

# Marine Corps League

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Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97

Rocky Mount, NC

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## Opening Ceremony:

At 1900 Commandant Dave Sannes instructs Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle to secure the quarters. The Sergeant at Arms was further instructed to post the colors and lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members were instructed to uncover for the pledge.

Bible was opened and opening prayer was read by Acting Chaplain William Blackmon.

Meeting was declared open for business by Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle.

## Roll Call of Officers:

All present except: Chaplain Melvin Wolf-excused, National Web Sergeant Lori Sannes – excused. Jr Past Commandant Rick Thomason – excused.

## Visiting Guests:

District Vice Commandant Mike Black.

## Induction of New Members:

None

## Correspondence:

None

## Old Business:

**October Minutes:** Rick Ferguson makes motion to accept minutes as posted. Second by Bill Knight. Motion passed.

**Paymaster Report:** Larry Hill gave updated paymaster report. Beginning balance \$6,233.20 & total deposits \$1,954.63 put check book \$8,187.83. \$2.00 service fee deducted and \$40.00 cash on hand – Ending Balance \$8,225.83. Minus: \$91.51 uniform fund & 332.46 humanitarian fund leaves General Use at \$7,801.86. Motion to accept from Rick Ferguson, second from William Blackmon. Motion passed

## Sickbay Report:

None

## Officers Report:

Sr Vice Joe Pisarik reports rifle raffle tickets sales going well. Encourages all members to keep working at it, current sales have more than paid cost of weapon, everything now is money for the league. Puts in a plea for help with VFW weapon, which will be given away at VFW Christmas party on Dec 16.

Paymaster Larry Hill lists due still outstanding. A discussion is prompted on the financial state of National Headquarters and emphasizing how important collecting these dues is.

Commandant Dave Sannes gives short overview of birthday ball, praises Bruce Rakfeldt's presentation. Invites all present to help themselves to the birthday cake that was bought in from event. Also mentions dismal attendance at growl we hosted. Lost so much on food that we barely broke even using raffle, 50/50 and help from Mike Black.

### **New Business**

**Carl Johnson** gives short summary of birthday ball's financials. While no firm numbers are available, it was a successful event and the detachment was money to the good. A discussion was held as to how we might better promote it next year, the goal is for our detachment to successfully host a "regional" ball.

**Dave Sannes and Joe Pisarik** report that setting up a table at Wilson Gun Show, while not big, did sell 90 raffle tickets. Harley Davidson night was a bust. Nobody came, sold very few tickets. Suggestions were asked for and discussed as to other public venues that might produce results. Nothing definitive was forthcoming.

Members present were canvassed as to fulfillment of T4Ts box deliveries. We have many promised. Everyone was asked to verify with Pat each box physically placed. We don't want him in a position where he has to assume. Verify, this will also cover boxes individuals solicit outside his list. We do not want boxes forgotten. Nothings worse than getting a call after Christmas wondering when we'll pick up their toys. We have lost good supporters that way.

A list of scheduled T4Ts events was handed out. Individual events were discussed and manpower needs were specified. Ladies of the Moose, Lambert Lunch, Ford Dealership Open House and Rocky Mount Parade take place prior to our next meeting. Volunteers were solicited. Many would be after next meeting. Everyone present was asked to be checking / clearing their calendars.

### **Good of the League:**

**Larry Hill** received a Good Citizenship Award presented by Department of North Carolina. Larry was not present at their meeting.

Although NCHS NROTC was color guard and rifle detail at Veterans Day event, we need one member to carry our detachment flag, and all members encouraged to be attend and to wear their red covers.

### **Closing Ceremony**

Sergeant at Arms Claude Battle retires the colors

Acting Chaplain William Blackmon reads closing prayer

Sr Vice Joe Pisarik reads closing statement.

Sergeant at Arms Claude Battle declares the meeting officially closed until Monday, December 4.