



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
AIR, LAND, NC DETACHMENT #1257  
MINUTES: 05 DECEMBER 2006**

**OPENING CEREMONY:** 1912 HOURS, PRESENTATION OF COLORS, OPENING PRAYER.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** JERRY DANGLER, JACK PETRARCA, JAMES MAROON, BOB PETERS, MARK BYRD, JOSEPH GOODROW, KEITH CHURCH, RAY O'NEILL

**OFFICERS ABSENT:** NONE

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** GEORGE CATTELONA, WILLIAM WHEELER, DICK MAXEY, BRANDON RIZZO, A. J. JOHNSON

**GUEST PRESENT:** NATIONAL VICE COMMANDANT MIDEAST DIVISION STEVE WILSON; DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA COMMANDANT PETER MELETIS; MIDEAST DIVISION AIDE-DE-CAMP (AND STATE WEBMASTER) JIM HASLAM AND JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT TARHEEL DETACHMENT RICHARD PATRICK. *ALSO PRESENT WERE:* JEROME HALL, ANITA MAROON, DIANE JOHNSON, ELEANOR GOODROW, KATHRYN SPIEGEL, ANNE CHURCH & CHILDREN, LAURIE DANGLER & CHILDREN.

**COMMANDANT DANGLER:** THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING. INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND OUR DETACHMENT, "AIR, LAND, NC."

**JUNIOR-PAST COMMANDANT PETRARCA:** JACK WELCOMED THE MEMBERS AND GUEST, AND HE RECOGNIZED THE OFFICERS PRESENT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE WHO WERE THERE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHARTER AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS.

**NATIONAL VICE COMMANDANT MIDEAST DIVISION STEVE WILSON:** STEVE BEGAN, "THE MIDEAST DIVISION CONSISTS OF TEN DIVISIONS AND SOON WILL INCLUDE THE VIRGIN ISLANDS. THE MIDEAST DIVISION HAS GROWN FROM 17 TO 42 DETACHMENTS, AND ITS MEMBERSHIP HAS INCREASED FROM 4000 TO OVER 7000 IN THE PAST TWO YEARS." STEVE PROCEEDED TO GIVE A VERY MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH CONCERNING THE FACT THAT "ONCE YOU ARE A MARINE YOU ARE ALWAYS A MARINE." STEVE PRESENTED OUR CHARTER TO COMMANDANT DANGLER, AND HE READ A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COMMANDANT OF THE LEAGUE CONGRATULATING US AND GIVING SOME DIRECTIONS FOR THE NEW DETACHMENT RELATIVE TO OUR GETTING THE DETACHMENT OFF AND RUNNING. STEVE PASSED THE FLOOR TO DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA COMMANDANT PETER MELETIS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS.

**CHAPLIN KEITH CHURCH:** LED THE DETACHMENT IN PRAYER AFTER WHICH WE ALL SANG THE MARINE CORPS HYMN.

**DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA COMMANDANT PETER MELETIS:** POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS VERY SPECIAL FOR HIM TO RETURN TO WAKE FOREST AS HE IS A 1951 GRADUATE OF WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, BEFORE IT MOVED TO WINSTON SALEM. COMMANDANT MELETIS ENCOURAGED US TO BECOME INVOLVED AND REMAIN ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO "MAKE A DIFFERENCE." HE WENT ON TO SAY, "GOD BLESSED US TO BE ABLE TO BECOME MARINES. WE ARE A TEAM. FAILURE AND NEGATIVISM ARE NOT AN OPTION IN THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE." COMMANDANT MELETIS CHALLENGED EACH OF US TO BRING IN AT LEAST ONE NEW MEMBER EVERY YEAR. COMMANDANT MELETIS ASK THE DETACHMENT OFFICERS TO STAND UP FRONT, RAISE OUR RIGHT HANDS, AND HE LED US IN THE OATH OF OFFICE. COMMANDANT MELETIS PASSED OUT OUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS. THE MEMBERS PRESENT EACH LINED UP AND SIGNED THE CHARTER.

**JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT PETRARCA:** CONGRATULATED US ON BECOMING NEW MEMBERS OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE. JACK RECOGNIZED JIM TANT, THE DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA VICE COMMANDANT/ADJUTANT, WHO COULD NOT ATTEND TONIGHT BUT WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN SETTING EVERYTHING UP. JACK PRESENTED TWO AWARDS: ONE TO JAMES

MAROON AND THE OTHER TO JERRY DANGLER FOR THEIR WORK IN FORMING OUR NEW DETACHMENT.

*COMMANDANT DANGLER:* TOLD A STORY OF HOW JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT PETRARCA CALLED HIM ON MOTHERS DAY TO ASK FOR HIS HELP IN FORMING A NEW DETACHMENT IN WAKE FOREST. JERRY RECOGNIZED WILLIAM WHEELER AS OUR NEWEST MEMBER PRESENT, AND JEROME HALL AS OUR NEWEST PROSPECTIVE MEMBER PRESENT. JERRY ALSO RECOGNIZED GEORGE CATTELONA FOR BEING A WORLD WAR II VETERAN WHO SERVED IN THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA.

NEXT MEETING:

STAFF: 0900 HOURS, 06 JANUARY 2007 AT THE WAKEFIELD DINER.

GENERAL: 1900 HOURS, 09 JANUARY 2007 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST IN WAKE FOREST.

MEETING CLOSED: 2007 HOURS, MARINE CORPS HYMN, CLOSING PRAYER.

AFTER THE MEETING, EVERYONE ENJOYED A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS.

SUBMITTED BY:

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