

# 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 11 April, 2022

**OPENING CEREMONY:** The acting Sergeant-at-Arms secured the quarters at 1908 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. Twelve regular members and three associate members were present.

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

<b>Board of Trustees</b>		
Commandant	Christopher B. Cekovsky	P
Senior Vice Commandant	Joseph R. Delaney	P
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	E
Chaplain	John S. Rutovich	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	E	John Rutovich 2011	P	Dan Bishop 2013	P
Keith Buckhout 2017	P						

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the March meeting, which we emailed to detachment members, were approved without revision.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The usual junk mail was received as well as a thank-you note from detachment member Joseph Moreau of Wilbraham for the card the detachment sent him on his 82nd birthday; he included a short and interesting account of his time in the Corps, which has been posted on the bulletin board. The department sent the price list for ads for the June convention ad book.

**SICK OR IN DISTRESS:** Sad news, as Marcy (Daly) Peloquin passed away recently. Marcy was an active and valued associate member of the detachment and a friend to all; a memorial service will be held at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in

Agawam. Stan Lactera is still hospitalized and recovering. Fran Curnow's wife has been healing slowly but steadily.

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

**Commandant:** Chris emphasized the importance of our flag-pin sales on Mothers and Fathers Day weekends. The Westfield Memorial Day parade will be on May 29.

**Junior Vice Commandant:** Community Service forms have been emailed and paper copies are available for members to report any work they do for the detachment or the league; they are due quarterly.

**Judge Advocate:** A small ceremony was held at Parker Park to mark Vietnam Veterans Day; our detachment provided the firing detail. Volunteers are needed for the Memorial Day parade and firing detail.

**Paymaster:** The paymaster's report was accepted unanimously.

**Web Sergeant:** Update your email address with Carrieann if it has changed or if you are not receiving detachment emails. Scuttlebutt and the monthly minutes were recently distributed.

**Armorer:** Ceremonial rifles are all accounted for.

**Quartermaster:** An audit of supplies is in progress and nearly complete.

**Flag Service:** Unserviceable U.S. flags to be burned by the Young Marines are being collected.

**Westover Young Marines:** A new class recently graduated.

**Agawam Veterans Council:** Veterans will speak to middle-school kids as part of Memorial Day observance; they must apply.

**VAVS:** Although the facility faces an uncertain future, renovations continue; face masks are still required inside the buildings and second booster shots are available for the elderly and the immunocompromised.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The detachment gained a new member, Chuck DiStefano, a transfer from Missouri who directs a program at Westfield State University, and we are glad to have him. Golf shirts, in a variety of colors and with the detachment logo, are for sale for \$27 to \$30, depending on size; see Dan Bishop. The detachment tent has arrived and will soon be erected for all to see; it will be used as a recruiting tool and for raising funds. The state convention is in June; members voted to purchase a half-page ad for the convention for \$80; our detachment is allowed eight convention delegates and anyone who wishes to attend should email Roger Beer. Tom Pirnie said the Vietnam Veterans of America needs a place to hold its monthly meetings and asked how the membership felt about offering our barracks, rent-free; a motion to that effect

was made and tabled until our next meeting, while the legalities of doing so are checked.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** It was suggested that the detachment find a guest speaker to explain the seismic changes in Marine Corps structure and orientation being implemented by Gen. Berger, commandant. State Sen. Velis was petitioned, informally, to help the detachment with its reimbursement request to the city of Westfield for the sewer backup; he indicated that he would.

**CLOSING CEREMONY:** The acting Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors at 2017 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 May 9, 2022.

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