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Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month [www.mclwrv141.com](http://www.mclwrv141.com)

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting 11 November 2024

**OPENING CEREMONY:** The Sergeant-at-Arms secured the quarters at 1900 hours, posted the Colors and led the detachment in the Pledge of Allegiance; the Chaplain read the opening prayer after which the Sergeant-at-Arms declared the meeting open for official business. Ten regular members, eight associate members, and one dignitary were present.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously. Motion made by Joe Delany, seconded by Dan Bishop.

**Sick or In Distress:** Bev Bishop broke her foot and is waiting on it's healing. Norm Burns died on Veterans Day in Washington D.C.

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

**Commandant:** Veterans day weekend was very busy. Thank you to everyone who attended Brandon's Flag Retirement Ceremony. It was a "Proud Dad Moment" watching Brandon's ceremony. Veteran's Day Ceremony went well and had a good turn out. More are always welcome but thanks to those who wear the cover in other towns to keep the Marine Corps League in the communities. Please remember to record all of the time spent in the cover for the end of the year report.

**Jr. Vice Commandant:** Renewed CD for 6 months and work on the Golf Tournament for 2025 has begun.

**Paymaster:** October financial report on the tables. Checks are floating from the golf tournament. Please cash these checks if you have one. Wreaths Across America and our portion of Brandon's incinerator was paid out this month. 53 Calendar cards are outstanding at the barracks. Please pick up and sell as soon as possible as they need to be drawn at the end of the month. 18 of the cards are checked out and the rest are in the barracks behind where the officers sit. Dan motioned for the financial report be accepted subject to audit. Rene second and the motion was accepted unanimously.

**Sergeant at Arms:** Wreaths across America is stopping in Agawam. The Route is set to Bethany church on Main Street. Jersey Mikes will be helping with the food. Volunteers are needed for December 10th. There will be a meeting on December 9th and as always volunteers will be needed for December 14th at the cemetery. Aldo will let CarrieAnne know when times are set.

**Armorer:** 2 guns are out for cleaning and the rest are all set upstairs.

**Auditor:** July 2024 to September 2024 audited. Ledger is missing a few scholarship items but Joe is aware and will update. Sophie recorded that Joe has a detailed and accurate account of everything.

**Ceremonial:** December 7th is Pearl Harbor day. There will be a ceremony at Kane Park at 10:30 (10:00 to



meet Keith and get ready). Uniforms should be worn, satin jackets and gloves since it is generally cold for this event.

**Flag Service Officer:** 9 bags of cloth and 12 bags of Nylon. Nylon will need recycling in Worcester and calls have been made to get them there.

**Photographer/Web Sergeant:** Thank you for the photos sent to CarrieAnne. They will be uploaded and updated soon. Updates were made to the website as well.

**Quartermaster:** Please let Chris know if you need something. The Key Roster will be updated in December to keep better track of the keys.

**Scholarship:** The applications will go out in December for the next round of scholarships to be due in March.

**Building Committee:** We need to make an official committee to start making decisions on the building. Please volunteer to help out.

#### **New Business:**

Fran went to Westwood for Marine Birthday weekend and now has a NCO sword. Fran has offered it to the detachment for use.

#### **Good of the League:**

Please remember to bring food for the VA. It can be left at the Barracks on the bench and Brian Dupee will bring it to Leeds VA. They need all the help they can get. Last year we donated 40,000 pounds. Please think of the homeless veterans taken care of by the VA food bank. Microwavable chef boyardee cans, mac n cheese or any ready to go meals are really needed at this time.

#### **Installation of Officers:**

Motion made by Brian Dupee and seconded by Joe Delaney to suspend regular business for the installation of officers performed by Department of Massachusetts Commandant Jon Zwirblia.

Motion to return to regular business and enjoy the birthday cake made by Brian Dupee and second by Rene Cote.

Thank you to the Department of Massachusetts Commandant for installing the officers and attending the meeting. Please attend the department meeting if possible on Sunday at the Barracks.

#### **Remarks from the Dept of MA Commandant:**

The department has been busy working on recruitment drives with the Big E, Semper Fi Luncheon, and Military Appreciation in Worcester at Railers Game in the DCU center. There is a billboard in Boston on the I-93 corridor using a graphic designer so it is well done. There is a department meeting in Westfield at Detachment 141 this Sunday November 17th. 10:30 will be the Board of Trustees meeting, 11:00 is chow and 12:00 is the regular department meeting. Stop by and learn about what department is up to right from department and meet some people from all across the state. The last meeting was in Plymouth, there will be an April meeting in Worcester and the final meeting will be in Burlington in June.

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**CLOSING CEREMONY:** The Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors at 19:35 hours and the Chaplain gave the closing prayer. The closing statement was read and the proceedings were declared adjourned until the next scheduled detachment meeting, on December 09, 2024.

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