



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 12Jul2011**

The pre-meeting supper was a surprise provided by Commandant O’Neill – a variety of MRE’s never before seen by most of the older Marines. The younger Marines showed us how to prepare them; it was fun and they were enjoyed by all.

Commandant O’Neill presented the Marine of the Year Award for 2009 to Frank Williams.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- A. 1910 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
Chaplain Tim Bonner – excused
Sgt. At Arms Terry Shackelton – present

3. Attendance

- A. 21 members.

4. NEW MEMBERS

- A. Frank Gephardt was sworn in as a new member.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. Minutes from the June meeting have been emailed to the membership.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A. None.

7. PAYMASTER’S REPORT

- A. Paymaster reported that the Detachment’s beginning Bank Balance was \$4034.78 with deposits of \$155.00 and disbursements of \$2840.19 for an

ending Bank Balance of \$1349.59, cash on hand of \$150.00 and savings of 5000.43 for total Detachment funds of \$6500.02.

8. SICK & DISTRESSED

- A.** Sad to report that Sgt. Bradley, who we supported last month with a donation to his family, succumbed to his injuries. Several of us attended his services on 25Jun2011.
- B.** Wade Rogers continues to recover from his injuries.
- C.** We have no current information on Will Wheeler and have been unable to contact him or his family.
- D.** Tammy Holt and Bob Hunter were in a motorcycle accident at the beginning of July in Knoxville, TN. They both suffered severe injuries, with Tammie in the Durham VA Hospital recovering and Bob at home recovering. Tammy can be reached at Unit 7A, Room 2, phone number 919-286-0411, and Bob at 15600 Andover Ln, Wake Forest, NC 27587, phone number 919-528-3469.
- E.** On 4July2011, Jim Steffens fell during vacation at the beach and broke his left arm. Jim was released to the Rex Hospital Rehab Center for 4-5 weeks of physical therapy. (Jim subsequently succumbed to his injuries and passed the week of 18Jul2011. Many of us attended his services on 21 & 22Jul2011.)

Please keep all of our sick or injured in your thoughts and prayers. They really do help those who are in need.

9. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. Senior Vice Commandant** – Marine Corps Birthday Ball tickets will be available starting at our next meeting in August. Terry Shackleton will be handling the sales. The committee is still checking prices for various parts of the occasion, but George believes that we need 112 attendees to breakeven on costs, with tickets selling for \$40/person. Please invite any friends or family to attend with you.
- B. Junior Vice Commandant** – Ticket sales for the gun raffle are proceeding well, with about 1900 out of 4000 tickets sold, and total sales of \$3183. Tickets are available to take home to sell to your friends and relatives. Tickets have been requested by the American Legion to sell at their meetings and can be provided to any member at our meeting to carry to the AL meeting.
- C. Judge Advocate** – The proceeding at the Department level to discipline one of our members for a felony conviction is proceeding and should be handled with a dismissal letter issued by the new Department Judge Advocate.
- D.** No other officers reported out.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A.** No Standing Committee Reports were presented.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.** The Marine Corps League auto license plate has been authorized at 150 plates. The plate design is being finalized by the Department and will be available shortly for authorization by the State DMV. All those who sent

money and information to the Department will have that forwarded to the DMV for plate issuance. New requests will be handled like any other specialty plate at the DMV.

- B.** Rich DePierro, our new webmaster, has been working on the Detachment website and reports that it is almost finished and should be available this week for view. It is airlandnc.com and will be linked to the old website until it gains more hits and moves up in search activities. Frank Williams, our old webmaster, is working with Rich to ensure a smooth transition.
- C.** Ed Whalen reminded us that the Detachment picnic will take place on 17Sep2011 at last year's location on Falls Lake. The cost will be \$15/family and Ed will start collecting money for those attending.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** We received a donation request from the Onslow County MCL Detachment for one of their members. Cpl. Lampman is an active duty Marine and very active member of the MCL. A fire at his home took the lives of his wife and baby and destroyed all of his possessions. Our Executive Staff authorized a donation of \$400 for Cpl. Lampman to help rebuild his life.
- B.** Rich DePierro has begun work on an Eagle Scout recognition program and will report its progress at a future meeting

13. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- A.** Terry Shackleton won the raffle.

14. COMMANDANT RAY O'NEILL closed the meeting at approximately 1950 hours.

15. NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 9Aug2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny
Adjutant