

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, February 16, 2023 at the Western Sizzling Steakhouse in Spruce Pine, NC. There were 21 members and 3 guests present. A quorum was present for conducting business. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Dennis King, acting Sgt at Arms. Opening prayer was led by Chaplain Daniel Whetstine, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commandant John Milan presided over the meeting.

There were no applications for membership. Adjutant/Paymaster Rob Baker gave the minutes and financial report from the January meeting which were approved. There were no communications to report but Rob stated he had emailed some items of correspondence to members.

In addition to those members previously reported to be in declining health, our fellow member, Art Wilmouth, has been diagnosed with Lymphoma. He will be having surgery at the Asheville VA Hospital on February 28. Continue to keep all these in prayer and please contact our Chaplain, Daniel Whetstine, if you are aware of illness or other needs of our members.

Angela Norris reported that she has been successful in getting the League meeting announcement placed in the Yancey County paper. She plans to contact the Mitchell paper about the announcement being placed in their paper. Our application fee has been submitted for the Mt Mitchell Fair. Angela also has an application for the Rhododendron Festival (June 15-17) in Bakersville. The fee is \$25. Members agreed on applying for a booth there. Angela asked if the League would be interested in setting up a table at the Yancey County Farmer's Market during the months of operation this summer. After some discussion the possibility was tabled until next month's meeting.

Having a raffle/fund raiser was discussed last month and this is still under consideration.

Art Wilmouth donated a pair of Marine Corps dress blue trousers size 40 x 32 to be auctioned. Dennis King purchased the trousers for \$25.

Chuck Norris reported that he is working on getting the League rifles transferred to Yancey County as soon as they can make room for them.

Chaplain Whetstine reported to the League that he has been asked to serve on a (as yet unnamed) committee in Mitchell County focused on ways to honor veterans and also on helping homeless veterans. Dennis King was also familiar with this committee. As yet no homeless veterans have been identified.

The meeting then proceeded to the business of the swearing in of new officers. The NC Senior Vice Commandant, Dave Anderson, was on hand to perform the swearing in ceremony. New officers are:

Commandant: Chuck Norris; Senior Vice-Commandant: John Millan; Jr. Vice Commandant: Ken Sand; and Judge Advocate: Bert Nunley. Appointed positions filled as follows: Adjutant/Paymaster: Rob Baker; Chaplain: Daniel Whetstine; Historian: Clay Houston; Sgt at Arms: Tony Summers.

Clay Houston reminded members of the League Scrapbook and asked that pictures of events be shared for keeping in the Scrapbook. He also reminded the members of our League motto: "walking with a swagger" and wished the ladies a belated Happy Valentine's Day.

A District wide family day is being considered for the coming year and also the possibility of having a Marine Corps Ball.

Zoom meetings to assist Detachment commandants with issues/problems/challenges/etc. are being held monthly. Chuck Norris has been attending these meetings. The statewide spring meeting to be held in Havelock will have a session focused on training.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer led by Chaplain Daniel Whetstine followed by the singing of the Marine Corps Hymn. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm until our next meeting date of March 16, 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:

Sunday, March 12	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Thursday, March 16	Mt Mitchell Detachment 1266 monthly meeting
Friday, March 17	St Patrick's Day
Monday, March 20	First Day of Spring

Happy Birthday in March to: Clarence Hensley (6); Mike Stafford (16); A. G. Holtsclaw (18); Ken Sand (20); Angela Norris (29);