



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League  
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257  
Monthly Meeting: 7Feb2017**

Prior to the meeting, the Ladies of Valor presented George Cattelona with a handmade quilt to honor his service in WWII.

**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 John Phipps – present  
Sr. Vice Commandant Ray O’Neill – excused  
Jr. Vice Commandant Bill Brown – 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 Pete Lambert – present

**B. ATTENDANCE**

Approximately 17 members and 0 guests present.

**C. NEW MEMBERS**

None present.

**D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

December meeting was a short potluck supper meeting and no minutes were published. The January 2017 meeting was cancelled due to weather and no minutes were published.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

We received thank you notes regarding a deceased Marine whose family needed funds to bury him. The Detachment donated funds to help the family.

## **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**

Chaplain Holt discussed medical and other issues for Detachment members and noted that Bob Peters is awaiting a surgical procedure. Joe Clap had a surgical procedure and is recovering. Joe Vasilko's wife is having medical issues as is Ray Gerald's wife.

Your thoughts and prayers for those in distress are appreciated.

## **H. REPORT OF OFFICERS**

1. Paymaster Whalen discussed our fund raising efforts with the gun raffle. He noted that incoming funds are down year over year. At one time, in the year after the Sandy Hook incident, we were raising about \$22,000 and we are down last year at about \$12,000. This has impacted our budgets for donations. We need more ticket sales by our members for the 30 tickets provided to each. Ed noted that member sales were primarily by three members who sell in excess of the 30 tickets, whereas many other members sell none. A suggestion was made to provide a prize to the top member ticket seller; perhaps a hand gun; to be discussed further.
2. P/M Whalen noted our next gun show is 18/19Mar2017 and volunteers are needed. He is also trying to arrange a reservation at Pavilion 5 at Sanderling Beach for the Detachment picnic on 10Jun2017.
3. JPC Lambert noted that the next VA bingo is on 1Mar2017 and everyone is invited to participate. The next WF flag raising is on 3Apr2017 and our member, Jim Steffens will be honored.
4. Adjutant Kemeny noted that Danny Richards was supposed to sign and deliver participant certificates at the meeting but was not present.

## **I. OLD BUSINESS**

1. The USO at RDU is desperate for snack items to feed the many Marines and other service members passing through the airport. Members are asked to bring in snack items to our meetings and Terry will deliver to the RDU USO.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Commandant Phipps made a suggestion to produce an indoor marathon, running on a tread mill and riding a stationary bike. We could advertise it as helping the Wounded Warrior Battalion at Camp Lejeune. People could sign up and pay an entry fee to run/ride and receive a medal/trophy to go the farthest by a date certain, or the fastest for a set number of miles, all to be verified at the health clubs involved. Entry fees and advertising fees by businesses would be donations for the WWB.
2. Ed Whalen requested and received approval to purchase another sniper style rifle for next year's raffle at a cost of \$3000, including optics and case.

**K. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

1. Burt Lockhart won the 50/50 raffle and Kevin Hughes won the attendance raffle which stood at \$25.00. He was not present so the money rolls to next month.

Commandant Phipps closed the meeting at approximately 1933 hours.

**NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING:** 14Mar2017 at 1800 at the Legion Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jack Kemeny  
Adjutant

