



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Delaware Department Minutes of Department Meeting 23 January 2021

Department **Commandant Frank Mathers** called the meeting to order at 1000. Sergeant at Arms **Richard Pounsberry, Jr.** called the **Young Marines of New Castle** to post the colors and then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the opening prayer. The Sergeant of Arms **Richard Pounsberry, Jr.** declared the meeting was open for official business. JVC **Frank Del Piano** led the Marines in the 1st verse of the Marine Corps Hymn. Marine **Ray Snyder** informed all about accomplishments of various **Young Marines**.

Attendance – 12

Roll Call of Department Officers:

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

Boy Scout Coord. Willis	Excused
Boy Scout Coord. Jacobs	Present

All Officers are present and accounted for.

Past Commandants were recognized. **Marine Ray Snyder** was in attendance. **Marine of the Year Jack Flood, Jr., Ray Snyder and Frank Mathers** were in attendance.

Minutes

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

Adjutant's Report

Adjutant Flood just received the Quarterly Report by the **Devil Dogs**. Past Devil Dogs Commandant **Dave Jacobs** will read the Report under Detachment Activity Reports. It helps get the Report's prepared and distributed a week in advance.

Paymaster's Report

Paymaster Greenstein gave the Quarterly Report of Income and Expenses. He clarified that both accounts are at Tidewater Credit Union. A Motion was made, subject to Audit, and seconded to approve the Report. It unanimously passed.

Chaplain's Report

Chaplain Beckford requested that the Detachment's keep her advised of Death's and/or Sicknesses. Always include Detachment Number in submitting your Reports. Commandant Mathers commended Marine Beckford for her excellent work.

Department Elective Officers Reports

Commandant Mathers – A request was made that all Detachments hold Meetings in person or Zoom. Daytime Meetings are also a possibility during these difficult times due to COVID-19. A decision will be made prior to our Annual May Meeting on the location.

Senior Vice Commandant Kollar – None.

Junior Vice Commandant Del Piano – No Report.

Judge Advocate Landon – None.

Detachment Activity Reports

First State – The Semper Fi Bike Boardwalk Ride in Ocean City was a Big Success. **A donation of \$10,000 was made to the Semper Fi Fund. Toys for Tots** was successful led by **Marine Richard Pounsberry, Jr. Our Marine Birthday Ball** was once again very successful at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club and their Marine of the Year Award was presented. The Color Guard was provided by the Detachment.

Diamond State – They are holding Meetings and it's new **Officers** will be sworn in this Thursday. **The Toys for Tots Collection** was headed up by **Marine Bob Davis. Three Courts of Honor** were held for **Eagle Scouts. Two Scholarships** were given out to the **MJROTC Program at Indian River. They** made contact with **1st State, Young Marines Program.** And are developing a working relationship.

Central – The Meetings have been attended by an average of 10 Marines.

Devil Dogs – They are still having Meetings. They are down to 46 Members. **Marine Butch Crismond headed up the Toys for Toys Program** for the Devil Dogs. We did not have a **Marine Corps Ball** this past year.

Holcomb – They only had nine Members attend **the Christmas Dinner.** They are still having a problem at the **Reserve Center.**

Unfinished Business

Commandant Mathers discussed our upcoming **2021 Mideast Conference.** It will be held **16-18 April 2021** at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center located in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. A Meeting was just held Friday 22 January attended by 15 Marines chaired by **Marine Dick Kollar.** The Hotel Manager was also in Attendance. Currently a maximum of 50 persons are allowed. The hope is the number will climb to 150 by 1 April. We can cancel with a seven day

notification. Our Guest Speaker will be our own, **Marine Bill Farley**. Make Reservations as soon as you can. Our **Cut-Off Date** will be **1 March**. The Saturday Conference Meetings should be attended by all Delaware Members. The Dinner will also be a Grand Event with a sit-down Dinner served. **West Virginia** may not be able to attend due to COVID-19. Discussion followed on the Finances and what numbers are needed. **Commandant Mathers** will resend all Conference Information to the Adjutant who will distribute to all Detachments. We will add the Cut Off Date of 1 March.

Commandant Mathers discussed a future power point presentation that will be available. Use local Newspapers to get the word out of what we accomplish.

Commandant Mathers requested to get all your **Marine For Life** Reports to **Marine Landon**.

Commandant Mathers thanked the **Holcomb Detachment** for hosting this Meeting. **Marine Snyder** has Marine Bags for all in attendance.

Commandant Mathers reminded everyone of the Election of Officers at the May Meeting. Our SVC and JVC are interested in moving up. Marine Richard Poundsberry is interested in the JVC Position. If anyone is interested, please stepup.

Commandant Mathers informed us that any questions on the Boy Scout Program can be obtained from Ralph Willis or Dave Jacobs. Marine Jacobs requested that Detachments that have a Courts of Honor let Ralph or Dave know.

New Business

Commandant Mathers has not received any requests for **Marine of the Year** from **Mideast Detachments**. **Our Delaware Detachments** need to submit any nominations ASAP. The one that has been submitted must be redone.

Good of the League

Commandant Mathers discussed the **Toys for Tots** Program issues. Monies are available to the various units to purchase Toys. **Marine Poundsberry** is going to setup a working group to better organize as we move forward. His phone number is 302-628-2624. **Marine Diane George** has been very helpful is preparing the Certificates. **Marine Bob Davis** was presented a **Meritorious Commendation**

Certificate and Ribbon yesterday for his work on the Toys for Tots Program at the Conference Meeting.

Commandant Mathers discussed changes from the League Headquarters that will be coming soon.

Commandant Mathers wanted to know if a donation might be made to the First State Military Academy this year. **Past Commandant Landon** asked if this will be done this year. **Commandant Mathers** will ask **Marine Landon** to provide requirements for the donations and we will make a decision based on that.

Closing

Commandant Mathers then proceeded to close. The Sgt of Arms **Pounsberry** retired the Colors. **Former Commandant Ray Snyder** provided “Taps”. **Commandant Mathers read the closing prayer.** Sgt of Arms **Pounsberry** closed the Meeting.

Our Next Quarterly Meeting will be scheduled in May at a location to be determined. The Meeting will be at 1000. Coffee and donuts available at 0930.

The meeting closed at 1145.