

**Granite State Detachment #542 Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Meeting at 18:30:**

**18:30 Opening Ceremony:** The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Senior Vice Commandant Gary Gahan (in the excused absence of Commandant B.J. Byers ) and  
Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Paul Coutu and  
Chaplain (Chap) Joseph Duquette.

<b>Officer Roll Call:</b> Cmdt, (name)	B J Byers	(circle one: present, absent, acting or <u>excused</u> );
Senior Vice Commandant (SVC)	Gary Gahan	(circle one: <u>present</u> , absent, acting or excused);
Junior Vice Commandant (JVC),	Dennis Mitchel	(circle one: <u>present</u> , absent, acting or excused);
Judge Advocate (JA),	<b>Position open</b>	
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 14 (insert number) voting members (list last names) Brown, Peirce, Mitchel, Duquette, Coutu, Anthony,

Tanguay, LaVoie, Jones, Fedor, and Hebert / Assoc. members Labbe, Romano, J. Duquette Jr.);

and 0 (insert number) guests (list full names)

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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 April 11, 2023 Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Paul Jones and seconded by Marine Dan Fedor. The motion passed (or rejected) with 0 (insert number) dissenting votes cast.

**New Members and Guests:** There were 0 (insert number) guests,

\_\_\_\_\_ (list names and titles (if appropriate)).

**Paymaster Report:**

- The checking account balance is \$9291;
- the savings account balance is \$\_\_0\_\_(insert amount). There is NO savings account as everything is held in the checking account. May 9<sup>th</sup> total checking balance was \$92,99.21 which was offset by \$6064 for the two scholarships leaving net \$3243.21 for other uses.
- Paymaster will be reimbursing Kevin Brown \$105 for Birthday Cards (sent out routinely to members on their birthday with best wishes signed by those present at the previous meeting).
- \$4.50 was spent on postage and reimbursed from the general fund.

Paymaster Gahan reported that a check from the Casino Charitable Gaming soon. He reminded us that two people are still needed for that shift. Sign ups for the fundraiser in May, the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, are coming up and he will email the notice/application for time slots at Market Basket at the outside location. Also, slots are open for the Gold St. Liquor Store fundraising shift. Elm St. Liquor store site is questionable (may cancel that one): no consensus was reached on that point. Some discussion took place on delivery arrangements of MCL equipment on days of fundraising --- how and when Gary would get it there was agreed upon.

Mary Ann Dieckman has connections for us for Fishercats baseball games: good opportunity to network while enjoying a game from the box enclosure.

PERHAPS WE COULD VOTE ON THIS IN THE NEXT MEETING (?):

- NO motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine \_\_\_\_\_(list name) and seconded by Marine \_\_\_\_\_(list name). The motion passed (or rejected) with \_\_\_\_\_(insert number) dissenting votes cast.

**Chaplain Report:**

- Chaplain Joe Duquette listed of members who have died or in distress or need visiting, etc.
- \_Ron Jones is doing really well.
- \_Mr. Putska also doing well in nursing home (memory issues) --- Hillsboro County nursing home.

**Committees:**

**Scholarship:**

- B J's daughter Lily X Byers for \$4032 and Julia Gordon for \$2032 from Bedford HS (Committee Chair update).

**Communications/Website:**

- Marge Romano said A.J. (Hebert)'s administrator, Jo Zurwell was very capable for working on our website. She maintains the Canadian Genealogical website (ACGS) and does a great job there.
- \_\_\_\_\_(Committee Chair update).

**Membership:**

- NTR
- \_\_\_\_\_(Committee Chair update).

**Correspondence:**

- NTR \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_(Commandant or Paymaster update).

**Scouting:**

- Dan Fedor represented MCL #542 as our Scoutmaster at the Eagle Scout ceremony in Bedford, accompanied by Gary Gahan and Eric Anthony (as reported in Gary's email and photo of the event).
- \_\_\_\_\_(Committee Chair update).

**Public Information:**

- Seacoast detachment is host to an Iwo Jima 100 year old vet. \_(Committee Chair update).

**Marine for Life:**

- Paymaster Gahan notes that the rate for Life membership is going up (currently \$200); encourages any who may have been interested in making this upgrade to do it before the rate increase. \_(Committee Chair update).

**Donations and Gifts:**

- As noted in the Paymaster Report, a Charity Gaming donation is imminent. \_ (Paymaster update).

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**Awards:**

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

**Honors:**

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

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

- The Department quarterly meeting is in Concord NH on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Lodge at 11:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**MODD #159:**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- John Petralito agreed (sometime in the past) to convert photos to digital format. He has all the photos but has not been able to get to this. Chris Peirce knows of a business in Lebanon that does this sort of work and would charge \$260 for 1000 photos digitalized. Dan LaVoie volunteered to check this out. Pauly Labbe said the photos go back to 2001. Gary Gahan asked if it was worth the effort to save these? **Upon a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> (name not recorded) the consensus of the vote was NO.**
- (Commandant, SVC, JVC, Committee Chair update).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kevin Brown spoke on Liberty House needing to submit to us a list of MCL #542 of which gift items are actually in demand at the facility (?); it doesn't make sense to just give them BJs gift cards. Gary Gahan clarified that these (gift cards) go to management, not the clients. Kevin then asked how much do they need? Chris Peirce said their pantry was empty now. **Chris Peirce made a motion** to gift the sum of \$500 to Liberty House for their food pantry. **Marge R. 2<sup>nd</sup>ed and the motion was unanimously approved.**

- Kevin auctioned a Marine Coffee mug for \$8 to A.J. Hebert.

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**Good of the League:**

- Photo archive covered under “Old Business” above.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (All members invited to update).

**Future Dates:**

- As listed in the Agenda and including the below:
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for June 13, 2023(date) @ 18:30.
- 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/>). The TWS luncheon is this Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 1100 at the Strafford Farms Restaurant, 58 New Rochester Rd Dover, NH 03820. BTW this would be something that I feel that you would enjoy going to with me. Let me know.. 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 --- Gary Gahan.

**Closing Ceremony:** Senior Vice Cmdt, acting for the excused Cmdt, SVC Gary Gahan, SAA Paul Coutu, and Chap Joe Duquette, conducted the closing ceremony at 20:00

Eric Anthony, Adjutant

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