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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257  
Monthly Meeting: 12Nov2013**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

- A. At 1900 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 – excused  
Junior Past Commandant Ray O’Neill – excused

**1. Attendance**

- A. 18 members and 3 visitors.

**2. NEW MEMBERS**

- A. Commandant Shackleton introduced two potential members, Robert Elliott and Dwight Laushaw, who submitted applications and dues and will be inducted at the next meeting.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- A. Minutes from the October 2013 meeting have been posted to the website, thanks to Rich DePierro taking and writing the minutes. No comments have been received. Minutes are accepted as written.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- A. We received our Certificate of Liability Insurance from the National MCL for the coming year. We also received a commendation from the National MCL for exceeding the previous year’s membership. Also, having made a donation to the PFC Edward W. Richardson Detachment

908 in Martinsville, VA, for the Cpl J. B. Kerns Building Fund, we received a Certificate of Appreciation. The home for this wounded warrior is under construction.

## 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. Tim Bonner continues to recover from his spinal surgery, although the return of feeling in his lower back is causing pain in his hips and back.
- B. Joe Grieco's wife has recovered from recent heart attacks, but continues to receive dialysis.
- C. Bob Peters has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure brought on by chemotherapy last year. His wife has him on dietary and other restrictions.

Please keep all of our sick or injured in your thoughts and prayers. Prayers really do help those who are in need. A call once in a while helps as well.

## 7. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. None.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Commandant** – We have two unpaid members, one of whom has moved and should be transferred to another Detachment, and one who we believe is deployed on active duty.
- B. **Division Vice Commandant** – John Staley – Noted that the IRS is auditing detachment minutes in relation to raffle numbers in the P/M reports. We need to ensure the numbers match. He also noted several meetings we should attend – the National MCL meeting is in Charleston, WV in August 2014, The Division Quarterly meeting is at the Salisbury VA Hospital on 24-25Jan2014, and the Division Convention is in Burlington on 6-8Jun2014.
- C. **Senior Vice Commandant** – SVC Holliday covered the schedule for the Dixie Gun Show on 23-24Nov2013 and requested additional volunteers to cover the two tables, one for the current weapon and one for the new weapon. Our current weapon, the LM308, will be awarded Sunday 24Nov2013 at 1500 hours.
- D. **P/M Whalen** - noted that the Marine Corps Birthday dinner was enjoyed by 53 attendees. We had a limited ceremony with the reading of the Commandant's Birthday Message and cake cutting for the oldest and youngest attendees. Ginger Minowicz described the presentation of a shadow box to SSgt. Gross and his parents which contained his life membership in the MCL and his military medals and ribbons.
- E. **Adjutant Kemeny** – announced that additional boxes for Toys For Tots will be available after the meeting. He also announced that, similar to

last year, we would be having a toy buy at Kmart at 6 Forks and Strickland Rds. On 12Dec2013 from 1000 to 1200 hours. We will have a budget of \$3000.00 to spend and invite all members and spouses to attend to select toys for purchase. If Tim Bonner is well enough to attend, he will again be Santa Claus for the kids. The Marine Reserve will send a truck at 1130 to pick up toys and deliver them to the Reserve Center.

**F. Junior Vice Commandant** – JVC Holt introduced Robert Elliott of Cypress Hall Farm and Marine who will be joining our Detachment to introduce Jason Pratscher, who is the Warrior Outreach Coordinator for the Wounded Warrior Project in the Carolinas. He is involved with 4200 wounded warriors, helping them to reintegrate into civilian life. He is looking for help with wounded warriors who live in suburban and rural communities. Robert is providing some of this with hunting and fishing opportunities at his farm. The Detachment will form a committee to determine projects and budgets to work with Robert and Jason and report out with ideas that we can proceed on.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Commandant** – We are planning to present a slate of officers for 2014 at the December meeting that can be voted upon by the membership. Additional nominees can be presented prior to voting or written on the ballots.

## **10. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

**A.** Robert Elliott won the 50/50 raffle. Terry Shackelton won the cups. Patricia Thor won the attendance raffle, but was not present so the money rolls to the next meeting.

Commandant Shackelton closed the meeting at approximately 2000 hours.

**NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING:** Wake Forest Legion Hall on 10Dec2013. The meeting will be shortened to the election of officers. We will also have a Life Membership presentation. The remainder will be a potluck supper with covered dishes, salads and desserts provided by members and their guests. Adjutant Kemeny will issue an email inviting everyone to participate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny  
Adjutant