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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 13Sep2011**

The pre-meeting supper was provided by our Master Chef, Ed Whalen, and was enjoyed by all.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- A. 1900 Meeting called to order by Junior Vice Commandant Brandon Holliday and the opening ceremony was held.

2. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT

- A. All present or accounted for:

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

3. Attendance

- A. 17 members and 3 guests.

4. NEW MEMBERS

- A. None.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A. We received a thank you note from Cpl. Chapman at Camp Lejeune for the donation to help rebuild his life. He lost his wife and daughter to a house fire that took everything he owned.

7. PAYMASTER'S REPORT

- A. Paymaster reported that the Detachment's beginning Bank Balance was \$2331.24 with deposits of \$3062.00 and disbursements of \$2655.76 for an ending Bank Balance of \$2737.48, cash on hand of \$150.00 and savings of \$5000.85 for total Detachment funds of \$7888.33.

8. SICK & DISTRESSED

- A. Chaplain Bonner reported that Wade Rogers is scheduled for a hip replacement in October.
- B. Frank Gephardt has had his leg operated on again and is recovering.
- C. Bob Hunter and Tammy Holt continue to recover from their accident and attended the meeting.
- D. Will Wheeler has recovered from his fight with cancer and continues physical therapy for a full recovery.

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** – SVC Cattelona indicated that the plans for the 2011 Birthday Ball are progressing and Terry would continue to have tickets for sale at the regular meetings. Patricia Thor is planning the program and JVC Holliday suggested that Mark Grendell (Army Bronze Star winner) and his wife from USA Tactical Firearms be invited to the Birthday Ball as guest of honor for all the support he and his company has given us for the rifle raffle. We would also invite Tim Harwood, the owner of the company and his wife, as guests. We have previously decided to invite Joe Alley and his wife for the free use of his storage facility for our equipment and for T4T, as well as Mr. Chris Walter, Wake Forest Physical Therapy, who has provided free PT to one of our members. In addition, we will have SSgt Gross, his caretaker and his parents as guests at the Birthday Ball. All would be paid for out of our general funds. We will have four Detachments attending the Ball so should have the requisite attendees (112) to break even on costs.
- B. **Junior Vice Commandant** – JVC Holliday summarized the current results of the Rifle Raffle, noting that, to date we have sold about 3700-3800 out of 4000 tickets for a total of approximately \$6220.00. After expenses, we have a net profit of \$4900.00 on the raffle and about \$700 directly for the WWF. The final ticket should be sold at the Ray Price Bikefest on 23-25Sep2011. After some discussion on when we should pull the winning ticket, the membership voted on pulling the winner on the original date of 19Dec2011.

JVC Holliday displayed a 6.5 Grendel rifle that he had purchased for approximately \$1650.00. We would begin selling raffle tickets for this weapon at the Ray Price Bikefest as we sell the last ticket for the AR-15. It was also noted that anyone not living in the household of Detachment members can purchase raffle tickets.

Adjutant Kemeny was asked to distribute an email requesting volunteers to sell tickets at the various events leading to the awarding of the new rifle.

- C. **Judge Advocate** – Judge Advocate Armhold has been talking to the State Judge Advocate to determine the status of the Kevin Flaherty case. The State JA believes that Flaherty plea bargained misdemeanors for his offenses, but this should have no impact on removing him from membership

for conduct unbecoming of a member of the MCL. JVC Holliday and member Hughes believe that Flaherty did get convicted of a felony. We will research that and invite the State JA to our Oct2011 staff meeting to answer any questions and help finalize Flaherty's case.

- D. The Adjutant presented a request from The Ride Home Committee of Rolling Thunder to sponsor a POW or MIA family member for the The Ride Home again this year. We approved a donation of \$350 which pays for one person's lodging, meals and on-location transportation during the weekend. The Paymaster was authorized to forward a check to The Ride Home Committee in Florida.
- E. No other officers reported out.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. No Standing Committee Reports were presented.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Ed Whalen reminded us that the Detachment picnic will take place on 17Sep2011 at Sandling Beach, Shelter #5 on Falls Lake. The cost will be \$15/family and Ed is collecting money for those attending.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Various members on working on speakers for future meetings, including one on the Viet Nam era, one on the new MCL VSO program, and one on addiction.
- B. JA Armhold is collecting photos of the Detachment from past events and would like to post them on Facebook. The Detachment does have a facebook page.

13. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- A. Jorge Armhold won the raffle.

14. JVC Holliday closed the meeting at approximately 2010 hours.

15. NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 11Oct2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny
Adjutant