

Marine Corps League

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Detachment 1262

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

07 Oct. 2013

The October meeting was called to order by Commandant Charles Minton at 1901hours. There were 18 members and 1 guest 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: Historian James Berardi was absent. Jr. Vice Commandant Jeri Mann arrived late

Induction of New Members: No New Applicants.

Correspondence: None presented to the membership.

Visiting Guest: Joe Pisarik introduced Johnny Borunda, guest speaker, addressing the emotional needs of returning veterans and suicide prevention. Johnny's son suffers from PTSD and has attempted suicide on five different occasions. His last attempt was "suicide by cop" and finally got the attention of the VA and the treatment he needed. On October 26th there will be an Educational Summit between 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM at the VFW post 2057 On hwy 97, Rocky Mount, N.C.. Congressman Walter Jones will be the guest speaker for the event. Johnny Borunda may be reached at Talk_johnny1700@yahoo.com or via phone at 252-363-4390.

OLD BUSINESS

Commandant Minton reviewed the visit to Rocky Mount by Chuck Lewis on 10 – 11 September. Last month we had discussed a donation to his cause. David

Sannes encouraged everyone to look at the link to the WHIG TV interview that was done with Chuck Lewis while he was her in Rocky Mount. When Chuck was in Rocky Mount, N.C., he had raised \$35,000.00 toward his goal of \$50,000.00. He is documenting each dollar received and the state and locality from which it comes, to be sure the money is returned to that area for benefit of the veterans there. Discussion followed as to whether to donate to Chuck Lewis' cause or to Johnny Borunda's cause. Joe Pisarik made the motion that we donate to Johnny's cause, "Military Mental Health Project". Walt Pridgen seconded the motion. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed with no dissenting votes. Discussion followed as to the dollar amount to donate. Tom Deaner made a motion we donate \$500.00. Bill Knight seconded the motion. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Minutes of the September meeting were presented for approval to the general membership. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Tom Deaner. A second to the motion was made by Tom Taylor. 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 \$10,644.63, deposits of \$787.82, Payments of \$1,155.96, cash on hand of \$40.00, giving an ending balance of \$10,961.49. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Leo Nieves and seconded by Walt Pridgen. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Sickbay Report: John Dinan had back surgery last week. The surgery was successful, but he was having some oxygen concentration issues and has returned to the hospital. Bill Adcock is still under treatment for his cancer. He is having radiation treatments five days a week and radiation one day. His attitude is good, but the treatment is taking its toll on his health. Peter Tapia was in the hospital for a greater portion of last week, but has returned home now. Chet Mottershead

passed away last week. Chet was a double amputee who did not allow his physical injury limit him in his daily or professional life.

Officers Report: None presented.

Marine Corps Ball: Commandant Minton reviewed the details of the USMC Ball being held in Greenville by the Downeast Detachment on November 2nd.

Web Sergeant: Adjutant Rick Thomason gave a report of the status of the website. We are ready to select a domain name and implement the site. Three choices were given to the general membership for selection. #1 mclcpsuzisannes1262.org, #2 cplsuzisannes1262.org, and #3 mclcpsuzisannes.org. A vote was taken as to the membership preferences. #1 received "0" votes, #2 received "13" votes and #3 received "2" votes. Cplsuzisannes1262.org will be our domain name.

Raffle Tickets: David Sannes reviewed the ticket sales and need for everyone's involvement. We need to move tickets at The Pumpkin Festival on October 5th, SAM's Club, Tractor Supply and at the Bar-B-Que Throwdown.

TFT Sept 14 Keffer Dodge/Jeep – Golf Tournament 26 Oct: David Sannes gave details of the pending TFT fund raising event at Keffer Dodge in Rocky Mount. The event will have several hundred people there with their jeeps and toys to donate. Leo Nieves has volunteered his cadets to do an opening ceremony for the event. The golf tournament is still on schedule for 26 October and is in need of staffing for the beer wagon and people to man the holes for verification of a hole-in-one. Leo Nieves' cadets will provide a color guard for the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Avery Moore, Scoutmaster for Troop 11 has approached the MCL regarding support for the Wood Badge Course. Commandant Minton advised him that we had just discussed that at the last meeting and will be able to fund 50% of the fees incurred for the course. Paymaster Larry Hill will contact Avery Moore regarding payment. ...

Castalia is looking into creating a park with three flag poles in the veterans section. They will be selling bricks with names embossed in them. Information will be emailed out when it is received. The detachment has been approached about helping with the funding of the flag poles. We could also use the support of the American Legion and VFW. Joe Pisarik made a motion we aid in the purchase of the flagpoles, after a cost is determined. Tom Deaner seconded the motion. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Gunny Clause is going to help out between 66-72 units this year. 9,447 children were aided last year through the Gunny Clause project.

Detachment MOY: Commandant Minton petitioned the general membership for recommendation for Detachment Marine of the Year. Weapons Officer Joe Pisarik nominated Tom Taylor. Adjutant Rick Thomason nominated David Sannes. No further nominations were made. Nominations closed.

Good of the League: Sgt. Major Leo Nieves reminded everyone that the NJROTC Ball is going to be on 19 October and that the tickets are \$35.00/person. See him if you wish to attend. ... Walt Pridgen presented to the detachment a shirt he had embroidered by a company on the corner of Hill and Washington Streets in Rocky Mount. The cost of the shirt and the embroidery was \$18.00 for XL and smaller. \$22.00 for anything larger. He will take orders if you would like him to pick them up for you. ... Past Jr. Commandant Vince Tesoro advises there will be a flag raising ceremony on 21 October at the Jack Laughery Veterans Park. Please arrive at 1000 hrs to practice for the event. On 24 October there will be a Growl for Pound 347 at the American Legion Post 58 in Rocky Mount.

Being no further business, the colors were retired and the meeting was closed at 2009 hours by the Sergeant at Arms; The Chaplin read the closing prayer and general membership dismissed.

Next meeting scheduled for 04 Nov., 2013 at the VFW Post 2057 on NC Hwy 97, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomason/Adjutant

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