

GAFFNEY-OGLESBY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DETACHMENT #1328

SILVER CITY, NM

APRIL 6, 2017 MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Gaffney-Oglesby Marine Corps League Detachment #1328 was called to order by Commandant, Ben Collins at 1901 hrs, April 6, 2017. Fifteen members, including all elected officers, less Finance Officer/Paymaster, Jeff Larkin, were present. Opening prayer read by Don Spann, in the absence of Detachment Chaplain, Robert Lopez.

Motion made and seconded by Frank Donohue and Terry Kline to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2017 meeting as read by Adjutant, John Sterle. Motion approved.

The Paymaster report was presented by Commandant, Ben Collins. Motion made and seconded by Bob Schloss and Paul Lott to accept the Paymaster report, subject to audit. Motion approved.

Correspondence: Commandant Collins presented a "Thank You" card from the Children of Grant County for the Detachment's recent donation.

Application for Membership: Commandant Collins introduced Associate Member, Leon Edwards (U.S. Navy, Ret.) to the membership.

Members in distress: John Sterle reported on the improved physical condition of Lena & Carolyn Holguin.

Initiation of newly elected officers: Commandant Collins performed the initiation of the following incoming elected officers:

Frank Donohue, Commandant

George Morrison, II, Senior Vice commandant

Shawn Wells, Junior Vice Commandant

Charlie LaBlanc, Judge Advocate

Transfer of Commandant Duties: Commandant Collins performed transfer of gavel ceremonies to Incoming Commandant, Frank Donohue.

Old Business:

Rifle raffle sales continue.

New Business:

Commandant Donohue called for the establishment of a Memorial Day Committee to coordinate Memorial Day ceremonies at Ft. Bayard National Cemetery on May 29, 2017

For the good of the League:

Terry Kline updated everyone on the Southwest NM Transition Center and their ongoing activities. The transition center distributed food to 99 area veterans at their April 5th event.

Leon Edwards advised that The American Legion Post #18 would be holding their annual golf tournament on May 6, 2017.

Also, Mr. Edwards advised that Post #18 was going to host the Grant County Area Veterans Picnic on August 5th at Little Walnut Picnic Grounds.

Bob Schloss reported on the recent Change of Command ceremonies regarding the 3rd Battalion/7th Marines.

Guest speaker, Luis Terrazas (Terrazas Funeral Chapels) presented information relating to burial pre-planning, wills, power of attorney and wealth management.

Following closing ceremonies, the April 6, 2017 meeting was adjourned by Commandant Donohue at 2038 hrs. The next general membership meeting will be held on May 4, 2017 at 1900 hrs.

Submitted:

John P. Sterle, Det. #1328 Adjutant

Photo Nr. 1: Commandant Ben Collins administers the oath of office to incoming 2nd Vice Commandant, Shawn Wells, 1st Vice Commandant, George Morrison, II and Commandant, Frank Donohue.

Photo Nr. 2: Outgoing Commandant, Ben Collins performs change of command and gavel transfer to incoming Commandant, Frank Donohue.

