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Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 13 October 2009

The formal meeting was preceded by The Toys for Tots Appreciation Dinner which was held at the Forks Restaurant in Wake Forest. This was an appreciation dinner for over 25 Guest Merchants and spouses who participated in last year’s Toys for Tots Program. Over 20 Detachment Members were present to express our appreciation. The Marine Corps Regional Manager for Toys for Tots, Lee Cox, made an interesting presentation to the gathering. The Merchant participants and the Detachment members were enthusiastic about this year’s Toys for Tots Program. The dinner was judged a success by the attendees.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

- a. 2005 Meeting called to order by Commandant Mark Byrd

2. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT:

- a. All present or accounted except for the Junior Past Commandant, Joe Goodrow.

3. ATTENDANCE:

- a. 25 members, 2 guests.

4. NEW MEMNBERS:

- a. No new members were in attendance.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- a. List of Toys for Tots Dinner Guests
- b. Nominating Committee’s recommended slate of Detachment Officers for 2010
- c. Tamara Lee Tucker’s DD-214

6. PAYMASTER’S REPORT:

- a. No Paymasters report was presented due to the abbreviated format for the meeting.

7. SICK AND DISTRESSED:

- a. Tim and Debra Bonner are still recuperating from their motorcycle accident. The reporting of other sick and distressed members was not presented due to the abbreviated format of the meeting.

8. REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- a. No Officer Reports were presented due to the abbreviated format for the meeting.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. No Standing Committee Reports were presented due to the abbreviated format for the meeting.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. The Detachment Nominating Committee consisting of Kevin Rumsey, Bob Peters and Ray O'Neill submitted their proposed Slate of Officers for 2010. Each candidate for each position was accepted by formal vote of the Detachment Members. Additional candidates were requested for each position with only one addition to the recommended slate being received: Taylor Moore was nominated from the floor for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms. Taylor Moore was added to the list of candidates for the Slate of proposed officers for 2010.

- i. The membership approved Slate of proposed Detachment Officers for 2010 is:

1. Commandant	Ray O'Neill
2. Senior Vice Commandant	Fred Leenerts
3. Junior Vice Commandant	Ed Whalen
4. Judge Advocate	Jorge Armhold
5. Adjutant	Mike Seybert
6. Paymaster	Joe Bagley
7. Sergeant-at-Arms	Kevin Hughes and Taylor Moore
8. Chaplain	Kevin Rumsey

- b. George Cattelona, Frank Kildea and Fred Leenerts reported that the Ball preparations are moving forward well. The Birthday Ball Official Ceremony Guidelines are going to be followed with the Young Marines and Recruiters assisting. The camera man is going to

set up and take pictures of each couple in attendance. The photos were going to be taken in front of a patriotic background. A souvenir photo would be available for each couple at the conclusion of the Ball. Additional photos could be available for a nominal cost. A souvenir glass and program would be presented to each ticket holder. Those participating in the Ball have agreed to hold at least one and perhaps two dry runs to insure a smooth performance during the actual Birthday Ball.

- c. George Cattelona reported that ticket sales were going well, and that the Break-Even point had been reached and surpassed. Everyone was encouraged to attend and to invite guests to attend.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. No Unfinished Business was presented due to the abbreviated format for the meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. It was moved and approved by vote of the membership that the Detachment continues to provide a member to attend the Wake Forest Veterans Council Meetings; but that any actions that include participation by the Detachment could not be made by the attendee without an affirmative vote of the Detachment's members. For the time being, Ed Whalen indicated that he would attend the Veterans Council Meeting on behalf of the Detachment.
- b. Detachment Member Bob Cubillas ask about the status of the \$350 emergency money that was allocated to Tim and Debra Bonner to assist them with their medical expenses from their motorcycle accident. It was explained by the Commandant and the Judge Advocate that the Detachment's By-Laws prohibited such a payment; and the effect on the Detachment's status before the IRS was unknown at the present time. A motion was put forth and approved by a vote of the membership that changing the By-Laws to enable the Detachment to aid and assist a Detachment Member would be looked into and accomplished as quickly as possible. Angelo DeBenenedictis and Frank Kildea agreed to participate on a committee to prepare a suggested change in the Detachment By-Laws to reflect the apparent will of the members regarding direct assistance to Detachment Members in need.
- c. Commandant Byrd indicated that he would be the coordination point for the POT LUCK dinner for the November 10, 2009 Detachment Meeting. Mark reiterated that each member and their wives and guests were cordially invited to attend this meeting. The Detachment would provide a Birthday Cake for the occasion. Each attendee was requested to contact Mark with a proposed dish that they would bring to the POT LUCK dinner.

13. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- a. No Good of the League activities were accomplished due to the abbreviated format for the meeting.

14. COMMADANT MARK BYRD CLOSED THE MEETING AT 2115 HOURS

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Leenerts

Adjutant

