

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 12 July, 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. Thirteen regular members and six 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 at the July meeting was limited due to the pandemic. In accordance with state guidance, masks were no longer required. That may change as a variant of the disease rapidly spreads. The detachment will continue to follow state guidelines.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with one correction.

CORRESPONDENCE: A few bills were given to the paymaster and a reservation form for the Westfield Fair was received, which the detachment will consider.

SICK OR IN DISTRESS: Stan Lachtara continues to languish. Peter Pitoniak's condition remains precarious; his wife encourages visitors but please call ahead to schedule a time. A ceremony for recently deceased Ted Buckhout included a color guard and a firing detail and was well attended by family, friends and detachment members.

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

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

Paymaster: The league's balance rose by \$600. The report was accepted, subject to audit, unanimously.

VAVS: Change is the only constant at the Leeds facility as the construction project continues. Offices have moved and may move again. Masks are still required in the facility.

HOLYOKE SOLDIERS HOME: An appointment is required before visiting and masks must be worn. Know a good dentist? The Soldiers Home has a vacancy for one.

AGAWAM VETERANS COUNCIL: National Night Out is scheduled for August 3 at School Street Park. National Night Out is an initiative that encourages a relationship between residents and law enforcement officers.

EASTHAMPTON VETERANS COUNCIL: The VFW picnic will be on August 15 at Nonotuck Park.

NEW BUSINESS: The national convention will be held in Springfield, Ill., on August 9-13; Junior Past Commandant JR plans to attend. The Westfield Fair will be held this year but due to the late announcement the detachment may not be able to participate. Fundraising efforts will instead be focused on flag pin sales, possibly in September; plenty of pins are left from last year. The Semper Fi Society's Boston Luncheon will be held on November 8 at the BCEC; a motion was made and passed to allocate funds for a table. A motion was made to schedule the scholarship dinner on October 16 or 23 and was passed unanimously; the intent is to raise money to add to the \$3,300 now in the scholarship account and to award scholarships in the spring. Annual MCL dues must be paid by the end of August; members are reminded that a lifetime membership is easier, cheaper and more efficient. Election of detachment officers will be in September and new participants are needed. Resuming Saturday breakfast was discussed, possibly once a month; volunteers are needed to cook and buy supplies and details such as whether to levy a charge or to rely on donations must be decided.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: The Big E is coming, beginning on September 17; the first day is usually designated Veterans Day but scheduling information is not yet available.

CLOSING CEREMONY: The Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors at 2020 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 September 13.

William W. Federman
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