



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 13Jan2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

A. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY COMMANDANT

All present or accounted for:

Commandant Pete Lambert – present
Sr. Vice Commandant Jim Vasilko - present
Jr. Vice Commandant Angelo DeBenedictis – present
Judge Advocate Jorge Armhold – present
Paymaster Ed Whalen – present
Adjutant Jack Kemeny – present
Chaplain Tammy Holt – present
Sgt. at Arms Ken Jenkins – present
Service Officer Ron Prokopowicz – not present, excused
Junior Past Commandant Terry Shackelton – present

1. Attendance

A. Approximately 14 members and two guest in attendance. Guests are Paul ??, a retired Master Sergeant and aviation Viet Nam vet and Bill ??.

2. NEW MEMBERS

A. No new members in attendance to be sworn in.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A. December meeting minutes have been posted to the website and accepted by the membership.

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A. No correspondence 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.** Taylor Moore passed away on 16Dec2014. The membership attended his viewing and funeral services with military honors and the PGR in attendance.
- B.** Nathan Sachs passed away on 14Dec2014. We were notified by his widow after the funeral, which was a private affair with military honors.
- C.** Joe Grieco had his hip and knee replacement and is recovering.

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.** There were no Officer reports.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** SVC Lambert requested volunteers to help with VA hospital bingo which will take place on 14Jan2015.
- B.** Rich DePierro will be handling publicity for the Detachment, as well as the website. He also will be the interface for any Eagle Scout projects.
- C.** Toys for Tots did very well this Christmas season. We collected about 1500 CF of toys or approximately 4000-5000 toys and about \$100 for the Reserve Unit to distribute.
- D.** Ed Whalen noted that, for the upcoming Dixie Gun Show in Raleigh, he had all his needed volunteers. He and Jack Kemeny are planning to attend the gun show in Greensboro at the end of the month, but any additional volunteers are welcome. Bert Lockhart volunteered for Saturday, 31Jan2015.
- E.** Commandant Lambert is planning to attend the Wounded Warrior Barracks- East Symposium on 23Jan2015. George Cattalona and Jim Vasilko will also be attending.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** The Mid-Winter Convention for the Department of North Carolina will be held this coming weekend in Salisbury for anyone wishing to attend. Ray O'Neill is finishing the Detachment report for this.
- B.** Ed Whalen brought up the discussion for the weapon that will be raffled in 2016, since we need to purchase it this year. What to buy and how much to spend was discussed (shotgun, 22lr, AR15 or ?). It needs to be something of interest to the gun show attendees and not readily available to purchase. We probably don't want to spend in excess of \$4000 for it. This was tabled until the next meeting and Ed will query Brandon Holliday for his suggestions.
- C.** The 2015 Marine Corps Birthday Dinner was discussed:
 - Weekday or Saturday?
 - What time – 1830 or earlier?
 - What venue?

The general consensus was that we hold in place of our regular meeting on 10Nov2015 at or about 1800, again at Shuckers Restaurant.

- D. Ed Whalen asked if we should have one or two picnics this year, in June and September. Consensus was that we hold a picnic in June because of better weather and use the September date for a cookoff similar to last year.
- E. Commandant Lambert queried the membership in regards to the Detachment's activities in the future. Should we attend to older vets in elder facilities in the area, volunteer at the VA Hospital, find other ways to volunteer our time to help the Wake Forest vet community? He plans to issue a survey to the membership in the near future in this regard.

10. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- A. Jack Kemeny won the 50/50 raffle and Ami DePierro was the winner of the attendance raffle.

Commandant Lambert closed the meeting at approximately 2010 hours.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 10Feb2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny
Adjutant

