



**Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League  
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257  
Monthly Meeting: 09Feb2016**

Prior to the meeting, Sgt. Proctor from the Marine Reserve Unit presented the Detachment with a plaque signifying our support for Toys For Tots this past Christmas.

T4T Coordinator Kemeny presented the participating Detachment members with certificates for them and their participating businesses noting their individual support for T4T.

The Detachment presented the 2015 Gun Raffle winner, Julian Tant, with the rifle.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 1915 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 John Phipps – excused  
Jr. Vice Commandant Ami DePierro – 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 – excused  
Junior Past Commandant Terry Shackelton – present

**1. Attendance**

**A.** Approximately 16 members and 3 guests, Sgt. Proctor (Marine Reserve Unit), ?? – 2015 gun raffle winner & friend.

**2. NEW MEMBERS**

**A.** None.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

A. December and January meeting minutes have been published and not yet posted to the website. Web Sergeant is waiting for the server to be back on line; should be in the next week.

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A. None

#### **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. Ami DePierro's mother and father have had medical problems and are being treated.
- B. John Phipps is scheduled for a surgical procedure on 25Feb2016.
- C. Nick Zanon's wife is scheduled for knee surgery.
- D. Pete Lambert has his first consult leading to a kidney transplant.

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. None

#### **8. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. P/M Whalen noted that the two most recent gun shows have produced almost \$2600 in ticket sales and to-date we have \$4168 in sales. Also the gun show at the State Fairgrounds on 27/28Feb2016 needs volunteers. He has a signup sheet for those members available.
- B. The next VA Bingo night will be on 2Mar2016 and the time is changed to 1615. The next flag raising at Wake Forest Town Hall will be on 4Apr2016 and will be for a Marine and member of our Detachment, Richard Maxey, so we need to make an effort to fall out for this event.
- C. The next visit to the Wounded Warrior Battalion – East should be scheduled for May and John Phipps is charged with setting that up. Dallas Poole has been contacted in that regard. In addition, LtCol. Kelly, who heads the WWB-E, is retiring in June and we plan to attend.
- D. The Detachment Bylaw changes are at the NC Department and awaiting approval.
- E. The BOT has completed a budget for 2016 and it will be emailed to the membership for discussion and a vote at the March meeting.

#### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Adjutant Kemeny discussed his involvement with the American Legion USO Committee. Each of the service organizations is considering a monthly donation to the USO. We have a donation of \$50 per month in our budget for this year. In addition, individuals can bring in-kind donations to the meetings, such as:
1. Coffee K-cups
  2. Paper plates, coffee cups, plastic utensils
  3. Individually packaged chips, cookies and crackers
  4. Beef jerky
  5. Gum
  6. Puzzle books
  7. Razors

They will be collected and delivered to the USO.

- B. Brandon Holliday presented a couple of possibilities for a raffle rifle for next year. One is an AR style rifle that fires an AK47 round, 7.62x39mm, and uses an AK47 style magazine. Another would be a short barreled AR style weapon that is classified as a pistol with an arm brace. After some discussion it was decided to proceed with the rifle. Cost with a Vortex Viper optic would be in the \$3000 range.
- C. There will be a winter NC Department meeting in Salisbury and a NC State meeting in Gastonia during 2016.
- D. The VA is planning a Welcome Home Vietnam Vets ceremony on 29Mar2016. More information to follow.
- E. Ed Whalen has arranged for one picnic in 2016 on 11Jun2016.

#### **10. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

- A. Jack Kemeny won the 50/50 raffle and Ray O'Neill was the winner of the attendance raffle. He was not present so the money rolls to next month.

**Commandant Lambert** closed the meeting at approximately 2000 hours.

**NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING:** 8Mar2016 at 1900 at the Legion Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny  
Adjutant