

# First State Detachment Marine Corps League

## Minutes of Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Commandant DelPiano opened the meeting at noon in the American Legion at Ocean City, MD Colors were posted, The Pledge to the Flag was said, followed by a prayer and a rousing version of the Marine Hymn.

All Officers were present except Paymaster, Oric. Chaplain position still open. Jeff Cywinski is the new Sgt at Arms.

Past commandants were recognized also Delaware State Commandant, Chuck Landon.

Five members celebrated birthdays in April.

A perspective new member, Brian Sturm, is in attendance.

Delaware State Commandant, Chuck Landon swore in the new officers for the coming year. They are:

Commandant—Frank DelPiano  
Senior Vice Commandant – Marty Kwesko  
Junior Vice Commandant—Rick Pounsbury  
Judge Advocate—David Kline.

Appointed Officers were inducted at the same time.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Representative Sue Walter from “The Star Charity Group” took a few minutes to explain their fundraiser program.

Dept. Comdt, Chuck Landon requested \$200 for the 1<sup>st</sup> State Military Academy Scholarship Fund which was voted on and approved. Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Lorance is serving a 20 year sentence for an accidental death of a civilian. His lawyer, Lt Col Colby, is seeking funds for his defence. We agreed to donate \$100. One of our members also agreed to match the donation.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS

Senior Vice Commandant –No Report

Junior Vice Commandant – Mentioned that R. Lee Ermey, “Gunny,” passed away at the age of 74. The last “Code Talker” also died. A moment of silence was observed.

Judge Advocate – Kline reported that at the national convention the By-laws will be reviewed and revised.

Adjutant—No Report

Paymaster --Absent

Sgt at Arms—New in position, asked for assistance when needed. No need for storage shed, maybe for sale.

Web Sgt—Talked about the dept.meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Chuck Landon spoke on the importance of attending all meetings also the Mid East meeting in June and the National Convention in Buffalo in August.

Chaplain—Position open. Reported on distressed Marines. Al Kessler broke his hip this past September and is essentially home bound. He needs a walker to move around. His phone is 410-600-0193. Steve Siltman is doing better.

Toys For Tots.—Christmas in July

MARINE BIRTHDAY BALL—Is set for Nov. 10, Guests \$40.00.

Youth Physical Fitness—Another successful event held earlier in the month.

Golf Tournament- Is proceeding well and on schedule to be held June 7<sup>th</sup>.

CONVENTION CENTER EVENTS -- Event scheduled for Memorial Day weekend is cancelled. Municipal League is coming in June. In March at the Home & Gardern we collected \$500. For the Cody Childres Fund.

OLD BUSINESS—Trip to 8<sup>th</sup> & I Friday parade is pending.

Next **Leadership** Meeting-- June 27 at 1700 at VFW in Ocean View DE. **Membership** Meeting at 1800 at VFW in Ocean View, DE.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE—A Chaplin is needed. Jeff Cywinski is our new Sgt at Arms. Frank Conlon has been nominated for DE Marine of the Year. Those interested in 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade please sign up. Members attending the ceremony on 5/28 at the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial should assemble at 1000.

Meeting closed at 1322.

Respectfully submitted,  
*John Sushinsky*, Adjutant.