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Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month [www.mclwrvr141.com](http://www.mclwrvr141.com)

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting 08 July 2024

**OPENING CEREMONY:** The Sergeant-at-Arms secured the quarters at 1900 hours, posted the Colors and led the detachment in the Pledge of Allegiance; the Chaplain read the opening prayer after which the Sergeant-at-Arms declared the meeting open for official business. Eleven regular members and seven associate members were present.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** None at this time.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Multiple letters from the VA thanking the detachment for Coffee Hour and our donations to the food pantry.

**SICK OR IN DISTRESS:** Aldo had a knee replacement with complications. Henry Scarborough's wife was hospitalized again and chemo has been stopped until numbers are back in order. Tom Purnie's wife has been in and out of the hospital with trouble with cystic fibrosis. Vinny S is in Chicopee now and could use help around the house since his eyes are not well.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS** (those not listed had nothing to report or were absent or excused):

**Acting Commandant/Judge Advocate:** PGA hope helps veterans learn to play or play more accurately for free. Ask Keith for more information. Thank you for the Flag pin turnout. If you need heat relief please check into Legion 124 in Westfield for relief. St. Paul Episcopal church has lunch for vets on Thursdays. Reminder that dues are coming up for any non life members.

**Junior Vice Commandant:** Golf committee is working hard. Met Southampton Country Club and everything is ready for August 3rd golf tournament. Need raffle prizes please turn them in to the barracks. Photos will be taken of every sign and sent with thank you letters this year.

**Paymaster:** Paymaster breakdown are accepted unanimously subject to audit. Joe was at another meeting. breakdown was looked over and accepted subject to Audit.

**Chaplain:** 4 members attended Cheryl's funeral in the Boston area (Brian, Lynn, Ernie and Joe). Please keep bringing food in for the VA in Leeds. Brian will bring it to the VA.

**Easthampton:** 4pm August 24, 2024 is a Pig Roast for Legion Post 224 in Easthampton. Tickets are \$20/person. There will be food and local entertainment to help support Easthampton Post.



**Web Sergeant:** Photos are updated on the website. Emails and facebook are being used to remind people of events. Sneaker program is working well. Please remember to bring gently used sneakers to the barracks for recycling.

**Agawam:** Food pantry is available please stop by. Semper fi Veteran Day is November 8th. There is one teacher who does most of the work for this event. Fran and Aldo would like to bring her as a guest to Semper Fi luncheon as a thank you for her efforts. Will bring up again in September.

**Unfinished Business:** Springfield Forest Park is getting a Veteran Garden paid for by veterans. We were asked if we would take and sell tickets to raise the money for this project. 1 ticket \$10.00, 3 tickets for \$20.00. Please see Sophie if you are interested in Tickets or helping to sell tickets Springfield Forest Park is getting a Veteran Garden paid for by veterans. We were asked if we would take and sell tickets to raise the money for this project. 1 ticket \$10.00, 3 tickets for \$20.00. Please see Sophie if you are interested in Tickets or helping to sell tickets.

Mantis Graphics' first store was open for two weeks. It will be open with more options for three weeks coming soon. We had a great first opening. Please check it out once it is reopened.

Scholarship was given to Brian Dupee's niece. Photos were sent to Carrieanne and Ernie. Ernie needs photos sent to him for the history book.

Calendar cards are still available to sell. Please sell any if you can so we can sell out! They are at the Barracks if you need any.

Please keep in mind we should plan a party next year for the whole detachment to get together at Nonotuck park in Easthampton or Brian Dupee's home. Just to allow everyone to get together and have a good time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Applebee's fundraiser will be Wednesday September 18, 2024. Sophie will redo the template and send it to Carrieanne to send out and add to facebook.

**CLOSING CEREMONY:** The Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors at 2032 hours and the Chaplain gave the closing prayer. The closing statement was read and the proceedings were declared adjourned until the next scheduled detachment meeting, on September 9, 2024. No meeting in August for Summer!

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