



**Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 12Sep2017**

Prior to the meeting, we had a presentation by the manager of Tommy Bahama Clothing store at Crabtree Mall. She explained the fund raiser for the three Wake Forest veterans' organizations on Veterans' Day, 11Nov2017. Ten percent of the store's revenue will be donated and split between the organizations. The BOT approved the use of our local MCL logo for the fund raiser. The donation we receive will be used to purchase gift cards at Walmart to be provided to the wounded warriors at the WWB-E.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 1900 hours the Meeting was called to order by SVC 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 15 members and one guest present.

C. NEW MEMBERS

One potential new member, Don Allard, who served on brig staff, in the intelligence office and as a pastor after his USMC service.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

E. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

One thank you note for a donation made.

F. PAYMASTER'S REPORT

Paymaster provided a financial report during 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 discussed medical and other issues for Detachment members and noted that she is being treated for heart issues by the VA. Ken Jenkins is recovering from rotator cuff surgery, Kevin Murphy is fighting bladder cancer, Pete Lambert is awaiting listing for a kidney transplant, Jerry Glenn is recovering from cancer, Jack Kemeny is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on 22Sep.

Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers and visit to keep everyone's spirits up.

H. REPORT OF OFFICERS

1. Paymaster Whalen detailed ticket sales noting that we continue to have poor sales at gun shows. The recent gun show in Greensboro, where we expect to very good sales, generated only \$470 over two days. Attendance by the public is down and little gun or ammo sales by the show's vendors.
2. Past Commandant Lambert noted that the next town flag raising will be on 18Sep2017 for a local WWII Marine vet, Willis Winston. The UOTD will be short sleeved white shirts. Bingo at the VA Hospital will be on 4Oct2017 at 1600; all are invited. Also Pete will take any donated comfort items and used magazines to the VA.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. We again discussed what we need to do to raise funds for the Detachment's charitable efforts. Suggestions include selling gun tickets online, accepting credit card payments, have our members sell more tickets outside of the gun shows, develop the virtual biathlon presented by John Phipps; Milton's Pizza and City BBQ fund raisers; selling certificates for the new car wash on Rogers Rd., an annual 5K race in Joyner Park, a mud run, and any other ideas suggested by the membership.
2. We discussed the need to update our social networks, the website and Facebook page, in order to attract new, younger members. This will be tasked to Doug Doster, Bill Brown and Rich DePierro.
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.

4. John Staley sent an email providing some information on the only Marine Corps Birthday Ball to be held in the Triangle area. To be held on 10Nov2017 at the Devils Ridge Golf Club in Holly Springs. Hosted by the Tar Heel Detachment. Cash bar opens at 1730-1800, dinner choices are beef, chicken or fish. Photographer will be available. DJ and dancing after a formal birthday ceremony. Cost is \$50-60 per person. Members of our Detachment have been invited to attend.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. The BOT voted to provide hurricane relief funds in the amount of \$100 each to the MCL Departments of Texas, Louisiana and Florida.
2. Ed Whalen and Bill Brown are going to staff a recruitment table at the Wake Forest "Best of the Best" event on Thursday, 14Sep2017.
3. A nominating committee was appointed for the purpose of nominating new officers for 2018. The committee is Ed Whalen, Bill Brown and Jack Kemeny.
4. Doug Doster is also the Adjutant for the American Legion Post and has developed an online calendar that will incorporate all three vet organizations activities each month.
5. The next and final gun show for 2017 is 18-19Nov2017 at the state fairgrounds. We will award this year's rifle and present next year's rifle, so we must staff two tables and Ed needs additional volunteers.

K. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

1. Jorge Armhold won the 50/50 raffle and Doug Doster won the attendance raffle which stood at \$50.00.

SVC O'Neill closed the meeting at approximately 2000 hours and the closing ceremony was held.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: 10Oct2017 at 1800 at the Legion Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Kemeny
Adjutant