

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, January 19, 2023 at the Western Sizzling Steakhouse in Spruce Pine, NC. There were 19 members and guests present. A quorum was present for conducting business. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Mark Thomas. Opening prayer was led by Chaplain Daniel Whetstine, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mark Thomas. Commandant John Milan presided over the meeting.

There were no applications for membership. Adjutant/Paymaster Rob Baker gave the report from the November meeting and the December Christmas social and the financial report and both were approved. There were no communications to report.

Chaplain Whetstine reported that fellow member, A. G. Holtsclaw and his wife, Nita, are both in declining health and requiring full-time help. Bud Phillips is now home from the rehab center but unable to drive and probably will not be able to attend meetings in the future. There was no up to date report concerning Clarence and Janice Hensley who have also had health issues. Dennis King was absent from our meeting due to having a health challenge. Please remember these members in your prayers and also please let the Chaplain know of any members who are sick or in need of a visit or call from him.

The drawing for our raffle prizes was held at the Christmas social in December and Bert Nunley reported that he has delivered all of the prizes to the winners.

Angela Norris has volunteered to once again help with the Craft Fairs in the fall and will check on getting booth reservations for us if they are now available. She is also going to see if the Yancey newspaper will run a notice (free) each month advertising our monthly meeting.

Ken Sand mentioned the League having a raffle of a firearm as a fund raiser in the coming year. This will be further explored and the type of firearm decided upon.

The meeting then proceeded to the business of nominating officers for the coming year. Those nominated were: Commandant; Chuck Norris, Senior Vice Commandant; John Milan, Jr. Vice Commandant; Ken Sand and Judge Advocate; Bert Nunley. Voting will take place at the February meeting. Commandant John Milan expressed his appreciation for the support he has had during his term and for the honor of serving as the League Commandant.

There will be a Devil Dog meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> in Asheville. A robo call will be made to remind members.

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 led by Clay Houston. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm until our next meeting date of February 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:

Groundhog Day	February 2
Valentine's Day	February 14
League regular meeting date	February 16
President's Day	February 20
Ash Wednesday	February 22

Happy Birthday in February: Mark Thomas (4), "Chuck" Norris (16), Lowell Eckert (26)