

Granite State Detachment #542 Minutes of the Meeting at 18:30

18:30 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) BJ Byers

Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Paul Coutu, and

Chaplain (Chap) Joseph Duquette (name or acting name).

Officer Roll Call: Cmdt, <u>(name)</u>	B J Byers	(circle one: <u>present</u> , absent, acting or excused);
Senior Vice Commandant (SVC)	Gary Gahan	(circle one: <u>present</u> , absent, acting or excused);
Junior Vice Commandant (JVC),	Dennis Mitchel	(circle one: present, <u>absent</u> , acting or excused);
Judge Advocate (JA)	Position is open	(circle one: present, absent, acting or excused);
Junior Past Commandant (JPC)	Derwood "Woody" Haskell	(circle one: present, absent, acting or <u>excused</u>);
Sergeant at Arms	Paul Coutu	(circle one: <u>present</u> , absent, acting or excused);
the Adjutant (Adj)	Eric Anthony	(circle one: <u>present</u> , absent, acting or excused);
the Paymaster	Gary Gahan	(circle one: <u>present</u> , absent, acting or excused);
the Web Sergeant	Chris Alberding	(circle one: present, absent, acting or <u>excused</u>);
Chaplain	Joseph Duquette	(circle one: <u>present</u> , absent, acting or excused);
Quartermaster	John Petrilito	(circle one: <u>present</u> , absent, acting or excused);

There were 7 voting members (last names): Byers; Gahan (holding 3 offices); Coutu; Anthony; Duquette; Petralito; Brown

and _____(insert number) guests (list full names): Ellen Petralito; Marge Romano; Pauly Labbe; Armond LaVoie; AJ Hebert; Joey Duquette and Chris Pierce. **These names are all members**

The meeting was conducted in person/. There was /wasn't (circle one) a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the February 14, '23 Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Gary Gahan and seconded by Marine Kevin Brown. The motion passed (or rejected) with 0 (insert number) dissenting votes cast.

New Members and Guests: There were 0 new members present,

_____ (list names and titles (if appropriate)).

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Paymaster Report:

- The checking account balance is \$9,430.01__ (insert amount); (it was noted that \$6,056 of this remains sequestered for the scholarships fund).
- the savings account balance is \$3,374.01__ (insert amount).
 - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine Kevin Brown and seconded by Marine Ellen Petralito . The motion passed (or rejected) with __0__(insert number) dissenting votes cast.

Gary noted a proposed donation related to the NH Charitable Gaming Organization would hopefully on average be \$5,000 +/- net for each of the two five-day cycles that have been assigned to us; April 27 to May 1, 2023, and July 1 to July 5, 2023.

- Donations received must be used within New Hampshire;
- Not be used for administrative costs.
- Gary made a motion to accept this charitable gaming money and put it in a separate account at the same bank for the purpose of more organized accounting of that fund.
 - This was 2nded by Chris Pierce
 - Passed on voice vote; no dissent.

BJ proposed that the name be: "State of New Hampshire Charitable Fund".

Gary also mentioned that the yellow strips for the MCL covers would be coming in soon.

Other ongoing means of fundraising was mentioned:

- Bass Pro shops

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- Liquor Stores
- Marketbasket (raised about \$7,000 last year)
- Fishercats baseball games (perk --- attendance in booth; and watch game). Mary Ann Diekeman was the connection for this.
- Joe Petralito wanted to know what happened to our investment account?

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- has no knowledge of any account other than the checking account
- that was handed to him by Judith Jones when he took over as paymaster.
- Marge: it was actually a money market account.

Chaplain Report:

- (Chaplains or other members bulletized list of members who have died or in distress or need visiting, etc.)_____.
- _Cory Church passed away and will be missed.
- _Paul Sorenson passed away and will be missed.
- Ron Johnson is recovering from surgery; his wife passed away.
- Gerry Tanguay recovering from heart procedure.
- “Doc” Plicta --- last heard, was in nursing home; no update since.
- Paul Jones --- eye surgery.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- _Marge: Still waiting for scholarship applications; none so far. Teresa Hanlon may apply (again). ____(Committee Chair update).

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Communications/Website:

Website discussion:

- Marge: the website needs to be updated.
- A motion was made but tabled for future consideration: to form a search committee for this website update.
- Kevin: AJ cannot do it; Oregon guy is too expensive.
- Gary: no mail response received.
- A.J. said he will look into his contact and report the results for the next meeting.
- Marge pointed out that Chris Alberding would be willing to help too.

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(Committee Chair update).

Membership:

- _____ NTR _____
- _____
- _____ (Committee Chair update).

Correspondence:

- JUNK MAIL ONLY
- _____
- _____ (Commandant or Paymaster update).

Scouting:

- _____ NTR _____
- _____
- _____ (Committee Chair update).

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Public Information:

- ___ NTR _____
- _____
- _____ (Committee Chair update).

Marine for Life:

- ___ NTR _____
- _____
- _____ (Committee Chair update).

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Donations and Gifts:

- _____ \$1056 donation from Frank Diekeman estate to be designated for the scholarship program

Awards:

- ___ NTR _____
- _____ (Committee Chair update).

Honors:

- ___ NTR _____
- _____
- _____ (Committee Chair update).

Dept. of NH (DNHMCL) <http://nhmarines.org/>: <https://www.facebook.com/MCLNHMARINES/>

- ___ Marge will send this out.
- Quad State convention: BJ to represent us.

- _____ (Committee Chair update).

MODD #159:

- ___ NTR _____
- _____
- _____ (Committee Chair update).

OLD BUSINESS:

- ___ NTR _____
- _____
- _____ (Commandant, SVC, JVC, Committee Chair update).

NEW BUSINESS:

WREATHS (will be a separate heading from now on):

- Marge: wreaths for Boscowen/Blue Star Mothers. They will order 2000 wreaths for '23; and there will be a meeting on April 19th. Marge proposes \$500 donation to this from Granite MCL; donated in Paul Sorenson's name.
- Commandant BJ Byers announced that he will be retiring to Hernando Florida in October.
- _____ (Commandant, SVC, JVC, Committee Chair update).

Good of the League:

- ___ NTR _____
- _____
- _____ (All members invited to update).

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Future Dates:

- As listed in the agenda and including the below:
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for _May 9th ____ (date) __18:30 ____ (time).
- Last Saturday of the month FUNday breakfast a 0800 at the Airport Diner Manchester NH.
 - “Together We Served luncheon” <https://www.gyrenes.org/> @ 1130 U.S. Marine Corps, New Hampshire & Southern Maine Chapter continues at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>) on _May 10th__ (next luncheon date). All Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen and Chaplains and Spouses are Welcome "Membership is Free." Time for the Gathering of Gyrene's 11:30 AM on the **second Wednesday** each month.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt __BJ Byers __ (first and last name (name or acting name), SVC __Gary Gahan__ (first and last name (or acting name), SAA_Paul Coutu_ (first and last name (or acting name) and Chaplain __Joseph Duquette__ (first and last name (or acting name) conducted the closing ceremony at 20:00 --- (Adjutant Eric Anthony)
