



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 11Aug2015**

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

1. Attendance

A. Approximately 19 members and no guests in attendance.

2. NEW MEMBERS

A. None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A. A thank you note from Mrs. Rosemarie Queenan was read regarding the flag raising for her deceased husband.

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 and Dave Frohnapple. 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 membership and a vote of approval is required. Vote was taken and the bylaws are approved. JA Armhold will forward to the NC State Judge Advocate for review and recording.
- B. Adjutant Kemeny noted the "Best of the Best" voting in Wake Forest is in progress and will be ending on 21Aug2015. We can vote for the Detachment as a good citizen and should do so online.
- C. P/M Whalen will provide a summary of the Dixie Gun show on 1/2Aug2015 on his return from vacation. The necessary volunteers for the Greensboro gun show have been signed up.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 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.
- B. We have appointed an audit committee – Terry Shackelton and Joe Grieco - to audit the Detachments books and they plan to report out in September. 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.
- C. SSgt Roger Gross is now in residence near Wake Med Hospital and Devon Harris has expressed an interest in setting up a visitation schedule for volunteers to visit Roger every two weeks.
- D. We don't have the final numbers for the event at Texas Road House, but we collected a reasonable amount of money for our efforts and the BOT determined that we will do the event again next year.
- E. Dates and venues have been set for the Marine Corps Birthday dinner on 10Nov2015, the Detachment Christmas party on 8Dec2015 and the Chili Cookoff on 19Sep2015.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The American Legion is collecting school supplies for children at Fort Bragg and our members can donate to that effort if they are so disposed.
- B. The VA has determined that certain illnesses caused by the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune are now presumptive (similar to Agent Orange initiative). Anyone with these illnesses should contact the VA.

- C. For those members not receiving Semper Fi Magazine, they will need to contact the National MCL and renew the subscription due to a computer glitch.
- D. The MCL National website is up and operating again at www.mclnational.org. The webmaster will replace the link on our website.
- E. John Phipps noted that Applebee's in Wake Forest is hosting free meals for Vets on Veterans Day. We can partake of this opportunity, but also can talk to attending Marine Vets regarding the MCL. Additionally, John can set a schedule for us to have a pancake breakfast on a Saturday at Applebee's in order to raise additional funds. Applebee's will also like to host a T4T box at Christmas.
- F. Robert Elliott discussed two initiatives he is involved with – Veterans Farm, which is sponsored by a large nonprofit to help veterans reintegrate back into society through the use of the Beginning Farmer fellowship program. While working together in a relaxed, open environment veterans will work as a team to develop solutions that will enable them to overcome physical and mental barriers. They are producing a business plan and will apply for grants and believe they will be operating in the Spring, 2016. He is also involved in the Farmer/Veteran Coalition which brings together leaders of government, agriculture, and farmer veterans to create and extend solutions to assist US military veterans establishing their careers in agriculture.

10. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- A. Robert Elliott won the 50/50 raffle and Patricia Thor was the winner of the attendance raffle. She was not present so the money rolls into the next month.

Commandant Lambert closed the meeting at approximately 1945 hours.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: Wake Forest Legion Hall on 8Sep2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny
Adjutant