



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 14Jul2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

A presentation was given by Greg Harrington, from the Wake Forest Purple Heart Foundation. He gave some background on the Foundation and its goals, encouraged everyone to attend the PH Dinner in August and offered additional tickets for sale.

At 1900 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 – present
Service Officer Ron Prokopowicz – not present, excused
Junior Past Commandant Terry Shackelton –present

1. Attendance

A. Approximately 18 members and two guests in attendance.

2. NEW MEMBERS

A. None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A. A thank you note from Fisher House at Camp Lejeune was read.

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 previously noted in distress including Joe Grieco, Dave Frohnapple, Bob Peters and his wife, and Ray O'Neill. All are recovering. However, Ginger Minowicz's grandson and Jim Miller's daughter have serious medical conditions.

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.** Judge Advocate Armhold noted that the Detachment Bylaw changes have been presented to the Board of Trustees and will be distributed to the membership in order to obtain a vote of approval at the next meeting in August.
- B.** P/M Whalen noted that we have a Dixie gun show coming up on 1/2Aug2015 and he needs volunteers to staff the table. He also noted SSgt. Gross was moved in June to a care facility near Wake Med Hospital. We would like to set up a visitation schedule now that SSgt. Gross is close by such that he has a visitor or two every two weeks. We need a coordinator to do so. Perhaps Devon Harris would be interested and should be called.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** The Town Hall Flag Raising was performed on 6Jul2015. It was for a WWII Marine, John Queenen. His 90 year old widow attended and read from his WWII diary. We had good attendance from our Detachment, the Tar Heel Detachment and the Knights of Columbus.
- B.** Commandant Lambert reminded us of the VA Bingo event the first Wednesday of every month. All are invited to help; he needs support on this.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** We have appointed an audit committee – Terry Shackelton and Joe Grieco - to audit the Detachments books and they plan to report out in October. We also have a nominating committee – Terry Shackelton and Jack Kemeny - who will determine volunteers for the Detachment Board of Trustees/Officers and report out in September
- B.** If you have photos of Detachment events and members, please email them to the Webmaster, Rich DePierro, for inclusion in the Detachment webpage and on the Facebook page.
- C.** Chaplain Holt is coordinating the fund raiser at the Texas Road House in Wake Forest. We will collect receipts on 19Jul2015 from 1100-2000 and obtain 10% of receipts collected as a donation to our Detachment. She

is soliciting volunteers for the three shifts. The restaurant also gave us a \$30 gift certificate that will be awarded to one of the volunteers. We will also have a donation can and flyers at the event.

D. DVC John Staley brought us up to date an several items:

1. On the state level, a dropped life member would need to restart his/her membership, including the life membership.
2. The NC state website will be restarted soon.
3. On the national MCL level, they have serious budget overrun issues and have an independent audit proceeding that should finish soon.
4. The National Convention will take place in August and we should register our 5 delegates, even if none attend. They can be proxied by the NC State Commandant and hopefully help straighten out the issues on the national level. Five of us signed up and paid the \$5.00 registration fee.

10. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- A. Terry Shackelton won the 50/50 raffle and Jim Vasilko was the winner of the attendance raffle.**

Commandant Lambert closed the meeting at approximately 2000 hours.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 11Aug2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny
Adjutant

