

GAFFNEY-OGLESBY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DETACHMENT #1328

SILVER CITY, NM

JANUARY 5, 2017 MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Gaffney-Oglesby Marine Corps League Detachment #1328 was called to order by Commandant, Ben Collins at 1900 hrs., January 5, 2017. Fifteen members, including all elected officers, were present. Paymaster, Frank Donohue filled in for Jeff Larkin, excused due to personal illness. Opening prayer read by Robert Lopez.

Motion made and seconded by Leonard Pritikin and Frank Donohue to accept the minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting as read by Adjutant, John Sterle. Motion approved.

The Paymaster report was presented by Frank Donohue. 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 Silver City Radio for promoting and advertising the Marine Corps Birthday with their company.

Request for donation received from the Children of Grant Co. (Local Non-Profit Organization). Motion made and seconded by Paul Lott and Leonard Pritikin to donate \$500.00 in response to this request. Motion approved.

Commandant Collins reported that Detachment #1328 was requested to lead a “People’s Procession” on January 21, 2017. Motion made and seconded by Paul Lott and Charlie LaBlanc to NOT participate in this “procession” due to the fact that it falls outside the Marine Corps League by-laws. Motion approved. Danna Lopez to draft a response letter to Ms. Robin Williams.

Members in distress: Frank Donohue reported that Col. Hamilton’s physical condition is not likely to improve and will remain in Albuquerque, NM. Dick Hoezee reported that his father-in-law had passed away.

Old Business:

Committee Reports: No active committees at this time.

Danna Lopez and Robert Lopez gave their after action report regarding Toys for Tots. Within Grant Co., 1,357 children were surprised with over 1,500 toys distributed. Additionally, Thom Berry, Dick Hoezee and Bob Schloss distributed toys in the Luna Co. area (including Palomas, Mexico) to over 800 children. Thom Berry recognized The American Legion Bataan Post #4 and the Deming Border Patrol Station for their toy donations and success of the Toys for Tots effort in Luna County.

New Business: M1A Rifle Raffle Tickets will be going on sale as follows: One for \$5.00, Five for \$20.00 and Ten for \$35.00. Sale dates to be determined.

Commandant Collins advised that schedule for election of officers as follows: February 2017 meeting – Nominations received. March 2017 meeting – Election of new officers. April 2017 meeting – Change of

Command Ceremonies. Note: Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the March 2017 meeting.

For the good of the League:

Discussion held regarding the two Detachment #1328 scholarships. It was agreed that both scholarships will continue to recognize and honor Grant County Marine Corps veterans, Carlos Aguirre and David Grijalva.

Frank Donohue advised that Col. & Diane Hamilton's flag needed repair and maintenance required on their flag pole.

72nd Commemoration of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising will be held in Sacaton, AZ on February, 25, 2017. Info: "irahayespost84.org"

Following closing ceremonies, the January meeting was adjourned at 1945 hrs. The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2017 at 1900 hrs.

Submitted:

John P. Sterle, Det. #1328 Adjutant

Photos attached:

New Marine Corps League Detachment #1328 Median sign on Hwy 180W.

Commandant, Ben Collins, posting Marine Corps Wreath during Wreaths across America ceremonies, 12/17/2016, Ft. Bayard National Cemetery, Ft. Bayard, NM.

