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Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 09Jul2013

We had no guest speaker for this meeting. However, Lisa Bender from the TunnelToTowers Foundation received our \$500 donation for the foundation.



Raleigh will be the host of the 2013 Tunnel to Towers Triangle 3-Mile Run/Walk on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 9 a.m. at the PNC Arena.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation’s 5k run events across the country honor everyday community heroes such as firefighters, law-enforcement officers and first responders as well as the men and women in our military.

With a mission of “Let Us Do Good,” the Tunnel to Towers Foundation honors the service and sacrifice of Stephen Siller, a FDNY Squad 1 firefighter. Having just finished

his shift, Siller was headed home on Sept. 11, 2001, to his wife and five young children when he heard the call to duty from his truck's fire scanner. Heeding that call, Siller turned his truck around, headed back to his firehouse to get his gear and then drove to the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel in an effort to reach Manhattan and the World Trade Center.

Siller's determination to serve and save with his firefighting brethren was undeterred by the blockage of the tunnel: He strapped on his 60-pound pack and ran the nearly 2-mile tunnel in order to report in to his commanders at the WTC. Siller, like 342 other FDNY firefighters, heroically sacrificed his life that day in order to fulfill his commitment to serve and save all those caught in the attack.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation's charitable endeavors include Building for America's Bravest, a partnership with the Gary Sinise Foundation, a program that builds smart homes for triple- and quadruple-amputee veterans of the war in Afghanistan. These technologically advanced homes are designed and built specifically for each wounded veteran's needs, thus allowing them to live in the freedom they deserve, the same freedom they protected for each of us.

The proceeds of this event will fund the building of two smart homes in North Carolina for two triple-amputee veterans, retired Master Sgt. John Masson and Staff Sgt. Thomas McRae. Groundbreaking ceremonies are intended for this year. To register, go to www.t2trun.org/thetriangle

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- A.** At 1915 hours the Meeting was called to order by Commandant Shackleton and the opening ceremony was held.

B. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT

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
Junior Past Commandant Ray O'Neill – present

1. Attendance

- A.** 21 members and 5 visitors.

2. NEW MEMBERS

- A.** Commandant Shackleton introduced Jim Lange, who is applying for membership and has been approved to be inducted at the next meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. Minutes from the June 2013 meeting have been posted to the website. No comments have been received. Minutes are accepted as written.

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A. We received a thank you note from the J. B. Kerns Home Fund in Martinsville, VA, for our recent donations.

5. 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.

6. SICK & DISTRESSED

- A. Jack and Arlene Kemeny have both recovered from their illnesses.
- B. Tim Bonner has been incapacitated by a spinal injury and will be operated on in the next week.
- C. Ray Gerald has been incapacitated by a knee replacement and is recuperating.

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

7. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. Chef Ron commended George Cattelona for providing part of tonight's supper. All of it was excellent, George's part and Ron's part.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Commandant** – No items noted
- B. **P/M Whalen** noted that the Detachment Picnic is scheduled for the first Saturday after Labor Day, or 7Sep2013. A signup sheet is being passed around to determine how many will need to be provided for.
- C. He also reminded us of the MCBB on 9Nov2013 and the committee is progressing on the planning and implementation. The last big issue is a DJ. All members are being asked for suggestions. We will have dog tag mementoes for the MCBB, with a \$125.00 expenditure being approved for 50 each.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Commandant** – A reminder that Life Membership Fees will increase on 1Jan2014 and anyone thinking about upgrading their membership should do so prior to this date.

The Annual USO Gala will be at the Convention Center on 19Oct2013. This is the local USO's primary fund raiser and tickets are \$200 each. CMC General Amos will be the keynote speaker.

- B. Senior Vice Commandant** – discussed the next gun raffle event, the Greensboro gun show on 24/25August2013. Volunteers are available for both days.

SVC Holliday will be taking possession of the new 2014 raffle weapon on Friday.

SVC Holliday will obtain raffle tickets for the Charlotte Detachment's raffle weapon, which is the same as ours. This gives us an opportunity to buy tickets for the weapon.

- C. Junior Vice Commandant** – She has called Robert Elliott, the owner of Cypress Hall Farm and a Marine, to set up a visit to his family farm by some of our members. JVC Holt is asking for anyone interested in visiting to let her know. This will be an opportunity to invite Mr. Elliott to present his work at one of our meetings and possibly bring him in as a member.

- D. Judge Advocate** – JA Armhold reminded members that he can order name tags for \$8.00 each.

10. Guests

- A. Doug Smith from the Capital City Young Marines** was in attendance with three of the Young Marines. They spoke about their activities and programs.



11. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

A. Ed Whalen won the 50/50 raffle. Kevin Hughes won the cups. Nathan Sachs won the attendance raffle. He was not at the meeting, so the money rolls to the next meeting. The Young Marines were given the detachment Challenge Coin.

Commandant Shackelton closed the meeting at approximately 2000 hours.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 10Sep2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny
Adjutant