



Marine Corps League

Granite State Detachment #542

9 August 2022 Meeting Minutes – First FINAL DRAFT

Officers present:

- Commandant BJ Byers – Present**
- Sr. Vice Gary Gahan -- Present**
- Jr. Vice Dennis Mitchell – Present**
- Ass't. Jr. Vice Fiona Mitchell -- Present**
- Judge Advocate Paul Sorenson - Excused**
- Jr. Past Cmdt – Derwood (“Woody”) Haskell -- excused**
- Paymaster Gary Gahan – Present**
- Sgt. At Arms Paul Coutu -- Present**
- Chaplain Joe Duquette – Excused**
- Quartermaster John Petralito – Present**
- Adjutant Shawn Carboni – Excused**
- Marine For Life Shawn Carboni - Excused**
- Veterans Council Shawn Carboni (Excused) and Gary Gahan (Present)**
- Web Sgt. Chris Alberding - Excused**
- Editor-in-Chief Marge Romano - Present**
- Orchestra Director Pat Anthony -- Excused**

Members present: In addition to those marked present: Kevin Brown, Eric Anthony, Ellen Petralito,
Paul Janes, Polly Labbe

Long-Distance Members Present: Gilfred (“Gil”) Martel, Sr., and his son Matt Martel

Guests Present:

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Community Policing Presentation

At the July meeting, Chaplain Duquette was assigned to recruit Officer Steve Duquette into membership with the Detachment

The Meeting began at 18:35 (6:35 pm). A quorum was present. Opening ceremonies were conducted by the Commandant, Jr. Vice appearing for the Chaplain, and Sgt. At Arms

Roll Call of Officers: All Officers were present or accounted for as indicated above.

Applications for Membership: there were no new applications nor transfer requests

Bob LANSING

Shane PELLETIER

Bill MILLER from Pennsylvania BillJae2@verison.net (may transfer to GSD)

Adjutant Report: Due to the excused absence of the Adjutant, there were no minutes available from the May 2022 meeting.

Correspondence: The Commandant did not report any new correspondence

Paymaster Report: Available funds are \$ 16,543.79. Payments reported totaled \$ 2,411.39. In the Restricted Funds, the Paymaster reported that there are \$ 2,650.00 remaining. Unrestricted funds total \$13,893.79

Scholarship: It was moved, seconded and approved to confirm \$2,000 for the 2023 award of the Frank Diekmann Scholarship.

Commandant Byers reported on an inquiry about a 100% disabled Marine in Meredith with a leaky roof on a mobile home. This matter will be continued for further information

Paymaster and Commandant reported the signing of an updated ROI report for MCL-HQ to report changes in the officer structure

Reports of sickness and distress: Commandant BJ Byers had injured his back and is on medication.

It was reported that Teresa Hamlin had hip replacement surgery on 27 June, and that Ron Jones wife is

Report of Officers and standing committees:

Awards Committee: this committee consists of BJ Byers, Dan Fedor, Marge Romano and Gary Gahan

It was reported that several previously approved awards and donations now been finalized, notably a donation of \$250 to Easter Seals, a donation of \$1,000 to Home Town Heroes and a donation of \$1,000 to Building Dreams for Marines for a Golf Tournament, and awards for the operators of the Chester Rod and Gun Club, the Bass Pro Shop and the Market Basket locations in Bedford and Hooksett.

City Veterans Council: Due to the absence of the Adjutant, there was no report

Fundraising:

Flag Pole Auction

It was voted on and approved to purchase the flagpole; Sr. Vice/Paymaster Gary Gahan will order the flagpole kit.

Raffle of wooden flag replicas

At the fundraising events in late June, As announced by Sr. Vice Gahan, anyone who offered a donation of \$20 or more at any of the locations over that weekend was given a customized raffle ticket. The winner was drawn July 4th and notified shortly thereafter. The winner of the June raffle was:

Barbara Carley

31 Preston Way

Auburn, NH

603-370-0013

luv_lakes@yahoo.com

Gary has already invested a lot of effort in this effort. In May he stated his belief that this effort by itself it may bring in funds exceeding \$10,000. To date, this has provided \$ 2,240.00 in additional funds, against his original estimate, so it is right on track. To support the effort, Gary has purchased racks to hold the replicas at each location and has arranged with Dennis Mitchell and others so there is one of the flags at each location. He designed tickets, to allow us to gather the contact details of the individual. It is felt that we can do this type of auction 2-5x per calendar year.

