

Department of Massachusetts

Marine Corps League
Department Meeting of 9/20/2009
Location: Athol, MA Time: 1300

1300: The Department of Massachusetts, Marine Corps League was called to order by Commandant Joseph Summers

The Chief of Staff Jim Hastings completed the roll call of officers.

1305: The Paymaster, Jr. Past Commandant De Long reported the paymaster report. Notice: This is a final notice of life audits. He also reported that transmittals are good with very few problems.

1314: The report of sick or distressed was taken and noted by the Department Chaplain.

1319: The Department Commandant recognized all dignitaries present: NE Div Vice Commandant, Past Dept. Commandants.

1321: Report of Officers

NE DIV VICE Commandant: The New England Division Vice Commandant Reported on the follow:

Life members' audits are important. Khaki Shirts are not authorized anymore. Also, white gloves are not authorized. Reasons were given why both were stopped.

He also instructed the members in attendance about the Dress Blue Uniform and how it is not a Marine Corps League Uniform. "Only people authorized to wear the Dress Blues are Retired Marines and Honorably Discharge Medically Retired Marines."

The NE DIV Vice also reported on Marine week which will be May 3-9 in Boston, MA.

He reported that the Marine Corps League would be in charge of the Opening Day Ceremony which will be at City Hall in Boston and also a reception at a venue to be determined. He also informed the membership about raising

money for this event. He has been order to raise \$50,000 for the event and is asking the Departments in the Division to help. Reminder that this is not a Marine Corps League Event! The NE Div Vice is looking for 1 Volunteer from each detachment to help in the event.

The Commandant of the Department recognized two more dignitaries:

The Assistant NE DIV Vice Robert De Long
The 45th Past Chief Devil Dog PCDD William Taylor

Report of Officers:

Commandant's report will be posted on the Department Website
Sr. Vice Report was present and will be posted on the Department Website
Jr. Vice Report was present and will be posted on the Department Website
Judge Advocate Report was present and he is looking for the EIN and Non Profit Status of each detachment.

Chaplains Report was present and will be posted on the Department Website.

Convention: Please take a Convention Bid Package Draft and Review it during our break for chow.

The NE DIV Vice reported on a new computer system at the National level called ISSI. More information to come.

1405 The Department meeting was dismissed for chow.

1435 The Department meeting was reopened by Commandant Summers.

The Minutes of the Previous Meetings which included the Convention and the Staff Meeting were voted and approved with no discussion.

A member of the Oak Ridge Detachment reported on the coupon project that his wife start and has been very successful.

The Marine 4 Life and Wounded Warrior report was given by Chief of Staff Hastings and will be posted on the Department website for review.

The public affairs officer reported on up and coming events included an event on the 7th of October at the VFW in Florence for Sgt. Bouchard.

The Department Commandant reported on 3 new detachments that will be getting formed in the Department.

The Department Webmaster reported on the website and how he is asking not for praise but for members to look at it daily.

Scholarship Report was given: 11 People received \$300 scholarships. He also reported that the rules of the scholarships are being reviewed.

Quartermaster reported that we took in \$241.

Eagle Scout Liaison reported that we have only had 4 eagle scout awards given this year. He is also looking to help boost the MCJROTC program that is starting in the area. He also reported on his activities and also about a Cash Calendar for \$10.00

The Toys for Tots Liaison report that he needs the names of all the liaisons. Also that the numbers given at national were incorrect to actual involvement of the Department of Massachusetts.

Committee Reports:

Convention: The Bid Package Draft was reviewed and will be discussed more at a later date.

Westover Convention 2010: The dates are Jun 10-12th, 2010

Items that are already offered:

Full Breakfast bar for Thurs, Fri, Sat, and Sun: \$8.00 a day

Full Lunch Buffet for Thurs, Fri, Sat: \$11.00 a day

Thurs Night will be the welcoming party which will be a burger party at the club which will be \$13.00

Fri night will be a pig roast before the growl which will be \$20.00

Sat Night Grand Banquet will have a choice

Seafood Classic - \$20.00

Club Classic - \$25.00

Chicken Breast- \$20.00

We are saving everyone money.

The hotel prices are going to be \$39, \$49, and \$59.

The cutoff date is around May 15th.

The Department Fundraise collage was discussed and those tickets need to be sold to help the department.

Unfinished Business:

Conflict with Schedule: Do not conflict with Department Meeting

The next two are the 3rd Sundays in January and April.

The rules to website are currently being created and updated.

There will be battle streamers for each department convention that will present to each detachment that brings a flag to the Dept Convention.

The Hok a Hey was discussed.

New Appointments: Western District Vice Commandant: Doc Don Rivette.

New Business:

January meeting is locationless. Please contact the Department Commandant if you would like to host the next Department Meeting.

April meeting will be at the LCpl Van Gyzen Detachment.

Midwinter ad in the book, \$100. It was voted and passed with no discussion.

Dept of VA partnered with Mass Gen Hospital and Red Sox Foundation. Information to be posted on the website.

A new fundraiser was discussed by one of the Department members about a Box raffle which could contain lottery tickets with red sox stuff.

Good of the League

Convention shirts are on sale for \$15.00 and can be a consignment.

The national Convention 2011 will be in Boise, Idaho

Announcements

The Growl of the Mass Pack will be on 9/27/2009 at 1300.

Essex County reported on the MC Ball on November 13th. Information to be posted on the website

North Central also report on a MC Ball but information was not given to the webmaster or the Deputy Adj/Paymaster.

1600 The Department of Massachusetts, Marine Corps League, Meeting was adjourned by the Department Commandant until January 17, 2009 when it will be reopened for the transaction of official business.

Respectfully Submitted

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