



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League  
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257  
Monthly Meeting: 13Sep2016**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 1855 hours the Meeting was called to order by SVC Phipps and the opening ceremony was held.

**A. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT**

All present or accounted for:

Commandant Pete Lambert – excused  
Sr. Vice Commandant John Phipps – present  
Jr. Vice Commandant Ami DePierro – excused  
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 – present  
Junior Past Commandant Terry Shackelton – present

**B. ATTENDANCE**

Approximately 18 members and 3 guests present.

**C. NEW MEMBERS**

None present.

**D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

August meeting minutes have been published and posted to the website.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Notification that the memorial brick for SSgt Gross has been placed at the Museum of the Marine Corps and can be located in the near future online at [www.marineheritage.org](http://www.marineheritage.org). Click on honoree list.

**F. PAYMASTER’S REPORT**

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.

## **G. SICK & DISTRESSED**

The Chaplain mentioned Jim Vasilko's wife is recovering from back surgery and having trouble with her right leg.

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 our receipts at the Greensboro show on 27/28Aug2016 were good, grossing \$1220.00. 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.
2. Ed also noted that we have made our donation to the Miracle League of Franklin County who is about to start their fall season to which we are all invited.
3. Judge Advocate Armhold continues trying to obtain approval from the Department regarding our Bylaws changes.
4. The Adjutant reported that the Wake Forest service organizations, including ours, were approached by Brooke Dickhart, who is the founder of the Joel Fund which is dedicated to "reconnecting veterans to life at home". She would like to have an evening ceremony on Veterans Day in front of Town Hall, including retiring the colors by local veterans, a high school band, a guest speaker and reading of winners of a local essay contest. She is seeking involvement of the veterans' organizations.

## **I. OLD BUSINESS**

1. The next VA Bingo night will be on 5Oct2016 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 3Oct2016 at 1100 hours.
3. We have nominations for our officers for next year as shown below. The Adjutant will print ballots for the election at our meeting in October. If anyone else would like to be nominated for a position on the Board of Trustees, please inform the Adjutant to be included on the ballot.
  - a. Commandant – John Phipps
  - b. Sr. Vice Commandant – Ray O'Neill
  - c. Jr. Vice Commandant – Bill Brown
  - d. Judge Advocate – Jorge ArmholdThe remainder of the positions is appointed and will probably be populated by previous position holders.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Dept. Chief of Staff John Staley was in attendance and presented the Detachment with a 2015 Certificate of Commendation for our dedication to the League. He then introduced Dept. SVC Jeff Jones and Dept. Adjutant Rick Thomasson to speak about MCL and Dept. issues.
2. Jeff spoke about the National Convention in Tulsa. NC had 22 members in attendance. The Commandant of the Marine Corps was the guest speaker. Three items of interest: the MCL cover is the only uniform required for any of the national and dept. conventions. The National building has been sold and they are moving to leased space, thereby saving money. The dues structure is changing to have all dues due on September 1 every year in the future.
3. Rick spoke to upcoming Dept. quarterly meetings that he hoped many members would be interested in attending:
  - a. Boone – 24Sep2016
  - b. Salisbury – December 2016
  - c. Ashville – March 2017
  - d. Raleigh – State convention – June 2017
  - e. Raleigh – Mideast convention – June 2017
4. Jeff noted that NC has lost Detachments, down from 58 to 55, but they are working to reignite these detachments.
5. Responding to a question, Jeff noted that the National finances are still being fixed, but good controls are now in place and they expect to recoup lost funds. The state finances are in excellent shape.
6. Jeff noted that the Reserve Unit in Raleigh has a new First Sergeant – 1stSgt. Justin Branch. The Raleigh Recruiting Office has a new Sergeant Major – SgtMaj. Jonathan Clark.
7. John noted that MCL Stores will no longer sell red jackets, but John Dilday at the Tarheel Det. has a source and we can order through him. Buttons for the jackets need to be ordered from MCL Stores.
8. John also noted that the Capital City Young Marines are currently 100 strong and available for any ceremonies in the area.

## **K. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

George Cattalona won the 50/50 raffle and Jim Lange was the winner of the attendance raffle which stood at \$225.00. He was not present so the money rolls to next month when the winner can receive \$250.00 if present.

After the meeting, SVC of the Dept. of NC Jeff Jones has available Department challenge coins for sale at \$10.00 if anyone desires to buy them.

**SVC Phipps** closed the meeting at approximately 2000 hours. Supper by John Phipps followed the meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jack Kemeny  
Adjutant