

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS



Department Meeting May 18, 2008

# The Minutes

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The May meeting was held at the Shutt Detachment #139 Watertown, Ma.

Commandant Joeseph Caterina called the regular meeting to order at 13:04 and Sgt at Arms Robert Gore led the members in a hand salute and Pledge Allegiance to our flag. The Department Chaplain Arthur Enos opened the bible and led the membership in an opening prayer.

Commandant Caterina recognized the following Dignitaries:

Richard Gore, N.E. Div. Vice Commandant

William Taylor, 45<sup>th</sup> Chief Devil Dog

Past Commandants, R. Gore, F. Gillen, John Vogel.

Paul T. O'Reilly, Vice President Marine Corps League Foundation

## 13:10 Roll Call of State Officers

Roll Call was completed by the Adjutant and the results were as follows:

### OFFICERS

Commandant	Joeseph Caterina	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Joe Summers	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Robert A. Delong	P
Judge Advocate	Paul Porter	P
Chaplain	Arthur Enos	P
Jr. Past Dpt.Cmdt	Richard Gore	P
Financial O.Chairman	Phil Sullivan	P
Financial Officer	Frank Gillen	P
Financial Officer	Jim Hastings	E
Financial Officer	Domenic Ricci	P
Paymaster	Bernie Heaney	P
Adjutant	Francis J.Curnow	P
Chief of Staff	Paul O'Reilly	P
Scholarship Committee		P
Dave Epps Chairman		P
Mary Crowley		A
Ed Silvieri		E
Legislative Committee		
Warren Griffin Chairman		A
Matt Boyle		A
Public Affairs Officer	Frank Real	P
Dept Web Sgt.	Joe DeAlmeida	P
Field Music Officer		
Marine For Life	James E. Hastings	E
Awards Committee		
Frank Muise		A
Edward Silveira		E
Earl Skeen		P
Inspector General	Joe Summers	P
POW-MIA	Earl Skeen	P

Roll Call of State Officers (cont)

VAVS Chairman	Leonard O'Brien	A
VAVS Brockton	Leo P. Cardarelli	A
VAVS Holyoke	Brian P. Dupee	P
VA Liaison Officer	Paul E. Carew	A
Vietnam Veteran Liaison		A
Stephen Stefan		A
Lewis Naple		A
Americanism	Dave Epps	P
Color Guard Captain	John Rice	A
Aide-de-Campe	Domenic Ricci	P
Toys-For-Tots		
Gerald Skeeane Chairman		A
Frank Gillen		P
Convention Committee		P
Paul O'Reilly		P
Richard Gore		P
Earle King		
William Byrne		
Warren Griffin		E
Jim Hastings		E
Quartermaster	Joe Dymon	P
Sergeant at Arms	Robert Gore	P
Membership Committee		P
Robert DeLong Chairman		P
Orville Anttila		A
Uniform Committee		A
John Rutovich		A
Steve Whalen		
Liaison to the Devil Dogs		TBA

DISTRICT VICE COMMANDANTS

Cape Cod District	David Baker	P
North Central District	George (Doc) Fregeau	P
North Middlesex	Art Enos	P
North Shore	Kenneth Oswald	A
South Middlesex County	Warren Griffin	E
South Shore	Mark Connolly	A
South Central	Earl Skeen	P
Western Mass	J.R.Rutovich	P

Roll Call of State Officers (cont)

**MASSACHUSETTS DETACHMENT COMMANDANTS**

Blackstone Valley 911	Clarence Porter	P
Burlington 123	Arthur Enos	P
William R. Caddy 124	Mary Crowley	A
Cape & Islands 955	Gene Monay	P
Cape Cod 125	Bradford Hutchenrider	P
Essex County 127	Joseph Cole	P
Capt. William Glynn	Richard Broadnax	A
Honorable Few	Carlos Vieira	P
Kelly-Sullivan 594	Bob Harrington	P
L/Cpl John Van Guyzen	Bruce Aldrich	A
Leo T. Fortier 130	Gerald Surprenant	A
Merrimack Valley 133	Neil Mitchell	A
Metro South 1115	Anthony Zarrella	A
Metro West 1037	Warren Griffin	P
Norfolk County 136	Joseph Collins	A
North Central 1076	Paul Porter	P
Capt Jennifer Harris	John P. Stinson	P
Oak Ridge 628	John Barlow	A
Pequoig 1168	Bernie Heaney	P
Pittsfield 137	Louis W. Robesch Jr	A
Pvt. Charles J. Shutt 139	Domenic Ricci	P
South Central 1094	Bob DeLong	P
Ware 140	David Olsen	P
Westfield River Valley 141	Francis Curnow	P
William R. Caddy	Mary Crowley	A
Woburn Leathernecks 143	David Epps	P
Worcester 144	Steve Cheney	A

P = Present, A = AWOL, E = Excused

Motion to accept previous minutes made by F. Real/2<sup>nd</sup> Epps and passed.

Paymaster report accepted as read,current subject to audit.

Sick & Distressed:

Robert Harrington & Edward Silveira both recovering from hip surgery.

Officer Reports:

Commandant Caterina reported on the months of April & May since the last Dept meeting was involved with the uniform code issue. The Commandant attended Caddy Day and meetings or installations at Plymouth, Blackstone Valley, and Shutt Detachments. Additionally invited (by Army BGen Brown) to the Natick Army Soldiers system center to dedicate a building in memory of a Marine Medal of Honor recipient. Also presented the Charter for the new Det Honorable Few # 1302 and installed their officers. Finally I have issued another Eagle Scout award to Thomas Egan of Chelmsford, Ma in behalf of National Commandant Ryan. This brings the total of Eagle scout awards to 13 for this year.

