



## **Marine Corps League**

CPL. Suzi Sannes Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97

Rocky Mount, NC

January 2, 2017

### **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.

Visiting guests: Mike Black, North East District Vice Commandant and Lori Sannes

No new members present

### **Correspondence:**

Commandant Rick Thomason read letter acknowledging the Vietnam War and statistics from the Vietnam Memorial Wall. There are currently 58,272 names listed on the Memorial Wall. He showed received Resolution from the Nash County Board of Commissioners in honor of veterans of the Armed Services of the United States of America from November. Commandant Thomason discussed correspondence from the DoNC SVC concerning the elimination of 7 compensable disabilities beginning January of 2018. He also shared email correspondence from the DoNC on Bills passed both from the House of Representatives and the Senate. These passed bills were Bill S.3076, a bill to ensure that Veterans with no next-to-kin or who lack the financial recourses are provided with a casket or urn; and

Bill S.3492 which will name a VA outpatient clinic in Michigan after Colonel Demas T. Crew. Seven other bills concerning veterans and the VA await Senate action.

## Old Business:

The December Minutes are posted on the website, sent out via email and available here at meeting. David Sannes made motion to accept. Joe Pisarik seconded motion.

Requested sign for front of VFW outside in place and example inside for all to see.

## Paymasters Report:

Pay Master Larry Hill provided the January report. Opening balance is \$7,705.50. Listed deposits totaling \$466.00 with a total checking of \$8,171.50. Listed payouts totaling \$250.00. Cash on hand (50/50 change) \$40.00 with an ending balance of \$7,961.50. Previous monies voted as dedicated: Uniform Fund \$91.51, Scout Fund \$205.35, Humanitarian Fund \$302.46, MC Ball \$1,829.70. This leaves the Detachment with \$5,532.48 total usable funds. Joe Pisarik made motion to accept. Patrick Milligan seconded motion.

## Sickbay Report:

Chaplain. Melvin Wolf advised that Fred David wife was denied burial benefits.

## Officers Report:

Junior Vice Commandant David Evans – advised that T4T operation is now over. All numbers are to be submitted by January 15, 2017.

## New Business/Good of the League:

Commandant Rick Thomason asked to discuss but not vote until February 2017 meeting that the T4T Coordinator be reimbursed for expenses accrued during T4T operation.

Eagle Scout awards, we are not currently giving any Eagle Scout awards. This should be investigated by Detachment and follow through with the Scouts so that they are aware that they rate a visit from the Marine Corps League.

February 2017 League meeting will be held at the Golden Corral in Rocky Mount at 1830.

Senior Vice Commandant David Sannes advises election of new officers coming up and that there is a need to break procedure and allow some of those who have already served to be voted on to serve again. Anyone may run for a position, please volunteer. Commandant is the only one who cannot run for another term.

Junior Vice Commandant David Evans requested awards/ Certificate of Appreciation from the Detachment be given to people/businesses that participated in T4T operation.

## Good of the League:

Commandant Rick Thomason reminds of Salisbury Quarterly meeting this weekend.

Commandant will be visiting Wilmington Detachment to install Commandant who is 93 years old and a WW II Veteran tomorrow.

## 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 February 6, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace Evans, Adjutant