

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 9 March, 2020

OPENING CEREMONY: Sergeant-at-Arms Mancini secured the quarters at 1902 hours, posted the Colors, and led the detachment in the Pledge of Allegiance; the Chaplain then read the opening prayer after which the Sergeant-at-Arms declared the meeting open for official business. Thirteen regular members, five associate members and one guest were present.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Board of Trustees		
Commandant	Keith A. Buckhout	P
Senior Vice Commandant	Joseph R. Delaney	E
Junior Vice Commandant	Sophie Bartosik	P
Judge Advocate	Christopher Cekovsky	P

Appointed Staff Officers		
Junior Past Commandant	John S. Rutovich	E
Paymaster	Roger Beer	P
Adjutant	William Federman	P
Chaplain	Lawrence Holbrook	E
	Stanley Lachtara	P
Sergeant-at-Arms	Aldo Mancini	P
Historian/Photos	John S. Rutovich	E
Auditor	Sophie Bartosik	P
Public Relations	Trudy Tynan	P
Scuttlebutt Editor	Roger Beer	P
	William Federman	P
Web Sergeant	Carriann D. Bailey	E
Armorer	Chris Cekovsky	P
Color Guard	Keith Buckhout	P
Quartermaster	Chris Cekovsky	P

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Past commandants							
Brian P. Dupee	P	Francis J. Curnow	P	Joseph C. Willis		Steven Snow	
Donald E. Wielgus		Daniel Bishop	E	Joseph F. Mucha		John S. Rutovich	E

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without revision.

CORRESPONDENCE: Two scholarship applications were received and turned over to the Scholarship Committee. The Leeds VA facility thanked the detachment for hosting a Bingo party, with pizza and birthday cake, for hospitalized veterans. The American Cancer Society asked for a donation.

REPORT OF THE PAYMASTER: The report for January was accepted unanimously.

SICK OR IN DISTRESS: Stan Lachtara was welcomed back after a lengthy absence, in a weakened but improved condition. Ted Buckhout is ailing, feeling better one day and worse the next, according to Commandant Buckhout. Precautions to avoid contracting Coronavirus were reviewed.

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

Commandant: Commandant Buckhout, along with Senior Vice Commandant Delaney, will participate in the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico on March 15; the march is 26 miles through the high desert and is held in memory of the service members who died defending the Philippines in World War II. The detachment received a bill from the City of Westfield for over \$11,000 (repeat: \$11,000) for costs related to the December sewer backup and its aftermath; this will be protested. The scholarship dinner is approaching and raffle donations are needed. Detachment members are urged to sign up for flag pin sales on Mother's Day weekend (May 8, 9, 10) and Father's Day weekend (June 19, 20, 21). The Westfield Memorial Day parade will be on May 25 and volunteers are sought for the color guard. The state convention is scheduled for June in Hyannis; sign up if you are interested. Volunteers for this summer's Westfield Fair will be needed; now is the time to plan for that. Any change in an email address should be reported to the web sergeant. Detachment members are reminded to pay their dues; the simplest and easiest way to stay up-to-date is to become a Life Member.

Judge Advocate: The state department said our detachment's revised bylaws meet established standards; final approval is expected soon.

VAVS: The facility's renovation continues apace and will include the entire campus.

Paper City Young Marines: A new recruit system is being started; about 20 Young Marines will graduate in June.

Scholarship Committee: Tickets for the scholarship dinner need to be sold; in addition, raffle gifts are needed.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: The Iwo Jima battle commemoration in Boston was attended by Marines past and present, and many civilians; New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft and USMC Gen. Joseph Dunford (Ret.) were both honored.

CLOSING CEREMONY: The Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors at 1954 hours and the Chaplain gave the closing prayer. The closing statement was read and the Sergeant-at-Arms declared the proceedings adjourned until the next scheduled detachment meeting, on April 13, 2020.

William W. Federman

Adjutant

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