

Marine Corps League

Cpl. Suzi Sannes

Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97, Rocky Mount, N.C.

01 April 2013

The April meeting was called to order by Commandant Charles Minton at 1900 hours. There were 24 members and 4 guests present.

The posting of colors, salute to the flag and Pledge of Allegiance were led by the Sergeant at Arms. The meeting was declared in order.

Roll call of officers: Judge Advocate David Sannes, Public Relations Officer Walt Pridgen and Web Sgt. Matthew Ferguson were absent.

Induction of New Members: Lori Sannes introduced Joan Deaner, wife of active member Tom Deaner and recommended her for Associate Membership. Applicant has not filled out an application to date, but will have it ready by the next meeting.

Correspondence: Weapons Officer Joseph Pisarik has received correspondence regarding "Camp Corral". This is a Summer Camp for children of wounded, disabled or fallen military families. It is requested that there be a military presence at the Golden Corral during specified times, for a period of 2 hours each. During which you will seek donations and provide information about the camp to the Golden Corral customers. Further details can be attained by contacting Joseph Pisarik. Public Relations Officer Walt Pridgen added that after the 2 hour tour of duty, you receive a free meal at the Golden Corral for your participation. ... Commandant Charles Minton has received correspondence advising that the "Marines Helping Marines" are holding a raffle in which a 1990 CJ Jeep (in full military dress) is being raffle off. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00.

Commandant Minton recommends we buy the 12 tickets sent by National. Weapons Officer Joseph Pisarik makes a motion we purchase the 12 tickets. Public Relations Officer Walt Pridgen seconds the motion. A vote was taken of the general membership. Motion passed with no dissenting votes

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of the March meeting were presented for approval to the general membership. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mark Withrow. A second to the motion was made by John Dinan. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Paymaster Report: Presented to general membership by the Paymaster Larry Hill, detailing beginning balance of \$4,801.28, deposits of \$196.00, Payments of \$22.00 cash on hand of \$40.00, giving an ending balance of \$5,015.28. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Joe Pisarik and seconded by Wally Darling. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Sickbay Report: Alan Clement, Chaplain, advised he has nothing to report at this time.

Officers Report: ... Adjutant Rick Thomason addressed the general membership, requesting they review their roster information for accuracy and content. Those with e-mail capabilities have been sent on electronically. A request was also presented to the membership for an update on their personnel file. Many of the members do not have a DD-214 on file with the detachment. A listing of detachment personnel with their DD-214 status was made available for the membership to review at the officer's desk after the meeting.

Department Convention 2013: Commandant Minton advises that we have until the first of May to get the program information/advertisements to the printer. Discussion held around formation of a committee to prevent overlap of personnel contacting the same business. Walt Pridgen will be heading up this team. ... Commandant will have an assignment of personnel for the convention at the May

meeting. ... Adjutant Rick Thomason addressed the general membership regarding the raffle and lack of donations. It was suggested that we purchase raffle items from sources such as Sgt. Grit or the Semper Fi Store for the raffle. Such items would appeal to the Marine more than items donated from a local store. General discussion followed. Mark Withrow suggested we allocate \$300.00 for acquisition of the items. Wally Darling made a motion we allocate \$500.00 for the acquisition of raffle items. General membership was polled. Motion passed with no dissenting votes. ... Northeast DVC Jeff Jones advises he will provide a set of "Corn Hole Boards" for the raffle. ... Lisa Ferguson advises that the food for the hospitality room is covered. Three donors, K & W Cafeteria, Golden Wok, and As You Wish Bakery are providing fare for every taste. ... Leo Nieves advises that the Nash Central NJROTC will provide Color Guard for the opening ceremony at 0900 hrs. Department Commandant asked if they could be present for the Saturday night ceremony. Leo advises they would be glad to accommodate the Commandant. ... Commandant Minton advises the National Anthem will be sung by the same person who sings it for the Mudcats Baseball Team events. ... Lisa Ferguson will check on the bags from the Tourism Bureau. Leo Nieves offered the NJROTC to help fill the bags. ... Walt Pridgen suggested placing commemorative ads or memorial ads by the membership. ... Commandant Minton told the membership they can accept any ad whether in Publisher, Word or PDF format. Just get it to him.

Other Items: Next month's meeting will be the re-charter of Detachment 1262 as The Cpl. Suzi Sannes Detachment 1262. All members are requested to attend. The function will begin at 1800 hrs. with refreshments and socializing. A brief business meeting will follow.

NEW BUSINESS

Parades: General membership was asked as to how many and if any parades they wished to participate in this year. Discussion followed. Determination made that we would participate in the Rocky Mount Christmas Parade and the Castalia 4th of July parade.

Induction of Officers: Commandant Charles Minton called forward Department Commandant Bruce Rakfeldt to preside over the induction of the officers. Northeast DVC Jeff Jones will act as Sgt. At Arms in the proceedings. Each of the elected officers and appointed officers were called forward to receive the oath of office. Each officer recited the oath and accepted their respective office with all the responsibilities and duties associated with each office. The 2013 officers are as follows ... Commandant: Charles Minton ... Sr. Vice Commandant: Rick Ferguson ... Jr. Vice Commandant: Jerri Mann ... Judge Advocate: David Sannes ... Adjutant: Rick Thomason ... Paymaster: Larry Hill ... Sgt. At Arms: Claude Battle ... Chaplin: Alan Clement ... Public Relations: Walt Pridgen ... Historian: James Berardi ... Toys For Tots: David Sannes ... Honor Guard Capt.: Thomas Taylor ... Weapons Officer: Joseph Pisarik ... Quarter Master: Rick Ferguson ... Web Sgt.: Matthew Ferguson ... Jr. Past Commandant: Vincent Tesoro.

For The Good of The League: Jr. Past Commandant Vincent Tesoro addressed the general membership with multiple dates of VFW and Joint Veterans Committee functions: April 6th – Pancakes at Appleby's, \$7.00/person ... April 15th at the Jack Laughery Park. Flag raising ceremony beginning at 1100 hrs. for SSgt. Levone Battle ... April 27th from 1100 – 1400 hrs. VFW Post 58 will host a "Growl" of the Bill Bailey Pound 347 ... April 30th from 1000 – 1200 hrs. The Joint Veterans Committee will have a table set up at the Imperial Center for the 2nd annual Hiring For Vets. ... May 27th at the Jack Laughery Park will be the Memorial Day Ceremony ... Bill Knight reminded the general membership that on May 4th is the Fun Run for Charities. There will be a 5K, 10K and 1 mile fun walk. ... Leo Nieves advises the Nash Central NJROTC awards ceremony held at the Nash Central gym on May 1st at 1700hrs. Presence of the MCL would be appreciated. ... Northeast DVC, Jeff Jones advises that the "Wall That Heals" will arrive in Goldsboro at 1415 hrs. on May 4th, escorted by 100+ Patriot Riders. The wall will be set up on the 17th with opening ceremony on the 18th. The wall will be available for viewing all day Saturday and Sunday. They are currently looking for 24 hr. guards for the wall for the week. Sunday night will be the POW/MIA ceremony.

Being no further business, the colors were retired and the meeting was closed at 2019 hours by the Sergeant at Arms; Chaplin read the closing prayer and general membership dismissed.

Next meeting scheduled for 06 May, 2013 at the VFW on NC Hwy 97, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomason/Adjutant

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