



**United States Marine Corps League
Granite State Detachment #542
290 Granite Street, Manchester NH 03102**

Meeting Minutes May 14, 2019

Members present:	Derwood Haskell	Commandant
	Chris Alberding	Sr. Vice Commandant
	John Jenkins	Jr. Vice Commandant
	Kevin Brown	Judge Advocate
	Judith Jones	Paymaster
	Joe Duquette	Chaplain
	Ron Jones	Sergeant-At-Arms
	John Petralito	Quartermaster

Members Excused: Bruce Katz, Shawn Carboni

Guests: Cherie Monnell, Outgoing Commandant, Dept. of NH MCL, Joey Duquette

Guest Speaker: None.

Meeting began at 1830 after a social/officers' meeting from 1800-1830. A quorum was present. Opening ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Chaplain, and Sgt at Arms.

Roll Call of Officers: All Officers were present or accounted for with the exception of excused officers as noted.

Applications for Membership: None

Adjutant Report: April minutes were approved on motion by Chris A., second by Kevin B. Approved.

Correspondence: 1) Thank you card from the family of Roger Davies for Detachment services at wake. 2) Thank you letter addressed to Detachment through John Petralito from VA for support of Bingo.

Report of Paymaster: Checking Balance: \$11,211.43, Money Market: \$7,699.22, PayPal: \$2.00
= TOTAL: \$18,912.65

Motion to approve by John P., second by Kevin B. Approved.

Presentation of Expenditures: None

Report of sickness and distress: Chaplain Duquette relayed that he had spoken with Marge Romano today. Tony has been transferred to Hillsborough County Nursing Home. He is not eating and sleeps most of the time. Tony suffered a stroke at the banquet during the Quad State. Woody mentioned he went to see Frank Diekmann and Maryann, and Frank is in terrible back pain. Maryann also is having severe back pain.

Report of Officers and standing committees:

Awards Committee: Commandant Monnell presented several awards to Detachment members who assisted with Quad State as well as a meritorious unit commendation. John J. said some nice words about Cherie's contribution to the League. This was her last official act as a MCL officer. Several Det. members received Distinguished Citizen Awards from the National Vice Commandant, New England Division at the Quad State and New England Division Conference. However, Comm. Monnell stated that National Vice Commandant Porter said recipients were not authorized to wear the ribbon. This did not sit well with Detachment members who invested a year's time and effort as well personal finances in the event. There is some general confusion around why an award would be issued with no authority to wear the ribbon.

Manchester Veterans Council: None

Fundraising: 1. Bass Pro Shop is May 26, 1000 – 1600. **Need 4 volunteers.**

2. MarketBasket – Saturday, June 29 at Hooksett and Bedford locations, 0900 – 1600. **Need 8 volunteers.**

3. Weare Military Vehicle Rally – July 25-27.

American Flags – Motion by Kevin B./ second John P. to spend \$400 to buy flags. Approved. Chris purchased the flags at the meeting.

Service Branch Flags – John J. proposed a pilot program to buy 500 military branch flags at \$1.55 per as an extra fundraising tool. Second by John P. Approved.

Rifle – Chris proposed purchasing a Remington 700 sniper rifle. He will have details at next meeting.

Membership: All GSD members are recruiters, use the brochures and business cards

Public Relations: None

Scouting: Kevin Brown has 3 Eagle Scout COH in June in Londonderry. We are looking for another member to help support him. We may have to consider sending letters. Kevin mentioned how important it was to him to have the League present at his Eagle Scout ceremony.

Scholarship: Nothing to report

Newsletter committee: Name will be chosen at the next meeting. Submit your name for the newsletter!

VAVS: Bingo first Sunday of every month, volunteers always welcomed

Website:

Fire Team Alpha: Judith discussed a potential summer BBQ. She will take-up the idea with the fireteam.

Fire Team Bravo: None

Unfinished Business: The Quad State has taken priority of late. Kevin is working on updates to the Bylaws.

New Business: Commandant Haskell appointed John J. and Ron J. to conduct an audit of the Paymaster's records prior to the June meeting.

Good of the League: Detachment Activity Report-Report your detachment activities to John Jenkins. Joe D. reported Brian is retiring from VA this year.

Upcoming Events:

1st Sunday of every month – Bingo, VA Medical Center 1815 hours.

2nd Tuesday of every month at 1830- Detachment meeting is held at the Elks Club, 290 Granite St. Manchester NH 03102.

Last Saturday of every month at 0800 detachment breakfast held at the Airport Diner in Manchester NH

3rd Tuesday of every month at 1130 the "Together We Served" organization holds a luncheon in Rochester NH Contact Frank Diekmann for details.

Meeting ended at 7:45 PM. Closing ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Chaplain, and Sgt at Arms.

Submitted by: Derwood Haskell, Detachment Commandant