



**United States Marine Corps League**

**Granite State Detachment #542**

**290 Granite St. Manchester NH 03102**

**11 February 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:** Derwood Haskell, Commandant

Shawn Carboni

John Petralito

Frank Diekmann

Ron Jones

Ellen Petralito

John Jenkins

Gerald Tanguay

Joe Duquette

Kevin Brown

Joe Duquette Jr.

**Guests: None**

Meeting began at 1828. 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:** Chris Pierce

**Adjutant Report:** Motion made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting by Frank Diekmann. Seconded by Joe Duquette. Motion Passed.

**Correspondence: Thank you letters**

**Report of Paymaster:** Checking Balance: \$20,798.90

PayPal: \$181.15

**Presentation of Expenditures:** reimbursement of Kevin Brown \$12.10 for scouting certificates

**Report of sickness and distress:** Doc Plichta

**Report of Officers and standing committees:**

**Awards Committee:** None

**Manchester Veterans Council:** None

**Fundraising:** four complete kits

Bass Pro Shop 16-17 May 2020

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

**Newsletter:** Still working

**Public Relations:** Nothing to report

**Scouting:** 0

**Scholarship:** none

**VAVS:** Bingo first Sunday of every month, volunteers always welcome. VAVS meeting in April

**Website:** Activity has risen on both Facebook page and website

**Fire Team Alpha:** Outdoor Venues are being looked at for Detachment cookout

**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:** None

**New Business:** Motion made to donate \$1,000 towards Past Department Commandant Cherie Monnell's bathroom remodeling by Frank Diekmann. Seconded by Kevin Brown. Motion passed

Motion made to place a ½ page color ad in the Quad State program book (\$125.00) by John Jenkins. Seconded by Frank Diekmann. Motion passed.

**Good of the League:** 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:**

10 March 2020 membership meeting at 1830 Manchester Elks

29 March 2020 @ 1100 at Legion Post 21 7 Perley St Concord NH Department of NH meeting

17-19 April 2020 Quad State Convention Embassy Suites Portland ME

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1945. Closing ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Chaplain, and Sgt at Arms.

**Submitted by: Shawn Carboni, Detachment Adjutant**