

**Granite State Detachment #542 Minutes of the February 14, 2023 Meeting at 1900:**

**1900 Opening Ceremony:** The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) BJ Byers,

Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Paul Coutu and

Chaplain (Chap) Joseph Duquette

<b><u>Officer Roll Call:</u></b> Cmdt,	BJ 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 Mitchell	(circle one: <u>present</u> , absent, acting or excused);
Judge Advocate (JA),	Paul Sorensen	(circle one: present, absent, acting or <u>excused</u> );
Junior Past Commandant (JPC)	Derwood "Woody" Haskell	(circle one: present, absent, acting or <u>excused</u> );
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).

There were 7 (insert number) voting members (list last names) \_\_Byers, Gahan (listed 2X), Mitchell, Anthony, Duquette, Brown, Coutu);

and guests (list full names) Marge Romano, Pat Anthony, Chris Peirce, Pauly Labbe, Joey Duquette

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

**Minutes:**

- A motion to accept the January 10, 2023 Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Kevin Brown and seconded by Marine Joe Duquette. The motion passed (or rejected) with 0 (insert number) dissenting votes cast.

**New Members and Guests:** There were 1 (insert number) guests, Pat Anthony.

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### Paymaster Report:

- The checking account balance is \$10,148.97;
  - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine Kevin Brown and seconded by Marine Dennis Mitchell. The motion passed (or rejected) with \_\_0\_\_ (insert number) dissenting votes cast.

### Chaplain Report:

- (Chaplains or other members bulletized list of members who have died or in distress or need visiting, etc.)\_\_\_\_\_.
- Paul Sorenson /pain
- John Nye /back issues
- Ron John's wife/ brain tumor
- John Petrolito (wife Ellen) / asks for prayers /health
- Cory Church/ heart attack /in rehab/prayers

### Committees:

#### Scholarship:

- \_27 Schools notified /waiting for responses /May 15 deadline /\$5000 total; but can be split up by the Scholarship committee at their discretion / decisions to be made at the May meeting of that committee.
- (Committee Chair update).

#### Communications/Website:

- Marge Romano: Wordpress charges \$50 /hr at least (State website is terrible) for webmaster services. Webmaster would compile our info. Chris Alberding will turn in everything of his work on the website. We must keep it updated.
- Gary: This will require \$500 initially (we have \$5000 on hand) Do we want to keep the website? Kevin Brown will talk to his son in law Aaron Hebert (I.T. expertise) about this.

#### Membership:

- Dennis is talking to two friends on the Manchester Police Department about joining. They are interested in joining; but are involved in quite a number of activities including their work schedules.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

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**Correspondence:**

- Gary: Military Women’s Memorial, American Red Cross, Wounded Warriors, Tunnels to Towers.
  - Marge: wants to make a motion to include Blue Star Mothers --- every vet deserves recognition.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Commandant or Paymaster update).

**Scouting:**

- Don Fedor still in charge.
- Marge: military loves Eagle Scouts. (BJ mentioned that when he was a Marine recruiter in Manchester there were no Eagle scouts that entered the Marine Corps during his tenure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**Public Information:**

- Nothing to report
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**Marine for Life:**

- Sean Carbone in charge of this; but not present tonight.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**Donations and Gifts:**

- Nothing to report

**Awards:**

- Nothing to report

**Honors:**

- Nothing to report

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

- Marge will send out an article condensing information on quad state convention April 28<sup>th</sup> in Colchester Vermont.
- BJ Byers is considering attending (Committee Chair update).

**MODD #159:**

- BJ also considering attending this as it would mean a promotion of Devil Dog rank
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Nothing to report
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Commandant, SVC, JVC, Committee Chair update).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Nothing to report
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Commandant, SVC, JVC, Committee Chair update).

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**Good of the League:**

- Gary generously says the Commandant will buy everybody drinks after the meeting.
- He will be ordering the embroidered cover strips.
- \_\_\_\_\_(All members invited to update).

**Future Dates:**

- As listed in the Agenda and including the below:
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_(date) @ \_\_\_\_\_(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 March 8th\_(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\_, SVC Gary Gahan\_, SAA\_Paul Coutu\_ and Chaplain Joe Duquette conducted the closing ceremony at 19:45