



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257 Monthly Meeting: 10Mar2015

Following a fabulous St. Patrick’s Day corned beef & cabbage meal prepared by Ed Whalen and new member John Phipps we had a presentation by a VA Claims attorney, Mike Fury. He spoke about our need for legal representation with the VA as well as other personal legal needs. As a Vietnam vet, he is well aware of the difficulties dealing with the VA. He also decided to join our Detachment as an associate member.

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:

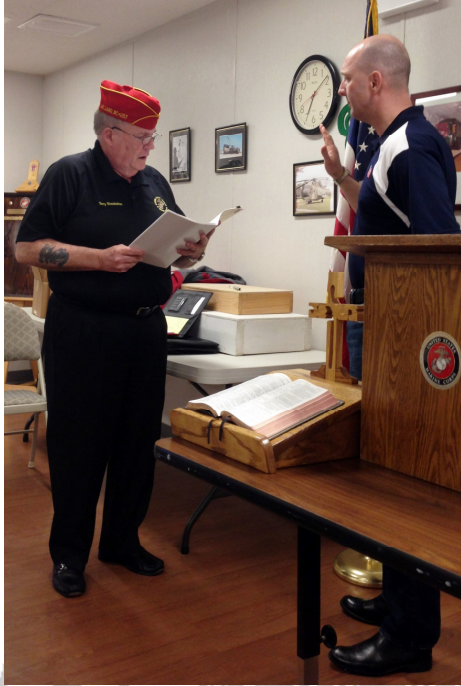
Commandant Pete Lambert – present
Sr. Vice Commandant Jim Vasilko – not present, excused
Jr. Vice Commandant Angelo DeBenedictis – present
Judge Advocate Jorge Armhold – present
Paymaster Ed Whalen – present
Adjutant Jack Kemeny – present
Chaplain Tammy Holt – present
Sgt. at Arms Ken Jenkins – present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

1. Attendance

A. Approximately 20 members and 1 guest in attendance.
Guest: Mike Fury – speaker and potential new member

2. NEW MEMBERS

- A. John Phipps was sworn in by past Commandant Shackleton.



3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. February 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. Tim Bonner is undergoing tests in preparation for a possible operation.
- B. Ray O'Neill continues to recover from knee replacement.
- C. Dave Cook has undergone foot surgery and is recovering.
- D. 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. Commandant Lambert reminded us that we will be visiting the Wounded Warrior Battalion – East on 21May2015. Any of our members are invited to attend. The VFW and American Legion 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. All attendees and drivers need to be named by the May Detachment meeting. A car pool will leave from the Legion Hall that morning.

- B. Ed Whalen noted that our next gun show is the C&E Show in Raleigh on 28/29Mar2015 and he is still looking for volunteers for that show. He is also handing out and mailing packs of 30 tickets to all Detachment members to sell outside of the gun shows.
- C. Jack Kemeny noted that The Franklin County Miracle League has asked us if we would place another member on their Board. Ken Jenkins indicated he would contact them about that seat.
- D. Scout Coordinator Shackleton, in coordination with Scout Master Rich DePierro, is working on projects for Eagle Scout candidates as well as involving the Detachment in an Eagle Scout Ceremony.
- E. Rich also noted that, as part of the flag placement on Memorial Day at Pine Forest Memorial Gardens, he is coordinating a ceremony involving us and the Boy Scouts.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ed Whalen noted that 13Jun2015 for our picnic and 19Sep2015 for the cookoff have been reserved at Sandling Beach.
- B. Ed Whalen indicated that Sgt. Gross' parents would be available for the Marine Corps Birthday Dinner on 10Nov2015. Ed will make the reservation at Shuckers.
- C. JVC DeBenedictis is completing a poster with Rich DePierro to aid with publicizing and marketing the Detachment. It should be ready for the first Farmer's Market in Wake Forest. It will also be posted around Wake Forest and on the website.
- 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. Members are requested to attend in uniform (at least the cover and more if available).
- E. Commandant Lambert reminded us of the VA Bingo event the first Wednesday of every month. All are invited to help.
- F. The Adjutant will send out an email to all requesting everyone submit their volunteers hours back to the Commandant for inclusion in our quarterly report.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ed Whalen and Brandon Holliday have identified the weapon that will be raffled in 2016. 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.

10. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- A. Bob Hunter won the 50/50 raffle and Ed Whalen was the winner of the attendance raffle.

Commandant Lambert closed the meeting at approximately 1950 hours.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 14Apr2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny
Adjutant

