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Minutes of the Air Land, NC Detachment 1257 Monthly Meeting: 8 September 2009

The formal Meeting was preceded by three presentations to the membership. The first was from Noise-Induced Hearing Loss and Hearing Protection which was presented by Catherine Marquis a friend of Detachment Member Tamara Holt. The second presentation was made by Monica Cash the possible donation of the Detachment for “THE RIDE HOME” POW/MIA activity sponsored by the Rolling Thunder®. The third presentation was made by Donald Height and was an explanation of the American Legion’s request to the Detachment for a \$1000 donation for a third flag pole to be installed at the Wake Forest Veterans Memorial to fly the MIA Flag. The Detachment thanks all three presenters for their time and efforts. The membership appreciated all of the presentations.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 1905 Meeting called to order by Commandant Mark Byrd
2. **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT:** All present or accounted except for. Absent were Junior Past Commandant Joe Goodrow, Judge Advocate Ray O’Neill, Sgt-at Arms Kevin Flarherty, and the Chaplain, Kevin Rumsey.
3. **ATTENDANCE:** 24 members, 2 guests, and 1 new prospective Detachment members were present including the Officers.
4. **NEW MEMNBERS:** 1 new application for MCL membership was received and approved by the membership.
 - a. Greg Kuzniar
5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
 - a. Email from Capital City Young Marines inviting Detachment Members to attend the Marine Corps Ball that they are sponsoring that will be held on October 17, 2009.
 - b. Letter from the MCL Detachment 711 of Monterey Bay, CA inviting us to purchase some Golf Raffle tickets.
 - c. Sponsorship application from THE RIDE HOME group.

7. PAYMASTER'S REPORT: Joe Bagley presented the Paymaster Report which was approved as delivered. The Detachment's ending checking account balance was \$5,827.76. Disbursements for the month amounted to \$1,916.95 while deposits amounted to \$1,952.00. The Detachment has an Estimated Funds Allocation for the remainder of 2009 of \$4,124.00.

8. SICK AND DISTRESSED:

- a. Tim and Debra Bonner, newly joined Detachment Members were injured in a motorcycle accident.

9. REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- a. Wake Forest Veteran's Council Chairman Bob Peters reported:
 - i. Paymaster has received the Red Jackets
 - ii. The Veteran's Council has asked for 1 volunteer from the Detachment to assist with the Red Cross Blood Drive which will be held on October 31, 2009.
 - iii. The Veteran's Council has agreed to manage the forthcoming Raffle.
 - iv. The Detachment was invited to participate in the Oktoberfest Activities in Wake Forest on October 24th.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Fundraising:** Frank Kildea requested that the Detachment consider purchasing an additional tent, flag and MCL Banner to handle days when two activities are occurring. A Motion was put forth and approved by the membership to allocate \$300 to purchase these items.
- b. **Membership:** Ed Whalen reported that he called all the names that were collected at the Fairgrounds as potential candidates, but had no luck in getting them to attend a meeting.
- c. **Programs:** Ray O'Neill was absent.

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Mark Byrd announced that the Officer Nominating Committee has been appointed and it consists of: Kevin Rumsey (Chairman), Ray O'Neill and Bob Peters. This Committee is responsible for establishing a slate of candidates to hold Detachment Officer position for 2010. It was announced that the Officer Nominating Committee would send the membership their slate of candidates for next year's Detachment Officers prior to our Toys-for-Tots Appreciation Dinner on October 13th.
- b. The Toy-for-Tots Appreciation Dinner is planned for from 1800 to 2000 at the Forks Restaurant in Wake Forest on Tuesday evening October 13, 2009. Detachment members and their wives are invited. The cost for members and wives for the meal will be \$16.00

each. The guests' meals are paid for by the Detachment. Mark indicated that a short Detachment Meeting will be held after the dinner.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a.** Frank Kildea reported that the invitation letters for the Toys-for-Tots Appreciation Dinner were ready and the individuals responsible should pick them up for delivery to the invitees.
- b.** Bob Peters stated his position that the \$1000 requested by the Veteran's Council for the Wake Forest Memorial Park for a third flag pole was a worthwhile use of the Detachment's funds. No motion was entertained to contribute Detachment funds.
- c.** George Cattalona reminded the membership of the plans being made for the Detachment sponsored Marine Corps Ball. He put forth a motion to make this activity become an official Detachment activity so that the funds could flow through the Paymaster. This motion was seconded and approved by the membership.
- d.** As the original winner of the Grill in the Detachment's recently completed Raffle has not claimed the prize after numerous attempts to contact them; a new winner and alternate winner were drawn from the Raffle Tickets. The new winner is D. Webster and the Alternate winner was Ed Craig. They will be contacted by the Raffle Committee.
- e.** Bob Peters agreed to submit a Grant Application for the cost of the proposed third MIA Flag for the Wake Forest Memorial Park.
- f.** A motion was put forth that the Detachment sponsor 1 POW to attend THE RIDE HOME activities in Andersonville, Georgia. The cost of this sponsorship is \$350.00. A motion was made to sponsor one POW if he were a Marine. This motion was seconded and passed.
- g.** VETERANS' PICNIC: September 26 2009 is our Veteran Picnic day at Holden Park (133 W. Owen Ave., Wake Forest, NC, 27587) in Wake forest. We hope you and your families can join us. The picnic will start at 12:00PM and go until 5:00PM. There will be grilled chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, peppers and onions, pop corn, and plenty of soft drinks. Ice for the event is being donated by the National Guard.

We are still looking for donations of paper plates, napkins, drinking cups, side dishes (slaw, three bean salad, potato salad, corn on cob, etc, and deserts). Please bring throw away containers or have your name taped on container so we can get it back to you. We will have a separate table for the sides and deserts.

- h.** A motion was presented to allocate \$300 Detachment funds to assist Ken and Debra Bonner who have been involved in a serious motorcycle accident. The motion was conditioned on the approval of the Judge Advocate Ray O'Neill for its legitimacy based on the Detachment By-Laws. The motion was seconded and approved. The idea was to

get the money to Debra and Ken Bonner quickly as the need is immediate.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Oktoberfest: The Detachment will participate in this event on October 24th from 1100 to 1500.
- b. Mark Byrd announced to the membership that the Board had approved the American Legion's offer of paying rent for the Hall for our meetings of \$50.00 per month.

14. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- a) A total of \$85.00 was collected for the 50/50 drawing.

15. COMMADANT MARK BYRD CLOSED THE MEETING AT 2100 HOURS

16. NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 10 November 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Leenerts

Adjutant

