



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League  
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257  
Monthly Meeting: 08Mar2016**

**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 John Phipps – present  
Jr. Vice Commandant Ami DePierro – present  
Judge Advocate Jorge Armhold – present  
Paymaster Ed Whalen – present  
Adjutant Jack Kemeny – present  
Chaplain Tammy Holt – excused  
Sgt. at Arms Ken Jenkins – present  
Service Officer Ron Prokopowicz – present  
Junior Past Commandant Terry Shackelton – present

**1. Attendance**

A. Approximately 19 members.

**2. NEW MEMBERS**

A. None.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

A. December, January and February meeting minutes have been published and not yet posted to the website. Web Sergeant is waiting for the server to be back on line.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A. A note from SSgt. Gross' parents thanking the Detachment for our support during Roger's debilitating illness and funeral. The included a check for \$2000 to support the Detachment's good works. The Board of Trustees has voted to purchase memorial bricks at the Wake Forest Veterans Memorial and at the Museum of the Marine Corps (Quantico) in the name of SSgt. Gross and donate the remainder of the funds to the

Wounded Warrior Barracks – East and Fisher House at Camp Lejeune.  
The membership present approved this action.

**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.** Nick Zanon's wife is recovering from her knee surgery.  
**B.** Ginger Minowicz's grandson continues to wait for his liver 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.** Adjutant Kemeny reminded the membership to bring donations for the USO to the meetings and Terry Shackleton will transport them during his volunteer time to the USO at RDU. In-kind donations include:
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
- B.** SSA Jenkins reported that he continues to find someone who can produce an MCL sign to be installed at the town entrance. Brandon Holliday noted that the lady who produces our banner for the gun shows may be able to help.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

- A.** P/M Whalen noted that the recent C&E gun show produced \$632 in sales, the lowest so far. Blamed on low turnout due to excellent weather. The next show is at the State Fairgrounds on 7/8May2016 and he will be asking for volunteers at the next meeting. In addition, raffle tickets have been received by all members and they need to be sold prior to the drawing.
- B.** The next visit to the Wounded Warrior Battalion – East is being coordinated by SVC John Phipps with Dallas Poole at the Battalion. In addition, LtCol. Kelly, who heads the WWB-E, is retiring in June and we plan to attend.
- 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. The next VA Bingo night will be on 6Apr2016 and the time is 1615. The VA staff would like magazine donations for use at the Hospital. Please bring magazines to the meetings with your name erased from the covers and Pete will transport them to the VA on bingo night.
- F. 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. Commandant Lambert has been elected chairman for this event this year.
- G. The Detachment Bylaw changes are at the NC Department and awaiting approval.
- H. Ed Whalen has arranged for one picnic in 2016 on 11Jun2016. The Marine Corps Birthday Diner is scheduled for 8Nav2016 at Shuckers Restaurant.

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

- A. Associate April Cates presented the Detachment with a plaque from the Miracle League of Franklin County for our financial support last year. In addition, the Detachment presented April with a plaque as Woman of the Year for 2014. She has not been attending many meetings to receive the plaque in a timely manner.
- B. P/M Whalen reported that Bright Funeral Home has again presented a donation for \$500 to the Detachment.
- C. The BOT has presented a budget for 2016 and emailed it to the membership for discussion and approval. Vote was taken and the budget approved.
- D. Brandon Holliday has been paid for the raffle rifle for next year and he is proceeding to assemble it.
- E. Terry Shackleton suggested that the March meeting be a social event to include wives, etc. The membership approved this action.

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

- A. Ron Prokopowicz won the 50/50 raffle and Rob O'Loughlin 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 1935 hours.

**NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING:** 12Apr2016 at 1900 at the Legion Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny  
Adjutant