

Granite State Marine Corps League Detachment #542

Meeting March 11, 2025 at 1800

Opening Ceremony: Commandant, Sgt-at-Arms, Chaplain

Roll Call of Officers and Appointed Positions:

Commandant:	Gary Gahan	Pr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Sr Vice Cmndt:	Michelle Vanvalkenburg	Pr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Jr Vice Cmndt:	Glen Thayer (Acting)	Pr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Judge Advoc:	Chris Peirce	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Jr Past Cmndt:	B J Byers	Pr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Adjutant:	Eric Anthony	Pr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chaplain:	Joe Duquette	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Paymaster:	Marge Romano	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Quarter Mstr:	Antwon Scott	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Sgt at Arms:	Paul Coutu	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Webmaster:	Jo Zurwell	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Media Liaison:	Vacant	Pr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Scouting:	Kayley Bass/Sarah Steffan	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Marine 4 Life	Glen Thayer	Pr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Aide De Camp:	Kevin Brown	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>

Other Members attending

James Covatis, Joey Duquette, David Frescha, Mike Martioski

New Members Attending and Sworn in

Note: there was not a quorum of the membership

Guests attending

Mike Martioski (state Adjutant)

NTR Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Steve White made the **MOTION** to accept the previous meeting's minutes; Joe Duquette seconded the motion: **passed unanimously**

OFFICER REPORTS

Senior Vice Commandant:

Memorial Day Weekend sign ups are going out soon.

Paymasters Report: (Marge Romano)

- We have paid for and completed the ad for the Quad State Program.
- Charitable Gaming: we have been selected in Lebanon NH
- Seneca Bernard (? -- Kevin's note unclear)
- Total balance is \$12,716; total available \$438
- Committed funds, \$12,033
- Deposits, \$54

(See attached Paymaster Report for details)

Chaplains Report: (Joe Duquette)

Sick, injured, hospitalized members; Members/ Spouses recently passed away;

Updates from the VA Hospital:

- Bill Rogers, 96 years old is back from surgery.
- Gary Gahan recovering from heart surgery
- Eric Anthony MIA?
- Bingo at VA, 1:00pm Sunday, 3/16

Judge Advocate: Chris Peirce

NTR

Junior Vice Commandant: Glen Thayer (excused for 3/11 meeting)

Marge, who had worked with Glen, reports:

- Glen worked with Marge for about 7 hours on the Wal Mart grant. About 85% done;
- Also worked on our PayPal account;
- 990 tax form due: names and numbers are not matching up (!)

Quartermaster: (Antwon Scott)

NTR

Webmasters Report: (Jo Zurwell)

- Use on the website is up slightly;
- Sign up for Quad State Convention is posted on the website
- See attached report for details.

Media Liaison Report: (Vacant)

NTR

Scouting Report: (Kayley Bass/Sarah Steffan)

- Still having trouble with the guy at the Daniel Webster Council
- Eagle Scout Court of Honor is coming up, 12:00 noon, at Camp Carpenter

Marine for Life: (Glen Thayer)

NTR

Correspondence: (Commandant, excused)

NTR

Donations inbound: (Paymaster, commandant, et al)

NTR

Donations outbound:

NTR

Awards: (Commandant, et al)

NTR

Honor Details: (Jim Ambrose)

NTR

Scholarship committee: (Gary Gahan, Steve White, Denis Kearns, Antwon Scott, and Jo Zurwell.)

Jo Zurwell: Scholarships are all posted on the website online; deadline for these is April 30th. Scholarships: email has gone out to regional schools

Old business:

- Bingo at VA Hospital
- Bass Pro Shop grant: Glen

New business:

- Jim Covatis: Why don't we have a firing detail? The Seacoast detachment had a firing detail. Mike Martioski: I will check on this with Geoff Corson.
- Mike Martioski: Cody (State Commandant) needs a list of deceased members. There is concern about lack of attendance at the Departmental meetings. We (State MCL) will need copies of certain documents going back to ____ (?). Maine members will be coming to the DNH meeting. Mike also mentioned Operation Mercury, an anti-suicide hiking group which will be meeting on June 21st.
- Quad State Convention meeting is in April
- Our Officer meeting is this Saturday at the Manchester Public Library, 9:00am

Closing Ceremony: (Commandant, Sgt-at-Arms, Senior VC, Chaplain)

Next meeting date announced: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

- Next Funday breakfast will be Saturday March 29th, 8:00am at the Airport Diner.
- Next official meeting will be on Tuesday April 8th '25 at 18:00 hours

--- Kevin Brown, acting Adjutant, notes;

Eric Anthony, Adjutant, typing of the minutes



#ONE-IS-TOO-MANY!!

