



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 8Aug2017**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 1900 hours the Meeting was called to order by Commandant Phipps 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 – present
Jr. Vice Commandant Bill Brown – excused
Judge Advocate Jorge Armhold – present
Paymaster Ed Whalen – present
Adjutant Jack Kemeny – present
Chaplain Tammy Holt – excused
Sgt. at Arms Ken Jenkins – excused
Service Officer Ron Prokopowicz – excused
Junior Past Commandant Pete Lambert – present

B. ATTENDANCE

Approximately 10 members and two guests present. Low attendance due to ill members.

C. NEW MEMBERS

None.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Web Sergeant has published the July 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 was not in attendance, but we discussed medical and other issues for Detachment members and noted that she is being treated for heart issues by the VA. George Cattalona passed away on 23Jul2017 and his funeral mass and military interment was held on 29Jul2017. It was a very nice service and well attended by our members. Pete Lambert is being reevaluated for a kidney transplant. Jerry Glenn is undergoing surgery for cancer. Ken Jenkins is undergoing surgery for a torn rotator cuff.

Your thoughts and prayers for those in distress are appreciated.

H. REPORT OF OFFICERS

1. Paymaster Whalen discussed the financial report, again noting that all our members need to sell their allotted gun raffle tickets due to poor sales at gun shows. Our projections are down \$2200+ thus far with only two shows left. The recent gun show on 5/6Aug2017 had poor sales, with attendance by the public down and no excitement for gun or ammo sales.
2. Past Commandant Lambert noted that the next town flag raising will be on 11Sep2017 for a local WWII Marine vet, Willis Winston. The UOTD will be short sleeved white shirts. Bingo at the VA Hospital will be on 6Sep2017; all are invited. Also Pete will take any donated comfort items and used magazines to the VA.
3. The Purple Heart Foundation Dinner was held on 5Aug2017 at Richland Creek Community Church. It was sold out and very well done. 75 recipients were honored and the speaker was great.
4. At George Cattelona's services, we met a gentleman involved with the 5th Marine Division reunions who is honoring veterans with an engraved multitool. The tool is free to those who request it, although he will take donations. Adjutant Kemeny will send out the brochure that can be used to order it.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. As previously reported, 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; raffling a specialty vehicle, Milton's and City BBQ fund raisers; 5K race; mud run and other ideas developed by the membership.
2. We are still trying to determine a methodology to donate to the Wounded Warrior Battalion – East. We can no longer write a check directly to them; it must go through the parent organization. Adjutant Kemeny is researching other organizations for donations and will report out to the BOT next month.
3. 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 Shackleton will deliver to the RDU USO.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pete Lambert discussed a recent presentation by the Tommy Bahama retail store at the mall. They would like to use our local detachment logo, along with those of the VFW and American Legion, for a military honor sales campaign over Veterans' Day. A percentage of all proceeds would be donated to the local chapters. The VFW has already approved the use of their logo. We will present this to the membership for approval. We believe this donation can be made to Fisher House in the future.
2. There is a book available on the side table that is the DMVA Resource Guide. Anyone who wants one can take it at the end of the meeting.
3. The National Guard Unit wives are collecting school supplies for their children and comfort items for their troops currently serving in Europe and the Middle East. They need help organizing these items on 16Aug2017 at the Youngsville Armory if anyone would like to help.

K. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

1. Our website is currently out of date and needs additional information input. The website, as well as other social media such as Facebook and Twitter needs to be implemented and kept up to date if we want to attract young Marines. It was suggested that John Phipps and Doug Doshier contact Rick DePierro to see if they can help in this effort.
2. The NC Depart. Commandant, Jeff Jones, attended our meeting to bring us up to date on current events. He first lamented the fact that none of us attended the past Dept. meeting in Raleigh. He noted that they will only hold 3 meetings per year in the future and the next annual meeting will be in Winston Salem. The next fall meeting will be in Ocean Isle Beach.
3. The NC Depart. SVC, Rick Thomason, also attended. He brought along the Department AR15 raffle rifle to solicit ticket sales. In addition, he brought Department challenge coins. Commandant Phipps bought 5 and asked the Adjutant to send an email offering these for sale at \$10.00 to any member who might desire one.
4. Ray O'Neill won the 50/50 raffle and Mike Todd won the attendance raffle which stood at \$25.00. He was not in attendance, so the money rolls to next month and will be at \$50.00.

Commandant Phipps closed the meeting at approximately 1940 hours and the closing ceremony was held.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: 12Sep2017 at 1800 at the Legion Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Kemeny
Adjutant