

# Marine Corps League

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Detachment 1262

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

5 March 2018

## 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 William Blackmon.

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

## Roll Call of Officers:

All present except: Jr Vice Commandant Rick Ferguson - absent, National Web Sergeant Lori Sannes – excused.

## Visiting Guests:

Dept. Sr Vice Commandant Rick Thomason, NE Dist. Jr Vice Commandant Mike Black, Dept Jr Past Commandant Charles Minton

## Induction of New Members:

None

## Correspondence:

None

## Old Business:

**April Minutes:** April minutes were amended. Larry Hill corrected paymaster report, adjusted it down \$40.00. Rick Thomason mentioned corrections he made prior to posting them to the web page. Charles Minton made motion to accept minutes as modified, second was by Walt Pridgen, membership voted and passed.

**Paymaster Report:** Larry Hill gave updated paymaster report. Beginning balance \$9,959.35 & total deposits \$358.00 put check book \$10,317.35. Payouts: \$2.00 service fee deducted, \$325.00 membership payments, other totaling \$1,589.27 for a total payout of \$1,914.27. With \$40.00 cash on hand – Ending Balance \$8,443.08. Minus: \$91.51 uniform fund & 332.46 humanitarian fund, \$250.00 T4Ts Coordinator fund, 400.00 Commandant Expense leaves General Use at \$7,359.11. Motion to accept from Rick Thomason, second from Joe Pisarik. Motion passed. Membership is notified that James Wagoner and Joe Pisarik have audited the books as of January per our Detachment bylaws. Motion made by Walt Pridgen to accept paymaster report, second by Joe Pisarik, voted and passed.

## Sickbay Report:

Pat Milligan is asked about his daughter, she is dealing with an ongoing issue but is doing well.

## Officers Report:

Sr Vice Joe Pisarik, mentions One Call message, all tickets not already sold or won't positively be sold need to be turned in. Drawing will be at the April meeting. We will be selling them at gun show in Wilson. Joe called out every name who has tickets out, all of which were present except Rick Ferguson. Rick had sent text that his were sold.

## New Business:

**Mid-Winter Conference** William Blackmon comments on his attendance. He attended the growl, 90% of the business meetings and made a quick trip to Quantico. Mentioned it was an education and he enjoyed it. William encouraged fellow members to participate in these events. Rick Thomason is asked to speak on the segment that involved MCL

Detachments helping reserve units with funerals. He started by commenting on the number of General officers that were present at the event. Lt Gen McMillan, in charge of Marine Corps Reserve units, spoke of the overwhelming need for bodies to provide funeral honors. The training and readiness of our reserve units is suffering from the distraction. He is asking the MCL to help. He has ordered his unit commanders to contact local MCL Detachments and encouraged all detachments to do the same – contact their closest reserve unit and make arrangements. Uniform questions prompted the following responses. There would be standard dress guidelines forthcoming, and that he has partitioned the Marine Corps to make available foul weather gear and heavy winter overcoats that would help in the northern most areas. All units represented at conference said they would commit. Mentioned one detachment has done as many as 260 in one year, providing all the required personnel. Gen Gray spoke about US Marine Foundation Youth Program. Another program we can encourage local schools to participate in. It promotes physical fitness and leadership. We wouldn't necessarily need to provide manpower, but the district and national competition event would provide exposure opportunities. Rick also spoke about ships store issues being addressed, transmittal updates, permanent life membership reports, MAL detachments for each state, national awards and national bylaw changes.

General discussion followed about uniform requirements for funeral details, members stepping forward volunteering to be responsible for these different programs. Getting educated, contacting the organizations involved and coordinating volunteers.

**Dave Sannes** mentions the MCL shooting / marksmanship competition that exists nationally. Asking how many were aware that it existed. Membership expressed a lot of interest.

**Dave Sannes** announces that the JVC has same need for a trailer as did the department. They have purchased one and have been asking all the organizations in the area to help. They are asking the MCL to consider a donation of \$250.00. The trailer which was purchased became a discussion. The size of trailer purchased, the cost and general characteristics of the trailer has spurred a great deal of criticism amongst the members of the JVC and in review the members of the detachment became displeased with how requested money, donations were spent. The VFW has given \$250.00. Rick Thomason made a motion that the detachment approves a donation of \$250.00, Joe Pisarik seconds the motion. There is discussion and an amendment to the motion by Pat Milligan that we give a token amount in the form of \$100.00. Discussion boils down to the following; the detachment will donate money and the JVC will be notified that future donations will require we be involved in the process of how it is spent. The detachment is not satisfied that the JVC used reasonable due diligence in the expenditure this donation is to support. A vote was called, the amount of \$250.00 was approved by majority.

**Dave Sannes** reminds members to start thinking about the Marine Corps Birthday Ball ad book. That Mike Pressley needs to be informed of who members are going to approach beforehand so we don't hit anyone twice.

**Dave Sannes** mentions who attended the breakfast at the Highway Diner February 17. Those that showed up had a good time. For the March social William Blackmon suggested we gather at one location but move to others as a group. Rick Thomason suggests we meet completely informally at his Nashville location and enjoy fellowship over a pot of chili and as many adult beverages we fill prudent. After discussion it is decided we would go to Applebee's for lunch from flag ceremony on 17 March, going to Rick's man cave later that day for fellowship.

**Charles Minton** asks the detachment help two boy scouts go to summer camp. He makes a motion we donate \$400.00 to help these two scouts with \$200.00 for each. Joe Pisarik seconds. Discussion prompts questions about the line item scout account. It is empty and nobody remembers how we had originally decided to fund it. Discussion results in a vote which passes. The detachment will donate \$400.00.

**Pat Milligan** Election of 2018 detachment officers. Nominations from last meeting:

Commandant – **Dave Sannes**

Sr Vice – **Joe Pisarik**

Jr Vice – Rick Ferguson, Larry Hill, **William Blackmon**, Pat Milligan

Judge Advocate – **Mike Pressley**

No new nominations were forthcoming. Pat and Larry declined nominations, and Rick Ferguson was not eligible due to absence, resulting in all positions having only one nominee. A unanimous vote was cast by paymaster Larry Hill.

**Good of The League:**

**Charles Minton, April 20** there will be a pack growl at the spring membership meeting in Greenville. The meeting will be Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be held at the Hampton Inn. Any dogs who are eligible to advance will be able to.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** there will be a kayak fund raiser for Ovarian Cancer Awareness on the Tar River. Launching off Nashville Rd, the boat ramp of city lake.

**Rick Thomason** reminds dogs of the Pound 210 growl on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Jeff Jones' home in Middlesex. Those who like to shoot, bring your weapons. Shooting starts at 0900.

**Mike Black** explains he has a new email address, [blackmichael571@gmail.com](mailto:blackmichael571@gmail.com). Yahoo had been causing communication problems for him.

**James Berardi** shares some humorous stories.

**Joe Pisarik** nominates Rick Thomason for Mideast Division Marine of the Year. The membership votes unanimously to forward the nomination.

**Closing Ceremony:**

Sergeant at Arms Claude Battle retires the colors

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, April 2, 2018.