



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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Minutes: 10 February 2009

- Meeting called to order at 1715 hours
- Roll Call of Officers by the Adjutant found all present or accounted for.
- 22 Members and 4 guest were present including the Officers.
- 3 new applications for membership were received, voted on and accepted. The new members are: (1) Tamara Lee Tucker, (2) David L. Young, and (3) Joseph J. Wheeler.
- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.
- The following correspondence was received:
 1. Thank you card from Kathryn Spiegel
 2. Acknowledgement number 1 of donation receipt from Wounded Warrior Project
 3. Acknowledgement number 2 of donation receipt from Wounded Warrior Project
- Paymaster Hochstrasser’s report was approved as delivered.
- The following persons were reported as being sick or in distress: Kevin Flaherty, Teresa Rhodes, and Nathan Sachs’ father-in-law
- **Standing Committee Reports:**
 1. **Fundraising:** Frank Kildea reported that for the May Raffle Drawing the Detachment had acquired a Barbeque Grill for the first prize, two Bicycles for second place, and a gift basket from Darn Good Seasonings for the third winner.
 2. **Membership:** Ed Whalen handed out windshield cards to the membership and encouraged members to place the cards on vehicles that display a USMC window sticker.
 3. **Programs:** Ray O’Neill requested members present to sign up on the sign-up sheets which were distributed.

4. **Newsletter and Historian:** Frank Williams requested any updates for the web site from the members
 5. **Color Guard:** Frank Kildea requested that anyone interested in being a member of the Detachment's Color Guard please let him know of their interest. The uniform for the Color Guard was mentioned, and it was agreed there should be a minimum uniform that all the volunteers could easily meet.
- **Special Committee Reports:**
 1. **Toys for Tots:** Bob Peters thanked the 11 or 12 Detachment members who were instrumental in the success of this year's T4T Program. Special recognition was given to Joe Bagley's company, Credit Suisse, for their ±\$10 thousand contribution. Bob reported that this year's T4T was a very successful program and that hopes were high that next year's program would be even more successful.
 2. **Audit Committee:** Bob Peters pointed out that the audit team found some minor discrepancies but none that warranted membership action. Processes were put in place so that the discrepancies noted would be corrected in the future.
 3. **Trip to the National USMC Museum:** Ray O'Neill introduced the idea of a bus trip to the USMC National Museum in Quantico, VA sometime later in the spring. A show of hands demonstrated sufficient interest in this trip to continue planning.
 - **Unfinished Business:**
 1. Detachment Budget: David Hochstrasser presented a Revenue Disbursement Model that he was using to measure the Detachment's disbursements against the Expense Budget. The proposed 2009 Expense Budget was presented and approved by the membership with a voice vote.
 2. Membership was reminded to sign up for the Food Lion points program which directs the earned points to the Detachment. Membership applications were passed out.
 3. Frank Kildea reported that he was making good progress on framing the Detachment's Original Charter between two sheets of plexi-glass.
 4. Nominations for the Marine of the Year were collected. The nominations were read to the membership, and ballots were distributed. The nominees were Frank Kildea, Frank Williams, and Ray Gerald. The voting was very close. Frank Kildea was selected as the Detachment Marine of the Year. Congratulations Frank.
 - **New Business:**

1. Frank Kildea suggested that the Detachment hold a “thank you” dinner for the approximate 31 merchants that participated with the Detachment in the Toys for Tots Program last year. He presented a budget of \$100 which the membership felt was too low. The membership approved a dinner for the Toys for Tots Merchants allocating \$200 from the General Fund with any additional funds to be made up by donations. Frank will collect the list of potential attendees and gather more accurate budget information for presentation to at the Detachments next staff and regular meetings.
2. David Hochstrasser, the Detachment Paymaster, asked if any member would be interested in assisting him with the Paymaster’s duties. David felt that some continuity in this function would be served if more than one person were involved in the financial aspects of the Detachment. Joe Bagley volunteered to work with David for the remainder of the year.
3. David Hochstrasser requested \$150 to purchase a Cash Register to more accurately monitor our income from fund raising activities. The membership approved this request by a voice vote.
4. Ray O’Neill , Bob Peters and Frank Williams reported that the Bylaws Committee is preparing a Bylaw change to change the Detachment’s annual fiscal budget year from July to July to the calendar year ending December 31st. They requested any additional needed Bylaw changes be considered at the same time.
5. Commandant Byrd and Bob Peters indicated an idea that when a member wins the 50/50 drawing and donates the winnings back to the Detachment perhaps the money could be reserved for some special expense. It was brought up that at various time some members may have a difficult time meeting the annual dues and perhaps this fund could be used in these cases. There was no motion and no vote, but the idea was generally well received.

• **Good of the League:**

1. New Marine Corps League Lifetime Members Nick Zanon and Jorge Armhold were recognized. Their Lifetime Membership cards were presented.
2. Special challenge coins were presented to George Cattelona and Jim Steffens for their long association with the Marine Corps.
3. Marine Corps League Detachment new members Tamara Lee Tucker, David L. Young, and Joseph J. Wheeler were presented again to the membership and time was made to personally welcome each new member into the League and the Detachment.
4. A total of \$107 was collected for the 50/50 drawing, with Jim Miller holding the winning ticket. Jim donated his winnings to the Detachment.

- Commandant Byrd adjourned the meeting at 2045 hours
- Next Detachment Meeting: Wake Forest Legion Hall March 10, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Leenerts

Adjutant

