



Marine Corps League

Northwest Arkansas Detachment # 854

Meeting of June 17, 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	Present
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
- Thomas Wright – from CO

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Members reviewed the meeting minutes from May 20, 2019.
- Steve Coil made motion to accept minutes as amended; David Niemann second the motion.
- Upon no further discussion of the meeting minutes – Members voted, and motion carried.

Paymaster Report:

- Members reviewed the paymaster report from May 2019; short discussion on Rose money
- Kathy Jeffrey made motion to accept report; Lonnie Young 2nd the motion.
- Upon no further discussion of the paymaster report – Members voted, and motion carried.

Sick and Distressed:

- Rhonda – at home and recovering
- Doc – no news
- Don Burri – no news – Kenny will call Lou and check on him
- Jay – back is in a lot of pain

- Lewis – Eyes are not good

New Members:

- Thomas Wright – new to area, moved here from CO;
 - David Niemann made motion to accept application; Bob 2nd motion; members voted, and motion passed; Thomas was sworn in with the rest of the meeting attendees.

Correspondences:

- VAS Vet Center 40th anniversary open house coming up.

Report of Officers:

Commandant Graham –

- None

Senior Vice Commandant Evans –

- Thank you to everyone that came out for the color guard at the Train post.
- Thank you to everyone that attended the Fayetteville National Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony and other ceremonies.

Junior Vice Commandant Wanket –

- Took 16 kids to Devils Den to earn patches; great experience

Judge Advocate Jeffrey –

- Thank you to the team for providing lunch at Heroes' on the water.
- Thank you to the team for helping with Convoy of Hope
- Is reviewing the Department By-laws to work on detachment by-laws; more to come

Junior Past Commandant Niemann –

- Working on getting pictures of the Memorial Day ceremony and will send them out.

New Business:

- David Niemann will work up the certificate of appreciation for Lowes
- Naturals Military Appreciation Day Friday June 21st at 6:15
- Russellville has a car they are donating to a marine vet

- Lonnie Young will bring his MCL items to transfer responsibility to another MCL member at the next meeting
- National MCL Convention – Aug 4-10 in Billings MT
 - Lonnie Young made motion to place an ad in book up to \$150; Steve Coil 2nd motion; members voted, and motion carried
 - Kathy will update ad with current pictures and Kelley will place in book
- Gene Rogers has 2 banners that were special ordered MCL 854 that goes on truck that he wants to donate for our use. He will get with Craig Graham to transfer ownership.
- Steve Coil made motion to reimburse Kathy Jeffrey and Lonnie Young for the food served at Heroes' on the Water; David Niemann 2nd motion; members voted, and motion carried

Unfinished Business:

- Sargent at Arms
 - Brick purchased by MCL has been placed at the post.
- Lonnie Young talked with BB&BBQ committee and told them we would like to work the parking lot again and ask for \$1500 - \$2000. Members in attendance decided if they committee comes back and only pays \$1000 we will still work it.

Good of the league:

- Ball is coming up so get it on your calendar and start inviting people. It was a great time last year.

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.
 - Venue and date are set; November 16, 2019 at Embassy Suites
 - Suggestion was made that we list the accomplishments over the year and vets we have assisted and place that in the ball program.
- Food truck
 - Ann Marie –
 - July will be the shooting club event; last week 22-26 date has not been confirmed
 - Potentially Allen's for patriot day parade
 - Working on getting additional events

- Heroes & Hot Rods Aug 30-31 Highfall Holland Barn Venue; Friday 3-7 & Saturday 8 – 6; not confirmed

Meeting Closed:

Being no further business, Commandant Graham asked Sergeant at Arms to close the meeting at 7:37, according to ritual. Until July 15 at 18:30 when it will reopen for official business.

Upcoming events:

- MCL Ball November 16, 2019 at Embassy Suites
- Food Truck at Shooting Club (? July 22 – 26) date not confirmed
- July 4th events – Allen's Patriot Day Parade
- National MCL Convention – Aug 4-10 in Billings MT
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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.

<https://www.nwamarinecorpsleague.com/calender>