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Meetings 2nd Monday of every month www.mclwrv141.com

Minutes of Monthly Meeting 12 May 2025

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. Twelve regular members, and thirteen associate members were present.

Membership: none at this time.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously. Motion made by Joe Delaney, seconded by Bill Federman.

Correspondence: Thank you from the VA for the veteran breakfast donations. Military Families Magazine is at the barracks if you have interest in looking at it. Thank you card from North Brookfield D.C. Travelers for helping send their students to D.C. Pine Hill Cemetery is having tours. The tours start at 1pm. Tickets can be bought online and proceeds go to the cemetery chapel.

Sick or In Distress: Sophie emailed to tell everyone Carl Ozga from Chicopee is in hospice. He is a long time member of the detachment so she wanted to let everyone know.

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

Commandant: Thank you for flag pin sales at Geissler. Great job at keeping the table manned for the weekend. We will need the same Fathers Day Weekend at Walmart. Sign up at the barracks on the glass case for Walmart weekend. Thank you to Paul and Chuck for all of their work with food for breakfast and dinners. Please RSVP to Brandon's Eagle Scout event if you are interested in attending on June 21 at 3pm. For food to be available they need a headcount ahead of time. May 25th there will be a fundraiser for us from Marissa at the Westfield middle school (30 West Silver Street) from 10a-4p. We need someone at the fundraiser from 8:30a-5p to man a table for recruitment and calendar sales. There are patches at the barracks if you are interested in purchasing any along with limited challenge coins are left. 3 scholarships will be handed out next month so please dress in uniform for the next meeting.

Junior Vice: The golf committee met on May 10th and will meet again May 24th at 10am at the barracks. We reviewed last year's numbers. This year's goal is set for \$22,000. There will be 2 carving stations (Prime Rib and Turkey). Dinner will be \$30/ticket for the buffet dinner this year. Dan needs to know immediately if you need dinner tickets for August 9th. We are hoping for more young marine help this



year. We need gift cards for the raffle, and interested teams (36 teams). Baskets can be left at the barracks for the raffle and Brianna can pick them up for the tournament. There will be a golf tournament meeting every two weeks.

Judge Advocate: By laws will be rewritten shortly to reflect loss of Holyoke Young Marines and make the quorum for meetings include Associate members.

Paymaster: May flag pins too in roughly \$1,700 without knowing approximate change deposit yet. Also \$350 in calendar cards. Flag Pins was a very good weekend. The golf tournament meeting on May 24th at 10am. Dan motioned to accept the financial reports for both March and April subject to audit. Bill Federman second the motion and they were accepted.

Ceremonial: Memorial Day Parade Route changed in Westfield. The new route is quicker so the parade starts at 10:30am. Keith is hoping for color guard help for Memorial day. There will be a Humvee for the parade. 11am starts at the school for the indoor portion. Keith needs 4-6 volunteers to help with the color guard. Keith will be at the barracks at 9:30am for Memorial Day.

Historian: Easthampton American Flag over Nonotuck Pond is not going to be up any time soon. The City Council keeps giving reasons why it can't be back over the lake. Easthampton is asking all Veterans to be at each Easthampton City Council meeting to show numbers and support for the return of the flag. The wreath is all set and at the barracks.

Photographer: Lots of photos from the flag pin sales. Roger and Ernie also need the photos for their books as well. Working on updating the website so all photos will update to each social media site.

Scholarship Chair: Bill Federman will be speaking to Elizabeth to be ready for the next meeting.

VAVS: Food pantry is still in desperate need of food if you can bring it to the barracks and Brian Dupee will get it there. Car Show and Stand down coming soon.

Westfield Veterans Council: New parade route going from City Hall to Parker Park at 10:30am. Meet Keith at the barracks at 9:30am. Contact Julie Barnes if you are interested in helping with the Tuesday Car Shows at the Shortstop grill in Westfield.

Building Committee: emails will be sent out soon to explain their past meetings.

New Business:

Aldo called for an amendment from last month's Agawam VC monument amount. We originally accepted \$2,700 and Aldo would like to amend it to be \$1,200 because of a donation received after our motion of \$2,700. Joe Delany second this motion for a change to a donation of \$1,200. Motion accepted.

Good of the League:

Thank you to Barbara Dymond for bringing in \$1,000 for the golf tournament.

There will be 2-3 WW2 vets will be at the Memorial Day Parade to be honored so be there if you can for them.

May 23rd at 1800 at Skinner State Park on the mountain there will be a memorial service for the B24 crash.

Westfield Tech Veteran lunches will be going all summer on the first Wednesday of each month using the Westfield Senior Center. Call Julie Barnes to sign up.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



Procurement for the Marine Corps is going well and the league has been helping to find recruits. Thank you for all your effort.

Email Chris about May 25th if you can help volunteer at the fundraiser for any amount of time between 8:30 and 5. The fundraiser is for us so please make sure to help out and be there.

May 22nd Westfield State Veteran breakfast is being held at Bates Hall.

State convention is in Burlington the last weekend of May. Please let Joe know if you are planning to attend.

The National Convention is in August in Dallas Texas. The history book made for this past year will be entered and needs to be brought in person. Please let Chris know if you are going.

RSVP to Colleen if you have any interest in attending Brandon's Eagle Scout Ceremony. It is at the Evangelical Free Church in Westfield. Email for Colleen is Colleen.Cekovsky@gmail.com. Make sure to RSVP for a food headcount.

Please sign up for Flag Pins for Fathers day weekend either at the barracks or email Chris so there can be someone manning the table at all times in front of Walmart.

CLOSING CEREMONY: The Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors at 20:00 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 June 09, 2025.

Brianna Torrey, Adjutant

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Marine Corps League