

Marine Corps League

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Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97

Rocky Mount, N.C.

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The April meeting was called to order by Commandant Charles Minton at 1901 hours. There were 16 members and 3 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: Jr. Vice Commandant Jeri Mann arrived late, Chaplain Alan Clements, Historian James Berardi, Weapons Officer Joseph Pisarik and National Web Sergeant Lori Sannes were absent.

Visiting Guests: DoNC Jr. Vice Commandant Jeff Jones was welcomed to the meeting. Al Williams and Harold Colston of the Rocky Mount Elks Lodge were present to present the Wounded Warrior Project plans for this year. Commandant Minton welcomed them to the meeting and turned over the floor to them for their presentation. Al Williams began the program with an overview of what they have done in the past and gave indications of what they would need from us in order to honor the Marines this year. Harold Colston further detailed the projects expectations and anticipations for the Wounded Warriors. They hope to be able to accommodate 15 families for a total of 45 individuals with alternates. Most of the food, accommodations, entertainment and transportation will be provided by corporations/businesses locally. They (The Elks) incur the fuel expense (\$1,000.00), tips for the Waite staff, concessions at The Rudy Theater and lunch at the Elk's Lodge. The projected dates are September 26, 27 & 28, 2014. They

would like for us to help with attaining the names of the families and their contact information. ... Commandant Minton thanked them for their support of The Wounded Warrior Project in the past and told them that the incoming Commandant, Rick Ferguson, would be their contact person. They thanked us for our desire to help them and exited the meeting. ... Commandant Minton addressed the general Membership with a suggestion we make a \$1,000.00 donation to The Rocky Mount Elks Lodge to help defray the expense of the Wounded Warrior weekend here in Rocky Mount. Leo Nieves made the motion that we make the donation as suggested. Walt Pridgen seconded the motion. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed with one person abstaining from the vote.

Induction of New Members: No New Applicants.

Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes: The minutes of the March meeting were presented for approval to the general membership. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Dave Sannes. A second to the motion was made by Tom Deaner. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Paymaster Report: The Paymaster Report was presented to the general membership by the Paymaster Larry Hill, detailing beginning balance of \$11,053.42, deposits of \$67.00, Payments of \$519.50, cash on hand of \$40.00, giving an ending balance of \$10,640.92. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Tom Deaner and seconded by Walt Pridgen. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Sickbay Report: Donald Skinner has been in the hospital with heart issues. His wife, Rose, has also been in the hospital getting a pacemaker installed. ... Vince

Tesoro advises the Peter Tapia is in Raleigh now with his daughter. He is still very frail and still falls frequently. Currently he is heavily medicated. His daughter, Terri, is handling all his affairs now. Glenn Causway cannot get out and would appreciate any visits or calls he can get. ... Leo Nieves advises that his wife had a knee replacement six weeks ago, and it is not going well. She still has mobility issues and cannot flex her knee as she is supposed to. If it does not change in the next two weeks, she will go back to the hospital for the Doctor to force the flexing of the knee under sedation.

Officers Report: None

Spring Quarterly: Commandant Minton advises that the spring meeting focused primarily on attendance, recruiting new members and retention of members. Sr. Vice Commandant Rick Ferguson reaffirmed what the Commandant had said regarding attendance, recruiting and retention. He also advises that the Greenville detachment has suggested a District social in June. They will host the event and hopes to generate more interest in the MCL as a family event. He says we need to get together more than just once a month at our regular monthly meetings. He will let us know when the details are confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS

Commandant Minton addressed the general membership, advising them that everyone has agreed that last year's Department Convention was the best one yet. This year he would like to do an ad in the DoNC Convention ad book that would take an entire page. The cost would be \$80.00 for the ad. The Commandant then passed around the proposed ad created by the Adjutant, Rick Thomason, for all to see and asked for comments. After viewing the proposed ad, Wally Darling made a motion that we submit the ad as proposed. Tom Deaner seconded the motion. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Commandant's Comments: Commandant Minton addressed the membership with comments of appreciation for the way we have stuck together and supported him in his office as Commandant. He then called forward the following

for presentation of Certificates of Appreciation: Alan Clements, Tom Taylor, Walt Pridgen, Joseph Pisarik, Matthew Ferguson, Lisa Ferguson, Tom Deaner, Joan Deaner, Wally Darling, Claude Battle and James Berardi. Each was awarded their individual certificate with comments by the Commandant. ... Commandant Minton then announced the presentation of Community Service Awards. Called forward were the following: Bill Adcock, Claude Battle, Alan Clements, Joan Deaner, Tom Deaner, Lisa Ferguson, Matthew Ferguson, Rick Ferguson, Bill Knight, Jeri Mann, Leo Nieves, Joseph Pisarik, Walt Pridgen, David Sannes, Lori Sannes, Peter Tapia, Tom Taylor, Vincent Tesoro, Rick Thomason, Mark Withrow and Larry Hill. Each was presented their individual award with comment by the Commandant. ... Commandant Minton then presented Meritorious Commendations (Individual) to the following: Joseph Pisarik, Rick Thomason, David Sannes, Lisa Ferguson and Rick Ferguson. Each individual was presented the Commendation with comments by the Commandant. ... Commandant Minton then presented Distinguished Service Awards to the following: Mark Withrow, David Sannes, Rick Thomason, Jeri Mann, Rick Ferguson, John Dinan and Larry Hill. Each was presented their award individually with comments by the Commandant.

Installation of Officers: Commandant Minton called Jeffrey Jones, DoNC Vice Commandant, to perform the installation of officers. Leo Nieves acted as Sgt. at Arms and Tom Deaner as Chaplin. Called forward were the following: Rick Ferguson, David Sannes, Walt Pridgen, Rick Thomason, Joan Deaner, Larry Hill and Claude Battle. Each person took their personal oath of office and was then dismissed to their new duties within the detachment as the following:

Commandant: Rick Ferguson

SR. Vice Commandant: David Sannes

Jr. Vice Commandant: Walt Pridgen

Judge Advocate: Rick Thomason

Adjutant: Joan Deaner

Paymaster: Larry Hill

Sergeant at Arms: Claude Battle

The installation of officers was closed and gavel turned over to the new Commandant, Rick Ferguson.

Good of The League: Vincent Tesoro addressed the general membership with a schedule of events beginning in April and into May. "Stress, Trauma and Anger Management" seminar will be held at the VFW Post 2057 on May 3rd, 2014. Veterans and family members are encouraged to attend. This is put on by the American Red Cross and will utilize professional counselors for this event. ... There will be a flag raising/Memorial Day ceremony on May 26th, 2014 at The Jack Laughery Veterans Memorial Park in Rocky Mount, N.C. . Participants should be at the park at 9:30 AM for the practice with the ceremony beginning at 11:00 AM. The Nash Central NJROTC will handle the rifle squad. ... Leo Nieves advises that the Nash Central NJROTC will be presenting at the "N.C. Youth Council" this Friday at the "Governor's Building". On April 30th, 2014, Nash Central NJROTC will have their annual awards ceremony in the main gym of Nash Central High School. Ceremony will begin promptly at 1700 Hrs. All are invited to attend. ... Commandant Rick Ferguson asked the membership to start thinking about fundraisers for the detachment this year and bring back suggestions at the next meeting.

Being no further business, the colors were retired and the meeting was closed at 2017 hours by the Sergeant at Arms; the Chaplin read the closing prayer and general membership dismissed.

Next meeting scheduled for 05 May, 2014 at the VFW Post 2057 on NC Hwy 97, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Deaner/Adjutant

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