



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 8 February 2010**

The pre-meeting supper was provided by Brandon Holliday. It was enjoyed by all.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- A. 1900 Meeting called to order by Commandant Ray O’Neill and the opening ceremony was held

2. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT

- A. All present or accounted for:

Commandant Ray O’Neill – present
Sr. Vice Commandant George Cattelona - present
Jr. Vice Commandant Brandon Holliday – present
Judge Advocate Jorge Armhold – present
Adjutant Jack Kemeny – present
Acting Chaplain Jorge Armhold – present
Sgt. At Arms Terry Shackelton - present

3. Attendance

- A. 23 members, 3 guests

4. NEW MEMBERS

- A. Michael Todd, Richard DePierro and Ronald Prokopowicz were shown in as new members.
B. We received an application for new membership from Aaron Wadia

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. There was no meeting in January 2011 due to inclement weather. Minutes of the previous meeting in December 2011 seem to be in the ether and will be resent to Commandant O’Neill.
B. Rich DePierro has volunteered to be the Web Sergeant to the Detachment Website. He will contact Frank Williams to gain the background on the website and begin to update it in the near future.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A. Correspondence from Credit Suisse received and provided to Joe Bagley.

7. PAYMASTER'S REPORT

- A. Paymaster reported that the Detachment's beginning Bank Balance was \$8091.94 with deposits of \$250.00 and disbursements of \$2232.95 for an ending Bank Balance of \$6108.99.

8. SICK & DISTRESSED

- A. Chaplain Jorge Armhold noted that Ed Whalen's wife had recent surgery for a torn ACL and was recovering with Nurse Ed's help. This is payback for helping him with his recent surgery.
- B. Commandant O'Neill noted that Will Wheeler continues to receive treatment for cancer.
- C. We found out that Fred Leenerts had been in and out of the hospital this week. Cause unknown.
- D. Tim Bonner is under the weather and Debra Bonner continues to recover from her accident.

9. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. Senior Vice Commandant Cattelona reported that he has met with the Tar Heel Detachment to include them in our Marine Corps Birthday Ball this year. He will also try to include the Clayton Detachment if they are interested. He has arranged for the same place (St. Raphael's Church Hall) and the same band, with the Ball taking place on 5 November 2011. He is hoping for 75 couples to attend in order to reduce the cost per couple. He plans to advertise for other Marines in the area to attend and asked us to invite friends and relatives to attend.
- B. Junior Vice Commandant Holliday presented the process for us to continue to raise funds through the gun raffle at several gun shows this year. He plans to purchase a semi-auto M-4 rifle, which should be very popular as a raffle item. He needs to obtain a majority of members to staff the gun show table at 5-6 shows. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with the activity and approved by a majority of members present. JVC Holliday sent a sheet around to sign up volunteers and had a good initial response.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. No Standing Committee Reports were presented.

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Toys For Tots

Adjutant Kemeny summarized the Detachment's efforts in supporting Toys For Tots – we had 21 members involved, who had 86 boxes at 57 local businesses and homes and collected approximately 3500-4000 toys in support of the Marine Reserve Detachment in Raleigh. They had requests for 26,000 and received 36,000 toys. A very successful effort by us. Adjutant Kemeny handed out or mailed certificates to all

involved, including a T4T challenge coin for each and certificates for the businesses involved.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.** First Sergeant Joe Reconnu from the Marine Reserve Center was to be our speaker at this meeting, but could not attend. He will be contacted for a future meeting.
- B.** A life membership pin was presented to Ken Jenkins, who recently converted his membership.
- C.** A framed Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Kevin Hughes for his work as Sgt. At Arms last year and for the hard work managing the gun raffle last year.
- D.** April Cates belatedly received a Certificate as Woman of the Year for 2009 as well as a rose pin with EGA that will become a standard award for the WOY.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Commandant O'Neill called for nominations for Marine of the Year and Woman of the Year for 2010. These will be discussed and voted upon at the next meeting, with an award to follow.
- B.** We need to determine if we will staff a table at the Wake Forest "Meet in the Street" on 10April2011. Ed Whalen will make contact with the Chamber of Commerce to determine if we can sell gun raffle tickets at this event, as well as request donations for the Wounded Warriors. Otherwise, we do not receive much benefit.
- C.** We need to determine if we can participate in the 4th of July celebration at Franklinton High School, again with the idea of selling gun raffle tickets and Wounded Warrior donations.
- D.** We can participate in the Raleigh Memorial Day parade with 2-3 military vehicles if there is any interest.
- E.** We continue to receive mail at addresses other than the official post office mail box, so Adjutant Kemeny will send an email to the Detachment reminding everyone of the correct address.
- F.** We continue to look for a volunteer for the Detachment Historian and Chaplain positions.
- G.** We need a liaison with the Boy Scouts and Eagle Scout program. Rich DePierro volunteered to follow up on this.

14. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

15. Jack Kemeny won the raffle.

16. COMMANDANT RAY O'NEILL closed the meeting at 2000 hours.

17. NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 8Mar2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny

Adjutant