

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Westfield River Valley Detachment 141
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Meetings 2nd Monday of every month
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SEMPER FIDELIS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting 14 June, 2021

OPENING CEREMONY: The Sergeant-at-Arms secured the quarters at 1903 hours, posted the Colors, and led the detachment in the Pledge of Allegiance; the Acting Chaplain then read the opening prayer, after which the meeting was declared open for official business. Twelve regular members and four associate members were present.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS :

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

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

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

Attendance for the June meeting was limited but as the pandemic eases more members are expected at future meetings. In accordance with state guidance, masks are no longer mandatory.

MINUTES: The adjutant was excused from the May meeting and no minutes were taken..

CORRESPONDENCE: Baystate Health Foundation asked for a donation.

SICK OR IN DISTRESS: An Iwo Jima survivor, John Whithee, died recently; he was 98 years old. Stan Lachtara is still ailing. Peter Pitoniak had a seizure and his health remains precarious.

MEMBERSHIP: Bobbi Delaney was unanimously accepted as an associate member.

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

Commandant: The tax status for donations is in question. The state department will be consulted for guidance.

Junior Vice Commandant: Dues letters have been sent.

Paymaster: Income is lagging because of pandemic restrictions. It is hoped that fundraising efforts can begin soon.

Web Sergeant: The website has been updated and the bylaws have been sent electronically.

VAVS: The massive Leeds construction project continues. Offices have moved and may move again. Stay tuned as a new campus rises in this multi-year makeover. Masks are still required in the facility.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No Westfield Fair will be held this year and there will be no July 4th parade. A Veterans' Day parade is planned for downtown Westfield and volunteers are needed for a color guard at the Big E. The Paper City Young Marine detachment has shut down.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: The Boy Scouts have been cleaning the barracks and have been doing a good job. Our thanks to them. National now has a database that allows MCL members to access their information.

NEW BUSINESS: The national convention will be held in Springfield, Ill., on August 9-13. At the recently concluded state convention, Past Commandant Dupee discovered hot sauce in a grenade; a motion was made and passed for the detachment to purchase six cases of this delicacy for \$500 for resale. We will try to resume flag pin sales in September or October to replenish our coffers. No detachment meeting will be held in August.

CLOSING CEREMONY: The Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors at 1957 hours and the Acting Chaplain gave the closing prayer. The Senior Vice Commandant read the closing statement and the proceedings were adjourned until the next detachment meeting, scheduled for May 10.

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