

1st State Detachment -- Marine Corps League

April 24th Membership Meeting

Commandant DelPiano told the Sergeant At Arms to call the meeting to order. SAS posted the Colors and led us in the pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain led us in prayer. Marine Mathers explained, for the new members, why we uncover for the pledge. The meeting opened for business.

Roll Call of Officers:

All present

We recognized all past Commandants.

April Birthdays: Robert Doherty—Edward Frager—Chalmers H. Keller, Jr.—Raymond J. Semega—Robert J. Short.

JVC—Has 4 new members, 3 regular and 1 associate. The new members were called up and were sworn in. The Chaplain then led us in prayer for the new members. The Marine Hymn was then sung.

Correspondence: --A request for an ad for the American Legion Journal for \$150 approved.

Report of Officers: -- Commandant: Thank you to all members who were at Frank Conlon's funeral. There were 15 members plus the Dept. Commandant. – There was a good showing of members at the Fisher House Fundraiser, and also at Vietnam Day at the Legion.

SVC—The Color Guard is requesting Flag and uniform items (approved). Also read item from Semper Fi Magazine on "Why we are losing members".

JA—Checked the Paymaster's accounts and found all well.

Adjutant—NR

Paymaster—We received a Certificate of Appreciation for a donation also a thank you from the Fisher House. A donation of \$100 for the Semper Fi Fund, in memory of Frank Conlon was received from Eric & Loretta Crosley. The Financial report was given and approved. Any member may view this report.

SAA—No Report

Web Sgt – Just a warning about spam.

Quartermaster—No Report

Chaplain—No Report

Report of Standing Committees:

Toys For Tots: -- John Lowery -Nothing now. In the future there will be info on Christmas in July.

Marine Ball: —No Report

Youth Fitness: -- No info, but awards should be given sometime in May.

Fundraising Groups:

Golf Tournament: -- John Lowery, Chairman made a motion to name it "*The Frank Conlon Memorial Golf Tournament*" The motion passed. Printed material is available. A partner is needed to help with the tournament. John mentioned he along with a few others was going to work on a publicity package for golf.

Journal: -- Someone is needed to take over this project.

Convention Center Events: -- The Home, Condo & Outdoor Show was held in March. Donations were

\$360. There were 15 volunteers. On April 19&20 was the "Easter Arts & Craft & Kids Fair". Only 6 members participated and the show was not well attended. We decided to eliminate this event from our schedule.

Finance Committee: The committee consisting of Commandant Del Piano, SV Kwesko & JA Kline conducted an audit at the home of Paymaster Sami Oruc on 3/30/19. All books were reviewed and approved.

New Business:

It was suggested that we show the detachments appreciation to the Stephen Decatur student, Tiernan Rohlfing, who played Taps at Frank Conlon's funeral. The finance committee awarded him \$25.

Rosalie Robinson has info on the MIA/POW Chair for our detachment. It will be officially dedicated at our Ball in November. Our SAA, Jeff Cywinski paid for the chair. Marine Fred Wise made a motion that the chair be displayed at appropriate areas at the Ocean City Convention Center. It was approved.

Report: Dick Tanner about MML event on June 25th. He needs info from 7 of those attending this event.

Report: JVC Poundsberry said there is a change in the bus trip to the Marine Corps Museum. The plan is to leave early on June 1st from Lewes DE using two 15-passenger vans.

More volunteers are needed for the Color Guard. See Bob Broderick for more information.

Frank Mathers brought up that our needs a liaison for the Marines for Life program.

Flag placement will take place on May 23 at the Millsboro Veterans Cemetery. Be there by 0830 for coffee and donuts.

Marine Wise suggested we have a section in the Journal to honor deceased detachment members.

The Commandant proceeded to give out presentations to his staff and others who helped him during his tenure.

ELECTIONS:

Marine Wright officiated at the election. Elections were held with the following results:
New Officers are:
Commandant—Marty Kwesko
Senior Vice Commandant—Rich Poundsberry
Junior Vice Commandant—John Daddiezio
Judge Advocate--Pat Starkey

Our new Chaplain, David Kline, said a closing prayer.

A moment of silence was observed for SSgt Slutman who was KIA this month.

All business completed, the Sgt At Arms retired the colors, and the Chaplain led us in prayer. SVC read the closing statement. Meeting Closed.

The next meeting will be on 22 May, 2019 at 1200 in the O. C. American Legion.

Respectively submitted,
John Sushinsky, Adjutant