

Marine Corps League

Cpl. Suzi Sannes

Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97

Rocky Mount, NC

10 September 2015

Opening Ceremony:

At 1900 hours Commandant Rick Thomason instructed Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle to secure the quarters. Fifteen active members and one guest 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 opening prayer was read by acting Chaplain David Evans.

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

Roll Call of Officers:

All present with the following exceptions; Sr. V. Cmdt/TFT David Sannes-Excused, Judge Advocate Leo Nieves-Absent, Pay Master Larry Hill-Excused, Chaplain Walter Pridgen – Absent, Public Relations Moonie Sloan-Absent, and Amber Rushton – Excused, Historian James Berardi – Absent, and National Web Sergeant Lori Sannes - Excused.

Visiting Guests:

Michael Meyers - 1267 Gold Leaf Detachment.

Induction of New Members: None

Correspondence: None

Guest Speaker: None

Old Business:

Motion to accept the August Minutes was made by Rick Ferguson, second by Tom Deaner.

Paymasters Report:

Opening balance is \$7566.72. Listed deposits totaling \$122.00 – total checking \$7688.72. Listed payouts totaling \$819.00– total checking \$6869.72 & \$40.00 cash equates to \$6909.72. Previous monies voted as dedicated were listed as Uniform fund @ \$91.51; Scout fund @ \$655.35; Humanitarian fund at \$182.46. Leaves the Detachment \$5980.40 total useable funds. Motion to accept paymaster report by Rick Ferguson, second by Charles Minton. Unanimous vote taken and accepted.

Sickbay Report: None

Officers Reports:

Commandant Rick Thomason shared brief information regarding Permanent Life Member dues for National.

07:30Volunteers needed to be at the warehouse @Carpet World to go through T4T toys.

Discussed the forms for sponsors/teams to support Cotton Valley Golf Tournament.

No phone calls have been received on the Detachment phone. Reminder to give out Detachment business cards and/or place on windshields of the vehicles with Marine Corps paraphernalia.

Recruitment – Need to discuss options to meet more people for recruiting into the detachment. Dave S. mentioned inviting the Nash Country Sheriff to attend one of our meetings. Dave has also reached out to the Tarboro Police Dept.-Sgt. Keith Morris

Highlights of the National Convention:

Commandants Report - Rick shared issues that were discussed at National with Mike Bloom. He stated that Richard Gore could not discuss due to potential litigations, however the Leagues attorney did. The National Web (MCL National.org) is up and running. We will get our old web address back after the trial. There will be no website contracts without bids. Mike Bloom was earning \$185,000/year, his two sons were earning \$65,000/year each. The MCL League paid over \$200,000 for computers that sat on the floor in boxes for over a year. Two guys that were hired from a computer company had the computer programs up and running in 16 hours. Officer term is limited to a 2 year term.

New Business:

Charles Minton conveyed that the National Ship Store was closed, however you can still place orders online.

Charles Minton said the Detachment needed to be more visible in the community.

Rick Thomason presented the National Attendee Streamer received from National.

Bark for Life – Requested the attendance of a Color Guard on Sept. 26 A 9:00AM. Rick Ferguson will confirm the date/time as well as check with Larry Hill to see if he will be attending. Rick F. or Dave S. will get with Joe P. for the guns.

Pound 210 will be hosting a Growl on October 17 at 1030 hrs. at the Rocky Mount VFW.

Marine Expo – Contact Melvin Wolf if you would like to ride with him.

Mike Myers handed out information for the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration.

Good of the League: -

Recognizing 50 Year Vietnam Veterans – It was discussed if the Detachment would be interested in participating in the Vietnam War Commemorative Partnership. Commandant R. Thomason said he was going to talk to the JVC to see if they wanted to be the lead organization.

Joe Pisarik stated that the VFW is hosting a Veteran Appreciation Day on September 12 @ 11:00am

Joint Veterans to Honor Jack Hardy Smith on September 21 @ the Flag Raising-Jack Loughery Veterans Memorial. October 17 – Walter Dillard Fletcher, Retired GySgt., November 21-Veterans Day Ceremony, December 19 – Retired MSgt. USAF Shelton Joyner.

Semper Fi Magazine wants more articles with pictures of MCL Detachments.

Closing Ceremony:

Rick Thomason calls on Sergeant of Arms to retire the colors.

Acting Chaplain David Evans reads closing prayer.

Sr. Vice Commandant reads closing statement.

Sergeant of Arms declares meeting officially closed for business till Monday, October 05, 2015.

Ordered by and approved by Commandant Rick Thomason

Prepared by: Donna Minton - Adjutant