



Marine Corps League

CPL. Suzi Sannes Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97

Rocky Mount, NC

October 3, 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 the prayer was read by Patrick Milligan.

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; Adjutant Candace Evans, Chaplain Melvin Wolfe, National Web Sergeant Lori-Sannes-excused. Past Commandant Rick Ferguson absent.

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

Correspondence: Commandant Rick Thomason discussed Military Appreciation Night at Golden Corral November 14, 2016 between 5 and 9pm. This has been a 15year tradition generating more than 11.5 million in guest contributions for the DAV to support community-based service initiatives for veterans. He also discussed the email from the National Commandant and how the National Convention went and the continuation of these services/classes. Email available to view if anyone desires. Reading excerpt from the book "Warrior Culture of the US Marines" relating to the Marine Corp Ball. Copy of excerpt available.

Guest Speaker Tyler Staverman, Nash County Veterans Service Officer gave a brief presentation on the NC Vets Resource Guide discussing available resources. Located at 120 W. Washington Street Nashville, NC and open to assist Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm by appointment.

(Ten-minute recess taken after presentation from guest Tyler Staverman)

Paymasters Report:

Opening balance is \$6,576.68. Listed deposits totaling \$6,576.68 – total checking\$6,576.68. Listed payouts totaling \$1,784.32. Cash on hand (50/50 change) \$40.00 with an ending balance of \$4,727.46. Previous monies voted as dedicated: Uniform Fund \$91.51, Scout fund \$205.35, Humanitarian fund \$272.46. Marine Corp Ball Ad book \$1,215.00. This leaves the Detachment \$4,727.46 total usable funds. A motion was taken to accept paymaster report by Melvin Wolfe, second by Charles Minton. Unanimous vote taken and accepted.

Sickbay Report:

Leo Nieves doing well, recovering at home with family.

Louis Rice's Father passed away yesterday, further information to come.

Donna Minton recovering from Ovarian cancer, surgery complete and treatments going well. Good spirits and staying busy.

Officers Report:

David Sannes - Pumpkin Festival brought in about \$213.00 from water donations. Appreciated Volunteers that came out to help and support this event. With Pumpkin Festival and Ninja Warrior combined League brought in close to \$1,000.00.

Patrick Milligan -Certificates and Awards – have been written up and ready to go for following: Carpet One Certificate/award for use of warehouse for free for the Toys for Tots. Nash Central High School ROTC for their service in various events and Color Guard. Working on Distinguished Service Award for Leo Nieves for the ROTC.

William Blackmon - Honor Guard every 3rd Saturday, 5 marines needed for Flag raising. Please help support this event. October 15 Form up at 10am. Starts at 11am.

Jeffrey Jones - Fall Quarterly Meeting - about 124 in attendance with coverage from 31 Detachments. Good showing. Winter Quarterly will be January rooms available at the Hampton Inn \$99 a night.

Charles Minton – Modern Day Marine expo, 3 held yearly, 1st Quantico last week, Camp Lejeune in April, February Camp Pendleton. Good event to plan to attend.

Good of the League:

Carl Johnson and Charles Minton – Marine Corp Ball – Currently have just under \$3,000 for ads. For future reference for the ad book please provide company logos for your ad to assist with ease of creating these ads. Each person who bought ad will receive a copy. At Ball each couple will receive a copy and there will be one for each business sponsor. There will be Detachment information included within the ad book. Head count right now is 39 people. Need to communicate male or female with this count. The Ball will be held November the 5th 2016. Social hour at 1800, meal at 1900 followed by ceremony and speaker at 2000 hours.

David Sannes – Shared call from Sergeant Lewis, marine from the west coast, thanking Detachment for being first unit to offer help while he was on the road walking cross country.

October 15, 2016 MODD Growl will be at 11870 Lodge Road in Middlesex, N.C... This is the same site at the Spring Growl. Food by Doug Sauls Barbecue of Nashville.

Closing Ceremony:

Rick Thomason calls on Sergeant at Arms to retire colors.

Acting Chaplain, Patrick Milligan read the closing prayer.

Sr. Vice Commandant read his closing statement.

Sergeant at Arms declares meeting officially closed until Monday November 7, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace Evans, Adjutant