



**Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League  
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## **Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257 Monthly Meeting: 12 Apr2016**

Prior to the meeting, Deborah Godfrey from the American Legion Auxiliary made a plea for us to support their Quarter Frenzy at The Factory on 1May2016. It starts at 1530 and is typically attended by women in the community. This one will be a fund raiser for the Auxiliary. She also asked us to remember to support the USO at RDU with supplies needed to support the troops coming through the airport.

Robert Elliott presented information regarding the enterprise he is developing to support wounded warriors and other veterans who are interested in a career in farming. He has an active duty Marine coming from the WWB-E who will start this project. He asked the Detachment to support him with a monthly donation to support this Marine and others coming behind him. More information is available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/761990680601689> and here  
<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article69610212.html>

A potluck supper is planned at Brewmasters, 2117 Forest Hills Rd. in Wilson, NC, on 24April2016 at 1800 hours. The cost is \$40 per ticket. The money goes to helping the Veterans Farm of NC become established and set programs in motion.

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 1910 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 19 members. One guest, Tom Martinez, was in attendance. He is considering transferring to the Detachment.

**2. NEW MEMBERS**

A. None.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

A. December, January, February and March meeting minutes have been published and not yet posted to the website. Web Sergeant is waiting for the server to be back on line and the website should be running by 15Apr2016.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A. We received a return letter from the Marine Corps Museum indicating that they are working on the memorial brick for Roger Gross.

**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 father, mother and brother are ill and need our prayers.
- B. Nick Zanon's wife is recovering from her knee surgery.
- C. 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. SVC Phipps has scheduled a trip to the WWB-E on 11May2016. Those who desire to go are advised to be at the Legion Hall at 0930 on that date. Car pools will be organized on the spot to transport everyone. In addition to the Detachment, the American Legion and Auxiliary, the VFW and the Knights of Columbus have been invited. We will visit the facility and provide donations to the Battalion and Fisher House.

- C. Past Commandant Shackelton noted that he is still providing USO donations to the mother of the Marine who is awaiting a heart transplant in Chapel Hill. He also passed the helmet for personal donations to help his mother.
- D. SSA Jenkins reported that he has had our MCL sign installed at the town entrance on University Drive. He is producing a stanchion and sign noting our meeting dates and times for the second sign on Old 98 near McDonald's.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. The next gun show is at the State Fairgrounds on 7/8May2016 and P/M Whalen is asking for additional volunteers. In addition, raffle tickets have been received by all members and they need to be sold and funds and unsold tickets need to be returned ASAP. Ticket sales are down 25% this year and we need to do more to increase sales.
- B. There will be a winter NC Department meeting in Salisbury and a NC State meeting in Gastonia during 2016.
- C. The next VA Bingo night will be on 4May2016 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.
- D. The next flag raising at Wake Forest Town Hall will be on 2May2016 and will be for Don Cruz, a long time member of the American Legion and VFW.
- E. Ed Whalen has arranged for one picnic in 2016 on 11Jun2016. The Marine Corps Birthday Dinner is scheduled for 8Nav2016 at Shuckers Restaurant.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Richard McWilliams, a disabled Marine veteran who lost his home to a tornado last month and we supported with donations, will be at the American Legion meeting on 14Apr2016. He wants to thank all those who gave to rebuild his home. The Media will be there as well.
- B. Commandant Lambert will have VA Vietnam vet pins available at the next meeting for those who desire one.
- C. The MCL has a new protocol for bringing active duty Marines to the Organization. This has been emailed to all members. The focus is on making all Marines lifetime Marines through the MCL.
- D. Adjutant Kemeny had a short discussion on MCL uniforms, primarily to insure members wear them properly at functions like the monthly flag raisings.

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

- A. Robert Elliott won the 50/50 raffle and Ginger Minowicz was the winner of the attendance raffle. She was not present so the money rolls to next month.

**Commandant Lambert** closed the meeting at approximately 1955 hours.

**NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING:** 10May2016 at 1900 at the Legion Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny  
Adjutant

