

Marine Corps League

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Detachment 1262

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

Monday, January 7, 2019

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. Bible was opened and opening prayer was read by Chaplain Pat Milligan. Meeting was declared open for business by Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle.

Roll Call of Officers:

All present except: National Web Sergeant Lori Sannes – excused.

Visiting Guests:

Dept. Sr Vice Rick Thomason, and Kennel Mad Dog Charles Minton

Induction of New Members:

None

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

December 2018 Minutes: Need to be corrected; Motion was made to accept from Rick Thomason. Seconded from Walter Pridgen. Motion passed.

Paymaster Report:

Larry Hill gave updated paymaster report for November 2018. Beginning balance \$9,033.10 & total deposits \$2,515.66 put check book \$11,548.76. \$2.00 Service fee deducted and with \$40.00 cash on hand – Ending Balance \$11,087.67. Minus: \$91.51 uniform fund & 332.46 humanitarian fund, \$392.46. T4Ts Coordinator fund, \$500.00 Commandant Expense Fund \$400.00, leaves General Use at \$7,327.24. Motion was made to accept from Rick Thomason, second by Joe Pasarik. Motion passed

Larry Hill gave updated paymaster report for December 2018. Beginning balance \$11,047.67 & total deposits \$000.00 put check book \$11,047.67. \$2.00 Service fee deducted and with \$40.00 cash on hand – Ending Balance \$9,916.85. Minus: \$91.51 uniform fund & \$392.46 humanitarian fund, \$440.06 T4Ts Coordinator fund, \$295.89 Commandant Expenses leaves General Use at \$7,195.24. Motion was made to accept from Rick Thomason, second from Walter Pridgen. Motion passed

Sickbay Report:

None

Officers Report:

Sr vice Commandant Joe Pesarik:	Buy & Sell Raffle tickets, March Gun Show
Jr vice Commandant William Blackmon:	Flag Ceremony on the 19th
Judge Advocate Mike Pressley:	NONE
Paymaster Larry Hill:	NONE

New Business

Dave Sannes reviews Toys For Tots. Mentioned banquet to honor volunteers at warehouse. From after action report: 5,600 toys, 1,481 books and nearly 7,000 stocking stuffers were given out to 1,792 children. At the banquet each civilian volunteer was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation, five members were awarded Individual Meritorious Commendations. Rick Thomason, James Wagoner, Pat Milligan, William Blackmon and Mike Pressley. The highlight of the evening was Carl Johnson receiving the Detachment marine of the Year Award. The warehouse has been moved to a location found by Rick Thomason. It has electricity, is dry and would provide enough room for the collection and sorting of toys next year. It does not, however; lend itself to distribution of toys to individual families. Membership is encouraged to continue to be on alert for a location that would work for us. Rick mentions Peacemakers is right around the corner, should check if they could help. Salvation Army is discussed.

Carl Johnson, I will work on getting the Moose Lodge for this year. Rick Thomason was recognized as chairperson of last year's event. When asked if he'd serve again his reply was affirmative. Leo will be asked about his cadet's availability for ceremony. Additional activities, fund raising tactics was discussed, raffle, action, drawing for party favors, etc. Live music was discussed. Carl suggested a member be responsible to contact surrounding units about supporting the event.

David Sannes, those attending ceremony would be in long sleeve blues, everyone should wear something that identifies them as a Marine.

David Sannes: We have talked in the past of organizing an event that would become an annual outing that the community would relate to the MCL, would recognize it as an annual affair that was something for the whole family. We spoke about a mud run, or something similar. Many options were thought to be out of reach because of the manpower it would require to organize and staff it. During Toys for Tots the membership rallies together; during that period every winter there is a proliferation of brotherhood and camaraderie that lessens after it ends. We should have at least one other mid-year project that is something everyone can contribute to that would promote that kind of fellowship amongst the members. Mentioned a possible food or clothing drive that is a 36-hour vigil. Get Bullocks trailer, have coffee, hot chocolate, advertise via paper, posters, word of mouth through civic organizations. Coordinate with Walmart (or elsewhere) to setup. Members come in shifts. Just something that revitalizes the camaraderie we experienced during Toys for Tots. The rewards could be a tighter unit that continues to find reasons to gather as a group.

Good of the League:

Rick Thomason goes over the dates and location of all upcoming organization meetings / conventions occurring between the present up to the national convention in August. Discussion covered different aspects of each for the newer members. Rick Thomason discusses the merit of wearing updated league ribbons to these events.

Mike Black has no district business but updates members on his son's Army assignments.

Closing Ceremony

Sergeant at Arms Claude Battle retires the colors

Chaplain Pat Milligan reads closing prayer, and Sr Vice Joe Pisarik reads closing statement.

Sergeant at Arms Claude Battle declares the meeting officially closed until Monday, February 4, 2019.