



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Delaware Department Minutes of Annual Department Meeting 25 September 2021

Department **Commandant Frank Del Piano** called the meeting to order at 1000. The Sergeant of Arms **Ralph Willis** declared the meeting was open for official business. The **Sergeant of Arms** posted the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Commandant Del Piano** read the Chaplain's Opening Prayer. The Commandant Led the **Singing of the Marine Hymn.**

Attendance – 8

Roll Call of Department Officers:

Commandant Del Piano	Present
SVC Pounsberry	Excused
JVC Corbit	Present
JA Landon	Excused
Adj Flood	Present
Paymaster Greenstein	Excused
Chaplain Beckford	Excused
SAA Willis	Present
Historian Landon	Excused
Marine 4 Life Landon	Excused
Web Sergeant Shepke	Present
Toys for Tots Chairman Ertle	Excused
Jr. Past Commandant Mathers	Excused
Boy Scout Coord. Willis	Present
Boy Scout Coord. Jacobs	Present

All Officers are present and accounted for.

Past Commandants were recognized. **Marine Fred Wise** was in Attendance. **Marine of the Year Jack Flood, Jr.**, and **Fred Wise** were in attendance.

Minutes

The Minutes were posted on the Department Website. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes. They passed Unanimously.

Adjutant's Report

Adjutant Flood once again stressed the importance of getting Reports in on time. No Reports were received from any Committee. At the Annual Meeting only 20 Marines showed up when we had 30 RSVP's. The Adjutant suggested that at the Future Annual Meeting the Detachment's collected the RSVP's and if it's Member does not show up, they will be responsible for the Costs. A Motion will be made at our next Quarterly Meeting to adopt this suggestion. The Adjutant informed all in Attendance that a Marine's Wife donated a number of items that are on the adjoining table and if anyone wants to take an item with them leave a Donation to the Department.

Paymaster's Report

Commandant Del Piano gave the Quarterly Report of Income and Expenses. A Motion was made, subject to Audit, and seconded to approve the Reports. They passed Unanimously.

Chaplain's Report – Absent.

Department Elective Officers Reports

Commandant Del Piano has Received a Certificate of **Meritorious Commendation** for the State of Delaware. Information has been received from the **Marine Shop** in Quantico that the **Mess Dress Jackets** will require at least 2 months for an order.

Senior Vice Commandant Pounsberry – Absent.

Junior Vice Commandant Corbin, Jr. – No Report.

Judge Advocate Landon – Absent.

Detachment Activity Reports

The **Reports** have been submitted and distributed to our Members. A Motion was made to accept the Reports and Seconded. The Motion passed Unanimously.

The **Diamond State, Central and Devil Dogs Detachments** added to their Reports.

Unfinished Business

Web Site – No Report.

Future Meetings – Marine Ralph Willis will contact **Central Commandant Robert Sly** to hold the January Meeting in the Clubhouse of Noble's Pond just South of Dover. The National Guard Armory in Dover is no longer available. Our Annual Meeting at Heritage Shores is already scheduled for 7 May 2022.

Marine For Life Program – Marine Landon Absent.

Marine Birthday Ball – Diamond State and First State Birthday Balls. **Diamond State's** is 6 November at King's Creek at a cost of \$50 from 1500 to 2200 and **First State's** is 13 November at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club at a Cost of \$40 from 1400 to 1800.

New Business

Devil Dogs Detachment – A Detachment Marine, Butch Crismond, has stepped up to accept the Position as **Commandant.** They are still looking for a **Sr. and Jr. Vice Commandant.**

Good of the League

Commandant Del Piano is looking for suggestions on ways to Fundraise. Adjutant Flood suggested that an Organization that he is a Trustee of requested that Five Churches in it's Territory donate \$200 each. We had Two Restaurant's give

us 20 percent of Receipts collected on the Special Day which raised \$500 each and we provided help at the Chicken Fry on Friday's and Saturdays twice a Year for \$700 each time.

Marine Ralph Willis gave an update on the **Eagle Scout Program**. He requested that if any Detachments have any Scouts that will be an Eagle Scout to let him know. Ralph has submitted the Annual Report.

Commandant Del Piano discussed the status of the **Toys for Tots** Program. Box's will be distributed late in October. **Sports on the Beach** on Route 9 will be the new collection point this year for Collections from Diamond State and the Devil Dogs Detachments. Plenty of Parking is available. Marine **Jim DeMartino** 202-553-9365, James.DeMartino@gmail.com the T4T Coodinator and Marine **Sam (Grady) Putnam**, 410-703-0164, sgradyp@msn.com the T4T Warehouse Manager.

Young Marines Program. The Woodbridge Program is still looking for an Officer to head up the Program. **Gunny Sergeant James** has been difficult to contact.

Old Business

Marine Fred Wise discussed the **2021 Mideast Conference**. **Marine Wise** commented on how well the **Department of Delaware** did in hosting the **MidEast Conference**. He has received many positive comments from Attendees that attended. The Hotel Manager, **Joe McDonald and his Staff**, did a superb job in assisting our Needs.

The **National Convention** will be held in **Daytona, Florida** next August.

Closing

Commandant Del Piano then proceeded to close. **The Sgt of Arms Ralph Willis** retired the Colors. **Jr Vice Richard Corbit, Jr.** read **His Closing**. **Commandant Del Piano** read the closing prayer. **Sgt of Arms Willis** closed the Meeting.

Our Next Quarterly Meeting will be scheduled in **January 2022** to be hosted by the **Central Detachment**. The **Date** will be established in the near future. The **Meeting** will begin at **1000**. **Coffee and donuts** available at **0930**. The meeting closed at **1110**.