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Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 12 January 2010

The pre-meeting dinner was provided by Ed Whalen. It consisted of homemade Chile with all the trimmings. Great dinner! Kevin Hughes volunteered to host the February pre-meeting dinner.....April nodded her head with a smile in agreement.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

- a. 1905 Meeting called to order by Commandant Ray O'Neill

2. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT:

- a. All present or accounted for. Tim Bonner, Chaplain, was absent; his wife Debra Bonner filled in for Tim.

3. ATTENDANCE:

- a. 24members, 3 guests.

4. NEW MEMNBERS:

- a. Jack Kemney was introduced as a new member. Jack is a transfer from another Detachment.

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- a. 2009 Toys for Tots final report received from Taylor Moore

7. PAYMASTER'S REPORT:

- a. Paymaster reported that the Detachment's beginning Bank Balance was \$3,050.22 with disbursements of \$603.13 leaving a balance of \$2,447.09. The funds generated by the November and December Gun Shows was not reflected in these numbers.

8. SICK AND DISTRESSED:

- a. George Cattelona recovering from knee replacement surgery
- b. Kevin Rumsey recovering from knee surgery
- c. Frank Kildea returned to the hospital for ongoing throat problems
- d. Tim Bonner recovering from ankle injuries suffered in last Fall's motorcycle accident

9. REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- a. MEMBERSHIP – Ed Whalen discussed a new member package that he is developing that will contain information for each new member.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. No Standing Committee Reports were presented.

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. No Special Committee Reports were presented.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Volunteers were solicited for to man the Wake Forest Flea Market booth for each Saturday from April to November. The Detachment does not pay for the privilege of participating in the Flea Market and we do obtain publicity and some monies for the Wounded Warriors Fund. Frank Kildea, and Ed Whalen have been attending most Saturdays and they requested assistance from the membership.
- b. Ed Whalen reported that he had Lottery Tickets issued by the MCL National Convention where the winner would win a trip to Hawaii or \$3,000.00 cash. Ed indicated that only 4000 tickets would be sold.
- c. Detachment Sergeant-at-arms, Kevin Hughes, reported that the Detachment's participation in the November and December Gun Shows had generated \$2,782.00 for the Wounded Warriors Fund; and that the Goose Gun Lottery had generated a sum of \$4,075.82 for the Detachment's General Fund. Great work for those who participated in these gun shows.
- d. Andrew Kratz, Trustee for the Kratz Charitable Trust, was introduced to the Detachment where he presented a check for \$1,000.00 for the "Wounded Warriors Fund" and \$1,000.00 to the Detachment's General Fund. Andrew is a former Marine and has indicated a possible interest in becoming a Detachment member. The entire membership thanks the Kratz Charitable Trust for their contribution.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Commandant Ray O'Neill summarized for the membership the results of the most recent Staff Meeting held on Saturday January 9, 2010:
 - i. The Detachment will take out a ¼ page advertisement in the Department of North Carolina MCL Convention Program. The cost is not to exceed \$50.00.
 - ii. The Wake Forest Veterans Council presented the Detachment with a check for \$843.00 as our part of the recent lottery.
 - iii. The Commandant requested that emails regarding the Detachment's business should be funneled through the Web Master, Frank Williams, rather than sent to "all member."
 - iv. The Web Master is investigating the use of some password protected area of the Detachment's web site that could be used for personal information contained in the Detachment's membership roster.
 - v. The Commandant requested that members stand and be recognized when addressing the membership during Detachment Meetings.
 - vi. The Committee to review and recommend changes to the current bylaws was announced. The Chairman of the Committee will be Angelo DeBenedictis; with Jorge Armhold, George Cattelona and Fred Leenerts as members. Angelo reported that the bylaw update needs to consider the National Bylaws. The update will be a work in progress and it is planned to include an administrative procedure for day-to-day guidance. The Committee plans to issue a "Straw Man" as a first step.

- vii. Angelo DeBenedictis has prepared plans for the wheel chair ramp for the entrance into the Bonner's home. This ramp will meet all of the building requirements for this type of project. The Bonner family will purchase the materials and the labor will be supplied by Detachment Members.
- viii. Ray O'Neill handed out a blank calendar and asked the membership to help him fill in the planned activities for 2010. Some of the activities to be included in the calendar are:
 - 1. Wake Forest Meet in the Streets
 - 2. Six Sundays
 - 3. Memorial Day U.S. Flag distribution
 - 4. Oxford Hot Sauce Day
 - 5. Marine Corps Ball
- ix. The Commandant suggested that the members think about participating in a 15 minute presentation of their Marine Corps memories prior to the start of each business meeting.
- x. It was reiterated that a POR form be completed prior to any disbursements of Detachment funds. Joe Bagley indicated that he could provide a PDF form to Frank Williams to include on the Detachment Web Site.
- xi. The question of "what could the Detachment do for the widows of our deceased members?"
- xii. Frank Williams the Detachment's Web Master and Historian requested assistance with the monthly newsletter. Anyone interested in helping should contact Frank directly.
- xiii. Bob Peters and Kevin Hughes were assisting the Rolling Thunder with shipment of 20 boxes of nice to have items to troops in Afghanistan. The Detachment had agreed to provide \$100 toward the shipping of the 20 boxes.

14. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- a. There were three winners at this meeting:
 - i. Berton Lockhart won the 50/50 of \$36.00; and he also won the pocket knife. Jack Kemeny, a new member, won a Marine Corps hat.
- b. The winners of the Goose Gun Raffle were:
 - 1. Winner -- Adam Rupert
 - 2. Second Alternate -- Joe Riggs
 - 3. Third Alternate -- Nathan Fields

15. COMMADANT RAY O'NEILL CLOSED THE MEETING AT 2105 HOURS

16. NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 9 February 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Leenerts

Adjutant

