



**Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 09Aug2016**

We started off with a presentation by Bill Dixon, a local media personality who is interested in the Vietnam War. He recounted the story of the Mayaguez Incident, in which three Marines were the last deaths and MIA's attributed to the Vietnam War. One of those MIA is LCpl. Joseph Hargrove, from Mt. Olive, NC. Mr. Dixon's avowed purpose is to identify LCpl. Hargrove's remains in the DNA facility in Hawaii and have him brought home to his family.

A presentation by Rich DePierro followed on the development of our new website. The new site is meant to be more informative of our activities and fund raising. It will be interactive, allowing updates and comments by the membership. It will also be connected to popular social media. He plans to have it available for review and approval at the next meeting.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 1935 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 – present
Sgt. at Arms Ken Jenkins – present
Service Officer Ron Prokopowicz – excused
Junior Past Commandant Terry Shackelton – excused

B. ATTENDANCE

Approximately 19 members and 1 guest present.

C. NEW MEMBERS

New members, Joe Claps and Tommy Martinez, were sworn in...

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

July meeting minutes have been published and posted to the website. He would like any photos showing Detachment activities emailed to him for insertion in the website to help bring it up to date.

E. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None.

F. PAYMASTER'S REPORT

Paymaster reported that the Detachment's finances 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.

G. SICK & DISTRESSED

The Chaplain mentioned Terry Shackelton's recent outpatient procedure – he is doing well. Jim Vasilko's wife is recovering from back surgery and having trouble with her right leg. Bob Peter's wife is having trouble with a heart valve that is inoperable. Ami DePierro is being considered to provide a kidney transplant for her sister.

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.

H. REPORT OF OFFICERS

1. P/M Whalen noted we had a relatively low income show on 6/7Aug2016 at the State Fairgrounds with only \$760 in income. We are currently running about 25% behind last year. He is hopeful that the next show in Greensboro will be as usual and provide high receipts. The last show of the year in November, where we award the gun, should also be good, since attendees will have the immediate opportunity to be awarded the gun. Ed is also looking at a show in Lumberton that might make up some of the shortfall from our normal schedule.
2. Commandant Lambert noted that the American Legion is holding a school supply drive for the children of wounded warriors at Fort Bragg and will collect typical school supplies through 15Aug2016 before hauling them to Fort Bragg.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. The next VA Bingo night will be on 7Sep2016 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.
2. The next flag raising at Wake Forest Town Hall will be on 12Sep2016.
3. Past Commandant Shackelton reminded the membership that the RDU USO needs more donations to help the many Marines that transit through the facility. Please bring donations for the USO to the meetings and he

will transport them during his volunteer time to the USO at RDU. In-kind donations include:

- a. Coffee K-cups
 - b. Bottled water
 - c. Paper plates, coffee cups, plastic utensils
 - d. Beef jerky
 - e. Gum
 - f. Puzzle books
 - g. Razors
4. The memorial bricks for SSgt. Gross have been installed and paid for at the Heritage Veterans Memorial and at the Museum of The Marine Corps.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Robert Elliott updated us on his efforts for the Vet Farm. He is setting up a classroom at Fort Bragg and expects more vets to become involved in the effort. He is also selling gun raffle tickets to raise funds.
2. The Nominating Committee for next year's officers needs additional Marines to volunteer for positions on the Board of Trustees. The Committee will take nominations and will ask members to consider standing for a staff position. We still need volunteers for the Senior Vice commandant and Junior Vice Commandant. Nominations will be closed in September, elections in October and installation in December at the Potluck Dinner.
3. We have been given a gift of bagged coffee available tonight and anyone can take what they want. One box has been given to the USO and any remaining after tonight will also go to the USO.

K. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Robert Elliott won the 50/50 raffle and Bill Wilkinson was the winner of the attendance raffle which stood at \$200.00. He was not present so the money rolls to next month when the winner can receive \$225.00 if present.

Commandant Lambert closed the meeting at approximately 2000 hours.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: 13Sep2016 at 1900 at the Legion Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Kemeny
Adjutant