

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Westfield River Valley Detachment 141
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Meetings 2nd Monday of every month
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Minutes of Monthly Meeting 08 May 2023

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. Thirteen regular members and eight associate members were present.

ROLL CALL OF DETACHMENT OFFICERS:

Detachment 141 Elected Officers (Board of Trustees)		
Commandant	Christopher B. Cekovsky	P
Senior Vice Commandant	Joseph R. Delaney	P
Junior Vice Commandant	Sophie F. Bartosik	P
Judge Advocate	Keith A. Buckhout	P

Appointed Staff Officers		
Junior Past Commandant	Keith A. Buckhout	P
Adjutant	William W. Federman	E
Paymaster	Roger Beer	P
Sergeant at Arms	Aldo Mancini	P
Chaplain	Dan Bishop	P
Historian	John S. Rutovich	P

Auditor	Sophie F. Bartosik	P
Public Relations	Michael Patnaude	P
Scuttlebutt Editors	Roger Beer, William Federman	P
Web Sergeant	Carrieann D. Bailey	P
Armorer	Christopher B. Cekovsky	P
Color Guard	Keith A. Buckhout	P
Quartermaster	William W. Federman	E
Flag Service	Vinny Sulewski, John S. Rutovich	P

Past commandants							
Richard Greene 1977		Joseph Mucha 1994		Donald Wielgus 1999		Joseph Willis 2004	
Fran Curnow 2005	P	Brian Dupee	P	John Rutovich 2011	P	Dan Bishop 2013	P
Keith Buckhout 2017	P						

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: No new members.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing of note.

SICK OR IN DISTRESS: Roger Beer's wife was diagnosed with cancer. Bill Federman had surgery Tuesday following the meeting.

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

Commandant: Thank you to all that stepped up and helped at Geisslers. Please continue to sell raffle tickets. There will be breakfast on May 20th. There may be a Father's Day breakfast as well. It is still in the works. Brianna Torrey was appointed adjutant. Joe Delany was appointed to Pay Master as Roger will be stepping down to help his wife with her health.

Senior Vice Commandant: JR awarded gold medal award. We are at 70% Life Membership so

life membership is going up July 1st. If you can get life membership buy before July 1st since it will be doubling after July 1.

Junior Vice Commandant: There is a new membership application made and copies will be made. Also will be put on the web page. Audit done no errors and no findings.

Paymaster: Expense donations issued for Knights of Columbus game night in Chicopee. 200 stubbs so far for the raffle. Joe Delany motioned for acceptance, Keith Buckhout seconded motion. Report accepted.

Judge Advocate: Only members in good standing and over 1 year can apply for Life Membership.

Sergeant at Arms:

Chaplain: Dan Bishop sent death and sympathy notices out.

Public Relations:

Financial Committee: Will work on the 3rd quarter budget report.

Web Sergeant: The detachment earned \$33.00 from the Stop & Shop bag program (check should be cut in July). Photos of Geisslers up on instagram. Working on roster to update online.

Color Guard: Reflagging before Memorial Day. Boy Scouts can help. Parade is May 29th kicking off at 10AM all must be in attendance by 9:30AM. Keith has a humvee (in front of young marines) for everyone to ride in so there will not be so much walking. Flag retirement is tentatively May 20th at Barnes.

Westfield Veterans Council:

Chicopee: No parade for Memorial Day. Digitizing cemeteries and building bridges projects continue.

Agawam: 2nd Tuesday St. Davids Church has a dinner put on by the Lion Club in Agawam.

Scholarship Committee: Donation of all raffle prizes to scholarship fund motioned by Joe Delany to be given to the Golf Tournament raffle. Brian Dupee seconds. Motion carries. For now apply online for scholarships if anyone is interested.

NEW BUSINESS: Breakfast will be May 20th. All help is appreciated. Last breakfast broke even. This time there will be an early peek at the new Whip City museum if interested. Motion accepted to have JR and Brianna go to staples and get adjutant items.

Golf Tournament updates: 13 teams so far, 16 tee markers sold (up to 32 can be sold), a bronze and silver sponsor has been found. There are 6 open spots for teams so please keep looking for interested teams to sign up.

Good of the League: JR is stepping down from national paymaster and will be detachment 141 house mouse.

Outside the League: Brian Dupee attended an event in Easthampton MA for the 91 year old's recognition ceremony. The veteran was army infantry on Pork Chop Hill. A resident of Easthampton took up the cause and was able to get the veteran recognized by his hometown. The first Sunday in October Brian Dupee will be promoted in his 40/8th club. There will be a dinner at the Easthampton Legion (\$20-\$25). Open to any who can attend.

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 June 12, 2023.

Brianna Torrey, Adjutant
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