

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of New Hampshire

20 March 2016 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:	Cherie Monnell, Commandant	Frank Diekmann
	Lou Sbrizzi	John G. W. Finck
	Jacques Hachez	Joe Shea
	Dave Dubey	Bob Patenaude
	Ken Warner	Steve Opett
	Jim Covatis	Cody Dumont
	Gary Gahan	Mark Lindsley
	George Dube	Leonard Lebrun

1. Meeting began at 11:00. Opening ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Chaplain, and acting Sgt at Arms Joe Shea.
2. Roll Call of Officers: Senior Vice-Commandant excused. Sgt at Arms and Junior Past Commandant absent. All others present.
3. Roll Call of Detachments: Ash-Risley and Gormley absent. All others present.
4. The acting Sgt at Arms verified that a quorum was present.
5. A Distinguished Citizen Award (Silver) was presented to Dave Dubey for his service as Adjutant.
6. Frank Diekmann moved to accept the minutes of the 22 Nov 2015 meeting as published on the web site. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed.
7. Frank Diekmann presented the Paymaster's Report. Our current balance is \$6,389.24, which includes \$5,389.24 in the general account and \$1,000.00 in the scholarship fund. Cody Dumont moved to accept the Paymaster's Report as presented. Bob Patenaude seconded. Motion passed.

8. Items for Reimbursement:

- \$543.23 for Commandant's mid-Winter Conference expenses. Gary Gahan made a motion to approve. Ken Warner seconded. Motion passed.
- \$239.99 for annual website fee. Gary Gahan made a motion to approve. Bob Patenaude seconded. Motion passed. Cody Dumont offered to provide website maintenance services for a fraction of the current annual cost. This plan will be developed as the year progresses.
- \$36.25 for Ribbons and Certificates. Gary Gahan made a motion to approve. Bob Patenaude seconded. Motion passed.
- \$33.85 for Paymaster's postage and stamps. Cherie Monnell made a motion to approve. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed.

9. Items for Donations

- \$100.00 for the Shepard's Mens Run. Gary Gahan made a motion to approve. Lou Sbrizza seconded. Motion passed.
- \$600.00 for the Building Dreams for Marines golf tournament fundraiser. Frank Diekmann made a motion to approve. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed.

10. Bob Patenaude asked about a requested donation for a Marine who needs a tractor. This matter has been referred to the Dept of Maine.

11. Chaplain's Report: Jim Covatis reported that condolences have been sent for the following Marines who have passed away: Joe Reilly, Paul Cushing Sr, Al Plourde, Wayne Knight, Robert Gallagher, and Al Poulin.

12. Membership: Frank Diekmann reported that Department membership has been declining steadily and we are now down to about 350 members. Various recruiting efforts are underway, including posters and brochures. National is considering a proposal that would allow Marines on active duty to join the League without paying dues.

13. Commandant Monnell reported that Frank Diekmann received the Marine of the Year award and Cody Dumont received a Community Service award at the Joint Installation.

14. Commandant Monnell expressed thanks to the Honors Detail at the 18 March funeral for Al Plourde for a job well done.

15. Commandant Monnell gave a brief report on the mid-Winter Conference. The new regime has thus far adopted a much gentler approach to dealing with League members. A new ribbon has been approved for League members who participate in color guard and/or firing details. More details of the Conference proceedings are posted on the web site.

16. Dave Dubey reported that scholarship submission deadlines were pushed back this year, due to his forgetfulness. Dave moved to accept the Scholarship Committee's recommendation to award \$500.00 to Alexander Dano. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed. Changes to the scholarship procedures will be considered during the coming year.
17. Mark Lindsley provided information on the national pistol competition.
18. Commandant Monnell asked if there would be any interest in a seminar on the duties of the various MCL officers. A seminar will be planned.
19. It was generally agreed that we will not have a Dept picnic this year. All Dept members are invited to the Seacoast Detachment picnic.
20. The 2016 Quad State Convention will be held 22 – 24 April in Portland, Maine. Applications are available on the web site.
21. We discussed a dedication of the new Marine Raider Monument. There was insufficient information available, but Commandant Monnell will follow up.
22. We agreed to start looking for a new facility to host this year's Joint Installation.
23. Good of the League: A number of events planned for the next 3 months are posted on the web site.
24. The next meeting will be held on 26 June 2016. Nominations for Department offices will begin at this meeting. Election will be held at the March, 2017 meeting.
25. The next bingo night at the NH Veterans Home will be held on 3 April.
26. Leonard Lebrun won the 50/50 raffle. The total amount collected was \$40.00.
27. The meeting ended at 12:37. Closing ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Chaplain, acting Sgt at Arms, and acting Senior Vice-Commandant.

Submitted by Dave Dubey, Department Adjutant