

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 13 September, 2021

OPENING CEREMONY: The Sergeant-at-Arms secured the quarters at 1902 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. Ten regular members and six associate members were present.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS :

| Board of Trustees | | |
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| 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 | | |
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| Junior Past Commandant | John S. Rutovich | P |
| Paymaster | Roger Beer | E |
| Adjutant | William Federman | P |
| Chaplain | Lawrence Holbrook Stanley Lachtara | E 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 William Federman | E P |
| Web Sergeant | Carriann D. Bailey | P |
| Armorer | Chris Cekovsky | E |
| Color Guard | Keith Buckhout | P |
| Quartermaster | Chris Cekovsky | E |

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

Attendance at the September meeting was small, due in part to the pandemic; not enough regular members were present to constitute a quorum and, therefore, no official business could be transacted.

CORRESPONDENCE: No mail of any consequence was received.

SICK OR IN DISTRESS: Peter Pitoniak died on August 31. Detachment members attended his wake and funeral to represent the Marine Corps to which Peter was always faithful. He was a fine Marine and will be missed.

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

Commandant: Nominations and installation of officers will be held next month; the Big E's first day is also Military Appreciation Day; volunteers are needed to march in upcoming parades in Westfield and Agawam; the scholarship dinner is scheduled for October 9; flag pin sales days will be in the next few weeks; Brian Brooks is the new department commandant.

Auditor: Books have been checked through June and all is well.

VAVS: New construction continues at the Leeds facility; offices have moved but directions are prominently displayed and help is usually available; masks are still required in the facility; third doses of the covid vaccine are available for those who qualify.

HOLYOKE SOLDIERS HOME: Joe Delaney is receiving training to work as a volunteer and reports that conflicting state and VA rules can cause frustration but that the job is personally fulfilling as well as important; some outside entertainment has recently been allowed.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Hot-sauce sales are lagging and are not at the break-even point.

CLOSING CEREMONY: The Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors at 2001 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 October 11.

William W. Federman
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