



Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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**Minutes of the Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257
Monthly Meeting: 13Oct2020**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 1830 hours the Meeting was called to order by Commandant Glenn and the opening ceremony was held. Due to the current Phase 2 requirements on meetings by the State government, this meeting was conducted online via Zoom.

A. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ADJUTANT

All present or accounted for:
Commandant Jerry Glenn – present
Sr. Vice Commandant Terry Shackleton – present
Jr. Vice Commandant Bill Mosena – 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 Bill Brown – present
Junior Past Commandant Bill Brown - present

B. ATTENDANCE.

Approximately 15 members

C. NEW MEMBERS

None present.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The September 2020 minutes have been emailed to the membership and approved by voice vote at an earlier BOT meeting.

E. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Correspondence received via email and forwarded to pertinent staff and members.

F. PAYMASTER’S REPORT

Paymaster provided a financial report to the Board of Trustees and reported that the Detachment’s finances are in good condition. The details are included in the BOT minutes which are now provided to the membership.

G. SICK & DISTRESSED

- a. Chaplain Holt discussed the list of sick and infirm. Tammy reported that the Perones are doing well and back in their regular quarters. Deb Bonner is recovering from an ankle operation. Angelo DeBenedictis has received a pacemaker and is doing well. Jorge Armhold is recovering from thyroid issues and doing well. Recent information about Ray O'Neill finds him hospitalized with a serious infection and undergoing surgery. Bill Mosena reported he is recovering from adjusting to medication changes and a neck injury. Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers.

H. REPORT OF OFFICERS

1. Jerry Glenn – Commandant
 - a. Bill Brown has received review of our Bylaws from the DoNC Judge Advocate and will meet with Commandant Glenn near end of month to finalize.
 - b. Completed adding all Detachment members to the Marine Corps League Library. Everyone now has access.
 - c. Jerry urged everyone to get their flu shots and eliminate one health issue this season. Covid-19 is more than enough.
 - d. The VA is open for business, but we cannot volunteer for bingo until further notice. The USO facilities are closed until further notice, but will take donations.
 - e. Bill Brown has USMC masks to sell. Contact him at wbrown145@nc.rr.com.
2. Bill Brown – Jr. Past Commandant
Nothing to report.
3. Terry Shackleton – SVC
Nothing to report.
4. Bill Mosena – JVC
 - a. JVC Bill Mosena has responsibility for recruiting new members and is actively pursuing leads. Commandant Glenn has found Marine Barry Barbour and FMF corpsman Tom Jackson and invited them to our General Meeting. Bill will pursue them further.
 - b. The “Once a Marine Always a Marine” flyer for new memberships and advertising is finalized and ready for use.
5. Jorge Armhold – Judge Advocate
Jorge has determined not to run for Judge Advocate in 2021 and Jim Vasilko has stepped up to run for this position.
6. Jack Kemeny - Adjutant
 - a. The Veterans Smile program provides FREE critical dental care for program eligible Veterans in need and which may not be covered by the VA. Contact VS Program Chairperson, Patricia DeVore via email at: padevoreveteranssmile@gmail.com for more information or to pre-screen for VS program eligibility. The Veterans Smile program’s goal is to give Veterans something to SMILE about again!!
 - b. Purple Heart Homes – a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded by Veterans for Veterans, which has the singular mission of making life easier for

Service-Connected Disabled Veterans by modifying, adapting, or building on existing homes to ensure greater mobility and comfort. Contact info: (704) 838-4044 or

