

Marine Corps League

Tri-County

Detachment 1262

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

07 January 2013

The January meeting was called to order by Commandant Charles Minton at 1900 hours. There were 20 members 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: Public Relations Officer Walt Pridgen, Web Sgt. Matthew Ferguson and Historian James Berardi absent.

Meeting was called to order by Commandant Charles Minton.

Correspondence: Commandant Minton read a letter received from the Department Commandant regarding the suspension of the MCL VSO Program until the position of an accredited Veterans Service Officer for the Department of North Carolina can be found. Commandant Minton's interpretation of the letter followed the reading.

Commendation: Commandant Minton called Mark Withrow front and center. Commandant read the Junior Vice Commandant Citation received from National for recruiting 10 new members.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of the October meeting were presented for approval to the general membership. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by John Dinan. A second to the motion was made by Roger Houck. 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 \$5,924.40, deposits of \$853.00, Payments of \$1847.49 cash on hand of \$40.00, giving an ending balance of \$4,970. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Tom Deaner and seconded by Joe Pisarik. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Sickbay Report: Alan Clement, Chaplain, advises that he has nothing to report at this time. David Sannes and Mark Withrow will be visiting Bill Pridgen to present him with his MCL uniform. It is Bill's intent to be buried in his MCL uniform. He is rapidly losing strength and appreciates any visitation.

Officers Report: No officers' reports submitted.

Toys for Tots: David Sannes advised the membership they were able to help 450 children this year. He acknowledged several of the members, Rick Ferguson, Dwight Harper, Wally Darling, Tom Taylor and John Dinan. Their efforts with the toy collection and warehouse were exceptional. Joe Pisarik was recognized for the many hours spent in front of Tractor Supply selling tickets for the TFT raffle. Canisters produced just over \$8,000.00 this year.

Department Convention 2013: Commandant advises the add book is going to be revised. The pricing is being reduced to encourage participation. The add book pricing from last year's convention was too high and resulted in no participation. The Department Commandant has sent back a suggested pricing schedule. Commandant Minton requests all members who have visited businesses in the past and were rejected because of cost, to visit them again with the renewed pricing. He also requests that you coordinate your visitations with either he or Walt Pridgen so we will not visit the same location twice. ... Fund raisings for the convention are a priority. This is additional income for the Detachment. Commandant Minton presented USMC and MCL cover prototypes (ball caps) for sell at the convention. We can sell them for \$10.00 to \$12.00 each with a cost to

us of \$6.50 to \$8.50 each depending on volume of order. Joe Pisarik made a motion we sell the caps at the convention. Tom Deaner seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding quantity and selling outside the convention. Discussion to initially order ten dozen total. ... Membership polled to see if anyone has attained any merchandise or gifts for raffling at the convention or as door prizes. Everyone advised to attain prizes, or we may just elect to not participate. No discussion followed.

Other Items: No other items discussed

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination of officers: Commandant Minton turned over the nominations to David Sannes, Judge Advocate. David addressed the membership with requests for nominations for commandant. Charles Minton was nominated. No further nominations for commandant. John Dinan made a motion to accept the current slate of officers for the following year. Senior Vice-Commandant nomination was next, with no nominations made. Assumption made that the current Senior Vice-Commandant would remain. Junior Vice-Commandant position was declined by Mark Withrow because of new job commitment. Mark nominated Jerry Mann for the position. Jerry accepted the nomination. Rick Ferguson nominated John Dinan for the position. John Dinan accepted the nomination. Judge Advocate position was to remain filled with David Sannes. David accepts the position. David reminded the membership that the ballots will have places for write in candidates. Voting will take place at the next meeting of the general membership.

For The Good of The League: The Sterling House would like the MCL to visit the house on February 14th from 1500 – 1700 for a social. John Dinan has made a significant impression on the staff. ... Vince Tesoro advises that on February 2nd , 2013 there will be a “Growl” at American Legion Post 58 beginning at 11:00 AM. Any member in good standing for one year may attend and join as a “Mongrel”.

Being no further business, the colors were retired and the meeting was closed at 1950 hours by the Sergeant at Arms; Chaplin read the closing prayer and general membership dismissed.

Next meeting scheduled for 04 February, 2013 at the VFW Lodge on NC Hwy 97, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomason/Adjutant

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