

Minutes MCL Granite State Detachment

« June 14, 2016 »

Membership Meeting
1830 – 2030

Opening Ceremony Conducted by the Commandant

Establishment of a Quorum Sgt. at Arms
(2 elected officers + 10% of the membership)

Roll call of Officers Adjutant

P = Present
E = Excused
A = Absent

Cmdt.	Bruce Katz	___P___
SVC	Tony Romano	___P___
JVC	Chris Alberdine	___P___
JA	Woody Haskell	___P___
Jr. Past Cmdt.	Frank Silva	___A___
Adjutant	Mark Rivet	___E___
Paymaster	Mark Rivet	___E___
Chaplain	Joe Duquette	___P___
Quartermaster	Armand Lavoie	___A___
S@A	John Jenkins	___P___
Web Sgt.	Frank Diekmann	___P___

Other Members in Attendance Judith Jones, Gary Gahan, Brendan Finn

Applications for Membership No applications for membership at this meeting

Adjutant Report Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting allowing time for discussion and corrections. Motion to accept the minutes as distributed made by Tony Romano, and 2nd by Chris Alberdine ; motion passed.

Correspondence None

Announcements None

Report of Paymaster The Acting Paymaster Frank Diekmann presented the financial report to the members present. A motion was made by Tony Romano, and 2nd by Gary Gahan to accept the paymasters report as presented; the motion passed.

Presentation of expenditures	Tony Romano presented expenses incurred for the raffle of \$19.48, Motion made by Chris Alberdine and 2 nd by Judith Jones to pay for the expenses. Motion passed.
Report of sickness and distress	Joe Francis had a mild stroke and has recovered. It was noted that both “Doc” Plichta and Rodger Davies reported that they are ok at present.
Report of officers/standing committees	
Awards Committee	<p>Chair Bruce Katz, Frank Diekmann, Mark Rivet</p> <p>Members were reminded to keep Frank informed of any Marine Corps or community activities that they participate in so they can be added to the Detachments activity report</p> <p>Commandant Katz presented Distinguished Citizen awards to Judith Jones and Chris Alberdine for their efforts in supporting Detachment programs</p>
Fundraising	<p>Chair Tony Romano, Mark Rivet, R. Plichta</p> <p>On July 1st and 2nd we will be handing out small American flags and trifolds that state who we are at the Hooksett NH Market Basket store. We will be there at 0900 – 1500 on both days. Please contact Tony Romano if you can assist. You are requested to wear your P-cutter to further identify our organization or your Undress blues. Bruce to order 1000 flags, Judith stated she can provide some tables and a tent, Chris is to provide a cooler and Frank is assist Tony in transporting the equipment and setting it up.</p> <p>Planning is taking place for the raffle of a M1 Grand. Chris will obtain the weapon</p> <p>The last of the WW II Detachment coins has been sold. Chris will design and order coins commemorating the Korean War.</p>
Membership	<p>JVC – Chris Alberdine</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
Public Relations	<p>Cmdt. Bruce Katz</p> <p>Bruce is to obtain publicity about our scholarship program and winners.</p>

Scouting Committee

Chair Frank Diekmann, M. Rivet, Woody Haskell

During the current month Gary Gahan and Frank Diekmann represented the Granite State Detachment at two Eagle Scout Presentations. Coming up in the next month are 4 more.

Scholarships

Chair Derwood Haskell, Bruce Katz, Frank Diekmann

We had two students tie for this year's scholarship award. At last month's meeting the scholarship committee made a decision to give each candidate half of the current scholarship award of \$1000. At this month's meeting, a motion was made by Judith Jones to give each candidate an additional \$500, for a total of \$1000 each. Motion seconded by Chris Alberdine. Motion passed by the members. Students will be requested to attend our July meeting.

Veterans (VAVS)

Frank Diekmann

Frank reported that he represented the Granite State Detachment, the Dept. of NH and the New England Division at the NH State Veterans Advisory Committee meeting in Concord. The following items were discussed:

- Need to get more veterans to sign up for the VA. The larger the enrollment the more support the VA receives.
- D-Day event held at the Tilton home went very well.
- Presentation made about new facility being constructed at the NHSVC
- Organizational bylaws need to be change regarding membership
- Upcoming events:
 - July 2nd @ 11:30 Dedication at Vietnam Monument – NHSVC
 - July 22nd @ 15:30 Korean War Ceremony – NHSVC
 - July 24th 11:30 – 16:00 Veterans program at Red Hook Brewery in Portsmouth.

Frank attended the VAVS meeting representing the detachment at the Manchester VA facility on 1 June. Issues covered:

- Presentation made regarding management issues by Danielle Ocker, Medical Center Director
- TB test to be given to all VAMC volunteers
- A picnic for the hospitalized veterans is conducted every Wednesday
- Report given by Recreational Services on their programs. The Granite State Detachment have volunteered to support 4 bingo events in the coming months. Car show planned for 17 September.
- Part of the memorial day services at the VAMC was a reading of 400 names of veterans that passed away at the VAMC over the past year.
- Outreach training will take place on 29 Nov.
- On 9 Sept a homeless veterans program will take place at the VAMC
- A \$700 donation was made by the VAVS to purchase informational stands at the VA.
- Review conducted of volunteer positions that need to be filled.

Web Site

Chair Bruce Katz, Frank Diekmann

The detachment web pages on the MCL national site has yet to be restored. There is a major efforts being expended by national to improve this web site. Detachment web site needs to be updated.

Comment [FD1]:

Unfinished Business

Covered in committee reports

New Business

During the upcoming National Convention there will be a number of bylaw issues voted on. Listed below is a brief listing of the items. A detailed presentation of the issues can be found on the National MCL web site.

- Term of office for national officers
- Purchase of challenge coins
- National Board Meetings
- Membership Eligibility
- Honorary Membership
- Change the date of the annual dues
- Life Membership

- Relationship with subsidiary organizations.
- Editing changes to the bylaws
- Addition of wording to section 912
- Allowing a Corpsman patch on cover
- Not allowing the mixing of ribbons between various MCL organizations.
- Allowing the wearing of the American Flag as a lapel pin
- Rules regarding the wearing of medallions.
- Associate Member of the year.
- 75th Anniversary ribbon – PA
- Ceremonial Guard Ribbon

Good of the League

- Department meeting will be conducted on 26 June at 11:00 at the American legion facility in Concord. All members are encouraged to attend
- Detachment members are encouraged to visit the veterans in the VAMC in Manchester.
- Any member who has participated in or attended a veteran's event representation the MCL please advise Frank Diekmann so he can add it to the Detachment activity report.

Upcoming Events

2nd Tuesday of every month at 18:30 – detachment meeting is held at the Elks Club, 290 Granite street, Manchester NH. Your input is needed for a successful detachment.

Last Saturday of the month at 08:00 Detachment Breakfast at the Airport Diner on Brown Ave in Manchester. Mark your calendars now as we would like to see you.

3rd Tuesday of every month at 11:30 the “Together We Served” organization holds a luncheon in Rochester, NH. Contact F. Diekmann for details.

The Seacoast Detachment will conduct a picnic on 20th of August at the Coast Guard Facility in New Castle, NH. They have graciously invited the other NH detachment to also attend.

Check the National, Department and Detachment web sites
for latest info

Closing Ceremony Conducted by Cmdt. Bruce Katz

Semper Fi

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