Lastly, Jr. Vice Gahan has asked for some members to help review the supplies needed to staff upcoming fundraising events

Quartermaster:

Chair is John Petralito

--The project to convert our photo albums into a digital format is on hold until the Fall/Winter

--There is some confusion as to the location of an inventory of outerwear items that have been donated for detachment members to.

--John & Ellen Petralito donated a Brass 7" EAGLE GLOBE ANCHOR to the detachment and handed it off to Gary Gahan. Gary suggested the possibility of mounting it to a wooden flag being produced and when completed, offering the finished wooden flag with the EGA as a fundraiser item

Membership: Chair is Dennis Mitchell, Jr. Vice Commandant.

He reports that he has been working with contacts on recruiting duty with USMC in Manchester and Portsmouth

Newsletter: Marge advised that the cut-off date for the next issue is Sunday September 25, and that The next issue is "on track" for a release around October

Public Relations: no report

Scouting Committee: Chair is Dan Fedor; he reported that all sorts of activity that MCL would be involved with essentially goes flat until late August

Scholarships: Committee consists of Marge Romano, BJ Byers, Gary Gahan and Kevin Brown. The committee will meet prior to the September Detachment meeting to review wording of the qualifications of scholarship candidates

Veterans (VAVS): no report

Young Marines: There was no discussion about Young Marines

Bingo: no report

Web Sgt Report: no report

Social Activities:

Boscawen Veteran's Cemetery It was reported that the 25th Anniversary of this institution will be on Saturday **Sept 24th (which conflicts with the Saturday social meeting of the Granite State Detachment and may require a re-scheduling of that Saturday Detachment event...**

Unfinished Business:

Phone Tree: it was suggested in September 2021 that we establish a Phone Tree. This is a project by BJ Byers and Gary Gahan, and has morphed into an arrangement whereby members have been

assigned to contact approx. 10 members, check-in, get updated info., assess needs, and report any changes to leadership. These assigned callers are

Gary Gahan: Alberding to Byers

B J has Carboni to Joe Duquette

Labbe has Fallon to Haskell

Joe D. has Hayward to Lemay

Kevin has Martel to Rocheleau

Gilfred Martel: is still in Florida at the address we have, and the phone number we have is correct.

His wife has apparently changed her name from "private" to "Barbara"

They have also changed their email to gilfred.martelsr@gmail.com

John Nye: left voice mail

Angelo Pantelli: is dead

Chris Peirce: all info still accurate

Ellen, and
John Petralito all info still accurate

Richard Plichta: left voice mail

Mark Rivet: left voice mail

Lionel Rocheleau left voice mail.

He texted back that his nickname is "Rip" and that "All is good" with him

Ron Sinclair does NOT have an email address; phone number works and mailing address confirmed

Donald Schnare phone system eventually answers; left a voice mail message; does not appear to have email

Marge has Romano to Tanguay.

New Business:

Nothing to report

Good of the League:

Department of NH Quarterly Meeting: was held at Amherst Fire Dep't on Saturday 18 June, starting at 10:30. DNH elections were held. A MODD Growl followed. T-shirts were sold as a fundraiser, raising \$24.00 for the Detachment

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Events;

2nd Tuesday of each month at 18:30 – Detachment meeting is held at the Elks Club, 290 Granite Street, Manchester, NH, to follow an officers meeting at 18:00-18:30

Last Saturday of the month at 08:00. Detachment Breakfast at the Airport Diner on Brown Ave.; this is a no-host, social gathering with no MCL business agenda.

3rd Wednesday of every month at 11:30 the “Together We Served” group holds a luncheon in Dover, NH. Contact John Cannon 781-956-6982

Seacoast Detachment Picnic is to be held on Saturday August 20th at New Castle, NH. It was moved, seconded and approved that we donate \$250 to Seacoast to assist with the costs of the picnic

Closing: Meeting ended at 19:25 hours (7:25 pm). Closing ceremonies were conducted by Commandant Byers, Sr. Vice Commandant Gahan, and Sgt at Arms Coutu

Submitted by:

Kevin Brown, a weak substitution for Shawn Carboni

