

# 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 12 September, 2022

**OPENING CEREMONY:** The Sergeant-at-Arms secured the quarters at 1904 hours, posted the Colors, and led the detachment in the Pledge of Allegiance; the acting Chaplain then read the opening prayer after which the Sergeant-at-Arms declared the meeting open for official business. Fifteen regular members, four associate members and one guest were present.

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

<b>Board of Trustees</b>		
Commandant	Christopher B. Cekovsky	P
Senior Vice Commandant	Joseph R. Delaney	E
Junior Vice Commandant	Sophie F. Bartosik	P
Judge Advocate	Keith A. Buckhout	P
Junior Past Commandant	Keith A. Buckhout	P

<b>Appointed Staff Officers</b>		
Adjutant	William W. Federman	P
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	Trudy Tynan	E
Scuttlebutt Editors	Roger Beer, William Federman	P
Web Sergeant	Carriann D. Bailey	P
Armorer	Christopher B. Cekovsky	P
Color Guard	Keith A. Buckhout	P
Quartermaster	William W. Federman	P
Flag Service	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						

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the last meeting, in July, were accepted unanimously.

**The meeting was paused** for nominations to the board of trustees, which will be held again next month, per protocol.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A receipt for the detachment's donation of \$514.88 to the Leeds VA facility's recreation fund was received, in addition to a water quality report from the city of Westfield and a solicitation for a donation from Baystate Health Foundation.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Michael Patnaude will rejoin the detachment after a lengthy hiatus and Jim Harrington's transfer paperwork was received and will be forwarded to the state and national departments.

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

excused):

**Commandant:** Chris stressed the importance of gaining new members at events such as the Big E, where we will have a presence on the opening day; a sign-up sheet was circulated.

**Paymaster:** Reports for July and August were accepted unanimously, subject to audit.

**Auditor:** The audit is complete and no problems were found.

**Armorer:** Ceremonial rifles are cleaned and accounted for.

**Color Guard:** We hope to be marching in upcoming parades – Westfield Day, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day – and volunteers are needed.

**Web Sergeant:** Problems with photos being accepted by Semper Fi magazine were, hopefully, resolved.

**SICK OR IN DISTRESS:** Stan Lachtera is recovering, with help from various sources, at home.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Semper Fidelis Society in Boston will hold its 35th annual luncheon in honor of the Marine Corps birthday on November 4. Tickets are available.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** A date must be chosen to hold a benefit at Applebee's; Sophie is checking on other requirements.

**CLOSING CEREMONY:** The Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors at 2039 hours and the Chaplain gave the closing prayer. The closing statement was read and the proceedings were declared closed until the next scheduled detachment meeting, on Oct. 10, 2022.

William W. Federman

Adjutant

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