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Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257 Monthly Meeting: 12Mar2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 1900 hours the Meeting was called to order by Commandant Brown and the opening ceremony was held.

A. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT

All present or accounted for: Commandant William Brown – present Sr. Vice Commandant Jerry Glenn – present Jr. Vice Commandant Ray O'Neill – 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 Terry Shackelton – absent Junior Past Commandant - absent

B. ATTENDANCE

Approximately 16 members and 3 guests, John Staley, NDVC, and Doug Smith and Bob Cubillas, both to be inducted as new members.

C. NEW MEMBERS

Doug Smith and Bob Cubillas were inducted into the Detachment.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of last month's meeting have not yet been published to the website. Those minutes have been emailed to the membership.

E. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Correspondence received via email and forwarded to pertinent staff and members. One thank you note received by Tammy Holt from the North Carolina Alzheimer's Association thanking us for participating in its Walk/Run.

F. PAYMASTER'S REPORT

Paymaster provided a financial report to the Board of Trustees 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.

G. SICK & DISTRESSED

We noted that the list of sick and infirm include Pete Lambert awaiting a kidney, Burt Lockhart recovering from shoulder surgery, Tammy Holt undergoing a heart procedure, Velinda Moore with health problems, Jim Vasilko's sister recently passed away and Joe Claps receiving cancer treatment at the Durham VA Hospital. Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers and call and visit to keep everyone's spirits up.

H. REPORT OF OFFICERS

None.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pete Lambert noted the first Town flag raising will be on 1Apr2019 for a Navy vet. UOTD will be casual (red jackets if you have them). The May flag raising was to be for George Cattalona, but has been postponed to 2020 due to his daughter's illness. The committee is seeking another veteran for the May 2020 flag raising.

2. Bingo at the VA Hospital has been retained at 1400 hours and will be on 3Apr2019.

3. The Vet booth at the Farmer's Market starts up on 6Apr2019 and returns every Saturday through October. Pete occasionally finds a new potential member at these events and follow-up recruitment needs to be done with a phone call, not email.

4. Doug Doster discussed our developing website at AirLandNC.org and showed its current condition on the TV screen.

5. Commandant Brown discussed various uniform options for members and noted that if you need a uniform item or accessory available at the MCL Ships Store, you can order online prior to one of his trips to the Quantico area, thus saving shipping costs.

6. Commandant Brown again discussed the rifle and pistol competition supported by the National MCL, or National Postal Match. Competition takes place from March-October every year and each Detachment needs 4-5 members to compete. Complete rules can be found on the National MCL website.

7. We have agreed to present the flag at several conferences/events at the Renaissance Center. Members have volunteered for this duty and will need the proper uniform to participate. The casual uniform needs black trousers and the undress uniform needs dress blue trousers with the NCO blood stripe. Commandant Brown is replacing the flag harnesses needed for this duty.

8. P/M Whalen noted that our gun show this past weekend resulted in modest receipts and that the gun shows are not as well attended as in the past. Our total sales through this show for 2018/19 are about \$2700.00 down versus 2017/18. He has 30 raffle tickets to disburse to each member attending tonight and will mail the remaining to the rest of the membership. Adjutant Kemeny will provide a flyer to the membership to help them sell

tickets (done). All Detachment members need to make an effort to sell tickets to relatives and friends.

9. Commandant Brown formed a committee to explore ways to increase raffle ticket sales and find other venues to raise money to finance our charitable obligations. The committee consists of Jerry Glenn, Bill Brown, Ed Whalen and Doug Doster.

10. Adjutant Kemeny has emailed Bill Crabtree at Town Hall with input information for the town calendar. This recurring information has been input to the town calendar and must be reordered every three months.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Commandant of the Marine Corps is encouraging the Marine Corps League to support the Marine Reserve in supplying an honor guard at veteran funerals. This will entail carrying the flags and rifles, with a gun salute to the veteran. We are exploring the requirements for obtaining M-1 rifles and blank ammunition for this duty including need, training procedures, qualifications, secure storage, etc. The National MCL website has a description of how to become involved in this program. Commandant Brown asked for volunteers interested in this duty and six volunteered. We will contact the local Reserve Unit to train and test these volunteers.

2. We discussed the possibility of starting up a monthly newsletter for the Detachment. We had one at the start of the Detachment, but it died out for lack of a member to continue it. Commandant Brown asked for a volunteer to explore starting one up again. Joe Mitchell volunteered to do so. He can look to the Tarheel Detachment who publishes one. Also Rich Heroux publishes one locally for the VFW Post.

3. DVC Staley discussed upcoming meetings for the North Carolina Department – 2019 Department Spring Membership Meeting, 5/6Apr2019 at the Best Western Burlington, Burlington, NC, and the 2019 Department Convention, 7/8Jun2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Jacksonville, NC.

K. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Ed Whalen won the 50/50 raffle. John Phipps won the attendance raffle, but was not present, so the \$25.00 rolls over to next month's drawing.

Commandant Brown closed the meeting at approximately 2020 hours and the closing ceremony was held.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: 0Apr2019 at 1900 at the Legion Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Kemeny Adjutant