

First State Detachment
Minutes of Monthly Membership Meeting
Wednesday, 28 March, 2018

The meeting was opened by Commandant Del Piano at 1200 led members in prayer in the American Legion Hall in Ocean City, Md.

Acting Chaplain, Marine Tanner led us in prayer.

Commandant led members in Marine Hymn.

Roll Call of Officers: All present except Sgt at Arms, Duties performed by Marine Wright. Chaplain Position open-

Read names of members celebrating birthdays this month.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Paymaster reported possibly 2 new members. JVC Suggested that we attend a ball game on April 8, time 1405, dressed as Marines, we might generate interest in joining the League. He checked with DE DOC and got a price of \$4.00 for tee shirts.

CORRESPONDANCE: We invited two men to speak about the Coastal Hospice. Next month we will have someone speak about Star Charities.

Today's guest speaker was Bob Miller He spoke about the Hospice Program also about the Compass program, which is a free non-medical program for people with serious illnesses.

The Commandant swore in one Associate, Dominic Piperno, and one regular Member, Bob Vinent.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Commandant—Next month is the election of officers and the present 4 elected officers have decided to run for the same positions.

SVC – No Report

JVC—No Report

JA—He helped audited Paymaster, The Vietnam Vets are having a ceremony at the Memorial at Ocean Pines on 4/6/18 at 1100 afterwards there will be a repast at the A L in Ocean City. On 3/29/18 at the Circle in Georgetown at 1500 they are reading the names of those KIA in Vietnam. Also mentioned the Conference in Ellicott City, MD 6/15 to 6/17. Praised the web site mclibrary.org.

Adjutant—N R

Chaplain—the position is presently open.

Paymaster: -- Thinking about moving our Certificate of Deposit to a Bank which has the best interest rate. Sent out 29 dues notices, received 13 back.

Correspondence—At the April meeting someone from the “Star Charity” group will explain their fundraiser program.

Sgt. at Arms— Absent

Quartermaster— No report at this time

Paymaster—Our CD will mature 4/10. Sami is checking for a better rate and will renew for 3 months while investigating options. Sami also sent out 29 dues notices 13 renewed their memberships. \$500 was raised at the Convention Center which went to the Cody Childers Fund.

Lorna Cahn donations will be forwarded to the Cancer Society and Dave Cahn will be informed. Some donations went to the MCL Foundation.

The Paymaster read the financial report which was approved by the members.

Web Sgt—Deferred report 'til Good of the league section.

Acting Chaplain, Dick Tanner, spoke about the funeral of Lorna Cahn and the illnesses of Wally Stevenson and Steve Siltman. Frank Conlon called Wally and found he is back in Health South Rehab in Salisbury until his wife recovers from the flu. Wally's cell # is 410-726-1509.

Al Kessler is recovering from a broken hip with complications. His phone # is 410-600-0193.

Sami called a member, Bill Strickland, and reported on a series of disasters, which have befallen Bill. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Toys for Tots—Christmas in July, 7/25/18.

Old Business:

Youth Physical Fitness—Marine Wright reported that he still has to meet with MBS teacher, and we need about 11/12 volunteers. April 9th at 1245, April 10 & 11 at 1000.

Commandant:

New Business: Birthday Ball date was decided be held on 11/10/18 Members will be free others must pay. It will be held, again, at the Convention Center.

Golf Tournament—John Lowery reported that things are going well. It is scheduled for June 7.

Convention Center Events-- \$500.00 was raised by 11 Marines to go to the Cody Childers Fund. Next event is on the Memorial Day weekend.

Finance Committee met 3/21 to audit our books, which were found to be in excellent condition.

Plans for a Friday night trip to 8th & I Street Marine Barracks. Dates have not been finalized. June 22 & June 29 also July 20 and July 27.

Shirley Grace Dinner on 4/21. Admittance \$25 per person.

Quarterly meeting @ Ocean View VFW, this Saturday.

Good of the League:

Web Sgt—Reported many scams, be careful. Marines helping Marines has been disbanded. National bylaws has been reduced to 8 pages

The next **Department of Delaware Quarterly Meeting** and Annual Election of Officers will be held on **12 May 2018** at the Heritage Shores Club One Heritage Shores Circle Bridgeville, DE Morning Mess will be from 0930-1000.

June 15 to 17 in Ellicott City the **Mid-East Division Conference. National Convention** will be held in Buffalo, NY in August. MCL has scholarships available.

Quartermaster reported on the difficulties dealing with the Marine Store. He will help members with purchases but members will deal on an individual basis with the Store. Members needed for the 4th of July Parade.

Frank Conlon has been nominated for Delaware Marine of the year. He must be approved by a majority of the members. After he left the room, he received unanimous approval of the membership.

JVC recommended Minh's Bistro, first Wednesday of the month, meals ½ price to veterans.

Membership Applications are available.

Sgt at Arms retired the Colors, Chaplain said closing prayer.

The meeting closed at 1340.

The next meeting will be held at the Ocean City American Legion on May 23, 2018 at 1200.

Respectfully submitted,
John Sushinsky, Adjutant