

# Marine Corps League

Cpl. Suzi Sannes

Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97

Rocky Mount, NC

March 2016

## Opening Ceremony:

At 1900 hours Commandant Rick Thomason instructed acting Sergeant at Arms, Michael Black to secure the quarters. Twenty active members and six guests were present. The posting of colors, salute to the flag, and Pledge of Allegiance were led by acting Sergeant at Arms, Michael Black.

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, Michael Black.

## Roll Call of Officers:

All present with following exceptions; Jr. V. Cmdt/Jr. Past Commandant Rick Ferguson-absent, Judge Advocate/Honor Guard Cpt-Leo Nieves-absent, Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle-excused, Public Relations Moonie Sloan- absent, Amber Rushton-absent, and National Web Sergeant Lori Sannes - excused.

**Visiting Guests:** Michael Black, James R. Smith, Johnny Battle, Jason Idol, Danny Colbert, and Joseph S. Jordan

**Induction of New Members:** None

**Correspondence:** Discussion regarding financial assistance to support Tom Northrop to travel to Vietnam for the mission of locating/retrieving the remains of LCpl. Tom Mahoney-KIA on July 6, 1968. Motion to support Tom with \$100 accepted by Charles Minton, second Joe Pisarik.

**Guest Speaker:** Joseph Jordan – Dead On Tactical Arms

## Old Business:

Motion to accept February Minutes were accepted by Joe Pisarik, second Mike Boone

**Paymasters Report:**

Opening balance is \$6,865.94 Listed deposits totaling \$54.00– total checking \$6919.94. Listed payouts totaling \$395.00. Cash on hand \$40.00 with an ending balance \$6564.94. Previous monies voted as dedicated: uniform Fund \$91.51, Scout Fund \$655.35, Humanitarian Fund \$242.46. This leaves the Detachment \$5575.62 total useable funds. A motion was made to accept paymaster report by Joe Pisarik, second by Bill Knight. Unanimous vote taken and accepted.

**Sickbay Report:** None mentioned

**Officers Reports:** The National MCL Website name has been released to the MCL. National is still in the process of transferring data to our servers.

Pat Milligan shared the Buddy Program to communicate to members who their “buddy” is. Your buddy is someone who will reach out to you once a month. If you do not hear from them, then you should check on them to make sure they are doing OK.

**New Business:**

Elections were held for the Detachment Officers. Nominations were called for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Call: the nominees were uncontested Commandant – Rick Thomason, Sr. V Cmdt – Dave Sannes, Jr. V. Cmdt- Dave Evans, and Judge Advocate – Pat Milligan. The Department Commandant Charles Minton asked the detachment Adjutant to cast one unanimous vote for the slate of officers.

2016 Marine Corp Ball: Carl Johnson plans for the cost to be about \$20/person. The meal will be catered and possibly held at the Hampton Inn, Rocky Mount, NC. The Ball will be open to other Detachments. Mentioned having a fundraiser in May or June. There was discussion of having sponsor Booklets. A Letter of Invitation and request for money will go out on Sept. 15.

Dave Sannes is going to ask Leo Nieves in letter form if the Cadets will run the ball to allow the Marines the opportunity to enjoy the evening of the ball.

Officers Forum: March 30 at 1300 - Vietnam War Commemoration in Greenville, NC.

**Good of the League:**

Charles Minton communicated the Spring Qtly. - Greensboro on March 19. The MODD Growl is March 18.

Honor Guard – Rick Thomason is asking for six (6) dedicated volunteers. Volunteers are as listed: Mike Boone, Melvin Wolfe, Dave Sannes, Joe Pisarik, Dave Evans, Rick Thomason, and Charles Minton.

The NC Dept. of Transportation will have a Bridge Dedication in Memory of Trooper Bobby Demuth, killed in the Line of Duty.

NC Veteran Book – Contact Dave Evans if you have questions regarding benefits.

Marine South will be held on April 6 & 7 at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC.

VFW has PTSD Group Sessions every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm. First Tuesday of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm for spouses.

Shepherds Run –Is a 9 day, 1500 mile run with 13 runners starting in Boston and ending in Atlanta. The goal is to raise One Million dollars to raise awareness of military suicides, PTSD, entice membership-family oriented. Fire teams attached to a Detachment and Scholarships for Detachment families.

**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 Monday, 4, April 2016.

Ordered by and approved by Commandant Rick Thomason

Prepared by: Donna Minton - Adjutant