

GAFFNEY-OGLESBY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DETACHMENT #1328

SILVER CITY, NM

FEBRUARY 2, 2017 MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Gaffney-Oglesby Marine Corps League Detachment #1328 was called to order by Commandant, Ben Collins at 1907 hrs., February 2, 2017. Seventeen members, including all elected officers, were present. Opening prayer read by John Pace, in the absence of Detachment Chaplain, Robert Lopez.

Motion made and seconded by Leonard Pritikin and Jeff Larkin to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2017 meeting as read by Adjutant, John Sterle. Motion approved.

The Paymaster report was presented by Jeff Larkin. Motion made and seconded by Leonard Pritikin and Charlie LaBlanc to accept the Paymaster report, subject to audit. Motion approved.

Correspondence: Commandant Collins reported receiving a "Thank You" card from Ms. Barbara Kejr for performing military honors for her family member.

Members in distress: Frank Donohue reported that Chris Eng is dealing with an internal bleeding problem. Eugene Lewis' wife, Eulalia continues to deal with lung cancer. Col. Hamilton's status remains the same; he will either remain at the rehab facility in Albuquerque or be cared for by family members in the Albuquerque area. John Sterle

reported on the condition of area Veterans advocates, Lena & Carolyn Holguin, who were involved in a serious automobile accident in Oklahoma on January 15th. Subsequently, motion was made and seconded by Paul Lott and Leonard Pritikin to donate \$1,000.00 to the Lena & Carolyn Holguin Donation account at Wells Fargo Bank.

Old Business:

Rifle Raffle Committee Chairman, Jeff Larkin reported that raffle tickets have been printed and available for sale. Further, Chairman Larkin, along with Frank Donohue, will coordinate with Walmart to establish ticket sales dates.

New Business:

Discussion regarding the upcoming 72nd annual parade honoring WWII Marine veteran, Ira Hayes in Sacaton, AZ on February 25th was held. Motion made and seconded by Jeff Larkin and Leonard Pritikin for Detachment #1328 to cover travel expenses for members participating in this parade. Motion approved.

For the good of the League:

Commandant Collins reported that the next quarterly NM Marine Corps League meeting will be held on March 11th in Roswell, NM.

NM Marine Corps League State Commandant, Larry Himes reported on upcoming State/Rocky Mountain District Convention. Currently, the convention will be held in Roswell, NM in June. Specific date to be determined.

Terry Kline presented a report on the Southwest NM Transition Center and their ongoing activities. The transition center distributes food to area veterans on a monthly basis. Each veteran family signing up receives 50# of bulk food items as provided by the Roadrunner Food Bank. (Note: 99 veteran families were served at the January distribution event.) Also, the Center is working on transportation problems that veterans face in getting to medical appointments.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT #1328 OFFICERS:

Commandant: George Morrison, III nominated Frank Donohue.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Frank Donohue nominated George Morrison, II.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Charlie LaBlanc nominated George Morrison, III.

Judge Advocate: John Sterle nominated Charlie La Blanc. (Detachment #1328 Judge Advocate, Frank Donohue to review nomination validity when done by an associate member with State Judge Advocate.)

Following closing ceremonies, the February meeting was adjourned at 2005 hrs. The next meeting will be held on March 2, 2017 at 1900 hrs.

Submitted:

John P. Sterle, Det. #1328 Adjutant

Photo attached:

Detachment Honor Guard members: (l-r around the table) Jeff Larkin, Frank Donohue, Don Spann, Commandant Ben Collins, John Pace, George Morrison, II, John Sterle.