Doc Fregeau and Joe Messina will attend to the Chaplain duties at the Dept. convention Memorial service in behalf of Art Enos.  
All Detachments are asked to bring their Det colors and guide-ons to the convention.

Sr. Vice Summers: Attended the installation at Shutt, the Honorable Few in Middleton, and Cape & Islands in company with the Southeast Div Vice Commandant Baker. Also assisted at the charter meeting of the newly formed Plymouth Det. and assisted NE Div Vice Gore in the installation of the Greater Lincoln Detachment, Dept of Maine. Finally, assisted at the Capt Jennifer Harris Det installation this morning May 18, 2008.

Jr. Vice DeLong: Also attended the activities at the Honorable Few Det #1302 and the Plymouth Det which will officially have their charter presentation on the evening of June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 19:30. Please note their new Commandant Shaune Sampson will be deploying to the Mideast in June and thus will be covered by his Sr Vice Lucien Pravati.  
On recruiting issues we now have 328 members in an unpaid status as of April 28, 2008. We need not only get new members, but maintain the Marines already on board.

Chaplain: Art Enos advises the loss of three members this month

From- Cape & Islands: Marine Ralph Cutting Jr.

Capt Jennifer Harris: Marine Barre Durgin

William R. Caddy: Marine John McCarthy Jr.

Chaplain Enos thanks all who stepped up to provide proper honors for all these Marines.

Toys for Tots: F. Gillen reported that this was the biggest year ever for the program He also commented on working directly with Quantico vs working with the Marine Reserves. If you wish to run your own program apply through Quantico and or ask him for guidance.

Convention Committee: Chairman O'Reilly Reports all in order for the convention. Requests pictures of Officers for the catalogue. Joe Dymon will be handling the new 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary ribbon/medal which can only be obtained if you are in attendance at the convention. Joe will also be the honcho for the Smith & Wesson MFP .45 semi auto, so buy those raffle tickets @ \$10 per. Final drawing on Nov. 10..asking for assistance from all Det's. Paul further reports that the guest speaker will be BGen Kessler from Quantico. He also asked for a bugler.. so Mike Burke from Westfield was volunteered by B. Dupee. Well done Mike!

All clam bake \$ must be in three(3) days before the festivities or no chow for you! This direct from the Ma Pack leader!! Also Dogs must register Friday at 19:15 for the Growl.

Judge Advocate: The Honorable Few have their Charter and will be using the State & National By-Laws as their own. Paul was unable to attend their charter ceremony since he was coerced into being at his own 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.!(Wise decision)

Paul had an extremely busy month with over ten commitments. He points out that this is one of the reasons for the proposed state by-law change to reduce meetings.

The recommended by-law change was properly advertised, presented and sent to all Detachment Commandants and Board of Trustees as of 10 Feb. 2008. Additional copies will be available at the convention prior to the voting.

Scholarship: Chairman Epps reports the next scholarship meeting will be held May 9, 08 at Quincy. There are 6 candidates for the NE Div. Scholarship.

PAO: Frank Real reports on press releases that went out regarding Eagle scout awards,

Motion to accept reports by F. Gillen and 2nd by R. Gore

14:46 Unfinished Business: Commandant Caterina reminded us of the April Semper Fi article by National Exec Dir. Blum regarding the Uniform requirements. Clear and concise. Read and Heed.!

Good of the League:

Finance Chairman Sullivan advised the members that the treasury is currently doing well and in that light consideration should be given to raising our donation levels to scholarships, hospitals etc. The elected Officers should also be receiving a stipend for all the work they are required to do especially in light of greater expenses now incurred.

NE Div Vice Gore supported the idea with a suggestion that the Finance chair make detailed recommendations possibly at the Convention.

Paymaster Heaney also supported the suggestion and reminded us that our current positive financial position was largely to do with the recent National Convention held at Boston. The recent successful M-1 raffle was also mentioned as a big help on this issue.

Other Announcements;

May 30 will have Korean Veteran's ceremonies at the Charleston Navy Yard 13:00.

May 31 Fund Raising Fish Fry @ Chatham. \$10 per by announced by Joe Summers.

New Business: B. Heaney reports a check not cashed by scholarship awardee. Carl Radis(?) another check will be written for same.

Special Announcement: Commandant Caterina addressed the membership regarding his candidacy for another term.

He was aware of his opponents initiative to seek the Commandants post, and desired to state his position.

He reviewed the past years events and summarized his activities. He has served in all chairs and desired to do the best job possible after being elevated from Sr. Vice following Commandant Gore's acceptance of NE Div. Vice.

Commandant's comments:

Although not at the national convention he was invited and represented the Dept at the Nat'l MCL Marine Corps Birthday ceremonies in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately unable to attend the mid-winter meeting due to family ill health. During the Quad State convention he was attending a Medal of Honor ceremony. Further, he was also very much involved with the rebirth of the Capt Glynn Det and the newly formed detachments of L/Cpl Van Guyzen and the Honorable Few with the Plymouth Det soon to receive their charter.

He was not pleased with a number of statements made by the opposition candidate however, and finished by asking for support in the June elections.

14:58 Chief of Staff O'Reilly made a motion to close the meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> at this time. Chaplain Enos conducted the closing prayers and at 14:59 the meeting was declared closed by Sgt at Arms Gore.

Next meeting will be on June 6,2008 at the Convention at Hyannis, Ma. At the Radisson Hotel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francis J. Curnow  
Adj. Dept Of Ma.