

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of New Hampshire

23 Oct 2016 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:	Cherie Monnell, Commmandant	Dave Dubey
	Bruce Katz	Derwood Haskell
	George (Tony) Dube	Frank Saglime
	Jim Covatis	Cody Dumont
	Kevin Miller	Gary Gahan
	Jacques Hachez	John G W Finck
	Joe Shea	Mark Lindsley
	Bryan Westover	Robert Patenaude

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: All present.
3. Roll Call of Detachments: Ash-Risley and Twin State absent. All others present.
4. A quorum was present.
5. Bruce Katz moved to accept the minutes of the 26 June 2016 meeting as published on the web site. Gary Gahan seconded. Motion passed.
6. Gary Gahan presented the Paymaster's Report. Current balance on hand is \$4,158.69, which includes \$565.00 in the scholarship fund. Frank Saglime moved to accept the Paymaster's Report as presented. Cody Dumont seconded. Motion passed.
7. We discussed various options for adjusting Dept dues for members who will be renewing between 1 Jan and 1 Aug 2017. Frank Diekmann moved to assess a \$3.00 fee for these members. Jim Covatis seconded. Motion passed.
8. Frank Saglime moved to reimburse Commandant Monnell the amount of \$880.79 for national conference expenses. Cody Dumont seconded. Motion passed.

9. Frank Saglime moved to reimburse Frank Diekmann the amount of \$107.07 for postage and a new Marine of the Year plaque. Cody Dumont seconded. Motion passed.
10. Commandant Monnell informed the group that donations of \$100.00 for Louisiana flood victims and \$500.00 for the Viet Nam Era 50<sup>th</sup> Block Party were approved by the Board of Trustees. A thank you note was received from the VFW for the \$500.00 donation.
11. Jim Covatis presented the Chaplain's Report. A condolence card was sent to the family of Robert Ellis. Get well cards were sent to Chuck Cove, Joe Shea, and Associate Member Donna Melanson.
12. Detachments are requested to submit quarterly reports on recruitment efforts to the Dept Junior Vice-Commandant.
13. Frank Diekmann reminded the members that life member verification reports are due and should be sent to him.
14. Bruce Katz requested that each Detachment donate an item worth at least \$100.00 to be raffled as a Department fundraiser.
15. Bruce also brought up the possibility of increasing Department dues, which currently stand at \$5.00 per member and have not been changed in approximately ten years. After some discussion, Tony Dube moved to table this matter so it can be brought to the Detachments. Cody Dumont seconded. Motion passed.
16. Commandant Monnell requested nominations for Dept awards be submitted to her no later than 30 Nov.
17. A signup list was posted for various responsibilities involved with the 11 Nov Veterans Day observance at Boscawen Cemetery.
18. Commandant Monnell expressed appreciation to the members who participated in the closing ceremony for the 100 Nights of Remembrance.
19. Eagle Scout certificates were given to the Granite State and Gormley Detachments.
20. Frank Diekman reported that he continues to attend quarterly VA meetings. Information from these meetings can be found on the web site.
21. Cody Dumont asked about observing Detachment boundaries for fundraising efforts and was referred to the Dept bylaws on the matter.

22. Commandant Monnell brought up the Scholarship Committee. Dave Dubey agreed to serve as chair and will report at the next meeting.
23. The Joint Installation will be held at the Puritan Restaurant in Manchester on 11 Dec.
24. We discussed our procedures for making donations to Marines in distress, and brought up the possibility of asking the Detachments to donate toward an emergency fund for this purpose. No action was taken, pending discussion at the Detachment level.
25. Members are asked to muster at the State Capitol Building at 07:45 on 10 Nov, with their Detachment colors. A breakfast will be held at the Windmill Restaurant after the flag raising ceremony.
26. Cody Dumont moved to establish a Department Facebook page. Jim Covatis seconded. Motion passed.
27. Commandant Monnell advised the group that the Sgt at Arms office remains open and that a new Adjutant will be needed after the March elections. Anyone interested in either of these offices is asked to contact her.
28. Jim Covatis reported that 99 Restaurant on South Willow St in Manchester will be conducting a fundraiser for the Viet Nam Veterans of America on 10 Nov.
29. The Seacoast Detachment will host a Birthday Ball on 5 Nov and the Lakes Region Detachment will host one on 12 Nov. Information on both can be found on the web site.
30. Frank Diekmann presented the following slate of nominees for Dept offices: Commandant – Cherie Monnell, Senior Vice-Commandant – Bruce Katz, Junior Vice-Commandant – Bob Patenaude, Judge Advocate – Woody Haskell. Nominations were accepted by all of the above.
31. The next Dept meeting will be held on 15 Jan 2017.
32. The 50/50 raffle was won by Mark Lindsley, who donated his winnings back to the Dept.
33. The meeting ended at 12:23. Closing ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, Chaplain, and acting Sgt at Arms.

Submitted by Dave Dubey, Department Adjutant