

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of New Hampshire

15 Jan 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Cherie Monnell, Commandant Bruce Katz  
John G. W. Finck Mark Lindsley  
Dave Dubey Tony Dube  
Shawn Carboni Derwood Haskell  
Gary Gahan Jim Covatis  
Bob Patenaude

1. The meeting began at 11:00. Opening ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Chaplain, and Sgt at Arms.
2. Roll Call of Officers: Junior Vice-Commandant and Junior Past Commandant absent. All others present.
3. Roll Call of Detachments: Ash-Risley, Gormley, and Twin State absent. All others present.
4. A quorum was present.
5. Commandant Monnell requested that all Detachments send copies of 990 Forms and Life Member Verification Forms to her, to the Junior Vice-Commandant, and to the Paymaster. There is also a new Quarterly Detachment Report to be submitted to the Commandant. The first such report is due in March, 2017.
6. Tony Dube moved to accept the minutes of the 25 Sept 2016 meeting as published on the web site. Cody Dumont seconded. Motion passed.
7. Gary Gahan presented the Paymaster's Report. The current account balance is \$4,905.93, which includes \$565.00 in the scholarship fund. Cody Dumont moved to accept the report as read. Woody Haskell seconded. Motion passed.
8. Cherie Monnell requested reimbursement of \$256.48 for administrative expenses, including Eagle Scout certificates. Bruce Katz moved to approve the request. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed.

9. Bruce Katz moved to approve a donation of \$200.00 to a Marine in need. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed.
10. Jim Covatis informed the group that he does not wish to be reimbursed for items he purchased for the Veterans Day observance.
11. Jim Covatis presented the Chaplain's Report. Ralph Moore, Ray Holt, Fred Osgood, and Bob Ellis have passed away. Frank Diekmann spent another day in the hospital for his heart condition and Tony Romano is ailing. Jim requests a list of all detachment members who have passed away since April, 2016, for remembrance at the Quad States convention.
12. Bruce Katz brought up the need for fundraising efforts. Participation in a Mt Washington day cruise and the Derry Truck Show were discussed. We also talked about asking the Detachments to raise funds for the Department through levies based on Detachment membership. This idea was tabled until the March meeting, to allow for discussion at the Detachment level.
13. Commandant Monnell explained conditions for awarding the Color Guard Ribbon. This award may be worn by members who have participated in ten or more color guards and/or firing details during the past ten years. Details for subsequent awards are still being discussed at the National level.
14. The Joint Installation went well, and it was generally agreed that we should reserve the Puritan for the next one. We decided on a date of 3 Dec, 2017.
15. SVAC and other Veteran's Legislative reports can be found on the web site.
16. Dave Dubey moved to extend the deadline for this year's scholarship applications to 1 May. The Department will decide on an amount to be awarded and a Scholarship Committee will be appointed in March. Scholarship award recommendations will be presented for approval at the June meeting. Tony Dube seconded. Motion passed.
17. We briefly reopened discussion of increasing Department dues. The matter was tabled pending decisions on other fundraising initiatives.
18. Jim Covatis presented a request for an Honor Guard at Manchester Central High School on the Friday before Memorial Day.

19. Gary Gahan requested info from the Detachments on NH businesses that offer discounts to Veterans and the documents necessary for obtaining those discounts. The intent is to create a statewide directory.
20. Cody Dumont has offered to manage the Department web site for approximately \$30.00 per year. The current cost is over \$200.00 per year. It was generally agreed to authorize Commandant Monnell to seek a less expensive alternative to the current web site, but to renew the current arrangement if an adequate alternative cannot be found.
21. Adjutant Dave Dubey presented the following nominations for elections to be held at the March meeting: Commandant Cherie Monnell, Senior Vice-Commandant Bruce Katz, Junior Vice-Commandant Bob Patenaude, and Judge Advocate Woody Haskell. The floor was opened for additional nominations and none were put forth.
22. Commandant Monnell reported that Dave Dubey will be stepping down as Adjutant after the March meeting. Anyone interested in taking over the position is asked to notify Cherie. Dave will assist with the transition.
23. Bob Patenaude asked about the new law regarding property tax credits for Veterans. The state legislature has authorized tax credits for all Veterans who have served a minimum of 90 days on active duty, regardless of whether or not they served during wartime.
24. The 50/50 raffle was won by Cherie Monnnell, who donated her winnings back to the Department.
25. The meeting ended at 12:50. Closing ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, Chaplain, and Sgt at Arms.

Submitted by: Dave Dubey, Department Adjutant