

GAFFNEY-OGLESBY DETACHMENT #1328



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November 2, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Gaffney-Oglesby Marine Corps League Detachment #1328 was called to order by Commandant, Frank Donohue at 1904 hrs, November 2, 2017. All elected officers were present. Eighteen members in attendance. Opening prayer given by Det. Chaplain, Robert Lopez.

Motion was made and seconded by Charlie LeBlanc and Leonard Pritikin to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2017 meeting and the Executive Committee meeting of October 12, 2017 as presented by Adjutant, John Sterle. Motion approved.

Outgoing Paymaster, John Pace and incoming Paymaster, John Sterle presented the finance report, effective with the close of business, Nov. 2, 2017. Motion made and seconded by Leonard Pritikin and Robert Lopez to accept the finance report, subject to audit. Motion approved.

Donation Committee Report: Donation Review Committee recommended approval of a \$1,000.00 donation to be made to The American Legion Bataan Post #4, Deming, NM. Motion made and seconded by Daniel Garcia and Charlie LeBlanc to approve this recommendation. Motion approved.

Members in Distress: Adjutant Sterle reported that his wife, Marie, was doing well and recovering from a surgical procedure performed on Oct. 25th.

Marine Corps Birthday Committee Report: Commandant Donohue and Chaplain Robert Lopez presented an update on Marine Corps Birthday Ball preparations. Radio announcements are in place, cake is on order, program finalized, dinner and libation details as well as DJ arrangements have been completed. Additionally, this year's Ball will be video taped in its entirety and will be available for sale. Members who can help with decorating are asked to arrive at WNMU at 1400 hrs. on Friday, Nov. 10th.

For the Good of the League: Charlie LeBlanc advised that he and Diane would be unable to attend the 242nd Birthday Ball due to traveling to Arlington National Cemetery for the interment of Diane's brother-in-law, LtCol Finch.

Commandant Donohue reported on the following dates & events:

6 November: Wreaths Across America meeting. Silver City Methodist Church, 1500 hrs.

9 November: Cliff H.S. Veterans Appreciation Day. 1345 hrs. (arrive 1315-1330).

10 November: Silver H.S. Veterans Appreciation Day. 1000 hrs. (MCL Det. #1328 Color Guard to present the colors.)

10 November: Marine Corps 242nd Birthday Ball. WNMU 1800-2100 hrs.

11 November: Veterans Day. Ft. Bayard Nat'l Cemetery. 1000 hrs.

18 November: W & N Enterprises Thanksgiving dinner preparation: Silver City Food Basket (meet at approx 1830 and prepare to strip 18-22 turkeys).

19 November: W & N Enterprises Benefit Thanksgiving Dinner: Grant Co. Veterans Memorial & Business Conference Center. 1200-1600 hrs.

25 November: Silver City Parade of Lights. 1700 hrs. (approx.)

28 November: Toys for Tots meeting. Grinder Mill

14-15-16 December: Wreaths Across America.

Guest presentation: Joe Trujillo, Program Support Director, Ft. Bayard National Cemetery, presented an update on the construction/landscaping efforts at Ft. Bayard National Cemetery. Mr. Trujillo advised that the new columbarium is open and plumbing lines have been installed in all sections of the cemetery. Contract operations will soon be finished for the winter, but branch irrigation lines will be completed in the Spring of 2018.

Mr. Trujillo also presented information on VA Form 40-10007: Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery. Anyone requesting further information can get a copy from Adjutant Sterle or call Joe Trujillo at 575-519-9172.

Following closing ceremonies, Commandant Donohue adjourned the November 2017 meeting at 1955 hrs. The next regular meeting of the Marine Corps League Det. #1328 will be held on December 7, 2017 at 1900 hrs.

Submitted: John P. Sterle, Adjutant