

Granite State Detachment #542 Minutes of the August 8, 2023 Meeting at 18:30:

**18:37 Opening Ceremony:** The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) \_\_ Gary Gahan\_\_(name or acting name),

Sergeant at Arms (SAA) \_\_Paul Coutu\_\_\_\_ (name or acting name) and

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

<b>Officer Roll Call:</b> Cmdt, (name)	Gary Gahan	(circle one: <b>present</b> , absent, acting or excused);
Senior Vice Commandant (SVC)	<b>position open</b> (formerly Gary Gahan)	
Junior Vice Commandant (JVC),	Dennis Mitchel	(circle one: present, <b>absent</b> , acting or excused);
Judge Advocate (JA),	<b>position open</b> (Kevin Brown?)	
Sergeant at Arms	Paul Coutu	(circle one: present, absent, acting or <b>excused</b> );
Junior Past Commandant (JPC)	Derwood “Woody” Haskell	(circle one: present, absent, acting or <b>excused</b> );
the Adjutant (Adj)	Eric Anthony	(circle one: <b>present</b> , absent, acting or excused);
the Paymaster	Gary Gahan	(circle one: <b>present</b> , absent, acting or excused);
the Web Sergeant	Jo Zurwell	(circle one: <b>present</b> , absent, acting or excused);
Chaplain	Joseph Duquette	(circle one: <b>present</b> , absent, acting or excused).
Quartermaster	Joe Petralito	(circle one: <b>present</b> , absent, acting or excused).

There were 13 (insert number) voting members (list last names) \_ Gahan, Anthony, Zurwell, Brown, Duquette, Petralito, E. Petralito, Romano, Joey Duquette, Hebert, Pierce, Van Valkenberg, Stufflebaum \_\_\_\_\_);

and \_\_\_\_\_(insert number) guests (list full names)

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\_\_(Jo Zurwell, Michelle Van Valkenberg and Jesse Stufflebaum were all inaugurated as members in this meeting)\_\_\_\_\_

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 **July 11<sup>th</sup> '23** (list date of minutes to be voted on) Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine \_\_Chris Pierce\_\_(insert name) and seconded by Marine \_\_Gary Gahan\_\_(insert name). The motion **passed** (or rejected) with 0 (insert number) dissenting votes cast.

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**New Members and Guests:** There were \_\_\_0\_\_\_ (insert number) guests, \_\_\_ Jo Zurwell, Michelle Van Valkenberg and Jesse Stufflebaum were all inaugurated as members in this meeting \_ (list names and titles (if appropriate)).

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**Paymaster Report:** (see Gary's Paymaster notes)

- The checking account balance is \$\_ 16,946.00 (insert amount);
- the savings account balance is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ (insert amount).
  - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Brown \_\_\_\_\_ (list name) and seconded by Marine \_\_\_ Chris Pierce \_\_\_ (not noted) \_\_\_\_\_ (list name). The motion **passed** (or rejected) with \_\_\_0\_\_\_ (insert number) dissenting votes cast.

**Chaplain Report:** J. Duquette reporting:

- (Chaplains or other members bulletized list of members who have died or in distress or need visiting, etc.)\_\_\_\_\_.
- Doc Plichta's funeral ceremony at Boscowen Veterans Cemetary\_\_\_\_\_.
- Dennis Mitchel 's health status remains unknown at this time\_\_\_\_\_.

**Committees:**

**Scholarship:** NTR

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

**Communications/Website:** (Jo Zurwell)

- Jo gave a synopsis of the organization and features of the new website she has constructed\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**Membership:**

- Three new members (listed above), unanimously accepted and welcomed\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**Correspondence:**

- \_\_\_Thank you notes from scholarship recipient students: Lily Byers & Julie Gordon\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_(Commandant or Paymaster update).

**Scouting:**

- \_\_\_Kevin Brown helped officiate at the Hooksett Eagle Scout ceremony for William Bruce Louisville who constructed a gym ring as his project.\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_(Committee Chair update).

**Public Information:**

- \_\_\_Richard Marsh who had given us the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting presentation of his **Homebase** charity walked the 13 miles from Boscowen Veterans Cemetery to the Tilton Veterans Home. He encountered a black bear; but even this did not deter him and he was enthusiastically met at the end of the walk by veterans at the Home.
- \_\_\_All should note that the Marine Corps Ball will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> this year. It will be at the Sheraton Hotel in Nashua, tickets are \$90. Gary would like a head count so we can plan ahead for detachment seating together.\_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**Marine for Life: NTR**

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

**Donations and Gifts: NTR**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_(Paymaster update).

**Awards:** 3 awards were given:

- \_\_\_ Member of the Year: Gary Gahan \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Associate of the Year: Marge Romano \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Associate of the Year: Dick Anagnost \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**Honors: NTR**

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

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

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

**MODD #159:**

- \_\_\_ What the devil happened to our dogs? Four growls are required for the year; but Gary Gahan reports Mark Lindsey's deafness makes it difficult to get ahold of him, and therefore it is a challenge to arrange chapter meetings. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Chair update).

**OLD BUSINESS: NTR**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Commandant, SVC, JVC, Committee Chair update).

**NEW BUSINESS: New positions filled for Granite State Detachment #542:**

- \_\_\_ Commandant: Gary Gahan \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Chaplain: Joe Duquette \_\_\_
- ---- Senior Vice Cmdt: still open
- ---- Paymaster: A.J. Hebert
- ---- Seargent at Arms: Paul Coutu
- ---- Adjutant: Eric Anthony
- ---- Judge Advocate: Paul Coutu
- ---- Junior Vice: Dennis' nominated, but not present to accept
- ---- Quartermaster: Joe Petralito
- ---- Webmaster: Jo Zurwell
- ---- Junior Past Commandant: B.J. Byers
- ---- Editor in Chief: Marge Romano
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Commandant, SVC, JVC, Committee Chair update).

**Good of the League:**

- \_\_\_ As noted above 3 new members were welcomed into the League and duly sworn in. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (All members invited to update).

**Future Dates:**

- As listed in the Agenda and including the below:
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for \_\_\_Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, '23\_\_\_(date) @ \_\_\_18:30 \_\_\_(time).
- Last Saturday of the month FUNday breakfast a 0800 at the Airport Diner Manchester NH.

(Future Dates cont'd)

- “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 \_\_\_\_\_(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 \_\_\_ B.J. Byers\_\_\_(first and last name (name or acting name)), SVC \_\_\_(open position)\_\_\_(first and last name(or acting name)), SAA \_\_\_ Paul Coutu\_\_\_(first and last name (or acting name)) and Chap \_\_\_ Joe Duquette\_\_\_(first and last name(or acting name))conducted the closing ceremony at \_\_\_ 19:52\_\_\_

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## Financial Recap for MCL#542 meeting date August 8, 2023

Available checking account balance as of August 8, 2023	\$16,946.71
Expenses since last meeting July 11, 2023	
Jo Zurwell/Technical support-updating	\$ 675.00
Bluebird Storage	\$ 129.00
Homebase donation	\$ 515.00
Constant Contact	\$ 148.07
Lebanon Poker Room rental fee	\$ 625.00
TOTAL	\$2,092.07
Income since last meeting July 11, 2023	
Lebanon Poker Room (NET of rent)	\$7,648.55
Restricted Charitable Gaming Receipts TOTAL (net)	\$13,630.01
<b>Net available for other uses</b>	<b>\$ 3,16.70</b>