

First State Detachment Marine Corps League
Minutes of Monthly Membership Meeting
Wednesday, 27/6/18

Commandant DelPiano opened the meeting at 1800 in the VFW in Ocean View, DE. Colors were posted; The Pledge to the Flag was said, followed by a prayer.

Roll Call Of Officers

All Officers were present except SVC & JVC. Chaplain position still open.

All past Commandants stood and were recognized.

10 Members celebrated birthdays in May.

New member Bill Russell was inducted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commandant DelPiano reported on his meeting with Sue Walter and the Star Charity organization. They are having their Annual Western Night on July 12, 5 pm, at the Ocean Downs Racetrack. Price \$26. Phone 410-641-7667.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Senior Vice Commandant – Absent

Junior Vice Commandant – Absent

Judge Advocate – Four members attended the conference at Turf Valley. Every thing was outstanding. John Baker, National Jr Vice spoke about “Marine for Life” program. Warren Griffin, National Judge Advocate talked about 29 by-law changes to be addressed at the National Convention later this year in Buffalo. Also the National

Historian stressed that all detachments should have a historical and to keep good and complete records.

Adjutant—No Report

Paymaster –We had a successful Golf Tournament, which allowed our detachment to donate \$5000 to the Semper Fi Fund. Rick Vail contributed an additional \$100 to the Fund for a total of \$5100 Sami gave the financial report. Sami is investigating buying more 1st State challenge coins. Will read letters at Membership Meeting.

Sgt at Arms—N R

Distressed Members

Ron Wilson is still having a painful recovery from an auto accident. Al Kessler is doing much better. Ray Semega is suffering from an undetermined illness.

Toys For Tots-- Christmas in July is in conflict with our meeting date to move meeting date to 7/18/18.

Golf Tournament

John Lowery --Thanks to those who participated and especially to Frank Conlon.

Chaplain—Position open. Dick Tanner filling in.

We agreed to buy a full page in the American Legion Journal for \$150. Frank Conlon made the ad.

CONVENTION CENTER EVENTS –
Oct. 27-28, Home & Garden show.

Web Sgt –Resources

Mid Winter Meeting, Also the National Convention in Buffalo, NY in August 12 – 17. Frank Mathers has made a recommendation to change a by-law concerning the uniform. The change would allow you to wear DOD medals with the Blazer, white shirt and tie. In April 9-11 in 2021 the Delaware department will sponsor the Mid East Conference. Everyone is expected to assist. Also, please look at our web site.

OLD BUSINESS

Trip to 8th & I, Bus trip was cancelled due to inclement weather in Washington, DC. We may try to reschedule later this summer.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

We are still in need of a Chaplain. Marine Tanner read a “thank you” letter from the Md Municipal League. They sent a \$750. Donation to the Cody Childers Fund.

Youth Physical Fitness

Marine Wright said more award medals were needed. Request was approved.

We are waiting on the return of JVC for completion of 1st State Det Tee shirts.

Quartermaster-- Parade is pending, still looking for marchers.

POW/MIA Chairs are being placed at many locations in Delaware.

The Colors were retired, the Chaplain led us in prayer, the JA read the closing statement, the SAA The Colors were retired, the Chaplain led us in prayer, the JA read the closing statement, the SAA officially closed, The Marine Hymn was enthusiastically sung by all present.

The next Membership will be on 18 July at the Ocean View VFW at 1800.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sushinsky, Adjutant.