



United States Marine Corps League

Granite State Detachment #542

290 Granite St. Manchester NH 03102

14 January 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Derwood Haskell, Commandant

Chris Alberding, SVC

Shawn Carboni, ADJ (Excused)

John Jenkins, JVC

Kevin Brown, JA

B.J. Byers, Sgt. At Arms

Joe Duquette, CHP

Nancy Gero

John Petralito

Gary Gahan

Gerald Tanguay

Joey Duquette

Frank Diekmann

Pauly Labbe

Bruce Katz

Guests: None

Meeting began at 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.

Applications for Membership: None

Adjutant Report: Motion made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting by Frank Diekmann. Seconded by Chris Alberding. Motion Passed.

Correspondence: None

Report of Paymaster: Checking Balance: \$18, 902. 15

PayPal: \$ 560.82

Motion to accept John Petralito, second John Jenkins. Passed.

Presentation of Expenditures: Reimbursement of \$6 to KB and JP for Gun Show parking made out of cash from Gun Show

Report of sickness and distress: Nobody has been able to reach Doc Plichta. Let's continue to reach out.

Report of Officers and standing committees:

Awards Committee: None this month

Manchester Veterans Council: None

Fundraising: John Jenkins will reach out to Bass Pro. Woody will contact MB.

Membership: All GSD members are recruiters, use the brochures and business cards. Gerard Tanguay and Joey Duquette were sworn in as members. Motion was made by JD, second CA to have the Detachment pay Gerard's (88 years-old) membership fee. Passed.

Newsletter: JP - Corporate sponsor levels are Eagle, Globe, and Anchor. Next issue will be out in March. A dedicated email account just for the newsletter is being set-up by JP and CA.

Public Relations: Nothing to report

Scouting: COH conducted by KB last month in Merrimack

Scholarship: none

VAVS: Bingo first Sunday of every month, volunteers always welcome. December was cancelled by VA due to flu bug.

Website: Activity has risen on both Facebook page and website

Fire Team Alpha: Nancy and Ellen will work on a social event at one of the state parks.

Fire Team Bravo: Our Facebook page has seen an uptick in Likes and Shares.

Commandant's Goals:

Member Engagement: Increase % of members who participate in Detachment Activities.

Community Support: Who do we want to support? USMC has asked for more funeral detail help from MCL.

Membership: Sustain, increase, get younger

Unfinished Business: \$1259 received from Gun Show. Chris and Woody will deposit.

New Business: Frank is updating the roster. Send him your edits. Motion by NG, second by BK to grant FD \$29 to subscribe to White Pages for purpose of seeking information for the roster. Passed.

Marge Romano is volunteering to write veteran's stories at the VAMC.

Good of the League: Charlie Cove, Seacoast Detachment passed. Detachment Activity Report- Report your detachment activities to John Jenkins.

Starting 01 January 2020 Commissaries, exchanges and recreation (MWR) facilities will be open to Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war (POW), Veterans with any service-connected disability, and caregivers registered with the VA's Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

Upcoming Events:

11 February 2020 membership meeting at 1830 Manchester Elks

23 February 2020 Department of NH meeting

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 1930. Closing ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Chaplain, and Sgt at Arms.

Submitted by: Derwood J. Haskell, Commandant