



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 10Feb2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 1905 hours the Meeting was called to order by Commandant Lambert and the opening ceremony was held.

A. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT

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 – not present, excused
Paymaster Ed Whalen – present
Adjutant Jack Kemeny – present
Chaplain Tammy Holt – not present, excused
Sgt. at Arms Ken Jenkins – present
Service Officer Ron Prokopowicz – present
Junior Past Commandant Terry Shackelton – present

1. Attendance

A. Approximately 15 members and 6 guests in attendance. Guests are:
Velinda Moore – possible new associate member
John Phipps – possible new member
John Staley – District Vice Commandant
Jeff Jones – Department of NC JVC
John Dilday – Commandant, Tar Heel Detachment
Willis Winston – WWII Marine, guest of Bob Peters

2. NEW MEMBERS

A. No new members in attendance to be sworn in. John Phipps to be sworn in next meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A. January 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. Joe Grieco's wife passed away 19Jan2015. Our membership attended the wake and funeral. Joe continues to recover from his hip and knee replacement.
- B. Tim Bonner is undergoing tests in preparation for a possible operation.
- C. Kevin Hughes had a motorcycle accident and is recovering.
- D. Dave Cook has undergone foot surgery and is recovering.
- E. Jorge Armhold is suffering from stenosis in his back.

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 Vasilko reported that we will be visiting the Wounded Warrior Battalion – East on 21May2015. Any of our members are invited to attend. The VFW will be invited as well. We will make our donations to the Battalion and Fisher House, with part of the donation in the names of Taylor Moore and Nathan Sachs.
- B. JVC DeBenedictis is working on a poster with Rich DePierro to aid with publicizing and marketing the Detachment.
- C. Gun Raffle Coordinator Whalen reported on the Greensboro Gun Show which was much better in number of tickets sold compared to the most recent shows in Raleigh. We are about \$1600 behind the same period last year, so we will need to step our efforts in future shows and/or reduce our expenditures for donations. Our next show is the C&E Show in Raleigh on 28/29Mar2015 and Ed will need volunteers for that show.
- D. T4T Coordinator Kemeny has the T4T Sponsor certificates available tonight for distribution.
- E. Scout Coordinator Shackleton is working on contacts for our work with Eagle Scout candidates and should report that effort at the next meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commandant Lambert again requested volunteers to help with VA hospital bingo which normally takes place on the first Wednesday of every month.
- B. Ed Whalen requested that 13Jun2015 for our picnic and 19Sep2015 for the cookoff be approved by the membership. So done.
- C. Ed Whalen is in contact with Sgt. Gross' parents regarding their availability for the Marine Corps Birthday Dinner on 10Nov2015 or the following weekend. Not yet decided.

- D. The next Town Hall Flag Raising is scheduled for 6Apr2015. Our membership is invited to participate. There will be a flag raising on the first Monday of every month through October.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ed Whalen is discussing the weapon that will be raffled in 2016 with Brandon Holliday, since we need to purchase it this year. A couple of different weapons are interesting and Brandon is obtaining pricing and specs on the weapons for discussion and decisions next month.
- B. Commandant Lambert has submitted ideas to the Staff regarding a membership survey. Pending their responses, the survey will be presented to the membership for their input.
- C. Our Service Officer, Ron Prokopowicz, discussed the new VA Clinic to be opened in Raleigh, and its amenities.
- D. John Staley, North District Vice Commandant, DofNC, provided information regarding the MCL in NC and elsewhere:
1. Talked about the Winter Quarterly Meeting in Salisbury. Would like to see more of us attend the Department meetings
 2. Reports on deceased members need to go to the Department Chaplain. ROI's need to be reported to the Department Paymaster.
 3. The National MCL is working on a process to allow all MCL members access to Marine Corps bases.
 4. He reminded us about the Iwo Jima reunion set for 18-22Feb2015 in Arlington and Washington. George Cattelona is set to attend.
 5. He reminded us that the MCL Foundation can provide assistance to Marines in need.
 6. The Paymaster and Commandant of each Detachment are bonded for \$10,000 by the National MCL.
 7. If we have any changes recommended for the DNCMCL bylaws, we need to submit them by 12Apr2015.
 8. He noted that former CMC General Amos has retired to the Triangle area, and would be invited to join a local Detachment of the MCL.
 9. Finally, our Marine of the Year should be announced to the NC Department for recognition.
- E. Jeff Jones, Dept. of NC JVC, mentioned several items of interest:
1. He also iterated the need for all of our members to attend the DNC quarterly meetings.
 2. He is the Pack Leader for the NC Order of the Devil Dogs and reminded us that any MCL member with one year of membership can apply to join the Devil Dogs.
 3. He has available with him raffle tickets for the Department cruise, which can also be taken in cash rather than the credit for the cruise to the winner.

10. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- A. Tom Lockhart won the 50/50 raffle and Jorge Armhold was the winner of the attendance raffle which will roll over since he was not in attendance.

Commandant Lambert closed the meeting at approximately 2000 hours.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 10Mar2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny
Adjutant

