

MT MITCHELL DETACHMENT 1266 – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE – NEWSLETTER

**WALKING WITH A SWAGGER**

**TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!**

**UNITY IS MISSION CRITICAL – DISUNITY IS MISSION DISRUPTIVE!**

The Mt Mitchell Detachment 1266 Marine Corps League met for the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at the Western Sizzling Steakhouse in Spruce Pine, NC. There were 15 members and 1 guests present. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Frank Pizzardi in the absence of the Sgt at Arms. Opening prayer was led by Chaplain Daniel Whetstine, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Senior Vice-Commandant John Millan presided over the meeting in the absence of Commandant Chuck Norris who has had surgery.

There were no minutes read or financial report given in the absence of Adjutant/Paymaster Rob Baker.

Several members from the League attended the funeral of our member, A. G. Holtsclaw, who passed away since our meeting in March. Dennis King reminded the membership of the customary donating of \$50 to the DAV Chapter which conducted military graveside honors. Motion to send the donation was made by Matt Miller and seconded by Clay Houston. Motion passed. Membership was reminded of the annual Downtown Worship service to be held on Upper Street in Spruce Pine on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 5:30pm. As a part of this service there will be a tribute to our Veterans and our Chaplain, Daniel Whetstine will be one of the guest speakers for the event. Members were encouraged to attend and wear their League uniforms.

There were neither committee reports nor reports on upcoming events in which the League is participating in the absence of Angela Norris. A reminder, however, that we will be participating in the Rhododendron Festival in June and Angela has asked for volunteers to help with this.

John Millan introduced our guest, Gunny Reggie Sawyer, who is our State Junior Vice-Commandant who spoke briefly reminding the membership that the State organization is there to help and may be called upon at any time for assistance. He encouraged attendance at the State Convention if possible which will be held in Jacksonville, NC. While that is a bit of a trip from the mountains it offers an opportunity for fellowship and learning. David Anderson is running for State Commandant and Gunny Sawyer is also a candidate for the Senior Vice-Commandant.

John Millan made the motion that we make Gunny Sawyer and honorary member of our League. The motion was passed and Reggie was sworn in as an honorary member of Detachment 1266.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer led by Chaplain Whetstine followed by the singing of the Marine Corps Hymn. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm until our next meeting date of May 18, 2023.

Please note: I have omitted names and addresses of young Marines. None of the names and addresses has been updated since we began the newsletter so I feel that much of the information is probably no longer correct. If anyone has current knowledge of young Marines and their addresses and would want them included in the newsletter please let me know. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, May 3	Downtown Worship Service in Spruce Pine
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Sunday, May 14	Mothers' Day
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Thursday, May 18	Marine Corps League monthly meeting
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Saturday, May 20	Armed Forces Day
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Monday, May 20	Memorial Day
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Happy Birthday in May to: Matt Miller, Jr (6), Matt Hurd (6), Clay Houston (15), Terry Blake (29)

