

# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Westfield River Valley Detachment 141  
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Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month  
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**SEMPER FIDELIS**

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting 09 October 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. Fourteen regular members and seven associate members were present.

### **ROLL CALL OF DETACHMENT OFFICERS:**

<b>Detachment 141 Elected Officers (Board of Trustees)</b>		
Commandant	Christopher B. Cekovsky	P
Senior Vice Commandant	Brian Dupee	P
Junior Vice Commandant	Sophie F. Bartosik	P
Judge Advocate	Keith A. Buckhout	P

<b>Appointed Staff Officers</b>		
Junior Past Commandant	Keith A. Buckhout	P
Adjutant	Brianna Torrey	E
Paymaster	Joseph Delaney	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	E
Armorer	Christopher B. Cekovsky	P
Color Guard	Keith A. Buckhout	P
Quartermaster	John S. Rutovich	P
Flag Service	Vinny Sulewski, John S. Rutovich	P

<b>Past commandants</b>							
Richard Greene 1977		Joseph Mucha 1994		Donald Wielgus 1999		Joseph Willis 2004	
Fran Curnow 2005		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:** None

**SICK OR IN DISTRESS:** Susan completed therapy due for surgery in a few weeks. Bill has completed chemo and the last PET scan is clear.

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

**Commandant:** Skate party at Amelia Park in December.

**Past JR Vice:** November 11 humvee for the parade. Step stool to get in. starts at Westfield Bank. Pearl Harbor Day Dec 7 at 10AM on bridge. November 4 at the Middle School flag of honor 11AM.

**Scholarship:** Working on paperwork. \$3300 in account to hand out.

**VAVS:** Funding for patient gifts. Motion to give \$100.00 to help patient gifts for Christmas will be brought up in New Business. Masks required for most visitors.

**Holyoke Soldiers Home:** Several patients with covid. Visitors recommend staying away for a few weeks. Required to wear masks. Legion is working on Casino Nights. Marine Corps birthday celebration in the works for soldier's home.

**Agawam:** Nov. 9 Bring your Vet to school day at 8:30A. One Assembly instead of two this year.

**Chicopee:** 10 November First ever Service Dog Memorial Park to open.

**Building updates:** Still looking into contractors for building work. Trying to find the service to have a backflow preventer installed. Fairgrounds visited. Tons of stuff (Kitchen items and grills). Trailer and bring everything from fairgrounds to the barracks using a work party. Rent or sell buildings on fairgrounds.

**Unfinished Business:**

Meeting was suspended for Officer Elections. Motion made by Brian Dupee and second by Joe Delaney. Adjutant asked for other nominations. Only one Marine nominated for each position; Adjutant issues one unanimous vote for each nomination and closes the following positions:

Commandant: Chris Cekovsky

Sr. Vice: Rene Cote

Jr. Vice: Dan Bishop

Judge Advocate: Keith Buckhout

Officer voting closed. Joe Delany and Zach Torrey motion to close.  
Brian Dupee motions back to regular business with Joe Delany second.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion to donate \$141 to VA Christmas party. Brian Dupee and second Joe Delany. Motion accepted.

Motion November 10 birthday cake and ice cream under \$150.00 from Big Y for celebration on November 13 meeting. Second by JR. Approved.

Motion cover cost of Spaghetti dinner on November 13 up to \$150.00 for our detachment. This will be at 6PM. Volunteers for desserts and salad for this event are needed.

Motion made to give \$240.00 for the VA monthly coffee/doughnuts with Devil Dogs to Marines. Helping Henry to pay for the years worth of coffee hours at the VA for the patients. Approved.

Motion made to pay for 2 meals (\$220.00) at Semper Fi Luncheon, 8 dinners will be paying back. Approved.

Motion made to donate \$200.00 to Toys for Tots instead of collecting toys this year. Approved.

**Good of the League:** Stanley is still looking for an apartment.

November 5 40/8th dinner at 5PM at Legion Post 224 Easthampton MA.

Next breakfast November 4; any help is greatly appreciated.

**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 November 13, 2023.

Brianna Torrey, Adjutant

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