

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, May 18 2023 at the Western Sizzling Steakhouse in Spruce Pine, NC. There were 18 members present. The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by John Millan in the absence of the Sgt at Arms. Opening prayer was led by Commandant Chuck Norris in the absence of Chaplain Daniel Whetstine, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present for conducting official business.

Adj/Paymaster Rob Baker read from the April newsletter in lieu of minutes due to his having been absent last month. He also presented the financial report. Minutes and financial report were approved. He read thank you notes that have been received from the family of A. G. Holtsclaw. Two more Bibles have been ordered since there is now only one on hand. John Millan suggested that get-well cards might also be ordered to have on hand.

Both the Mt Mitchell Fair and the Rhododendron Festival event have been approved but Rob reported that the League has not yet received their booth assignment for the Rhododendron Festival which is only a month away. Commandant Chuck Norris asked for a commitment of volunteers to help with the Rhododendron Festival. John Milan, Bert Nunley, Rob Baker, Ken Sand, and Dennis King all said they would help on one or both days. It was agreed that only water would be offered for sale and not try to deal with having an assortment of sodas on hand. Further discussion followed concerning what the League wants to do about a raffle. Decision was made to raffle a hand gun as opposed to a rifle. Bert Nunley said he would consult with Mark Thomas and look into the purchase of a hand gun. A limit of no more than \$750 was set as a price to pay. Also the price for printed tickets with advertising of the item and the League name will be investigated. No price was set for ticket sales. Decision was made to have the drawing for winner of the raffle at our meeting on November 16, 2023.

The subject of our monthly “robo call” was discussed since no calls were made for April and none this month. This is an important part of making sure membership is aware of the meeting/any changes in venue/etc. Rob Baker apologized for his recent absences from the meetings.

Dennis Davis volunteered to maintain an “in house” library of military related books if anyone is interested. Also, if anyone has books they would like to donate to this library bring them in to give to Dennis.

Memorial Day will be on Monday, May 29. Programs in the area were discussed. Naomi Houston reported that the ceremony sponsored by VFW Pat Ray Post 4286 in Avery County will be held at 2pm in Newland on the Square (in front of the courthouse). Those attending should bring a lawn chair. Guest speaker will be Cindy Stonebraker Reed who is the Founding Director and Board Secretary for Mission: POW-MIA, a non-profit organization based in Virginia. Dennis King will confirm information on anything

in Burnsville and let Naomi know (he has subsequently emailed that information and it has been forwarded to membership).

There were no other committee reports other than discussion of the upcoming Mt Mitchell and Rhododendron events.

There were no reports on health and welfare of any members.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer led by Commandant Chuck Norris followed by the singing of the Marine Corps Hymn. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm until our next meeting date of June 15, 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:

Monday, May 29	Memorial Day
June 4, 1942	Battle of Midway began
June 6, 1944	WWII D-day
Wednesday, June 14	Flag Day
Thursday, June 15	Marine Corps League Meeting
Friday-Sunday, June 16-18	Rhododendron Festival – Craft Fair Friday, 12-7 & Saturday 10-5
June 17, 1775	Battle of Bunker Hill
Sunday, June 18	Fathers Day
June 25, 1876	Custer’s Last Stand

Happy Birthday this month to: Alex Rumbach on June 26

