



**Air, Land, NC Detachment 1257, Marine Corps League
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“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”

Date: 20 Feb 2022

To: MCL Detachment #1257
From: Adjutant
Subj: General Membership Meeting – 8 Feb 2022

The Detachment meeting was called to order by Commandant Shackelton and the opening ceremony was held.

Roll Call of Officers By Adjutant

Commandant – Terry Shackelton - Present
Sr. Vice Commandant – Bill Mosenen - Present
Jr. Vice Commandant – Randal Rempfer - Excused
Judge Advocate – Jack Kemeny - Present

Appointments by Commandant

Adjutant – Shawn Potwin - Present
Paymaster - Ed Whalen – Present
Chaplain - Tammy Holt - Present
Jr. Past Commandant – Jerry Glenn- Present
Service Officer - Bill Brown – Present
Sergeant-At-Arms - Ken Jenkins - Present
Marine 4 Life - Vacant
Web Sergeant – Shawn Potwin - Present
Historian - Bob Peters – Present

Applications for Membership or Transfer:

Ballots for Membership: Laura Michelle Nash for Associate Member.

Ceremony of Installation:

Minutes of Previous Meeting –

Commandant Shackelton asked if the members had read the previous meetings minutes that were sent out via email. Al Pasquale said he did not receive them. Commandant Shackelton directed, and Adjutant Potwin read the highlights from the December meeting. Bill Brown motioned to accept minutes as read. Al Pasquale second the motion. There was no discussion. The motion to accept the minutes was passed.

Correspondence: There was none to report.

Report of the Paymaster:

The Paymaster’s report as of 1/31/2022 was provided. Bill Brown made a motion to

accept, _Allen Brown_ seconded the motion. – voted and approved, subject to audit.

Report of Members/Member’s family, sick or in distress:

- Al Pasquale lost granddaughter Angelina Printy passed 4 months ago. Also, his second daughters’ partner also passed. He hopes that Tami Holt continues to get well.
- Pete Lambert is in the same condition with his kidney issues.
- No word on Ray O’Neal and no contact.

Report of Officers:

Commandant: Terry Shackelton

- Apologized for using the format “pages” instead of PDF for the meeting agenda. He said he would use PDF in the future.
- Stated that he would like to run the meetings in a more formal way. For example, if there is a motion to stand and be recognized. If standing is hard, raise your hand and be recognized.
- 1 rap of the gavel is to be seated and 2 raps of the gavel is to stand.
- If between meetings you come up with something that you would like to discuss to please send an email to one of the officers. We have a meeting of the officers on the 4th Tuesday, and we will bring it up during our officers meeting. If something comes up after the 4th Tuesday still email one of the officers and we will work through getting that on the agenda.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Bill Mosena – Nothing to report

Jr. Vice Commandant: Randal Rempfer - Excused

Judge Advocate: Jack Kemeny

- Brandon Holiday sent an email and said he received 100% disability from the VA and has been helping people for years. He volunteered his help for anyone who might want to further their claim to VA. There is also a meeting in Cary next month (March) for 3 days that they will help you see if you can increase your VA benefits.

Adjutant: Shawn Potwin – Nothing to report as Adjutant

Web Sgt: Shawn Potwin

- Update on Web page – Revamping website and hoping for a first draft to go live by Feb 13th and would like feedback.
 - We will have pictures and bios of our officers and I would like feedback. If you want to change your picture or the wording on you bio please let me know.
 - Events page will be anything that we have coming up. This could be Marine Corps League specific or other general information for veterans. If you have something that you would like to put on the events page, please let me know.
 - We have a new email for the Web Sergeant and that is Det1257web@gmail.com
 - The website is being changed so that it is easier to update on the bac end. It is being updated to a template based website builder from a “WordPress” builder.
 - Jeff Costa asked if the redesign is including the FaceBook Page or is only for the website. The Web Sergeant explained that the initial phase is to get

the website up and running then work on the Facebook page. The end goal is to have several additional social media platform accounts for the detachment such as Instagram, Tictok, etc. and to create the small videos and interactions on the social media platforms. The goal is to let Marines and the community members know we are here, and we are involved. This goal is to help with recruiting and community awareness.

Chaplin: Tammy Holt – Nothing to report

Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Jenkins – Nothing to report

Junior Past Commandant: Jerry Glenn

- Was at a Career Day on Feb 4th, 2022, at Wake Forest High School. During this function the Marine Corps recruiter, Sgt Matthews, was there and Jerry approached him about the Marine Corps League. Sgt Matthews said he did not know that there was a Marine Corps League Detachment in Wake Forest. Jerry said he gave the Commandant Sgt Matthews card, and he would be open to coming to a meeting if he was invited. The Commandant has the information and is taking action.
- Jerry bought in the dolls that had not been sold. He would like to propose the Marine Corps League to do something with them or donate them. Jerry Glenn made a motion to donate the dolls to the Wake Forest Senior Center and Jeff Costa second the motion and it passed.

Service officer:

- Commandant Shackelton has appointed Al Pasquale as Service officer and has requested Bill Brown to perform the Installation of Officers ceremony. Bill Brown performed the duties, and Al Pasquale was sworn in as Service Officer.

