

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS



Department Meeting Mar. 16, 2008

The Minutes

Minutes of Mar. 16,2008

The March meeting was held at the William R. Caddy Detachment #124,
N. Quincy, Ma.

Commandant Joeseph Caterina called the regular meeting to order at 13:00 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:

James R. Laskey, National Sr. Vice Commandant

Richard Gore, N.E. Div. Vice Commandant

William Taylor, 45th Chief Devil Dog

Past Commandant, John Vogel

13:05 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	A
Financial Officer	Frank Gillen	E
Financial Officer	Jim Hastings	E
Financial Officer	Domenic Ricci	A
Paymaster	Bernie Heaney	P
Adjutant	Francis J.Curnow	P
Chief of Staff	Paul O'Reilly	E
Scholarship Committee		P
Dave Epps Chairman		P
Mary Crowley		A
Ed Silvieri		P
Legislative Committee		
Warren Griffin Chairman		E
Matt Boyle		A
Public Affairs Officer	Frank Real	P
Dept Web Sgt.	Joe DeAlmeida	P
Field Music Officer	Dan Clark	E
Marine For Life	James E. Hastings	E
Awards Committee		
Frank Muise		P
Edward Silveira		P
Earl Skeen		P
Inspector General	Joe Summers	P
POW-MIA	Earl Skeen	P

Roll Call of State Officers (cont)

VAVS Chairman	Leonard O'Brien	E
VAVS Brockton	Leo P. Cardarelli	A
VAVS Holyoke	Brian P. Dupee	P
VA Liaison Officer	Paul E. Carew	A
Vietnam Veteran Liaison		E
Stephen Stefan		E
Lewis Naple		A
Americanism	Dave Epps	A
Color Guard Captain	John Rice	E
Aide-de-Campe	Domenic Ricci	A
Toys-For-Tots		
Gerald Skeeane Chairman		P
Frank Gillen		A
Convention Committee		P
Paul O'Reilly		E
Richard Gore		P
Earle King		P
William Byrne		P
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		P
Uniform Committee		A
John Rutovich		P
Steve Whalen		
Liaison to the Devil Dogs	Bill Taylor	P

DISTRICT VICE COMMANDANTS

Cape Cod District	David Baker	A
North Central District	George (Doc) Fregeau	A
North Middlesex	Art Enos	P
North Shore	Kenneth Oswald	A
South Middlesex County	Warren Griffin	E
South Shore	Mark Connolly	P
South Central	Earl Skeen	A
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	P
Cape & Islands 955	Gene Monay	A
Cape Cod 125	Bradford Hutchenrider	P
Essex County 127	Joseph Cole	A
Capt. William Glynn	Richard Broadnax	A
Kelly-Sullivan 594	Bob Harrington	P
L/Cpl John Van Guyzen	Bruce Aldrich	P
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	P
North Central 1076	Paul Porter	P
Capt Jennifer Harris	John P. Stinson	A
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	P
Woburn Leathernecks 143	David Epps	A
Worcester 144	Steve Cheney	A

P = Present, A = AWOL, E = Excused

* Honorable Few attendance duly noted.

Motion to accept previous minutes made by Robert DeLong and passed.

Paymaster report accepted as read, subject to audit. B. Heaney reported ready for financial meeting but it did not occur. Motion to accept by J. Laskey, 2nd by R. Gore.

Sick & Distressed: Tom Walsh (Westfield 141) undergoing medical attn for Cancer in Colorado.
Pete Santoro
Tom Collins both in West Roxbury.

Commandant:Report at mid –winter conference given by J. Summers. Cmdt Caterina represented Dept at Iwo Jima day ceremonies in Boston at the State house. He also reported on a new Detachment in Plymouth in process of getting their charter and already are showing fifty aboard.

The Honorable Few, awaiting charter, reports sixty-two members and Van Guyzen at forty- six and counting in Somerset.

The Commandant advises all Det's to get their delegate forms in for the Dept. Convention. Also Nominations for Marine of the Year must be in to Paul O'Reilly in compliance with Dept By-laws. We are also advised to keep working on retention and consider the younger new recruits who really want to accomplish something within the league.

SR. Vice: Joe Summers attended funeral services in Plymouth. Additionally beginning plans for Marine Corps Ball with Cape & Islands Det. Also reports on Eagle scout achievement at Osterville.

Joe also gave special thanks to all for their cards and support regarding his family loss of their granddaughter.

