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Minutes of the Air Land, NC Detachment 1257 monthly meeting: 9 June 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, and Raymond O’Neill the Judge Advocate.
3. **Attendance:** Twenty-three members and three visitors 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:** No new correspondence was presented at the meeting.
7. **Paymaster’s Report:** Joseph Bagley presented the Paymaster Report which was approved as delivered. The Detachment’s ending checking account balance was \$6,160.43. The Paymaster’s Report was presented with some new and interesting graphs which provided a clearer picture of the Detachment’s revenue and expenses.
8. **Sick and Distressed:**
 - a. Taylor Moore is scheduled for shoulder surgery
 - b. Kevin Ramsey’s Mother-In-Law Barbara is recuperating for surgery
 - c. Mary, Kevin Hughes mother is sick
 - d. Nick Zanon is scheduled for knee replacement surgery
9. **Standing Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Fundraising:** Frank Kildea reported that the Detachment’s fund raising activities have been successful this year.
 - b. **Membership:** No significant activities to report.

- c. **Programs:** Ray O'Neill was absent. The Staff had received some interest in David Hochstrasser presenting a program on self defense techniques.
- d. **Newsletter and Historian:** Frank Williams reported that Jim Steffens' autobiography was added to the Detachment's web site and Mark Byrd reported that he enjoyed the music that Frank had added to the web site.

10. Special Committee Reports

- a. Jorge Armhold reported that the Detachment had sold about one-half of the raffle tickets. The very latest date for returning either unsold tickets or the funds was the July Detachment Meeting July 14, 2009.
- b. Bob Peters announced a Spaghetti Dinner was being held by the VFW on June 12th at Borders in Wake Forest. Tickets are \$5.00 each.
- c. Bob Peters reminded everyone of the American Legion Pancake Breakfast scheduled on Sunday June 14, 2009.
- d. Bob Peters mentioned that Wake Forest is sponsoring a Purple Heart dinner on November 11, 2009 for Wake Forest resident Purple Heart recipients.
- e. The motion to participate with the Veterans' Council (VFW, American Legion and MCL) joint raffle was approved by the membership.
- f. Frank Williams presented a slide show summarizing the rebuilding of George Cantellona's deck by the Detachment membership. It was agreed by everyone that this was a very worthwhile project. Angelo DeBenedictis explained how the Stock Supply Company had donated a good portion of the wood used in the deck rebuilding; and that the Detachment had spent about \$600 out of the \$1,500 approved by the membership for this project. Some of the money saved will be used to paint the deck to match the house trim. The Detachment should be very proud of this activity.
- g. George Catellona is hosting a Detachment get together for pizza, soft drinks and beer to thank the Detachment for this deck rebuilding. The get together will be on Saturday June 20th at the Legion Hall starting at 5PM. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

11. Unfinished Business:

- a. David Hochstrasser reported that the Veterans' Council had earned about \$612.00 during the participation in the Six Sunday's events. The Detachment donated our share, or about \$204, to the American Legion for their efforts in leading the participation in this event.

- b. Kevin Rumsey discussed the Detachment's effort to establish an Eagle Boy Scouting Program. Kevin indicated that the Scout Troops themselves have not shown much interest. The membership discussed ideas on how we might obtain greater interest on behalf of the Boy Scout troops in the area.

12. New Business:

- a. Bob Peters discussed the recent Wake Forest Memorial Day Ceremonies and he suggested the following:
 - i. The Detachment supply a tent large enough for older veterans to sit in the shade for future Memorial and Veterans Day events.
 - ii. That the members of the Detachment that attend the ceremonies should strive to represent the Detachment by wearing the formal red jacket to the ceremony.
 - iii. That the Detachment members stick together during the ceremony and that a luncheon be scheduled after the event for the members attending.
- b. Bob Cubillas suggested that if anyone was interested in becoming the Detachment's Ship's Store Keeper this might facilitate more members obtaining the formal MCL uniform. There were no volunteers and the idea was tabled for future action.
- c. Bob Peters discussed the 2009 Toys for Tots Program. A committee was established consisting of Bob Peters, Frank Kildea and Fred Leenerts. The following was proposed as an outline of our plans for Toys for Tots this year:
 - i. A formal Kick Off dinner would be held during the monthly Detachment meeting held on October 13, 2009
 - ii. Invitations would be sent out by the August Detachment Meeting.
 - iii. Confirmations of attendance would be made by the September Detachment Meeting
- d. The establishment of a Detachment Building Fund was discussed and it was agreed that this was a good idea. Commandant Byrd indicated that the subject would be discussed further at the next Staff Meeting and suggestions would be made to the membership. Joseph Bagley's expertise as an Investment Banker was noted as a possible resource for this effort.
- e. Frank Kildea reported the establishment of a new group that will be working with Homeless Iraqi Veterans. They will be holding a dinner on June 20 and 21 to kick off the establishment of this organization.
- f. Bob Peters suggested that the Detachment should consider appointing a Legislative coordinator/lobbyist from our membership to insure that the Detachment's positions are considered by our government leaders.
- g. The participation of the Detachment in the Veterans' Council proposed raffle was discussed and approved by the membership.

- h. George Catellona announced that he had found the band, location and that he was organizing the Marine Corps Ball for this year. The date will be November 6, 2009. Details will be made available in the future. It was suggested that everyone mark this date on their calendars.

13. Good of the League:

- a) A total of \$88.00 was collected for the 50/50 drawing, with David Young holding the winning ticket.
- b) Dave Young also won the Marine Corp baseball cap, Jim Miller won a pocket knife and Ed Whalen won a thermos bottle.

14. Commandant Byrd adjourned the meeting at 2050 hours

15. Next Detachment Meeting: Wake Forest Legion Hall on July 14, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Leenerts

Adjutant

