



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League  
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257  
Monthly Meeting: 10Jun2014**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

- A. At 1900 hours the Meeting was called to order by SVC Lambert and the opening ceremony was held.

**B. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT**

All present or accounted for:

Commandant Terry Shackelton – not present  
Sr. Vice Commandant Pete Lambert - 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. Approximately 17 members and no guests in attendance

**2. NEW MEMBERS**

A. Past Commandant O’Neill swore new member Robert Elliott in. This had been delayed due to injuries suffered by Robert. He is recovering very well however and stood for the ceremony.

B. SVC Lambert requested JVC Holt to contact the two new members not in attendance and again request they attend the next meeting to be sworn in. JVC Holt noted that Jim Lange has responded and plans to attend the next meeting. She has not been able to contact Dwight Laushaw numerous times.

C. Life memberships were presented to Ed Whalen and Dave Frohnapple.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- A. Minutes from the May 2014 meeting have been posted to the website. No comments have been received. Minutes are accepted as written.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- A. Thank you letter from the Wounded Warrior Battalion at Camp Lejeune received.

## **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. No new sick or injured members were reported.

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. SVC Lambert reviewed the trip to the Wounded Warrior Battalion at Camp Lejeune last month where we presented checks to the WW Battalion and to Fisher House. We have invited Craig Stephens, civilian manager of the facility to speak at one our meetings, probably in September/October. Additionally, George Cattelona volunteered to return to the WW Battalion and speak in regards to the "Old Corps".
- B. He also discussed the latest trip to the VA Hospital to play bingo with some of the troops. This will take place on the first Wednesday every month and those interested in participating should coordinate with SVC Lambert. Adjutant Kemeny will send out an email announcing the next trip.
- C. JVC Holt noted that we still have three members in arrears in their dues and she has not been able to connect with them numerous times. Additionally, she continues to look for suggestions for speakers for the monthly meetings.
- D. Adjutant Kemeny received an email from Rich DePierro, who was contacted by the widow of a Navy vet. She has a motorized wheelchair she would like to donate to a vet. Adj. Kemeny contacted her and will obtain the chair on 21Jun2014. Anyone who knows of a place for this chair should contact the Adjutant.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Gun Raffle Manager – Ed Whalen requested volunteers for ticket sales at the next gun show on 28/29Jun 2014
- B. Rich DePierro has one Scout awarded his Eagle Scout on 31May and the MCL Eagle Scout Award was presented.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Associate member April Cates has been directly involved with Miracle League in Franklin county. This is one of our supported charities. She presented to the Detachment a plaque commemorating our involvement in the League.

- B. George Cattelona attended the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of D Day at the D Day Memorial in Bedford, VA. Three busloads of WWII survivors attended from the Triangle area. George called it a fitting ceremony for the many U.S. servicemen who fought their way ashore on that day and liberated France. George also noted that Camp Butner, a WWII training camp near Butner, NC, is being redeveloped as a VLC-CARES Veterans Life Center Campus program that will create the only statewide, therapeutic residential setting for veterans. A number of federal, state and local agencies are involved in this center to support NC vets in their recovery from the stress of battle, from all wars. They have raised considerable funds to build the Center, but need additional donations to complete the campus. The website is vlncnc-cares.org.
- C. Robert Elliott thanked the Detachment for its help in having a ramp built at his house following his accident. He discussed the involvement of MMIA in having the ramp completed. The materials were supplied by the United Way and the Louisburg Lions Club. The construction was completed by a church group from Fuquay-Varina. MMIA seemed to have little involvement in the effort.
- D. Robert also introduced us to a new concept being developed by him and Jason Patrick (attended one of our meetings). The concept is to develop a farm for wounded warriors to work and determine if they would like to make it a life' work. Robert and Jason are looking for grant money to buy the farm, develop it and implement the concept.
- E. Robert will be hosting a deer hunt for wounded warriors in October, if anyone is interested in helping.
- F. Ed Whalen presented the concept of, instead of a Detachment picnic in September, having a chili cookoff in October. All the chili chefs in the Detachment could present their chili in a competition and the winner, selected by the attendees, would win a free dinner at the Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Dinner. Families would still attend and we would cook picnic fare for those who do not want chili. Those in attendance liked the idea and the Adjutant will send out an email to see if the majority concur. Ed will check on Sandling Beach being available and if not, Ron Prokopowicz will check on Lake Royale, where he lives.
- G. Ed Whalen announced a fund raiser in Rolesville for a family who needs a liver transplant for their daughter. The Adjutant will send out a flyer to the Detachment with the details.

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

- A. Robert Elliott won the 50/50 raffle and Jerry Dangler won the attendance raffle, which rolled to next month since he was not present. A round of applause was given to Ed for putting together the Memorial Day picnic and for the meal tonight.

**SVC Lambert** closed the meeting at approximately 1950 hours.

**NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING:** Wake Forest Legion Hall on 8Jul2014.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jack Kemeny  
Adjutant