

Marine Corps League

Cpl. Suzi Sannes

Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97

Rocky Mount, NC

June 2016

Opening Ceremony:

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

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

Roll Call of Officers:

All present with following exceptions; Historian James Berardi-absent, Honor Guard Cpt-Leo Nieves-absent, National Web Sergeant Lori Sannes – excused, and Jr. Past Commandant Rick Ferguson-absent.

Visiting Guests: Mike Black Commandant of the Wilson -Gold Leaf Detachment and Candace Evans.

Induction of New Members: None

Correspondence: Rick Thomason shared his appreciation of condolences and detachment support regarding his mother's passing.

Presentation: The Battle of Belleau Woods, June 6, 1918 history presentation was read by Rick Thomason, Dave Sannes, David Evans and Pat Milligan.

Old Business:

Motion to accept May Minutes were accepted by Joe Pisarik, second Walt Pridgen. Unanimous vote taken and accepted.

National Convention is August 7-12, 2016

Carl Johnson said the Marine Corps Ball ad book sponsor funds are close to \$1000 to date. Walt Pridgen has challenged all members to sponsor \$10 for the ad book.

Paymasters Report:

Opening balance is \$6,508.45. Listed deposits totaling \$531.00– total checking \$7039.45. Listed payouts totaling \$721.00. Cash on hand \$40.00 with an ending balance \$6278.45. Previous monies voted as dedicated: Uniform Fund \$91.51, Scout Fund \$205.35, Humanitarian Fund \$262.46. Marine Corps Ball Ad book-\$280.00. This leaves the Detachment \$5439.13 total useable funds. A motion was made to accept paymaster report by Joe Pisarik, second by Bill Knight. Unanimous vote taken and accepted. Membership renewals due for Rick Ferguson, Donna Minton, and Bryan Sannes.

Sickbay Report:

Tom Taylor’s wife had a stroke –Tom is unable to stay for the meeting. Carl Johnson’s wife has been experiencing mini strokes. Wallace Darling’s wife Pattie is in Vidant with multiple cancers. Wallace health is not doing well. Rick Thomason talked to Wallace son regarding his condition and care. Tom Deaner is better and was able to attend tonight’s meeting.

Officer Reports:

American Backyard Ninja fund raising (popcorn & refreshments booth) went well though not as many attended the event as expected. Excess soft drinks were left over. Dave Sannes asked the members to consider purchasing to recoup funds and avoid the potential of product expiration. Mike Cook was very appreciative for all the support and help with the event from the Detachment due to changes with his volunteers.

Fred David Funeral Services is Tuesday, June 7 at 11:00am. The Detachment will possibly support the Rifle Detail, Chaplain and a few Pall Bearers.

David Evans motioned for approval of the Welcome Aboard Marine Package -Charles Minton accepted, second by Joe Pisarik. Unanimous vote taken and accepted.

David Evans is working on two potential trips for the year for the Detachment: Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Va. and Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC. Additionally, for those interested in getting their covers embroidered, you can give them to David E with \$6 for the embroidery.

Recruitment & Retention – David E. shared that those interested in Lifetime memberships can pay their dues in increments over a short period.

T4T’s - As the Coordinator, David Evans plans to accept Wilson and Wayne Counties back into our Detachments area of operation. He plans to pass on to Wilson & Wayne Counties, the respective detachment.

New Business:

Nominations were opened for “DoNC Marine of the Year”– Charles Minton nominated Commandant Rick Thomason. Dave Evans 2nd the nomination, there were no other nominations made a vote was taken and unanimously decided that Rick Thomason would be the Cpl Suzi Sannes Detachment #1262 nominee.

Charles Minton shared information about Heroes on the Water. It is a program dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active duty personnel and veterans through kayak fishing. www.herosonthewater.com. He also discussed “Take a Service Member Home”. Rick T. suggests “Take an American Hero Home”. The toy soldiers will be taken to Detachment functions and fundraisers. The toys soldiers will be available for anyone who would like to take one home to help raise awareness to remember to keep our service men and women in our thoughts and prayers.

Officers Forum:

Bylaws – Charles M. read through the by-law proposals and shared that there would be discussion at the National Convention to allow Associate Members more voice. It has also been proposed that Member Annual Dues will start and end yearly on August 31.

Pat M reminded everyone to complete and turn in their Member Information forms.

Dave Sannes shared a request mentioned by Tom Taylor for a Color Guard on June 15 at Englewood Assembly on Halifax Road at 6:00pm for a graduation.

David Evans would like to see a 10% increase in membership this time next year. He has asked that all members Step Up and Take Charge spread the wealth to share responsibilities.

Good of the League:

Donna Minton passed a Sympathy card around for Detachment member’s signatures to mail to Fred’s wife.

Veterans Home – Rick T. discussed the cost of funding the Homeless Veterans Home. There are currently three homeless Veterans and he is expecting two more next week.

June 30th Social – Fleming Stadium for the Wilson Tobs home game. FREE to attend – Thirsty Thursday (D. Sannes). August 13 Social – Mudcats Stadium. Will invite Wilson, Tar Heel, Clayton and surrounding Detachments to attend. (Pat M)

Closing Ceremony:

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

Chaplain reads closing prayer.

Sr. Vice Commandant reads closing statement.

Sergeant of Arms declares meeting officially closed to business till Thursday, July 7 2016.

Ordered by and approved by Commandant Rick Thomason Prepared by: Donna Minton - Adjutant