

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of New Hampshire

2 April 2017 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attended by: Cherie Monnell, Commandant Dave Dubey
 Tony Dube Cody Dumont
 Mark Lindsley John Jenkins
 Shawn Carboni Jim Covatis
 Joe Shea John G W Finck
 Bruce Katz Frank Diekmann
 Derwood Haskell Gary Gahan
 Frank Saglime Bo Patenaude

1. Meeting began at 11:00. Opening ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Chaplain, and Sgt at Arms.
2. Roll Call of Officers: All present.
3. Roll Call of Detachments: Ash-Risley and Twin State absent. All others present.
4. A quorum was present.
5. Tony Dube moved to accept the Adjutant's Report of the 15 Jan 2017 meeting as published on the Department Web Site. Cody Dumont seconded. Motion passed.
6. Gary Gahan presented the Paymaster's Report. Our current balance is \$4,908.93, which includes \$565.00 in the Scholarship Fund, \$800.00 in the Emergency Relief Fund, and \$3,543.93 in the General Fund. Frank Saglime moved to accept the Paymaster's Report as read. Cody Dumont seconded. Motion passed.
7. Cherie Monnell requested reimbursement of \$374.20 for Winter Conference expenses, \$108.98 for flowers for Nancy Shea, and \$103.99 for website dues. Gary Gahan moved to approve the total of \$587.17. Frank Saglime seconded. Motion passed.

8. Commandant Monnell announced a donation of \$1,000.00 from Division. Frank Saglime moved to place \$500.00 in the Scholarship Fund and \$500.00 in the Emergency Relief Fund. Frank Diekmann seconded. Motion passed.
9. Chaplain Jim Covatis requested the names of all members who passed away in 2016, for remembrance at the Quad States Convention. Information should be mailed to him at 16 Brown Ave, Manchester, NH 03103. Jack Meany and Gilles Laramée have passed away. Jacques Hachez has been diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer.
10. Junior Vice-Commandant Frank Diekmann reported that Department membership has decreased from 467 in 2006 to 340 at the end of last year. John Jenkins initiated a discussion of recruitment efforts used by various Detachments.
11. Senior Vice-Commandant Bruce Katz reported on fundraising efforts. It was generally agreed to drop the idea of increasing dues, as this would essentially exempt life members and place all of the additional burden on members who pay annual dues. We discussed employing a professional solicitor. Bruce will follow up on this idea. We also reconsidered establishing a per-member levee on the Detachments. Tony Dube announced that the Demers Detachment has already agreed to this idea and presented a \$400.00 check to the Paymaster.
12. A firing detail will be needed at Manchester Central High School on 26 May. Please muster by 09:00 in short-sleeved uniforms.
13. The Department will be responsible for hosting the Memorial Day observance at Boscawen Cemetery on 30 May. Participants are asked to assemble by 10:00.
14. Commandant Monnell handed out Eagle Scout certificates to Dillon, Gormley, and Granite State Detachments. Lakes Region Detachment will handle a presentation in Bridgewater.
15. Bingo nights will be held at the Manchester VA on 30 April and 7 May.
16. Frank Saglime moved to appropriate \$1,000.00 for this year's scholarship awards. Bob Patenaude seconded. Motion passed. Gary Gahan, Cherie Monnell, and Bob Patenaude agreed to serve on the Scholarship Committee, with Dave Dubey to chair. Detachments are asked to publicize the scholarship opportunity. Applications can be found on the web site.
17. Gary Gahan will serve as a member of the Senate Veterans Advisory Committee, with Mark Lindsley to serve as alternate.
18. Frank Saglime moved to appropriate \$300.00 to deposit with the Puritan Backroom to reserve the facility for the Joint Installation on 3 Dec 2017. Frank Diekmann seconded. Motion passed.

19. Adjutant Dave Dubey announced the following nominees for Department offices: Cherie Monnell for Commandant, Bruce Katz for Senior Vice-Commandant, Bob Patenaude for Junior Vice-Commandant, and Derwood Haskell for Judge Advocate. The floor was opened for other nominations and none were put forth. Joe Shea moved to combine all nominees on one slate for voice vote. Tony Dube seconded. Motion passed and the slate was elected unanimously.
20. Frank Diekmann announced a Mess Night to be conducted by the Department of Connecticut on 6 May. Cost is \$60.00 per person. More information is available from Frank.
21. Commandant Monnell read a thank you letter from Marines Helping Marines for our donation toward the Louisiana flood victims. The organization was able to assist 24 Marine families.
22. The 50/50 raffle was won by Mark Lindsley, who donated his \$8.00 winnings back to the Department.
23. The next meeting was scheduled for 11 June 2017.
24. Meeting ended at 12:42. Closing ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, Chaplain, and Sgt at Arms.

Submitted by: Dave Dubey, Department Adjutant