



**Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League**  
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257**  
**Monthly Meeting: 14 December 2010**

The pre-meeting potluck supper was provided by members and their spouses. It was enjoyed by all.

A presentation of the Mossberg shotgun raffle was made to the winner, Susan Burkes, by Kevin Hughes and April Cates. All those who participated in the gun raffle at the various gun shows were honored and photographs taken in remembrance. The raffle netted approximately \$2900 after expenses of about \$700.

Kevin Hughes presented an idea for the 2011 Gun Raffle: Two employees of U.S. Tactical Arms made a presentation of how they can supply an AR15 rifle to us for a cost of \$600 plus a donation of \$100 for a net cost to us of \$500. The rifle at retail with options would normally cost about \$850. This again would create sales of raffle tickets at various gun shows and elsewhere and would probably create larger net revenue than the shotgun raffled this year.

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

- A. 1900 Meeting called to order by Commandant Ray O'Neill

**2. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT**

- A. All present or accounted for:

Commandant Ray O'Neill – present

Sr. Vice Commandant Fred Leenerts – absent as excused

Jr. Vice Commandant Ed Whalen – present

Judge Advocate Jorge Armhold – present

Adjutant/Paymaster Joe Bagley – present

Chaplain Tim Bonner – present

Sgt. At Arms Kevin Hughes - present

**3. Attendance**

- A. 24 members, 14 guests

**4. NEW MEMBERS**

- A. Bert Lockhart was introduced as a transfer from the Tar Heel Detachment and Amy DePierro was sworn in as a new member.

- B. We received applications for new membership from Ron Prokopowicz and Joe Bagley's wife and a DD214 from Michael Todd.
- C. Wayne Bassa was introduced as a prospective transfer from the Southern Pines Detachment.

#### **5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- A. Minutes of the previous meeting are approved.
- B. Website will be updated in the near future with minutes of previous meetings.

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- A. None.

#### **7. PAYMASTER'S REPORT**

- A. Paymaster reported that the Detachment's beginning Bank Balance was \$7376.98 with deposits of \$4666.83 and disbursements of \$3657.92 for an ending Bank Balance of \$8405.89.

#### **8. SICK & DISTRESSED**

- A. Chaplain Tim Bonner noted that Ed Whalen had outpatient surgery on his foot this past week and Ed noted that he is recovering nicely with his wife's support. She noted that he owes her big time.
- B. Dave Young went in Monday for an outpatient procedure and is looking forward to a fast and healthy recovery.
- C. Jack Kemeny noted that Thom Rogers from the Tar Heel Detachment had passed away this week for those in our detachment who knew him.

#### **9. REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- A. No Officer Reports were presented.

#### **10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. No Standing Committee Reports were presented.

#### **11. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Toys For Tots**

- Jack Kemeny indicated that the donation and collection of toys is going fairly well, but not as well as past years due to economic conditions. He has taken one minivan load to the reserve center and the Marine Reserve was picking up another load in a 14' box truck on Thursday. The toys in the storage unit filled the truck. Any remaining toys are to be delivered to the storage unit by next Monday and Jack will deliver them to the Reserve Center on Monday afternoon to complete our role in Toys For Tots this year. He estimated that 1200-1500 toys will be delivered in total.
- Kevin Hughes noted that there is \$1800 in the Wounded Warrior Fund and made a motion to add \$200 to that for a total of \$2000 to be given to the Wounded Warriors at Camp Lejuene. The motion was seconded and approved. Kevin will

try to arrange a trip to Camp Lejuene to present the check prior to Christmas and will notify the Detachment for those who may want to accompany him. If the trip can't be arranged it will be presented in January.

## 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. First Sergeant Joe Reconnu from the Marine Reserve Center will be our speaker in January, bringing us up to date on current trends in the modern Marine Corps and will bring some gear with him for show and tell.
- B. There will be a MCL Department meeting on 15 January 2011 in Salisbury for those who might be interested in attending.

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Installation of 2011 Detachment Officers

- The Air Land NC Detachment officers were installed for calendar year 2011 by Jerry Dangler. The officers included:

Commandant	Ray O'Neill
Senior Vice Commandant	George Cattelona
Junior Vice Commandant	Brandon Holliday
Adjutant	Jack Kemeny
Judge Advocate	Jorge Armhold
Paymaster	Ed Whalen
Sergeant at Arms	Kevin Hughes
Chaplain	Tim Bonner (temporary)

### B. Special Recognition

Commandant O'Neill gave special recognition to Paymaster Joe Bagley for his hard work as paymaster, Kevin Hughes and April Cates and Tim and Deb Bonner for their hard work in the gun raffle and other areas.

## 14. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- A. Jack Kemeny won the 50/50 raffle, with additional tickets drawn for other prizes, including wine glass sets from the Marine Corps Ball and tee shirts from U.S. Tactical Arms.

15. **COMMANDANT RAY O'NEILL** closed the meeting at 2010 hours.

16. **NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING:** Wake Forest Legion Hall on 14 January 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny

Adjutant