



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 12May2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 1903 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 – present
Paymaster Ed Whalen – present
Adjutant Jack Kemeny – present
Chaplain Tammy Holt – present
Sgt. at Arms Ken Jenkins – not present, excused
Service Officer Ron Prokopowicz – not present, excused
Junior Past Commandant Terry Shackelton – not present, excused

1. Attendance

A. Approximately 12 members in attendance.

2. NEW MEMBERS

A. No new members sworn in.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A. April 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. Our members in distress include Joe Grieco, who will be undergoing a pulmonary procedure; Dave Frohnapple, who recently was hospitalized for gall bladder surgery and is recovering; Bob Peters, who is undergoing a cancer procedure; and Ray O'Neill, who has had cataract surgery.

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 DeBenedictis noted the Detachment flyer is published and emailed to the Detachment. It is in use at the Wake Forest Farmers Market and can be posted around town. It is posted on our website. He also requested that members be sure to renew memberships when due and that we are attempting to renew two members who have not yet renewed for this year. Since we lost two members to death this year, we need to find two new members. This would yield 100% renewal and an award from National.
- B. SVC Vasilko 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 are attending 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. Organized car pool will leave from the Legion Hall at 0900.
- C. Adjutant Kemeny announced an invitation to a Vets Fishing Derby at the First Fruits Farm in Louisburg. Tay and Jason Brown, farm owners are sponsoring this event on 30May2015 and all are invited. The flyer will be emailed to all in order to sign up. At Herbert Coleman's request, Adjutant Kemeny mailed out a photo of the raffle gun to help everyone to sell their raffle tickets.
- D. P/M Whalen noted Sgt. Gross will be moving from Durham on 1Jun2015 to a care facility near Wake Med Hospital on New Bern Avenue. Our most recent gun show sold 740 tickets and netted \$1261.00. He also noted that the next picnic is scheduled at Sandling Beach on 13Jun2015 for our extended families

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The next Town Hall Flag Raising is scheduled for 1Jun2015. 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).
- B. Commandant Lambert reminded us of the VA Bingo event the first Wednesday of every month. All are invited to help.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MCL National wants our Service Officer, Ron Prokopowicz, identified.

- B. The MCL National Convention will be in Scottsdale, AZ, 9-14Aug2015. We rate 6 delegates, so anyone who would like to attend can be named a delegate. Let the Adjutant know if you plan to attend.
- C. The State of NC Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for 12-14Jun2015 in Havelock, NC. Any members are encouraged to attend.
- D. We will attempt to upgrade our Detachment presence on social media such as Facebook and Twitter with the Webmaster's help.
- E. The Adjutant will publish a monthly Detachment calendar the last week of the preceding month. This can be updated as needed by the membership.
- F. If you have photos of Detachment events and members, please email them to the Webmaster, Rich DePierro, for inclusion in the Detachment webpage.
- G. Ed Whalen and Brandon Holliday have identified the weapon that will be raffled in 2016. Brandon has purchased the weapon, it is on display at the meeting and he will answer any questions from the members.
- H. Commandant Lambert noted that because the State MCL Bylaws are being updated, our Detachment bylaws have been reviewed by the Staff and changes will be discussed with the membership.
- I. The American Legion sponsors replacement of flags on veterans' graves each Memorial Day. This year it will be on 23May2015. All are invited to participate. It starts at 0800 at the Legion Hall.
- J. There will be a ceremony at the Wake Forest Veterans' Memorial on 25May2015. All are invited to attend. Red jackets are encouraged, but any MCL uniform will suffice. The ceremony starts at 1100.

10. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- A. Jim Vasilko won the 50/50 raffle and Pete Lambert was the winner of the attendance raffle.

Commandant Lambert closed the meeting at approximately 2000 hours.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 9Jun2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny
Adjutant