**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

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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

9 May, 2022

**OPENING CEREMONY**: The acting Sergeant-at-Arms secured the quarters at 1909 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. Eleven regular members, three associate members and two guests were present.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**:

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

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| **Appointed Staff Officers** | | |
| Adjutant | William W. Federman | P |
| Paymaster | Roger Beer | P |
| Sergeant at Arms | Aldo Mancini | P |
| Chaplain |  | Open |
| Historian | John S. Rutovich | P |
| Auditor | Sophie F. Bartosik | E |
| Public Relations | Trudy Tynan | E |
| Scuttlebutt Editors | Roger Beer, William Federman | P |
| Web Sergeant | Carrieann 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 |

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| **Past commandants** | | | | | | | |
| Richard Greene 1977 |  | Joseph Mucha  1994 |  | Donald Wielgus 1999 |  | Joseph Willis 2004 |  |
| Fran Curnow 2005 | P | Brian Dupee | E | John Rutovich 2011 | P | Dan Bishop 2013 | E |
| Keith Buckhout 2017 | P |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Because not enough regular members attended the May meeting, a quorum was not reached and no official business could be conducted.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The usual junk mail was received as well as information on the detachment participating in the Westfield Fair; and from the Hampton Pond Association about the July 4 parade.

**SICK OR IN DISTRESS:** Vinnie Sulewski’s wife passed away on May 13; information about her funeral will be provided as it becomes available. Keith’s family has been ailing with flu-like illness but is recovering.

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

**Commandant:** Mothers’ Day flag pin sales at Geissler’s supermarket in Agawam went well. The detachment tent was on display and attracted donors but was found to be unstable in windy conditions without being properly anchored; the Young Marines were a big help; donations totaled $3,306 and $790 in raffle tickets were sold.

**Judge Advocate:** Volunteers are needed for a firing detail on Flag Day, June 14.

**Paymaster:** The April report was distributed.

**Auditor:** No discrepancies were found in the latest audit.

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

**Color Guard:** A few good men or women are needed for a color guard on Memorial Day.

**Finance Committee:** The group will meet in late May.

**VAVS:** U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough recently said the decision to include the Leeds medical center on a list of possible facilities to be closed may have been based on faulty data and would be reviewed.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** Volunteers are needed to sell flag pins and raffle cards at WalMart in Westfield on Fathers’ Day. Marine Corps League member Jim Harrington attended the meeting; because he is not a member of this detachment he was counted as a guest; he was accompanied by Joe Zazzaro, who presented the detachment with a carved wooden plaque featuring the U.S. flag and the Marine Corps emblem. The detachment thanks them both.

**CLOSING CEREMONY**: The acting Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors at 1946 hours and the acting Chaplain gave the closing prayer. The closing statement was read and the proceedings were declared closed until the next scheduled detachment meeting, on June 13, 2022.

William W. Federman

Adjutant

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Marine Corps League