Report on standing committee's:

Gun Raffle

- Lost the January show and has requested to see if we can do another show to make up for it in Greenville. Ed Whalen is reaching out to Commandant for that area as required by the Marine Corps League Bylaws and they are waiting on information.
- Our Next Gun Show is March 15th
- If anyone wants tickets, he has them at the meetings.
- Jack Kemeny gave suggestions to the Board on a few different rifles for next years raffle. One is made by Savage and is a bolt action weapon and Remington Arms 700 which is a bolt action. If anyone else has any suggestions, please send him and email and let him know.

Toys for Tots

- The awards for the sites that collected toys are on the table and please take those and bring them to the appropriate places.

Eagle Scout

- Jeff Costas haven't had any contact and waiting on replies and looking for arrow awards.
- Bill Brown said he will get with Jeff so they can compare notes. Follow up on females who attained Eagle Scouts and we want to recognize them.
- Doug Doster mentioned the building was used for 2 different Eagle Scout ceremonies from Troop 5

Unfinished Business:

- Commandant Shackelton announced we need volunteers for the Department of NC Annual Convention to support the RDU Detachment who is hosting the convention. Date: May 13–14
 - From District Vice Commandant Bill Brown – on Friday May 12th there is a Growl 1900-2100 and a Gayla 1900-2100 and a Hospitality Room in addition at the Hilton at the Crab Tree Mall. On Saturday there will be several tables, flag raising, and various other areas that are needed for assistance throughout the day.
 - Commandant Shackelton requested an initial volunteer count and list. The following are members that raised their hand to volunteer are: Al Pasquale, Bill Frank, Bill Mosen, Terry Shackelton, Jack Kemeny, Arlene Kemeny, Bill Brown, Allen Brown, Doug Doster, Ed Whalen, Ken Jenkins, Shawn Potwin, Kimberly Potwin. If you would like to volunteer and your name is not on this list please email Det1257adj@gmail.com and the adjutant will forward to the appropriate people and keep a running list.
 - Set up a gun raffle table. The detachment is waiting on confirmation from the hotel what is authorized and that will determine how we set up our gun raffle booth. We will either bring the weapons or a picture of the weapons.

New Business:

- Audit Committee Report was done by Jack Kemeny, Doug Doster, Danny Richards for FY2021. All transactions were reviewed and verified with receipts and other transactions. The transactions were referenced correctly and accounted for, and the bank statements were reconciled. Bill Brown proposed a motion to accept the Audit Report as submitted and Danny Richards second. The motion was passed no dissent, and the audit was accepted.
 - Commandant Shackelton advised the new date of audit will be done the first week of November to be presented before the new officers are sworn in.
- 2022 budget was presented
 - Shawn Potwin asked a question about the Detachment paying for members to go Conventions. In the budget it is in there for \$90 and that is 3 members per meeting and there are 3 meetings per year.
 - District Vice Commandant Bill Brown clarified that there are additional meetings at higher levels and if there are more than 3 members that want to go the membership can approve the extra at a later time.
 - There were no other questions about the budget. Doug Doster made a motion to accept the budget as presented and Al Pasquale second the motion. No further discussion and the motion was passed with no dissent.
- Commandant Shackelton requested the formation of a finance committee:
 - Sr Vice Commandant will be the Chair for this committee and they will be responsible for any veterans applications for assistance to Marines in need and perform the annual audit. The volunteers for the finance committee are Doug Doster, Allen Brown, Bill Brown.

Good of the League:

- Doug Doster –

- Coffee for veterans is held the second Monday of each month.
- The American Legion building has a library that is open to all members. It is asked that if you take a book that you bring it back. In addition, if you have any books that you would like to donate please bring them in.
- Our Detachment did a very good job at finishing decorating our wall at the American Legion Building.
- Pete is the Chair of the Flag Ceremonies and said the ceremonies will be held starting in April first Monday of each month April through October at 1100 in the Wake Forest Town Hall Plaza. April will be red jacket if you have it and May through September will be short sleeve shirts. September there will be a Marine honored Jay Bruce Heath and a retired Wake Forest Fire Fighter Captain. The October flag raising will honor our previous member George Cattelona and we will wear red jackets. His daughter knows about it and is scheduled to attend. If you do not have the designated uniforms your Marine Corps League cover and if you have the detachment black shirt.

Announcements:

- State Membership meeting: March 18–19, 2022 – Holiday Inn Express, Wilkesboro, NC
- Department Annual Meeting is going to be held in Raleigh as stated before on May 13-14, 2022.
- Department fund raiser for the flag put on shelf until Bill Brown can finish the announcement.
- Target \$20 gift cards are still available. Bill Brown made a suggestion we can donate item as part of the 50/50 drawing and maybe get additional money. Commandant Shackelton will allow Ed Whalen to purchase one and then donate the remainder.
- Next meeting will start dinner at 1800 for socializing and comradery and the general meeting will start at 1900.
- Looking for Boot Camp book. If you have it, please bring it back to the detachment.
- From District Vice Commandant Brown announced that on February 12th there is a Growl from 1200 for chow and 1300 start the growl. If someone is up for the Order of the Devil Dog please get your paperwork in.

Commandant Shackelton adjourned the meeting at approximately 2015 hours and the closing ceremony was held.

Next Detachment Meeting: 8 March 2022 at 1900 hours at the Legion Hall. A dinner will start at 1800 hours before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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