



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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Minutes of Detachment Meeting: March 10, 2009

22 members were present; dinner and fellowship was enjoyed by all

- 1 Opening Ceremony: Sgt-At-Arms Kevin Flaherty brought the meeting to order and Will Wheeler said the opening prayer.
Following the Opening Ceremony, Charter Detachment member George Cattelona gave a talk about his service on Iwo Jima. He will be interviewed at the Annual Symposium of the North Carolina Military Historical Society on Saturday May 16, 2009 from 1045 to 1130. Symposium registration begins at 0930 and the Symposium ends at 1400. The event celebrating Armed Forces Day is at the North Carolina Museum of History on Edenton Street in Raleigh, NC. Lunch reservations are requested by May 11th by email at ncmilhistoc@yahoo.com or by phone at 919-807-7952 leaving name and number of lunches needed. Let's all support George by being there with him. **OORAH!**
- 2 Officer Roll Call: Junior Past Commandant and Adjutant were excused; all others were present.
- 3 Application for Associate membership was presented for Ms. April Cates, fiancée of Detachment member Kevin Hughes.
- 4 A unanimous vote welcomed April into our Detachment as an Associate member.
- 5 She gave her oath of membership as an Associate Member and the members present gave her a warm personal welcome.
- 6 February 10, 2009 Detachment Minutes were approved as written.
- 7 Correspondence was as follows:
Rich Heroux of our American Legion Post/VFW Hall requested our support of their Pancake Breakfast kicking off on Sunday April 19, 2009 to be held on the second Sunday of each month from 0800 to 1300. Cost is \$5.00 per meal (not to exceed \$20 for any one family) and this is for all you care to eat (pancakes, sausage, drinks and orange juice).
Veterans' Information Day, being held at the NC Legislative Building on Wednesday May 13, 2009, is sponsored by the N.C. Veterans Council. Assembly begins at 0800 in the courtyard. Coffee and doughnuts will be available. Bob Peters, who's been active with such efforts to promote legislation supporting veterans, encouraged Detachment members to be present in uniform (MCL cover at minimum). It is noted this is **not** a political event supporting any party or individual but a legislative event supporting efforts to help all veterans.
Rob Jopek (better known as Pappy and his truck) invited all members to ride in his Deuce-N-A-Half in the St. Patrick's Day parade this coming Saturday, March 14, 2009. Meet at 10am on the corner of Wilmington Street and Lenoir Street in downtown Raleigh. You don't have to be Irish, all Marines are welcome.
- 8 Paymaster Report: Paymaster Dave Hochstrasser's financial report was approved as presented. Members are reminded to complete and submit a Purchase Order Request (POR) to the Paymaster before spending personal funds for which they would like reimbursement from the Detachment. You can get this form from our Paymaster, Dave Hockstrasser. These will then go through an approval process to assure Detachment funds are responsibly used.
- 9 Members/families sick or in distress: It was noted that new member Tammy Holt was not present due to the flu. Jorge Armhold noted Nath Sachs' Father-In-Law was still ill. Prayer and care are offered to all who are ill or in distress.
- 10 Standing Committee Reports:
Fundraising: Frank Kildea noted that NC law allows non-profit 501(c) organizations like ALNC to sell prepared food 2 days a month and pre-packaged food anytime. Concerning the Toys For Tots appreciation dinner he noted that it seemed too late to thank supporters for their November/December work. He thought it best to have such appreciation dinner nearer to the Toys For Tots "season" next year. Thank you certificates would be distributed.
Program: Ray O'Neill thanked George Cattelona for the program at tonight's meeting. Ed Whalen and his wife will present a CPR program at our April 14, 2009 Detachment Meeting. Scouts will be presenting a program at our May 12, 2009 Detachment Meeting.
Membership: Ed Whalen had no report but it should be noted that we had 4 new members join in the last 2 months.
- 11 Special Committee Reports: The Toys For Tots appreciation dinner will be taken up at the April 4, 2009 Staff Meeting. Certificates of appreciation will be sent out.

12 Unfinished business:

1st raffle of the year started at tonight's meeting with each member receiving an envelop with 12 tickets to sell or buy as feasible. The drawing will be at our July 14, 2009 Detachment meeting. Tickets are \$2 each or \$3 for 5 tickets. Detachment members were arranged into Red and Gold teams. Whichever team sells the most tickets will be served a steak dinner by the losing team who will eat pork and beans. This is all in fun guys to try and raise funds to help Marines and their families. The prizes are: 1st Stainless Steel Grill, 2nd \$200 gas certificate, 3rd special gift basket.

Meet-In-The-Streets in Wake Forest is Saturday May 2nd. We will need volunteers from 0800 to 1600. We will sell raffle tickets and the sponsors of the event said we may also sell soft drinks and water.

On Saturday July 4th our Detachment will have a table at the Franklinton July 4th celebration. Four volunteers for a color guard detail are requested. This may be the last event at which we can sell raffle tickets. Please come and help out.

13 New business:

Frank Kildea has secured the possibility of selling carwash tickets with the Detachment receiving a portion of the monies received. Details will be presented in the future. Spring seems a great time for such a fundraiser.

Financial Guidelines needed to be updated. Section II, Line 8. reads "Any expenditure between \$200 and \$400, if not pre-approved in the budget, can be approved by a majority of the BOT (i.e. Detachment's Board Of Trustees) during their meeting....". A motion was submitted to change this wording to "Any expenditure up to \$400, if not pre-approved in the budget, can be approved by a majority of the BOT during their meeting....". This motion was seconded and passed.

14 Good of the League:

Marine Of the Year (MOY) medallion was presented to Frank Kildea.

Framed Meritorious Commendation certificates with the Meritorious Individual Commendation Ribbon to follow were presented to:

Ray Gerald for initiating and staffing for years the pre-meeting dinners and fellowship we all enjoy so much
Bob Peters for his years of Toys For Tots leadership and work
and Frank Williams for his service as the Detachment's Newsletter Editor, Historian and Web Sergeant.

15 Announcements: Detachment Staff meet on Saturday April 4, 2009 at our Wake Forest American Legion Post at 0900.

Tonight's door prizes were won by:

Jorge Armhold – framed picture donated by George Cattelona of the last Banzai attack on Iwo Jima by artist Colonel Charles Waterhouse, a Purple Heart Marine PFC on Iwo Jima – see www.waterhousemuseum.com, 26 years later Waterhouse was the first and only USMC Artist-In-Residence for 18 years, including 3 tours of duty in Vietnam)

Joe Bagley – 14" Safari Night Hawk Knife

Will Wheeler – Marine ball cap

Jorge Armhold – 50/50 money

16 Closing Ceremonies – Members were brought to order by Sgt-At-Arms Kevin Flaherty and the final prayer was given by Chaplain Kevin Rumsey.

The next Detachment Meeting is on Tuesday April 14, 2009

Minutes taken by Frank E. Williams