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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

8 June 2026

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. Ten regular members, and twelve associate members were present.

Scholarships were handed out to 4 recipients between 18:45-19:00. The recipients were allowed to leave after awards given and photos taken.

July 4th breakfast is now July 11th due to the holiday.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously. Motion made by Rene Cote, seconded by Keith Buckhout.

Correspondence: None for this meeting.

Sick or In Distress: Kinley Cekovsky is doing well with pain management at Boston Hospital. Doing well in school but missing band.

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

Commandant: Thank you for presentation of scholarships. New England Division conference is coming up. Go to the website to register for all events and meals. The main day is Saturday with the banquet at 1730. If you attend, keep all receipts. Flag pin sales are coming up at Walmart Saturday and Sunday need more to sign up. The sign up are at the barracks. If you have time uniform up and come out to help. Thank you to Joanne, Ernie and Brian Dupee for helping fix the flag topper at the barracks. There is an East Longmeadow parade to represent the Marine Corps League and parade with the Young Marines. Chris is out in July so Rene will step in as Commandant.

Jr. Vice: Golf Tournament needs more major sponsors and teams. Price of the meal after the tournament is now \$40 per person but the teams are same price as last year. Bring in Gift Cards if you can to help with the raffle.

Paymaster: Joe was absent but left a memo that the Commandant read for everyone to understand this months expense report. Brian Dupee motioned to accept subject to audit and Keith Buckhout seconds. Accepted.



Chaplain: Carrienne forwarded Susan Beers Obituary to everyone via email. It was also in the paper. Brian will get a card to Roger Beer. Please call and help any Veteran who is struggling with suicidal thoughts. Please say something if you need help. The VA will help anyone who needs it.

Armorer: rifles are accounted for and cleaned upstairs.

Quartermaster: If you need keys please see Chris for them.

Ceremonial: There were 31 Young Marines at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Westfield. July 4th is coming up in Westfield Hampton Ponds 10AM. Wyben has a parade the Marine Corps League will be in at 5PM.

Web Sgt: has been sending things out via email. Golf tournament emails have been sent. All Golf Tournament forms are online on the website as well.

Flag Service: There was a successful flag ceremony. There are plenty of serviceable flags upstairs at the barracks please take any that you need. There are plenty of flags left to be sorted.

Scuttlebutt: Roger is no longer able to work on this. Chuck Distefano may be stepping in to help. The new edition is a work in progress.

CDCE (VAVS): keep bringing food for the food bank. The shelves are always empty. Leave bags at the barracks anytime and Brian Dupee will get the food there.

Veteran's home: June 18th at 5:30 there is Corn hole and Root beer floats with the veterans in the recreation room. Please come help if you can.

Agawam Veterans Council: School street playground will have bands every Wednesday nights with food available.

Building Committee: Flags need to be moved to another room for now so that the fiberglass insulation can be taken down and the electric can be updated. An email will be sent shortly to let you know when this will be happening.

POW/MIA: history book is up to date as soon as the meeting today is added. The scrapbook is up yo May in the new format. Please get photos and write ups to Ernie ASAP because the scrapbook must be delivered in person to the National Convention Tuesday of the event at 11AM. VA in Leeds will have a POW/MIA ceremony on 9/20 at 1300. Please come support the Chapel if you can. The administration at the VA would like to dismantle the Chapel so the more interest and events there the better to keep it. As of now there are no Sunday services held there so all events are important. POW/MIA accounting agency has a database for family reference samples which is helping to identify missing members. Please reach out to Ernie Laberge if you are interested in donating to this database for loved ones. To date 116 ww2 veterans and 29 Korean war veterans have been identified.

The meeting was suspended temporarily to give out last Scholarship by motion by Brian Dupee and second by Keith Buckhout. Final scholarship was given out and photos taken so the recipient could leave the meeting. Matthew Paulin and seconded by Keith Buckhout to continue the meeting.



New Business:

Carrienne Dymon Bailey motions to help Chris Cekovsky and family with the expenses of running to Boston and back. Motion made for \$200 to the Cekovsky family to help with gas and tolls. Keith Buckhout seconds. Accepted.

Good of the League:

Westfield State memorial day remembrance had Ernie Laberge help with the wreath and taps. This was held at Stanley Park and thanks to everyone who attended to help with this remembrance.

July 4th there will be a trailer for people to ride on at Hampton Ponds and Wyben parades. Keith will be in Easthampton and Young Marines will be in East Longmeadow. We need to pick a holiday where everyone focuses on Westfield since we are from Westfield.

Ernie Laberge went to a ceremony at Soldier On in Pittsfield at a memorial tower. It was mentioned Marine Corps League had never been to the event before and they hope to invite us to the ceremony next year.

Westhampton Memorial Day Parade had Ernie Laberge as Keynote Speaker for the event. It was a nice event and there was a picnic after the event.

July 11th there will be B17 ceremony at 10:30am on Mt Holyoke.

Fathers day 40/8th convention will be held at Brian Dupees for the whole state. Registration is at 11-11:30 then lunch then the ceremony followed by the meetings. No one needs to stay for meetings. Please let Brian know if you would like to attend. Brian needs to know for food count. Brian would love to see you there.

Jim Jachym was awarded for his meritorious service helping with the Golf Tournament fundraiser.

Marine James Harrington passed away. His family gave items to the barracks (EGAs, pins, emblems etc) in black boxes by the flags at the barracks.

There are still donations from JR at barracks. Please grab anything you would like from that box as well.

Calendar Cards please sign out and sell so we make sure to get the max payout for the barracks. There will be some at the New England Division Conference for sale.

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 Monday, July 13, 2026.

Brianna Torrey, Adjutant

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