

Marine Corps League

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Detachment 1262

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

05 Sept 2013

The September meeting was called to order by Commandant Charles Minton at 1905 hours. There were 15 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: Paymaster Larry Hill, Public Relations Officer Walt Pridgen and Weapons Officer Joe Pisarik were absent.

Induction of New Members: No New Applicants.

Correspondence: None presented to the membership.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of the August meeting were presented for approval to the general membership. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Rick Ferguson. 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: Presented to general membership by the Adjutant Rick Thomason, detailing beginning balance of \$10,615.40, deposits of \$400.00, Payments of 370.77, cash on hand of \$40.00, giving an ending balance of \$10,684.63. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Tom Taylor and seconded by Tom Deaner. Membership polled for discussion. Being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Sickbay Report: Commandant Charles Minton's Mother in Law passed away August 20, 2013. 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.

Officers Report: None presented.

Marine Corps Colors for National: Commandant Minton call Tom Taylor front and center. The Color Guard Captain was presented with the ribbon to attach to the flag staff for its' presence at the National Convention. Tom will see to the proper attachment of the ribbon.

Marine Corps Ball: Tickets are available at \$40.00 each. Adjutant Rick Thomason will handle the receipt of money for tickets tonight in the absence of paymaster Larry Hill.

Web Sergeant: Two Web Sergeants will be assigned. One to handle the National website and one to handle the local website.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 National Convention Report: Commandant Minton covered the by-law changes with emphasis on the increase in annual dues. For the time being, the detachment will cover the increase in dues out of the general fund. Further discussion with the Paymaster will confirm the amount can be covered. Commandant Minton covered all the changes to the National by-laws whether they were accepted or rejected.

Chuck Lewis – Walking to D.C.: Marine Sgt. Chuck Lewis (Vietnam Era) is making a walk from Washington State to Washington, D.C. to raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention of troops returning home from deployment. He will be passing through Rocky Mount, N.C. this week and it is hoped that we can provide him with a meal and shelter for the night. Lisa Ferguson advises that she can almost certainly guarantee a room for the night. Membership was polled as to whether we should make a donation to his cause and how much. General

discussion followed. Lisa Ferguson made a motion we donate \$500.00 to his cause. Leo Nieves seconded the motion. Vince Tesoro recommended tabling the motion until the next meeting for further review of who is handling this fund and where is it going. Motion tabled.

Fall Quarterly Oct 5th in Morganton, N.C.: All membership is encouraged to attend. This is a great time to see how other detachments are handling themselves.

Mid-Winter Conference Feb 14–15 Falls Church Va.: All are encouraged to attend that can.

2014 National Convention in Charleston, W.V. Aug 3-9: Commandant Minton gave details of the facilities and schedule of events. The MODD will be holding its' 75th anniversary at the convention. A commemorative pin will be available to wear on your Devil Dog collar, but only if you are in attendance. None will be available after the convention is over. All pins not claimed though physical attendance will be destroyed.

Raffle (Spring Hope Pumpkin Festival 05 Oct.): Judge Advocate David Sannes advises that the festival committee has offered us a booth at the festival for no charge. David is requesting all hands participate and allocate a few hours to man the booth for ticket sales. David also suggests we have items that the people can "lay their hands on" to create more interest. He suggests something like a TV and a grill. David also suggests we contact local organizations in assisting us with sales of the tickets. ... Commandant Minton polled the membership to see if they wished to hold a raffle this year. Tom Taylor made the motion we hold a raffle. Tom Deaner asked about profit from last year's raffle. David said not much, but they were selling for \$10.00 each. Tom Deaner seconded the motion to hold a raffle. A vote was taken and the motion passed without dissent. It was then suggested we sell them for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Lisa Ferguson made the motion and Tom Deaner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed without dissent. Discussion was held as to what was to be raffled. It was suggested we raffle off a 50 inch flat screen TV as first prize, an I-Pad for second and an I-Pod for second. Tom Deaner made the motion we used the suggest items

in the raffle. Tom Taylor seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed without dissent. ... David Sannes suggests we utilize Eagle Press for the printing of the MCL tickets or any printable material we utilize. They support us with the use of their facilities every year during the Toys for Tots Program without costing us anything.

TFT Sept. 14th Keffer Jeep/ 26 Oct. Golf Tournament: Judge Advocate David Sannes announced to the membership that there would be a Jeep Off-Road Rally at Mike Keffer Jeep on September 14, 2013 in support of the Toys for Tots Program. He would like to have someone there to perform an opening ceremony and to collect toys. Sgt. Major Leo Nieves volunteered to have the Nash Central NJROTC perform the opening ceremonies and that he would be personally responsible for collection of the toys. ... The golf tournament at the Links at Cottonwood has been moved to October 26, 2013. Moonie Sloan has not made an announcement as to what will be needed other than what was initially requested at a previous meeting.

Good of the League: Jr. Past Commandant Vince Tesoro announced to the membership that there would be a flag raising ceremony at the Jack Laughery Veterans Memorial on Sept, 16th at 11:00 AM. This ceremony will honor a Marine Lt. Col. Who passed away in 2006. He would personally like to see a strong representation of the MCL in dress uniform for this ceremony. Those willing to participate should be there no later than 10:30 AM. ... Sgt. Major Leo Nieves addressed the membership and invited them all to attend the AMI being held on 12 Sept., 2013 at Nash Central High School for his NJROTC. Parade will be held at the gym, beginning at 10:00 AM. He requests you be in your seats by 9:45 AM. ... Sgt. Major Nieves also invited any MCL member who wished to attend the NJROTC ball on 19 Oct, 2013 at the VFW Post 2057 to contact him. Tickets are \$35.00/person. Activities begin at 1700 hours. ... James Berardi received a request for donation accompanied by photos of the Battle of Iwo Jima. He thought he recognized the photo and sought out his old WW II photo albums. He was amazed to find he had the same photo as it was initially developed while on the island. The negative had obviously been reproduced countless times, but he had one of the originals that were developed by the photographer there. ... Tom Deaner

advises that the VFW will be at Tractor Supply trying to raise \$500.00 to aid homeless veterans in Wilson County. He reminded everyone that the post was open every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon if you wished to drop off canned goods for the veterans. ... Tom Taylor addressed the membership, advising them of the USO Gala being held on 19 Oct, 2013 at the Raleigh Convention Center. This is a black tie affair of full military dress uniform. Individual tickets are \$200.00 but MCL members get a discount.

Being no further business, the colors were retired and the meeting was closed at 2025 hours by the Sergeant at Arms; The Chaplin read the closing prayer and general membership dismissed.

Next meeting scheduled for 07 Oct., 2013 at the VFW Post 2057 on NC Hwy 97, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomason/Adjutant

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