



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 11Jul2017**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 1900 hours the Meeting was called to order by Senior Vice Commandant O’Neill and the opening ceremony was held.

A. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT

All present or accounted for:

Commandant John Phipps – excused
Sr. Vice Commandant Ray O’Neill – present
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 14 members and two guests present.

C. NEW MEMBERS

SVC O’Neill swore in Ray Duprey as a new member.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Web Sergeant has published the June minutes to the website.

E. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None received.

F. PAYMASTER’S REPORT

Paymaster provided a financial report after the meeting and reported that the Detachment’s finance’s are in good 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 started her report asking for a moment of silence for the Marines killed in the KC130 crash near Memphis.

Chaplain Holt discussed medical and other issues for Detachment members and noted that she is being tested for heart issues by the VA. Pete Lambert is being reevaluated for a kidney transplant. Jim Vasilko was hospitalized overnight for a vascular procedure and had some issues following that. He is now home and recovering from pneumonia.

George Cattalona was medivaced to the VA ER for a hip problem related to a fall. He is now returned to Elmcroft of Northridge. (Note: we received word on 23Jul2017 that George has passed away and we are awaiting information on his memorial service.)

Your thoughts and prayers for those in distress are appreciated.

H. REPORT OF OFFICERS

1. SVC O'Neill noted Commandant Phipps continues to plan a virtual biathlon for Detachment fund raising.
2. The gun show on 1/2July2017 was noted as being very poor for ticket sales and we are \$1900+ down for the year. Our next show is 5/6Aug2017 and we need better sales from it. Also we need the membership to sell all tickets provided to them. Ed obtained more volunteers during the meeting to staff the gun show table.
3. JPC Lambert noted that the next WF flag raising is on 7Aug2017 at 1100 in front of Town Hall. The uniform for Marines will be short sleeved white shirts if you have them. If not, the MCL cover will suffice.
4. The next VA bingo night is 2Aug2017 and all are invited to participate. Also Pete will take any donated comfort items and used magazines to the VA.
5. The annual Purple Heart Foundation dinner will be held on 5Aug2017 at the same venue as last year. This year Texas Road House will be catering the dinner. Pete Lambert has tickets for sale.
6. The USO at RDU needs money donations, books and magazines, incidentals and snack items to care for the many Marines and other service members passing through the airport. Members are asked to bring in items to our meetings and Terry will deliver to the RDU USO.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. JVC Brown has formed a fund raising committee to find new ways to raise funds for our charity work and is looking for volunteers to help. Ideas he is considering include involving other Detachments in our ticket sales; selling tickets online; looking at other gun shows in say, Charlotte or Virginia; have our members sell more tickets outside of the gun shows; develop the virtual biathlon discussed by John Phipps; Milton's and City BBQ fund raisers; 5K race; mud run and other ideas developed by the membership.

2. The American Legion is holding a school supply drive for the children at Fort Bragg. Donations can be made in the box on the front porch of the Legion Hall.

J. NEW BUSINESS

None.

K. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

1. John Staley discussed the recent NC MCL state convention and noted that it was dedicated to the Montford Point Marines. There were some changes to bylaws and of note, the winter convention is deleted. The fall convention will be in Ocean Isle Beach and incoming officers will be elected.
2. Since our Detachment no longer holds a Marine Corps Birthday Ball, and the Reserve Unit Ball will be held in Charlotte this year, John invited our Detachment to take part in the Tar Heel Detachment Ball on 10Nov2017.
3. April Cates presented a plaque from the Franklin County Miracle to the Detachment for our financial support of the Miracle League.
4. Jerry Glenn won the 50/50 raffle and Ken Jenkins won the attendance raffle which stood at \$25.00.

SVC O'Neill closed the meeting at approximately 1935 hours and the closing ceremony was held.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: 8Aug2017 at 1800 at the Legion Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Kemeny
Adjutant

