



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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Minutes: 12 May 2009

1. **Meeting called to order:** 1905 Meeting called to order by Commandant Mark Byrd
2. **Roll Call of Officers by the Adjutant** found all present or accounted except for Junior Past Commandant Joe Goodrow, Chaplain Kevin Rumsey, and the Sgt-at-Arms Kevin Flaherty.
3. **Attendance:** Twenty-two members were present including the Officers
4. **New Members:** No new applications for membership were received.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.
6. **Correspondence Received:**
 - a. 2009 DoNC Convention Information 12-14 June, 2009 received
7. **Paymaster’s Report:** Paymaster Hochstrasser’s report was approved as delivered. The Detachment’s ending checking account balance was \$4,054.37.
8. **Sick and Distressed:**
 - a. Kevin Rumsey’s Mother-In-Law was scheduled for brain surgery.
9. **Standing Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Fundraising:** Frank Kildea reported that the Detachment has done very well this year with their fund raising activities. He pointed out that the Detachment had raised over four thousand dollars to date this year. This included among others: \$998 for the sale of Spring Raffle Tickets, \$576 excess from the Meeting Dinner proceeds, and \$346 from the Meet in the Streets activities.
 - b. **Membership:** Ed Whalen reported that Msgt. Mitchem had taken a position at the Base upon retirement, so he would not be continuing his membership in the Detachment.
 - c. **Programs:** Ray O’Neill had nothing new to report.
 - d. **Newsletter and Historian:** Frank Williams had nothing new to report.

10. Special Committee Reports

- a. Jorge Armhold reported that the sale of Detachment Raffle Tickets was progressing very well. Jorge requested that the membership bring in unsold tickets or the proceeds from the sold tickets to the next meeting in June.

11. Unfinished Business:

- a. Mark Byrd announced that additional volunteers were needed for the remaining two Six Sundays activities.
- b. The Paymaster, Dave Hochstrasser, suggested that the Detachment donate the Detachment's one-third share of the Six Sunday's proceeds to the American Legion. This request was made a motion, seconded and voted upon. The motion was approved.
- c. Frank Williams brought the membership up-to-date on the rebuilding of George Cattelona's deck, and asked for additional volunteers. The rebuilding is going well thanks to the leadership of Angelo DeBenedictis and the management of Frank Williams. Thanks to all the volunteers that donated their weekends for the effort.

12. New Business:

- a. Frank Kildea advised that the Memorial Day Color Guard was to meet at 11AM May 25th. Frank requested a second volunteer for the Color Guard.
- b. Mark Byrd requested volunteers to help place small American Flags on the graves of veterans for 13 local cemeteries. Volunteers would meet at the Legion Hall at 0800 for coffee and donuts and directions. A motion was made and approved to donate \$120 for the Detachment's share of the cost of the flags.
- c. Bob Peters was selected as the Chairman of the Veterans Council.
- d. Frank Kildea requested that the Detachment make provisions to remove the Detachment's property from his garage at home. Mark Byrd indicated that we should look at several options and requested that Frank Williams obtain the cost to rent a storage facility roughly 10' by 10'. This subject was continued until the next meeting.
- e. Ray Gerald briefed the members on the Community Area Resource Team that he was a member of. It is a new organization that helps bring community resources to the needy within the community. Everyone felt that the Community Area Resource Team was a meaningful organization, but the question was raised how the Team's activities fits with the MCL Charter? More discussion will be held in the future on this subject.
- f. The VFW sent 50 Tickets to the Detachment's Paymaster for their Spaghetti Dinner to be held on June 12, 2009 at the Border Restaurant in Wake Forest.

13. Good of the League:

- a) A total of \$87.00 was collected for the 50/50 drawing, with Kenneth Jenkins holding the winning ticket.
- b) Dave Young won the Marine Corp baseball cap, and April Cates won the automobile flags.
- c) Ray Gerald received a Meritorious Individual Commendation.
- d) Joe Wheeler, Mike Seybert II, Danny Richards, and Kenneth Jenkins all received their MCL membership pins.

14. Commandant Byrd adjourned the meeting at 2015 hours

15. Next Detachment Meeting: Wake Forest Legion Hall on June 9, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted, Fred Leenerts, Adjutant

