



**Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 10Oct2017**

Prior to the meeting, a member of the Tarheel Detachment, James White, and an assistant manager with City BBQ was our speaker. He also provided our dinner. City BBQ will work with us in fundraising and donate 25% of pretax sales on a date certain. They will send out flyers to their customers to use at the restaurants. We can set a table up to recruit new members but cannot pass out the flyers there. We can do this any days Monday thru Thursdays from 10:30am to 10:00 pm and can do all four locations at the same time. They have locations in Raleigh, Cary, Durham, and Garner.

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 – excused
Chaplain Tammy Holt – present
Sgt. at Arms Ken Jenkins – present
Service Officer Ron Prokopowicz – excused
Junior Past Commandant Pete Lambert – present

B. ATTENDANCE

Approximately 19 members and one guest present.

C. NEW MEMBERS

None attending.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

E. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

One thank you note received from the Department of Florida for a donation to help with hurricane recovery. A certificate received from the Wake Weekly newspaper denoting our Detachment as one of "The Best of the Best".

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 listed the sick and distressed in the Detachment – Kevin Murphy is fighting an aggressive bladder cancer, Danny Richards' wife is being treated for cancer, Angelo DeBenedictis' wife is being treated for a melanoma near her eye, Bill Brown is due to get the stitches removed from his eye from cataract surgery, Tammy Holt is due for an echocardiogram on 1Nov2017, and Jack Kemeny is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

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

H. REPORT OF OFFICERS

1. Paymaster Whalen discussed the financial report, noting that our last gun show is on 18-19Nov2017 where we hope to improve donations for the rifle to be awarded that Sunday. Our new precision rifle for next year will be introduced and hopefully also generate good sales so we must staff two tables and Ed needs additional volunteers.. He also had two small drones for sale. If no one buys them, he will sell raffle tickets for them at a dollar a ticket.
2. Bill Brown and Ed Whalen will coordinate to get those members behind in their dues to get caught up. Dues are now all due by 1September every year.
3. JVC Brown is reaching out to local MCL members at large to draw them into the Detachment and to recently inactive Detachment members to reactivate their memberships. Bill also discussed additional fund raising activities for the Detachment beyond what we already do. Bill has reached out to Rich DePierro regarding the upkeep of the Detachment website. Bill will continue discussions with Rich on how to keep our website updated and current, as well as improving our presence on social networks. Doug Doster is inputting information to our Facebook page and will accept any information you send him via email.
4. Past Commandant Lambert noted that the next town flag raising will be 2Apr2018 for Bailey Newton, a Coast Guard veteran... Roger Gross will be assigned a flag raising in 2018 and if another date is available, George Cattalona or Frank Kildea will be honored. Bingo at the VA Hospital will be on 1Nov2017; all are invited. Also Pete will take any donated comfort items and used magazines to the VA.
5. Pete noted the American Legion will be coordinating the Veterans' Day ceremony on 11Nov2017 and needs a speaker from the Detachment.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. 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.
2. The slate of nominated officers was presented by the nominating committee to the membership by motion of Terry Shackleton, seconded by Danny Richards, and approved for the election at the November meeting.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. A Veteran's Day celebration will be held at the Renaissance Center from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on 2Nov2017.
2. Ed Whalen, Bill Brown, Tammy Holt, and Jerry Glenn attended the NC Alzheimer's 5K run on Sept 30th. They were requested to attend and hold the flags during the singing of the National Anthem in honor of George Cattelona.
3. There was also a discussion regarding the MCL, AL, and VFW doing a group BBQ sale. Also, the AL will be extending the Legion Hall 12 feet to the west in the future.
4. A life membership card presentation was made to Brandon Holliday.

K. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

1. Bill Brown will be making two more trips to Quantico. If anyone needs anything from the Semper Fi store let him know.
2. Terry Shackleton won the 50/50 raffle and Kevin Hughes won the attendance raffle which stood at \$25.00. Kevin was not in attendance so the money rolls to next month.

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

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: 14Nov2017 at 1800 at the Legion Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Kemeny
Adjutant
(Thanks to Chaplain Tammy Holt)