<http://www.purplehearthomesusa.org>

7. Commandant Glenn reviewed the following and various committee activities:
 - a. **Historian** Committee (past Officers, Events) - Bob Peters.
Nothing to report.
 - b. **Gun Raffle** Committee - Ed Whalen
 - i. The next gun show in Greensboro on 31Oct-1Nov2020 was cancelled. After that we only have the November show in Raleigh to finalize sales and award the guns. We have not had very good sales overall and this will impact our program budgets for the next fiscal year.
 - ii. The rifle and its accessories have been purchased for next year's raffle. It is a Ruger M77 Hawkeye in 6.5 creedmoor. We have also decided to offer the remaining Hawk 982 shotgun as part of the award and are upgrading it as a home defense gun. We are in process of printing tickets for the raffle and again will offer 3000 tickets at \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. New posters for the display are also being prepared.
 - c. **Awards** Committee - Bill Brown
The upcoming Boy Scout meetings for Good Citizenship awards for two Eagle Scouts are on hold until we are advised to move forward. Bill Brown spoke with DoNC Eagle Scout Officer Charles Minton and discussed how Eagle Scouts can be acknowledged in MCL or private family ceremonies if Eagle Court of Honor Ceremonies can't be conducted any time soon. This may be an option.
 - d. **Grant** Committee-Not addressed.
 - i. Scholarship Programs
 - ii. Toys for Tots (Danny Richards)
Boxes are available for distribution to members and placement at retail locations. The T4T shed has been donated by Youngsville Storage, Unit #22, and the lock code is TOTS. Gate code is 5048#. Last day for toy pickup is 7Dec2020. Sam's Club is providing a gift card for T4T.
 - iii. Young Marines (contact Ryan Siemer)
 - iv. Veteran Services Volunteering. All activities volunteering at the USO and VA Hospital are suspended pending the lifting of the lockdown.
 - v. Marines Helping Marines
 - e. **Color Guard** Committee - Bill Brown
All honor details and events have been suspended pending lifting of the coronavirus lockdown.
 - f. **Social / Entertainment** Committee – Arlene Kemeny
Jerry had conversations with Doug Doster and the results were very positive relative to using the Legion Hall for MCL activities:

- i. The Detachment is free to use the Legion Hall for our meetings/activities as long as we do not conflict with the American Legion or VFW calendar meetings/events. So, we need to watch what they have scheduled before we finalize anything. Our meeting dates/times are already locked in.
- ii. We will not be charged for utilization if it is a MCL event. This includes Movie night, bingo, social gathering, or anything else that includes the Marines.
- iii. Anyone can rent the Hall for \$25.00 for other types of gatherings. Birthday parties, anniversaries, etc.
- iv. If we schedule a Movie for the membership, Doug has offered to run their new A/V equipment/TV for us.
- v. If we schedule a Bingo for the membership, Doug once again stepped up. He has an electronic Bingo application already installed and will run it for us. The called numbers display on the large TV screen. Doug also has the proper printer to print bingo sheets for the players. All we would need to provide would be markers for those bingo sheets. We also would need to keep him informed on the number of games and players so that we have enough sheets pre-printed. The printer is not at the Hall.
- vi. The Detachment is welcome to use the kitchen for any of our membership events.
- vii. This leaves one last thing to consider. This is, we need "your ideas" for social events. Arlene is our Social/Entertainment Committee Chair and if you see something that we can do, please share it with her. A picnic in June is being organized.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. The BOT approved the purchase of a ZOOM license to hold virtual meetings beyond the 40-minute limit with the temporary license. Zoom meetings will continue to be held for both the BOT and general membership meetings until it is safe to meet in person at the Legion Hall.
2. The Detachment Officers Nominations Committee, Bob Peters and Pete Lambert held a third announcement for nominations at the General Meeting. Three announcements are required prior to the election of officers. Elections will be held at the November General Meeting and Officers installed at the December General Meeting by DoNC DVC Bill Brown.
3. There is a memorial service for the Marines and FMF Corpsman of BLT 1/8 who were lost in the terrorist attack in Beirut as they slept in their barracks, 23Oct1983. The service will be held on 23Oct2020 at 5 E Edenton Street, Raleigh NC. Sponsor is Al Pasquale, SVC, Tar-Heel Detachment, pasqualeusmc@yahoo.com 484- 802-2516.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Commandant Glenn discussed the upcoming MCL and Department conferences and conventions to be held in 2020 and 2021.
2. The Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced a new

program with Apple to increase veterans' access to Virtual Care benefits by providing free iPads to some vets. You must be enrolled in VA Health Card, don't have internet access or a video device. Consult your VA Health Care team to see if you are eligible.

3. New TV ads for the Marine Corps will start on TV 17 September 2020 titled "Battle to Belong". 30 and 60 second versions. The ads will be followed by digital ads, including display banners, social media ads and other materials. Filmed in Atlanta and Parris Island in late February to early March 2020. Link was sent via email.
<https://www.military.com/video/exclusive-marines-new-battle-belong-video-targets-gen-z-members-looking-real-connections>.
4. Bill Brown has a tri-fold pamphlet for the Detachment that includes an application for membership, meeting time info, map and just needs a group photo of Detachment officers. Commandant Glenn will provide assistance.

There was no 50/50 raffle and no attendance raffle.

Commandant Glenn closed the meeting at approximately 1930 hours.

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: 10Nov2020 (USMC Birthday) at 1730 via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Kemeny
Adjutant