



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 12 Mar2013**

Presentations

1. Phillip M. Powell – Law School Intern

Mr. Powell discussed the VA claims process, specifically in regards to the Aid and Assistance benefit for long term care. He warned of people who offer to help arrange your finances for a fee to align them with the income and assets requirements for obtaining the benefit. Mr. Powell can be reached at 919-690-5671 to answer specific questions.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

A. At 1917 hours the Meeting was called to order by Commandant Shackleton and the opening ceremony was held.

2. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT

A. All present or accounted for:

Commandant Terry Shackleton – present
Sr. Vice Commandant Brandon Holliday - present
Jr. Vice Commandant – Tammy Holt - present
Judge Advocate Jorge Armhold – present
Paymaster Ed Whalen – present
Adjutant Jack Kemeny – present
Chaplain Ken Jenkins – present
Sgt. at Arms Ron Prokopowicz – present

3. Attendance

A. 21 members and no guests.

4. NEW MEMBERS

A. P/M Whalen was directed by Commandant Shackleton to contact Herbert Coleman, who paid his dues, to come in and be sworn into the MCL.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Minutes from the February 2013 meeting have been posted to the website. No comments have been received.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A. The Detachment had previously sent a donation of \$400.00 to the Cherokee Detachment 1011 in Murphy, NC, to help with the care of one of the members wives. We received back a thank you note and detachment challenge coin.

7. PAYMASTER’S REPORT

- A. Paymaster reported that the Detachment’s finance’s are in excellent condition. The details will no longer be posted to the minutes, since these minutes are now public information on the website. If any members desire to see the details, please let the Adjutant know and the financials can be emailed.

8. SICK & DISTRESSED

- A. It was noted that Member Tim Bonner is still having difficulty with hip problems.
- B. It was also noted that Member Joe Grieco’s wife continues to have difficulty with dialysis and other issues.

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. None

10. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Commandant** – Commandant Shackleton reviewed the organizations that the Staff has recommended for donations from our Detachment:

- Semper Fi Fund.....\$1500
- Boys Scouts – Scout Reach Program.....2000
- Capital City Young Marines.....500
- Toys For Tots.....3000
- Miracle League of Franklin County.....500
- Sgt Gross’ Family Travel.....1000
- House in the Woods.....500
- Miscellaneous Needs for Local Marines.....2000
- Total Budget.....\$11,000

The MCL Foundation, Grass Roots NC, and the Homeless Veterans Home in Butner, NC, were tabled as donations. The membership voted to approve these donations and they will move forward at the appropriate times.

The Commandant noted that the Detachment Picnic will be scheduled for the first Saturday after Labor Day, which this year will be 7Sep2013. It will be in the same location as previous years, which is Sandling Beach on Falls Lake off of Creedmoor Rd. Ed Whalen and Tammy Holt will be the co-chairs for the picnic committee. The picnic will be free for all members and their families and each member attending should bring a covered dish or dessert.

The Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be scheduled for 9Nov2013 in the same location as last year. We need to form a committee to plan and execute the Ball. Cost per person this year will be \$30.

B. Senior Vice Commandant – SVC Holliday discussed the need to start looking for the gun needed for the 2013/14 raffle. During the last gun show he met a gun maker, Mike Cooley, of Mtac Precision Firearms, who manufactures a quality long range rifle here in Rocky Mount, NC. In .308 caliber, we can acquire one for approximately \$2800. With a quality scope at \$800 and a Pelican case at \$300, we can offer a one of a kind rifle at raffle for less than \$4000, or less than the LM308 we are currently raffling. In addition, the gun maker has indicated that he will donate one for the 2014/15 raffle. The membership approved setting aside the funds and acquiring this weapon for our next raffle. SVC Holliday reminded us again that we need to find a manager for the next raffle.

SVC Holliday reminded us to finish the fund raiser for the Spirit Cups, Spirit Popcorn and Spirit Travel Cups – which can be imprinted with various sports organizations, colleges and military organizations. We need to complete sales by 1Apr2013 so the orders can be sent to Brax for delivery in May.

C. Judge Advocate – Commandant Shackelton recommended that we change the honorary membership for Sgt. Gross to a life membership at a cost of \$400. JA Armhold will complete this effort. This was approved by the membership. We will present this to him at the Purple Heart dinner in August, included a framed certificate, an MCL cover and emblem, a Detachment shirt, a Detachment challenge coin and the gold life membership card.

D. Adjutant – We were reminded that the presentation of the donation oversized check to the Miracle League is scheduled for this Saturday at Louisburg High School at 1030.

E. Sergeant at Arms – Notified us that we need a chef for the months of May and June. He will not be in attendance those two months.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. None.

13. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

A. Rich DePierro won the 50/50 raffle. Terry Shackelton won the attendance raffle.

Commandant Shackelton closed the meeting at approximately 2000hours.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 9Apr2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny
Adjutant

