



Marine Corps League

CPL. Suzi Sannes Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97

Rocky Mount, NC

November 7, 2016

Opening Ceremony:

At 1900 hours Commandant Rick Thomason instructed Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle to secure the quarters. Thirteen active members and one guests were present. The posting of colors, salute to the flag and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle.

The Bible was opened and prayer read by Chaplain Melvin Wolfe.

The meeting was declared open for the transaction of official business by acting Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle.

Roll call of officers:

Commandant Rick Thomason, Sr. Vice Commandant David Sannes, Jr. Vice Commandant/TFT David Evans, Judge Advocate Patrick Milligan, Paymaster Larry Hill, Sgt. At Arms Claude Battle, Historian James Berardi, Honor Guard Captain William Blackmon, Weapons Officer Joseph C. Pisarik. All present and/or accounted for with the following exceptions; National Web Sergeant Lori-Sannes-excused. Past Commandant Rick Ferguson absent, Pay Master Larry Hill, Weapons Officer Joseph Pisarik and Historian James Berardi absent.

Visiting guests: Mike Black Commandant of the Wilson-Gold Leaf Detachment, DoNC Senior Vice Commandant Jeffrey Jones and Sergeant Emmitt Scott.

Correspondence:

Commandant Rick Thomason discussed a lot of correspondence sent out but not a lot in this month. Deferred to DoNC Senior Vice Commandant Jeff Jones to discuss what is appropriate for Marine Corp League members during this political season. When speaking on political issues and/or views you are not allowed to wear cover or uniform or any identifying article that would represent or indicate the Marine Corp League. Email from DoNC Commandant Charles Minton concerning the death of a Marine Corporal out of New River Air Station. The Unit provided support services to ensure the family's ability to come from California to North Carolina to retrieve the Corporal's remains. The Unit was looking for assistance from the Department to help replenish funds so available for future needs. Commandant Rick Thomason recommended a donation of \$25.00. Motion was made by Chaplain Melvin Wolfe and seconded by William Blackmon. Motion passed without dissent.

October Minutes posted on the website, sent out via email and available here at meeting. David Sannes motioned to accept and was seconded by Walt Pridgen. Motion passed without dissent.

Paymasters Report:

Pay Master Larry Hill absent but September and October report present. Opening balance is \$8915.81. Listed deposits totaling \$1,445.00 – total checking \$10,360.81. Listed payouts totaling \$850.00. Cash on hand (50/50 change) \$40.00 with an ending balance of \$9,550.81. Previous monies voted as dedicated: Uniform Fund \$91.51, Scout fund \$205.35, Humanitarian fund \$292.46. Marine Corp Ball Ad book \$3,333.00. This leaves the Detachment \$5,628.49 total usable funds. A motion was taken to accept paymaster report by Melvin Wolfe, second by Charles Minton. Motion passed without dissent.

Sickbay Report:

Leo Nieves still home recovering, seemed a bit down and depressed, welcome calls.

Jean Smallwood having issues with blood pressure and placed on oxygen and heart monitor.

Wallace Darling in care facility. Daughter in law here trying to close home and asking for any volunteers with the move this weekend.

Donna Minton continuing with chemo and high spirits.

Al Cooper now in a wheel chair and down with a chest cold.

Money Sloan sounded down and upset, will follow up.

Rick Thomason upcoming foot surgery this week.

Unable to reach Mike Boone and Donna Skinner

Officers Report:

David Sannes – went over dress code and gave hand out on uniform requirements, short and long sleeve Undress Uniform.

David Evans – Recruiting effort, poster for recruiting added to Toys for Tots boxes. Members tasked with bringing 1 new person each to meeting before end of year. T4T – Boxes are up and running, warehouse set up. Assigned warehouse manager and 2 new volunteers working. Mailouts have gone out. Patrick Milligan has been putting out boxes. When picking up boxes or assisting with T4T and dealing with public please wear T4T shirts or sweat shirts provided along with Id tag. December meeting will start the distribution of toys.

Patrick Milligan -Certificates and Awards process is up and running. Plan for recognition and Distinguished Service Award for Leo Nieves for the ROTC has been deferred until April. There will be certificates of recognition given for T4T. If anyone wants to recommend anyone please let Patrick know.

Chaplain – James Cox mother passed away. Keep family in your prayers.

Rick Thomason – MCL Ball – thank you Carl Johnson and Charles Minton. Ball went smooth, cadets did a great job, the food was good. The left overs were sent to the Vets home and the Christian Men's home. There are some ladies' gifts that were left. Mugs that were left will sell later for \$5.00. Charles Minton will send out thank you cards to those who participated with purchasing an Ad. Moving forward a Marine Corp League Ball committee board will be set. This board will consist of Charles Minton, Carl Johnson, Walter Pridgen, David Evans, and Rick Thomason. Discussion of 10 percent of funds allocated to this event throughout the year. Board will meet and set a plan of action to discuss.

New Business/Good of the League:

Patrick Milligan – asking for volunteers to assist daughter-in-law of Wallace Darling.

Rick Thomason – Veterans Day assistance needed at 10am. Wear Cover and/or uniform. On Saturday, the 12th at the Dunn Center 1930 Tar River Orchestra for Veterans. Dress appropriately. Name tags, \$12.00 each possibly a better deal with order. Will inform of final price next meeting.

Jeff Jones – Red jackets available at JC Penney for only \$45.00. Department raffle item, rifle, 600 tickets available at price of \$10.00 a ticket.

Walt Pridgen – Brought possible new member, Emmitt Scott Sergeant from Rocky Mount.

David Evans – Interested in having pamphlet to give out to new recruits, will bring more information to next meeting.

William Blackmon – Requesting more marines to assist with the Flag raising and Honor Guard ceremonies. Rick advised that MCL needs to step up their participation in this area. They usually have less than 4 members attend. Come to represent even if you do not participate. Honor Veterans. Need 4 Marines at Faith Christian Academy in uniform for flag raising on December 9th at 1900 hours.

Charles Minton – January 6-7 Salisbury NC quarterly staff meeting. Growl on the 6th. 0900 on the 7th the meeting will begin. There will be medical stations set up if interested. Rooms at the Hampton Inn for \$99.00 a night. Mid-East Conference January 2-4 in Fredericksburg Virginia, 5 states. Growl Friday night for Devil Dogs and Pups allowed. State Convention in Raleigh in June.

Closing Ceremony:

Rick Thomason calls on Sergeant at Arms to retire colors.

Chaplain Melvin Wolfe read the closing prayer.

Sr. Vice Commandant read his closing statement.

Sergeant at Arms declares meeting officially closed until Monday December 5, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace Evans, Adjutant