov.

Closing Ceremony

Sergeant at Arms Claude Battle retires the colors

Acting Chaplain William Blackmon reads closing prayer, Sr Vice Joe Pisarik reads closing statement.

Sergeant at Arms Claude Battle declares the meeting officially closed until Monday, January 4, 2018.