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Iredell County MCL Detachment 1097 February 2018 Edition

February 22- Detachment Meeting – 1900 - Troutman American Legion

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"We served our Country.....Now we serve our Community"



Marines,

The annual MCL Iredell County JROTC Drill Competition is on March 3rd at 0900 at South Iredell High School. I know I will see a good attendance by our Detachment. It will do your heart good to see these young cadets perform and compete. It is usually over no later than 1300.

The annual budget has been created and it will be presented at our February meeting for approval by the Detachment. We will be accepting volunteers for our 2018/2019 Detachment Officers at our February meeting. The current slate of officers has volunteered to stay on, but we will leave the window open for additional volunteers in February. We will elect the Officers in March and have the installation in April. We need Marines to step-up to the plate and volunteer to be an officer for 2018. It is not that hard of a job and past officers will surely give you advice and help (even if you don't want it). It's your job as MARINES to keep Detachment #1097 the best Detachment in the State of North Carolina going. We need each Detachment Marine to step up and make recommendations on other initiatives that we may want to accomplish.

We need more Marines and Associates to attend our monthly meeting. I know it is winter but to be truthful our attendance consists primarily of the officers. We need your attendance. You may be getting a call from one of the officers reminding you of the meeting.

Your officer team is working on determining how to increase our recruiting efforts, creating a brochure on the Detachment, and an indoctrination document for new members to include the assignment of a mentor for new members.

The MCL Department of NC Spring Membership meeting is on Saturday 21 April 2018 at Greenville, NC at the American Legion Post #93 located on St. Andrews Drive. The hotel is the Hampton Inn at 305 SW Greenville Blvd. There is a pre-registration fee of \$5.00 or \$10.00 on the day of the meeting. There are plenty of places to eat around the hotel, so no lunch will be provided. If you are planning on attending, please let me know by April 13th.

Semper Fi,
Dick Camery, Commandant



<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING/LOCATION/TIME</u>
Feb 19	Iredell County Veterans Council – American Legion Post 65 – Old Hwy 70 Statesville, NC
Feb 22	Detachment Meeting – Troutman American Legion – 1900
Mar 3	MCL Iredell County JROTC Drill Competition – South Iredell High School - 0900
Mar 19	Iredell County Veterans Council – Richard’s Coffee Shop & Military Museum – Mooresville, NC – 1830
Mar 22	Detachment Meeting – Troutman American Legion – 1900
Apr 16	Iredell County Veterans Council – Disabled American Veterans – Statesville, NC – 1830
Apr 20	MCL Dept. of NC Pack Growl – Greenville, NC – Time TBD
Apr 21	MCL Dept. of NC Spring Membership Meeting – Greenville, NC - 0930
Apr 26	Detachment Meeting – Troutman American Legion – 1900
May 21	Iredell County Veterans Council – American Legion Post 217 – Statesville, NC – 1830
May 24	Detachment Meeting – Troutman American Legion – 1900



Don't forget to pray for our sick, shut-ins, Marines and their Families. If you know of any other Detachment members that are sick, please advise the Chaplain or the Commandant.

- **Stan Thompson**
- **Buddy Hemric**
- **B.J. Thomas and wife, Sandy**
- **Jackie Vanderzanden – Steve's wife**
- **Ovella Turner, Frank's wife**
- **Joe Vallone**
- **Larry Lackey**
- **Verlone Cherry**
- **Pete Meletis**
- **Pete Blinn**
- **John Hollenback**
- **Ray Lanier**
- **Dick Knapp**

UNC-TV WANTS YOU!

Beginning Saturday, February 10 at 3:00p, UNC-TV's Military and Veterans Affairs, with host Jeff Smith, is launching *Situational Report*, a weekly informational show for Veterans, military members, and their families on the North Carolina Channel (Channel 4-4 over the air in the Triangle and channel 1276 on Time Warner/Spectrum). *Sit-Rep* will cover topics that are current for military and Veterans, mental health concerns, historic observances, VA questions and

answers, and more. Look for more information on the show on the Website. <http://www.ncchannel.org/veterans>

Here is the most important part—**this show belongs to you, too**. We need to all contribute to the show by providing interviews and content that is important to the viewers. We look forward to hearing from you throughout the year as we provide this one-of-a-kind service across the State for our military and Veteran community.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR A VETERAN’S PENSION?

The US Department of Veterans Affairs offers a needs-based tax-free pension for eligible wartime Veterans with limited or no income. Veterans must meet minimum service and other eligibility requirements to qualify:

1. Age 65 or older, OR
2. Totally and permanently disabled, OR
3. A patient in a nursing home receiving skilled nursing care, OR
4. Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance, OR
5. Receiving Supplemental Security Income

Veterans who are housebound or require the aid of another person to perform daily activities may qualify for a pension at an increased rate. Read more at https://explore.va.gov/pension?utm_source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=january-pension-monthly_1.31&utm_term=body-button-page&utm_content=pension-application-all-null.

MORE THAN 133,000 VETERANS MAY QUALIFY FOR A REFUND OF FEDERAL TAXES

More than 133,000 veterans may qualify for a refund of federal taxes they paid on disability severance pay dating back to 1991 — taxes that shouldn’t have been collected in the first place.

Within the next month, Defense Department officials will send notification letters to veterans that they may be eligible for the refund, said Army Lt. Col. David Dulaney, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council.

Eligible veterans will have a year after they receive the notice to file a claim for the refund.

These refunds, which are the result of a law passed in 2016, apply to veterans who received this pay dating back to Jan. 17, 1991, with taxes withheld, and who also qualified for disability from the Veterans Affairs Department.

The 2016 Combat Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act went into effect in 2017. The law requires DoD to identify the veterans whose benefits were previously improperly taxed; and the notification letter will include information about the amount of disability severance payments that were improperly taxed, and instructions for filing an amended tax return to receive the refund.

Of the 300,000 veterans who received the disability severance payment, DoD has identified 133,000 who may qualify for refunds, Dulaney said.

Under federal law, any service member who suffers a combat-related injury and is separated from the military receives a one-time, lump-sum disability severance payment based on their rank and years of service. Although the payout was supposed to be tax-free, DoD routinely took taxes out of the severance pay, according to advocacy groups. The 2016 law mandated that DoD stop improperly taxing the pay.

The notification letters will provide information to veterans on how they can apply for the refund. Defense officials have been working with Internal Revenue Service officials to clarify the process, Dulaney said.

The amount of tax refund will vary by veteran, as the amount of the disability severance varies based on rank and years of service. But it's worth the time to file the claim, Dulaney said.