

Marine Corps League

CPL. Suzi Sannes Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97

Rocky Mount, NC

September 8, 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 opening prayer was 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, Adjutant Candace Evans, Paymaster Larry Hill, Sgt. At Arms Claude Battle, Chaplain Melvin Wolfe, Historian James Berardi, Honor Guard Captain William Blackmon, Weapons Officer Joseph C. Pisarik, Nat Web Sgt Lori Sannes and Jr. Past Commandant Rick Ferguson. All present and/or accounted for with the following exceptions; National Web Sergeant Lori-Sannes-excused.

Visiting guests: Mike Black Commandant of the Wilson-Gold Leaf Detachment

Correspondence: Commandant Rick Thomason read emails from National Division Vice Commandants concerning the MCL Department of Louisiana flood relief and the Nash County Senior Center Announcement in regards to hosting a Veterans Health Expo on Friday, September 9 from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Northwest District DoNC Fall Quarterly Meeting September 24 in Boone, NC.

Presentation: Patrick Milligan "This is Who I am"

Old Business:

Motion to accept August minutes were made by Charles Minton, second by Melvin Wolfe. Unanimous vote taken and accepted.

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:

Tom Deaner present and doing well tonight.

Chaplain Melvin Wolfe advises that Leo Nieves surgery on October 5, 2016.

Officer Reports:

David Evans – Reporting in place of David Sannes on Back Yard Ninja concession stand. Sold sodas, coffee, popcorn and other snacks. Brought in around one thousand dollars. Volunteers needed for next event. Toys for Tots, training next week in Va. League will cover Wilson and Wayne for time being. Wayne County to secure a location. David Sannes will run warehouse in Nash County. Boxes will be going out soon. Need toys and volunteers.

William Blackmon speaking on Honor Guard Service, need riflemen to assist.

Good of the League:

Carl Johnson and Charles Minton discussed the Marine Corp Ball. Encouraged selling of Ads. Cutoff date for selling Ads is September 26th to turn into print shop by October 1st October 25th will be cut off date for submitting names of those who plan to attend. Ball will be November 5th. Free full page ad for Curtis Andrews of Carpet One as well as two invitations to Ball for allowing use of warehouse for free. National Graphic also to receive free full page ad and two invitations. Will defer to David Evans or Commandant to recruit Guest Speaker for Ball. There will be an auction using donation from Osbourne Jewelers. Open Ball, invite others, Coat and tie and remember to promote “Friends and Family of Marines donations for ten dollars (\$10.00).

Charles Minton- September 24th Quarterly meeting in Boone, NC. Uniform or casual dress with Cover. More information on website. Contact Charles Minton for further information. Good place/time for networking.

National Convention Marine for Life Program Supports Marines coming home from war/deployment. Allows for contact information on housing, Realtors, Schools and Job Fairs in areas they will settle. Mail outs sent out, send donations for help.

Charles Minton also added to the Louisiana Flood relief program. Marines having to rebuild and need assistance. Monetary donation would be appreciated. FEMA is covering house repairs but most areas without flood insurance and not covered. Rick Thomason encouraged motion on donation. Charles made motion to send five hundred, Tom Deaner to second, unanimous vote, motion passes. Paymaster will be notified.

Rick Thomason Pumpkin Fest October 1 in Spring Hope. League has spot for free to give out water and possibly Flag stickers for donations. One thousand Flag stickers can be purchased for price of \$101.00. Volunteers needed to work stand.

Joe Pisarik reported on sign requested for front of VFW. Allow to use marquis out front to announce dates for league meetings as well as metal folding sign where board can be placed on both sides.

Patrick Milligan on Awards Committee, formal process in place. Any one in good standing may be nominated. House form to be completed and submitted before monthly meeting and the assigned committee will review and make the decision to award or not. The award will go back to the person who nominated the candidate and present the award to them. If award is not accepted they can look at possibly giving the nominee a lesser award and then re-vote. You may not nominate yourself. Board cannot vote if member is nominated.

The Marine of the Year award will be presented at the Ball in November. Asking for nominations for 2016-2017. Charles Minton nominated Rick Thomason for Detachment Marine of the Year. Several members seconded the nomination. No further nominations were made. Rick Thomason to receive award for Marine of the Year at Ball on November 5, 2016.

Rick Thomason presented with his Life Time Membership in the Military Order of Devil Dogs by Michael Black, Paymaster for the Jesse O. Price Pound 210.

Next Growl scheduled for October 15, 2016.

Next Marine Corp League meeting schedule for October 3, 2016.

Closing Ceremony:

Rick Thomason calls on Sergeant at Arms to retire colors.

Chaplain reads closing prayer.

SVC Commandant read closing statement.

Sergeant of Arms declares meeting officially closed till Monday October 3, 2016.

