

Marine Corps League
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VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97
Rocky Mount, N.C.
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At 1900 hours Commandant Richard Ferguson instructed Sgt-at-Arms Claude Battle to secure the quarters. There were 13 members and 1 prospective new member present. The posting of colors, salute to the flag and Pledge of Allegiance were led by the Sergeant at Arms.

The bible was opened and the opening prayer was read by Charles Minton standing in as Chaplain

The meeting was declared open for transaction of official business.

Roll call of officers: Jr. Vice Commandant Walt Pridgen, Judge Advocate / Det Web Sgt Rick Thomason, Chaplain Alan Clements, Historian James Berardi, Honor Guard Cpt Leo Nieves, and National Web Sergeant Lori Sannes were excused or absent.

Visiting Guests: There were none.

Induction of New Members: Joshua Minton was introduced by his father Charles Minton for induction as an associate membership. Joshua is a high school senior who has enlisted and is scheduled to enter MC recruit training at MCRD Parris Island July 20, 2015. After short discussion 1st motion for approval - Tom Deaner. Second to motion - Joe Pasarik. Unanimous approval followed. Swear in ceremony followed. Bible was closed for 5 minute welcoming period.

Correspondence: None

Guest Speaker: None
OLD BUSINESS

Minutes: The minutes for July meeting were presented for approval to the general membership. A motion to accept the minutes as presented subject to further review

was made by Dave Sannes. A second to the motion was made by John Dinan. Membership polled. No discussion forwarded. Motion passed.

Paymaster Report: The Paymaster Report was presented by Paymaster Larry Hill, detailing beginning balance of \$13,964.53, deposits of \$60.00, Payments of \$263.78, leaving an ending balance of \$13,750.85 + cash on hand of \$40.00. Additional funds committed to Humanitarian, Scout Fund, Toys for Tots and Wounded Warrior programs leaves general operating fund at \$6,616.53 motion to accept the report as submitted made by Joe Pasarik and seconded by Tom Deaner. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Sickbay Report: None given

Officers Report: Dave Sannes discussed seats available for Aug social event at the Kenly Speedway. Encouraged more members to participate and offered those already committed the opportunity to invite guests. Noting that the cost per member was &0.00. Also mentioned was that the District MCL breakfast scheduled for Aug 16 in Greenville had been postponed. Next Dave Sannes opened discussion about Sept social event and suggested it be a Sat morning breakfast. Discussion favored that event and membership decided to hold it at the K&W Restaurant.

MCL National Convention: Charles Minton held and presented to Commandant Rick Ferguson a attendance streamer to be affixed to our detachment flag. He went on to explain there were 2500 members and family in attendance. General business stressed membership retention and acquisition. Charles mentioned detachments across the country seem to mimic what we are also doing. Attending area events to keep the league in the public eye and constantly fight to get members to attend. He further noted that next years convention will be in Scottsdale, AR, the following year in Tulsa, OK. Mentioned also that besides himself that Larry Hill, Rick Thomason, and Dave Sannes attended.

Dave Sannes mentioned both Tom Deaner and Tom Taylor showed showed exceptional dedication and pride, driving the distance to claim the 75th anniversary MODD pendant. He went on to build on what Charles had mentioned pertaining to membership growth. Telling of a detachment in IN that had huge growth with younger members still raising their families. Dave mentioned they had done it by having membership functions that encouraged family participation. Further stating that some ideas had been discussed and these would be presented to the membership at future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

September Meeting: Commandant Ferguson mentioned the first Monday of Sept is a holiday that many families have plans, and offered discussion about moving our monthly meeting. Discussion followed ending in a motion by Charles Minton that we

move Sept's meeting to Tuesday, Sept 9. Second by Joe Pasarik. Approved by voice vote.

August Social: Commandant Ferguson further encourages members to attend Aug 16 race event explaining that it happens to fall on annual fan appreciation day which entails several additional activities.

MCL Birthday Ball: Charles Minton discusses Marine Corps Birthday Ball. it will be held at the DoubleTree facilities on Saturday, Nov 8. 75 people was needed as minimum guarantee, and that will require a \$500.00 deposit which will be asked for from Larry Hill. The topic of a DJ was discussed, none could be identified as of yet. Charles mentioned Donna Minton had a co-worker she could check with. Charles asked anyone who had ideas to use him as center of contact. Ticket price for the event is presently set at \$40.00 each. In previous years attendees were given glasses as mementos, Larry Hill suggested we do something different this year. Charles asked for recommendations; none were forthcoming and membership was asked to give it some thought. What was available for a from DoubleTree as an open bar was also discussed, but no decisions were made. Last was mention that a guest speaker was not yet identified. membership was asked to identify and submit any persons they thought would be appropriate.

Fundraising: Lisa Ferguson updated proposed Zombie Run. It is a copyrighted event and therefore very expensive to promote. While local Travel and Tourism is still offering to help, it will require 1 to 2 years planning. But we are still pursuing it. When asked about an Octoberfest event. Lisa mentioned she had not been able to get any response from the Brew Mill. She also knew of a couple events already in the planning stage, indicating the idea of an Octoberfest was pretty well played out.

Dave Sannes asked Joe Pasarik how the VFW had made out promoting dances and their chicken plates. Joe stated they had lost money on their last dance. The cost of bands, competing events and having to consider a number of other obstacles made promoting a dance risky at best. He said they did well with the chicken plate, and were going to do another one in Oct. However: for a similar event to be successful, it requires a large number of people to commit to pre-sales of tickets, and to be present to work during the preparation and distribution phase.

Larry Hill mentioned an organization he worked with who did both, a chicken plate and a fall pork chop plate. He stated the pork chops did much better and were easier to produce.

The information presented did not give the members present confidence that we should do either, a dance or a food plate.

Talk about a raffle was not positive either because our record of membership participation and any attempt was competing with so many other organizations. It

was suggested we do a rifle and plan it for as a summer drawing. discussion stated to be counter productive. Dave Sannes made a motion we table the fund raising discussion. Joe Pasarik offered a second and a vote carried it.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Larry Hill announced that the annual Toys for Tots golf tournament at Cotton Valley will take place the first Saturday in October.

Mel Wolf updated members about a Local Rapid Response Team organized through the Joint Veteran's Committee working primarily to impact the suicide problems involving our returning veterans. He spoke about a Nationwide Hotline working in conjunction with the VFW. Also that local contact has prompted meetings with Gov McCrory and Sen Burr and others because NC alone has 800,000 returning veterans and nationwide we are seeing 22 suicides a day. Mel closed by mentioning how local meetings continue to open doors and increase the awareness of their needs.

Joe Pasarik stood to remind the membership that every 1st and 3rd Wed morning starting at 1000 hours they hold a PTSD Group at the VFW Post. Also that Tues Aug 19 from 1000 to 1200 hours there will be a spouse and family session using Veteran's Administration guidelines intended to help affected family members cope with situations that result from PTSD, to include helping with the aftermath of worst case.

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

Next meeting scheduled for 09 September, 2014 at the VFW Post 2057 on NC Hwy 97, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Respectfully submitted,

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