



Marine Corps League

Northwest Arkansas Detachment # 854

Meeting of May 20, 2019

Meeting Opening: Commandant Graham opened the meeting at 6:30 pm, according to ritual.

Roll Call of Officers:

Commandant	Craig Graham	Present
Senior Vice Commandant	Kenny Evans	Present
Junior Vice Commandant	Tom Wanket	Excused
Judge Advocate	Kathy Jeffrey	Present
Paymaster/Adjutant	Kelley Collins	Present
Sergeant at Arms	Gene Rogers	Present
Chaplin	Rhonda Evans	Excused
Web Sergeant	Kelley Collins	Present
Junior Past Commandant	David Niemann	Present

Acknowledgement of Visitors:

- National officers; Lonnie Young, David Niemann, Kelley Collins
- Department Past Commandant Lonnie Young
- Steve Soloman – Fayetteville National Cemetery Director

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Members reviewed the meeting minutes from April 15, 2019.
- Steve Coil made motion to accept minutes as amended; Gene Rogers second the motion.
- Upon no further discussion of the meeting minutes – Members voted, and motion carried.

Paymaster Report:

- Members reviewed the paymaster report from April 2019.
- David Niemann made motion to accept report; Steve Roberts 2nd the motion.
- Upon no further discussion of the paymaster report – Members voted, and motion carried.

Sick and Distressed:

- Rhonda – Shattered Knee and split Femur (12 weeks no weight bearing)
- Doc – no news
- Don Burri – no news
- Bud – Bud's wife is home and doing better

New Members:

- none

Correspondences:

- Marine for life will be headed up by Kenny Evans; Tim will send out presentation that Kenny can review and share. Tom Wanket and Craig Graham will be alternates.
- Lonnie had correspondence from the VA; they have been filed with the Paymaster.

Report of Officers:

Commandant Graham –

- Memorial Day –
 - Bella Vista – Monday Ceremony beginning at 10:00 am Buckstone Drive
 - Fayetteville National Cemetery – Monday Beginning at 10; Saturday placement of flags beginning at 9:00; Free lunch at post 27 on Curtis street
 - Kathy Jeffrey made motion to purchase wreath for Fayetteville Ceremony; upto \$150. David Niemann 2nd the motion; members voted motion carried

Senior Vice Commandant Evans –

- Ball planning is in progress and more information will be forthcoming.

Junior Vice Commandant Wanket –

- Has a flooded house..

Judge Advocate Jeffrey –

- State By-Laws where approved, currently waiting on Department By-Laws to update the Detachment By-Laws.
- Suggestion was made at the meeting to do elections in October; more discussion to come.

Junior Past Commandant Niemann –

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New Business:

- Visitor Skip Soloman National Cemetery Directory at Fayetteville;
 - Presented certificate of Appreciation for lunch feeding done by MCL Det 854.

- The Paper membership cards are needed for voting at the Department and National meetings; If you need a paper replacement please request through paymaster.
- Car Show – we will have a table; Kathy will see if we can sell food.
- June 21st Military Appreciation day at Naturals game.
- Legion golf hole sponsor for June 1st; Lonnie made motion to sponsor a hole; Gene Rogers 2nd motion; Members voted, and motion passed.
- Lonnie put together a grant process to vet the request for assistance; will help with tracking of funds and audits.
- Heroes on the water – 2nd weekend in June – MCL will provide lunch
- Brick for MCL – not ready yet
- Convoy of Hope – coming up in June
- Lonnie –
 - Last month we voted to help a Navy vet upto \$300
 - Helped vet with Hotel Stay for \$200 plus gas and food total of \$273.36
 - David Niemann made motion to pay \$273.36 to Lonnie; 2nd by Hickory; no discussion; members voted and passed motion
- Saturday MCL Det 854 will be presenting the colors at the train.

Unfinished Business:

- Veterans Home Needs
 - Kelley to do donation on line for \$100.

Good of the league:

- Audit of books
 - Steve Coil and Steve Roberts
 - Suggest league performs audit every April
 - Better documentation for expenses (currently the details are written on the receipt; suggestion made to try and get receipt book to track)

Committees:

- Ball Committee
 - Volunteers
 - Ann Marie Graham, Craig Graham, Tom Wanket, Kenny Evans, Kelley Collins, Steve Coil, Rhonda Evans, JD Evans.
 - Start looking for donations and raising money.
- Food truck
 - Ann Marie –
 - July will be the shooting club event

Meeting Closed:

Being no further business, Commandant Graham asked Sergeant at Arms to close the meeting at 8:00, according to ritual. Until May 20, 2019 at 18:30 when it will reopen for official business.

Upcoming events:

- If you have an event please let Kelley know and be sure to check out our calendar on the web to see what we have coming up.

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