On June 21 2025 we will be gathering at Camp Carpenter in Manchester NH for a 5K family friendly hike following the Dan Beard Trail to bring awareness to Veteran Mental Health and Suicide. We would like our Veteran Community and Supporters to come together for this awesome cause!

Show some love to our Veteran Community while also establishing contacts and making new friends with some like-minded individuals! Fundraising is not permitted as this is strictly an awareness event!

A huge thank you to Scouting America New Hampshire for allowing us to use their location! For more information, please contact the event coordinator, Mike Martioski!



**Camp Carpenter is
located at 300 Blondin
Road, Manchester NH**

**This is a Community Event
and Family Friendly!!
Leashed Dogs Welcome!**

**This is not a fundraiser.
We are coming together
to rally around our
heroes!**

**Free Food, Drinks and
Activities!!!**

**SCAN
TO
JOIN!**



EVENT COORDINATOR

MIKE MARTIOSKI

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Reference 22 Until None

603.913.4959

**GSD #542 Paymaster Report for
Meeting Minutes March 11, 2025**

Checking Account Balance	\$ 12,716.71
Total Outstanding Checks	\$ 450.00
Deposits made since last meeting 02/11/2025	\$ 195.58
Committed Scholarship Funds	\$ 12,023.50
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO DATE	\$ 438.79

***FUNday Breakfast
Raffle Donations 2025
for Gary Gahan Trade
School Scholarship
FOR 2026***

January	\$ 85.00
February	\$ 54.00
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
TOTAL	\$ 139.00

Webmaster and Social Media Manager

Board Report for

March 11, 2025, GSD 542 Meeting

Communications:

Since the last meeting the following were either done on the website and/or added to social media.

- Uploaded the 2025 final copy of both scholarships to the website. Finalized the email to the schools in our area and sent. Also emailed list of schools to Steve White so he could make phone calls to make sure they passed on to their students.
- Created event in the calendar and sent out Constant Contact email for Navy League presentation.
- Added a banner at the top of the website with a donate button to GSD #542
- Created blog post for the new update on the Veteran Center in Franklin, NH (Easterseals flyer)
- Created the ad for Quad State program and sent to the ME coordinator
- Added Department of NH Quarterly Meeting to the events calendar
- Created and sent reminder email for FUNday Breakfast end of February
- Created SignUp Genius signup form for the Memorial Day Fundraising event, this was put in the March Newsletter that will come out mid-March.
- Added the January meeting minutes to the webpage as well as structured the page for the balance of the year so can just add the links as files are ready.
- Added an announcement banner at the top of the page for Quad State 2025
- Reviewed website usage report from Monster Insights

Website: Google Analytics GA4 numbers for February 1 – February 28, 2025

	7/1- 7/31/24	8/1- 8/30/24	9/1- 9/30/24	10/1- 10/31/24	11/1- 11/20/24	12/1- 12/31/24	1/1 – 1/31/25	2/1 – 2/28/25
Total Website Users	118	337	116	165	224	132	124	134
Direct Find - typing in URL	68	93	56	77	90	71	71	76
Organic Search	44	49	52	74	89	57	45	45
Referral (link on another site to ours)	6	6	7	6	13	4	5	10
Organic Social	0	8	1	8	4	0	3	3

The top landing page views were as follows:

	7/1- 7/31/24	8/1- 8/31/24	9/1- 9/30/24	10/1- 10/31/24	11/1- 11/30/24	12/1- 12/31/24	1/1 – 1/31/25	2/1 – 2/28/25
Main Home page	87	89	70	109	121	79	83	64
Contact Us	5	18	8	0	0	0	0	5
Detachment Officers	9	0	0	19	22	32	18	9
Events	5	17	13	11	11	11	13	5
Membership	11	15	14	12	0	10	0	0
Payment Submissions		16	6	0	0	0	0	0
Resources		0	23	15	14	22	12	8
Semper Fidelis Newsletter	21	24	9	12	20	13	5	0
Meeting Minutes						13	3	0
News & Events							7	0
Scholarships								33
Scholarship Application								28

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Zurwell, #238602, Webmaster & Social Media Manager