



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Delaware Department Minutes of Department Meeting 19 October 2019

Department **Commandant Frank Mathers** called the meeting to order at 0945. Sergeant at Arms **Ralph Willis** posted the colors and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the opening prayer by Chaplain **Jodi Beckford**. The Sergeant of Arms **Ralph Willis** declared the meeting was open for official business.

Attendance – 12

Roll Call of Department Officers:

Commandant Mathers	Present
SVC Kollar	Present
JVC Del Piano	Excused
JA Farley	Excused
Adj Flood	Present
Paymaster George	Present
Chaplain Beckford	Present
SAA Willis	Present
SAA Pounsberry	Excused
Historian Landon	Present
Web Sergeant Shepke	Present
Toys for Tots Chairman Ertle	Excused
Boy Scout Coord. Willis	Present
Boy Scout Coord. Jacobs	Present
Jr. Past Commandant Landon	Present

All Officers are present and accounted for.

Commandant Mathers asked for the reading of the **Minutes**. The minutes from the last Quarterly Meeting have been distributed electronically. Copies are also available on the table. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Paymaster George passed out copies of the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Chaplain Beckford had nothing at this time. **Commandant Mathers** informed all in attendance of the illness of Bill Farley's wife who is in the Hospital for tests. In addition the Husband of Diane George and wife of Ralph Willis are dealing with various illnesses. Diamond State's Adjutant and the First State's Quartermaster are in the Hospital.

Department Officer Reports

No Reports were submitted by the Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate.

Detachment Reports

Commandant Mathers reported that he attended the "Wall That Heals" and was very impressed with it. The Detachment Reports had been sent to all Detachment Commandants. Each Commandant was given time to add or highlight any items from their Reports.

First State Detachment – Nothing to Add.

Diamond State Detachment – Nothing to Add.

Central Detachment – The Detachment was just notified that they must remove all its material out of the Armory. The Armory must have two personnel armed when any Meetings are being held. It is expected that the removal will happen in the next few days. It will be moved to Nobles Pond.

Devil Dogs Detachment – Nothing to Add.

Holcomb Detachment – Nothing to Add.

Commandant Mathers informed us that at the **Executive Meeting** held prior to this Meeting of the need to come up with ways to raise funds. A suggestion to develop a Quilt maybe with the **Iwo Jima** image on it might be something we can raffle off. This will be further discussed at the January Meeting.

Unfinished Business

The Division Annual Meeting in 2021 is in the Planning Stages. **Chuck Landon** suggested that an effort should be put forth to have a number of Marines from Delaware should make an effort to attend since it will be in the Virginia Beach area.

Commandant Mathers discussed the future need of a Paymaster.

The **Reimbursement** of an Officer when they attend National and Mideast Conferences is still being discussed. We need representation at these important events. Discussion followed as to the estimated costs for lodging and travel.

Commandant Mathers suggested a figure of \$100 a quarter from each Detachment for the Commandant's or his replacement for expenses to attend the Conferences. A motion was made and seconded for \$100 per Detachment Quarterly for this fund. If we can get a good Fundraising Program established, we will not need to request the monies from the Detachments. The motion passed unanimously.

Commandant Mathers requested that our Web Sergeant, **Tim Shepke** update us on the status of our Web Site. Tim suggested that we purchase the Web Site for \$156 per year for a two year Contract. A draft will be sent out to all to read over. A motion was made and seconded for the expenditure of \$156 yearly to establish the Contract. The Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Commandant Mathers requested that a Detachment step up to host our next Quarterly Meeting in January. **Diamond State** has agreed to host our next Meeting.

Commandant Mathers updated us on the Bylaws. **First State** has done an outstanding job and the **Devil Dogs** needed its Officers to approve. The need is to come in to compliance with National.

Commandant Mathers discussed the Recruitment Goals of the Department and Detachments. Flyers and Pens have been used this past year as part of Recruitment. **Mission Bar-B-Que** would be happy to post flyers.

Marine for Life Program. Both **First State** and the **Devil Dogs** have already established the Program. **Bill Farley** has agreed to be the Representative for **Central**. **Jodi Beckford** stepped up for **Holcomb** and **Richard Kollar** for **Diamond State**. **Chuck Landon** will supply the names to National.

Discussion followed on the problems with dealing with the Marines at the Marine Corps Reserve Unit in Wilmington. The Marine Corps League has a new Commandant. We are also waiting for the Commandant's Message for the Marine Birthday Balls.

Jodi Beckford informed us on the **VAVS Thanksgiving Gift Card Program**. Last Year 175 Gift Cards were distributed to needed families of Veterans. Jodi will have the Adjutant send out further information on this Program.

Good of the League

Pat Sharkey from **First State** brought up the **Devil Dogs Program** and the possibility of reestablishing the Old Devil Dog Pound 222 in Delaware. The Old Pound cannot be established so a new one needs to be established. Delaware is the only State that does not have a Pound. Discussion followed on the history of the Devil Dogs. They are the Social Part of the Marine Corps League. All Officers in Maryland are members of the Devil Dogs.

Ray Synder informed us of a Veterans Home at Port Penn Road. We would need to get additional information before we get involved.

Chuck Landon brought up again a combined Marine Corps Birthday Ball in the Future. This will be followed up at our 2020 January Quarterly Meeting.

Commandant Mathers passed out a Certificate for Neil Corley. Diamond State, Devil Dogs, Holcomb and First State received Certificate and a Streamer. The Department of Delaware also received both.

Dave Jacobs gave an update on the Toys for Tots Program. Toys will not be distributed to Children over 10 years old this year. The Dagsboro location needs clearance before going to the Facility to drop out Checks or Toys.

Closing

Commandant Mathers then proceeded to close. The Sgt of Arms **Willis** retired the Colors. **Chaplain Bedford** closed with a prayer. **Commandant Mathers** then read the closing remarks. The Sgt of Arms **Willis** closed the Meeting.

Our Next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for 18 January 2020 at the American Legion Post 28 in Millsboro, Delaware.

The meeting closed at 1100.