Jr. Vice DeLong: Reports on informational meetings in Plymouth. He also requested nominations for recruiter of the year be filed by all Det's that can. He is also waiting to hear from all Det's with members in arrears on their membership. We must maintain our current members as well as seek new. Vigilance is required.

Judge Advocate Porter:Reported on an issue with Metro- West and Elks apparently solved. Paul also attended services for Ben Tavor(sp) who survived the Bataan Death March.

Chaplain: Art Enos reported on an increase in involvement as being very positive regarding funeral details.

Liason to Devil Dogs: No report

13:32 Motion to accept all reports made by PCDD Taylor and 2nd by Frank Real.

Standing Committees:

Convention; received very few delegate forms to date, need them in asap. Also banquet reservations are slow so far.

Joe Dymon reported that S&W is donating a Semi- auto MP .45 ..the same type used in Af gan istan.(phew)We can expect a certificate for the weapon to go to the winner.J. Laskey advises we stay away from possession of same for simplicity sake.

NVC Gore: Hopes to have Toys for Tots discussion at the convention, especially if Maj.Murray from the TFT Foundation is available to address our concerns. We may consider operating within the League if necessary, given the past poor record of cooperation with some active duty sites.

Motion to accept all reports by Laskey , 2nd by Real and passed.

New business: A resolution to make certain donations in remembrance of Joe Summers Granddaughter Paige resulted in the following.

1)The New England Div. will donate \$ 500(Matching Dept of MA,) to the Hospital pediatrics section that cared for Paige.

(Gore)

2)The MCL Foundation will donate \$300 in Paiges name. (Offered by Nat Sr. Vice Laskey through Paul O'Reilly)

3) The Dept of Ma. Will donate \$500 in Paiges name. (Taylor and Curnow).

Both NVC Gore and NatSVC Laskey spoke in behalf of the Div & National MCL foundation respectively. The Dept motion was made by (Taylor and Curnow) and carried by the Dept of Ma.

Joe Summers will assist in the coordination of this effort.

(Note: Bill Taylor, speaking as a member of the Shutt Det made an initial motion for the Dept of Virginia to make a donation also. Upon a geographical awakening this motion was adjusted to reflect the statements made above!)

Other New Business: Paul Porter received a request from Col.Belcher of the 25Th Marines for assistance to a Marine who had suffered the loss of the family home and goods by fire. After discussion it was decided to send the request to Helen Hicks at National requesting help through the Dept of N.Y. MCL. This was to be forwarded by Paul Porter with notice to Col. Belcher, as the Marine is part of the New York contingent of the 25th Marines.

Uniform committee: Chairman Rutovich brought up the issue of proper wearing of uniforms especially noting the practice of wearing active duty "Dress Blues" by members of the Marine Corps League. He is finding that certain Det's seem to wear the Blues as a common practice instead of a Marine Corps League uniform. This in spite of the fact the Blues or any active duty uniforms are not a League uniform. After some extended discussion Commandant Caterina said he would take appropriate action to notify all Det's in the Dept regarding proper uniforms and the By Laws and/or Marine Corps orders relative to the subject.

Marine Rutovich also pointed out that the Pittsfield det participates in a 4th of July parade reputed to be one of the largest in the country. He would like the Ma Dept color guard to participate in the parade. Since they are one of the Det's with a "uniform" issue, the Dept support would be helpful in this regard.

Good of the League: The Quad state convention details were brought up as a reminder to all desiring to participate on April 18-20 in S. Portland , Me. A Div. Marine of the Year presentation is planned.

Announcements:. Caddy Det reminded us of the Viet Nam veterans memorial service on April 29 @ 3:00 P.M..

Also ,the annual Caddy golf tournament Aug 22nd(Fri). See their web page or the Dept web for more info.

Plan on a seminar on 990 forms at the quad state and probably the Cape Cod Convention. See B. Heaney- Dept Paymaster.

Pequoig officer installation the 27th of Mar...(note –it is now complete.)

NSVC Laskey wishes to thank all for their hard work in standing up new Det's in Ma.

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Commandant Caterina announces he will run for another tour as Commandant.

Jr Vice DeLong announced his candidacy for Commandant also.

Sr. Vice Joe Summers announced his candidacy for another term as Sr. Vice.

NSVC Laskey would appreciate our support for his candidacy as National Commandant also.

14:38 Motion to close the meeting by NVC Gore and 2nd by the Chaplain.
Meeting called to close by the Commandant at 14:40.

Next meeting scheduled April 20 @ Blackstone Det in Sutton , Ma.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francis J. Curnow
Adjutant
Dept of Ma.