

Minutes MCL Granite State Detachment

May 9, 2017

Membership Meeting
18:30-20:00

Opening Ceremony Conducted by the Commandant – NOTE: Past Commandant Bruce Katz led the meeting due to Derwood Haskell's laryngitis.

Establishment of a Quorum - Sgt. at Arm-Noted that a Quorum was present (2 elected officers + 10% of the membership)

Roll call of Officers by Adjutant

P = Present
E = Excused
A = Absent

Cmdt.	Derwood Haskell	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
SVC	Chris Alberding	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
JVC	John Jenkins	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
JA	Bruce Katz	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
Jr. Past Cmdt.	Bruce Katz	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
Adjutant	Mark Rivet	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
Paymaster	Mark Rivet	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
Chaplain	Joe Duquette	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
Quartermaster	John Petralito	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
S@A	Shawn Carboni	<u> </u> P <u> </u>
Web Sgt.	Chris Alberding	<u> </u> P <u> </u>

Other Members in Attendance: Nancy Gero, Richard Plichta, Tony Romano, Ellen Petralito, Gary Gahan, Joey Duquette, Pauli Labbe, Frank Diekmann

Previous Meeting Minutes: Reviewed by those in attendance Motion made by Tony Romano and seconded by Gary Gahan. Approved by membership.

Applications for Membership: Jim Ambrose was sworn in as a new Associate Member.

Correspondence: An email was received from Stephanie Ouellette, sister of Michael Ouellette, a decorated NH USMC who perished in Afghanistan. She is seeking donations for a monument in Boscawen for NH Gold Star families. Stephanie was invited to speak to the Detachment at our June meeting. A letter was received from Cathedral of the Pines thanking the Detachment for its donation.

Announcements: The NH Department Commandant is seeking firing detail members at Central High on May 26.

Report of Paymaster: Gary Gahan made a motion to accept ; Tony Romano seconded, approved.

Presentation of expenditures:

Report of sickness and distress: George Snell fell and broke his hip. He is in the Elliott Hospital. Jim Ambrose has been in to see him.

Report of officers/standing committees:

Awards Committee Chair – Derwood Haskell, Frank Diekmann, Mark Rivet: Fireteam Alpha members received a meritorious citation for their efforts in connection with the Spring Social. Nancy Gero received a Distinguished Citizen award for leading the effort.

City Veterans Council: Shawn Carbone is representing the Detachment. Shawn is seeking a donation for a flag pole and USMC monument in Veterans' Park. Shawn will inquire whether GSD 542 may have a plaque on the pole or monument. It's looking to be a donation in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

Fundraising Chair - Chris Alberding, Tony Romano, Rick Plichta:
Tony Romano will look into the flag fundraiser at Market Basket for the 4th of July.

Membership Chair - John Jenkins. John is looking for more members and perhaps a new Fireteam Charlie to recruit. Bruce Katz, Chris Alberding and Gary Gahan volunteered.

Public Relations Chair – Bruce Katz:
No Report

Scouting Committee Chair – Frank Diekmann, Mark River, Gary Gahan:
Frank gave a report on ceremonies this year and has more for June and July.

Scholarships Chair – Derwood Haskell, Bruce Katz, Frank Diekmann:
One application received. Scholarship closes May 15.

Veterans (VAVS) Representative Frank Diekmann:
The Detachment conducted two Bingos at the Manchester VAMC the last two Sundays. Frank Diekmann leads this effort. Other Detachment members participate as well.

Fireteam Alpha - Detachment Social Activities – Chair Gary Gahan, Nancy Gero, John Petralito, Pauly Labbe, Judith Jones, Ellen Petralito, John Jenkins:
Nothing planned at this time.

Fireteam Bravo Social Media – Chris Alberding, Bruce Katz:
None at this time.

New Business: Group discussion held related to another Detachment possibly participating in rifle raffles at gun shows. The Detachment decided to proceed with its own plans to sell tickets at this time.

Good of the League: Tom O'Reilly made a presentation on behalf of ES Riders. Judith Jones made a motion to donate \$625 to ES Riders to sponsor a scooter for a veteran, which Chris Alberding seconded and the Detachment approved. Detachment members indicated they would try and seek matching donations to meet the full \$1250 cost of a scooter.

Upcoming Events

Firing Detail, Central High School, May 26, muster at 0930. Boscawen Memorial Day Ceremony 1000 hours, May 30. Contact Cherie Monnell at 207-752-0025 or aamazon.maine.rr.com. 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1830 – Granite State Detachment meeting. 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 NH. Mark your calendars now as we would like to see you attend. Any questions contact Gary Gahan

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

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

Closing Ceremony Conducted by Cmdt. Derwood Haskell

Semper Fi

Mark R. Rivet, Adjutant/Paymaster
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