

First State Detachment Marine Corps League

Minutes of Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 18/7/2018

Commandant DelPiano opened the meeting at 1800 in the VFW in Ocean View, DE.

Roll Call Of Officers

All Officers were present Chaplain position still open.

Past Commandants were recognized.

11 Members celebrated birthdays in May.

CORRESPONDENCE

Robert H. McGinnis has applied for membership.

Commandant DelPiano reported on the Annual Western Night on July 12, at the Ocean Downs Racetrack. Six 1st State members attended and they were not charged.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Senior Vice Commandant –NR

Junior Vice Commandant –Reported on Leadership Conference held in May, also the tee shirts have been discussed and approved during the Leadership meeting. Amount and sizes were agreed upon.

Adjutant— RN

Judge Advocate – Mentioned the National Meeting in Buffalo to be from Aug 12 – 17 where changes to the by-laws will be considered.

Sgt at Arms—

Paymaster –Read a thank you letter from the Semper Fi Fund for donation of \$5100. Revised letter about member's dues. Sami is buying 500 more 1st State challenge coins. Will read letters at Membership Meeting. Gave financial report. He also established a petty cash account to cut down on the number of checks being written. An additional donation was

received for the deceased wife of a member. Also, Robert H. McGinnis has applied for membership.

Quartermaster—Report held 'til Membership Meeting.

Chaplain—Position open. Dick Tanner filling in said Marine Jack Carey is not doing well. Al Kessler is coming along. He is driving a little now but he hates to leave the house. He is in good spirits.

Toys For Tots—John Lowery outlined the plans for our participation. The opening ceremony is at 0930. There will be parking for volunteers. Christmas in July is in conflict with our meeting date.

Commandant DelPiano is in contact with Pokomoke ROTC, if not available, may contact Snow Hill ROTC for color guard. We may have to supply the color guard. We decided to move meeting date to 7/18/18.

MARINE BIRTHDAY BALL—Nov. 10, guests \$40. Not a problem with JR ROTC from Pokomoke.

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

Web Sgt – 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, if approved, the wearing DOD medals with the Blazer, white shirt and tie.

April 9-11 in 2021 the Delaware department will sponsor the Mid East Conference. Everyone is expected to assist.

NEW BUSINESS

Trip to 8th & I, Bus trip was cancelled due to inclement weather in Washington, DC. We may try to reschedule later this summer. Will reschedule for Aug 10.

Jeep week coming up Aug 23 -26 from 1000 – 1700. We've been offered a table for recruitment which was accepted. We will be there on the 24th & 25th.

MEETING CHANGE -It was decided to return to the American Legion in Ocean City for the August 22nd meeting. The time is 1200 for the members.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE—

The 4th of July Parade was the best ever according Jack White, the coordinator. All participants marched and were in step.

We are investigating using a State if Delaware flag.

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.

Tee shirt discussion completed and decided.

The colors were retired. Marine Tanner led us in the closing prayer.

Commandant DelPiano led the members in a spirited singing of he Marine Hymn and closed the meeting at 1700.

Respectfully submitted,
John Susbinsky, Adjutant.

Next Meeting:
August 22 at 1200 at the
Ocean City American Legion

