

## **Marine Corps League**

**Cpl. Suzi Sannes**

**Detachment 1262**

**VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97**

**Rocky Mount, NC**

**1 May 2017**

### **Opening Ceremony:**

At 1900 Commandant Dave Sannes asked Honor Guard Captain William Blackman to serve as Sgt At Arms and to secure the quarters, post the Colors, and lead the pledge of allegiance.

Bible was opened and opening prayer was read by Chaplain Mel Wolfe.

Meeting was declared open for official business by acting Sergeant of Arms William Blackman.

### **Roll Call of Officers:**

All present except: Judge Advocate Pat Milligan – excused, Adjutant Candice Evans – excused, Sergeant at Arms Claude Battle – absent, Historian David Evans – excused, National Web Sergeant Lori Sannes – excused.

### **Visiting Guests:**

Leanna Dietrich Northeastern Division Commandant and past 56<sup>th</sup> Chief Devil Dog.

Charles Minton Dept. North Carolina Commandant

Jeff Jones Dept. North Carolina Sr Vice Commandant and MODD Smart Dog.

Mike Black District Vice Commandant

### **Induction of New Members:**

Scott Wilson had visited prior and had already told membership of his Marine Corps Service. Went straight to formal Induction Procedures. William Blackman acting Sergeant at Arms. Scott agreed to and accepted fully the pledge taken. William Blackman, who recruited Scott, agreed to act as his mentor in MCL principals and routines. A 5-minute recess was called to allow members to welcome Scott. Bible was closed by Chaplain Mel Wolfe.

### **Correspondence:**

No Correspondence to report.

**Old Business:**

Commandant Dave Sannes explained corrected April minutes were completed too late to be available at the meeting but had been posted to the website. Dave went on to explain where those, that had been sent out by David Evans, were incomplete. Dave verbally corrected some of the mistakes in the minutes. Rick Thomason agreed to email corrected copies to anyone by request. After going over corrected minutes verbally, Dave called for a motion to accept. Rick Ferguson so motioned to accept, Mel Wolfe seconded, vote, motion was passed.

**Paymaster Report:**

Beginning balance \$7,327.57. No deposits, no payments to national or state. \$40 cash on hand totals \$7,367.57. Uniform fund \$91.51, Scout Fund \$0, Humanitarian Fund \$312.46, leaving \$6963.60 for general use.

**Sickbay Report:**

Chaplain Mel Wolfe explains Pat Milligan's absence was due to a concussion, but that he had no further details. Mentioned Grady Griffin, active in the American Legion, was at Chapel Hill with cancer and heart complications. Also, Lynn Wagner, retired Army Sergeant Major, known to all of us from activities helping wounded warrior programs, is struggling. He was injured while helping move a veteran in need and his wife is in hospice care and not expected to survive another month.

**Officers Report:**

Larry Hill alerts members to dues coming up in August, can start taking payments now.

Dave Sannes updates work being done on BUW, urges members to volunteer to help in construction.

**New Business**

UBW event, fund raiser, coming up. Dave Sannes asking for volunteers to commit blocks of time they will commit to help at the event.

Blooming Festival, use this event for exposure and as a social event for membership. 13<sup>th</sup> of May meet at Rick Thomason's garage for food and fellowship.

Name tags are in, if you have not paid see Larry Hill

Department MOY Candidate, asked if the league had a candidate. Membership did not feel we have a qualified member for this year.

Dave Sannes introduces movie on recruiting. Lights out, movie starts. After movie discussion starts. Dave Sannes asks members to dig deep and define why each of them personally joined the MCL. Dave asks detachment to identify a "why" that will be used for a unified approach. Discussion went into changes of status in Marine Corps. Off duty activities. Approaching young Marines may require different incentives than what drew current members to the league. The leagues needs to identify and concentrate on programs that are geared exclusively to helping veterans. Rick Thomason related the history of Rocky Mount's Home for Homeless Vets. He pointed out numerous aspects that arise other than just housing. Leanna Dietrich encourages activities in weekly counseling sessions for PTSD. Discussed meetings

presently being conducted by VFW. Jeff Jones sums up that programs like what we discussed may generate substantial backing from the non-military public in resources.

**Good of the League:**

Charles Minton reminds members to of upcoming Department and Mid-East conventions. Mentions growl on the 25<sup>th</sup> and a special event will be part of the growl. Puts in a plug for attending the National Convention.

Jeff Jones mentions there are 83 tickets left for the rifle drawing, a department fund raiser.

Larry Hill discussed delegates for Department Convention. The League will reimburse the conference fee. Asked for Delegates. Dave Sannes, Joe Pisarik, Charles Minton, William Blackman, Rick Ferguson, and Mel Wolfe. Candidates for state offices were discussed.

NC NJROTC Event and award ceremony at 1700 on Wednesday, please attend.

**Closing Ceremony:**

Sergeant at Arms retires colors.

Chaplain reads closing prayer

Sergeant at Arms declares meeting officially close for business until June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.