

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS



Department Meeting Jan.27, 2008

The Minutes

Minutes of Jan. 27, 2008

The Jan. meeting was held at the Essex Co. Detachment, Peabody, Ma.

Commandant Joseph Caterina called the regular meeting to order at 13:02 and Sgt at Arms Robert Gore led the members in a hand salute and Pledge of 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 Commandants and PDC John Vogel

13:10 Roll Call of State Officers

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

OFFICERS

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

Roll Call of State Officers (cont)

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

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	P
South Shore	Mark Connolly	A
South Central	Earl Skeen	E
Western Mass	J.R.Rutovich	E

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	P
Cape Cod 125	Bradford Hutchenrider	P
Essex County 127	Joseph Cole	P
Capt. William Glynn	Richard Broadnax	P
Kelly-Sullivan 594	Bob Harrington	A
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	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	A
Westfield River Valley 141	Francis Curnow	P
William R. Caddy	Mary Crowley	A
Woburn Leathernecks 143	David Epps	A
Worcester 144	Steve Cheney	A

P = Present, A = AWOL, E = Excused

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Motion to accept previous minutes made by F. real and passed.

Paymaster report accepted as read, current balance of \$3614 in the general acct. and \$14,515 in the convention acct. C.D.'s \$19,200 & \$ 1574. Total \$38,902 on hand, subject to audit. This was a quarterly report.

Sick & Distressed: Art Fisher passed away at the Holyoke Soldiers Home Sat.26,2008.

Correspondence: letters of thanks were received from last years scholarship awardee and from the Chelsea and Leeds VA for \$200 each received from the MCL. Marine JROTC requested a donation to send some of their cadets to Annapolis for summer seminars. Deferred to new business.

Officer Reports:

Commandant Caterina requested we stay vigilant toward our younger Marines in an effort to encourage them to become part of the League and stay on, as the future of the MCL depends on them.. We must not allow ourself to fall into the “Good Ol Boy” syndrome of Drinking and war stories at the expense of excluding new Marines in our midst.

The Commandant also noted the poor participation on the Toys For Tots reports due in. Filling in for Earl Skeeane he noted we had less than 40% of our reports in. It was pointed out that a report is required even if you are operating on your own or direct with Quantico. On a more positive note there are two new detachments in the works for the near future.

Sr. Vice Summers was very busy from Nov.-Jan. He participated in several funeral services from Eastham to the National cemetery at Bourne. He also participated in elections and installation at Metro-South Det.. On Dec. 29 he attended a fundraiser for the family of Marine L/Cpl Gray(?) who had been burnt out of their house during the Christmas season.

Jr. Vice Bob DeLong reports that we must be on top of our membership requirements. From 9-30-07 the Dept is showing 1934 paid members and 310 unpaid. The various det's also have from 15% to as high as 33% upaid members. While we are out recruiting new members we must be conscious of maintaining our current strength. Our renewals need to be transmitted in a timely fashion. Do not wait for a stack, keep them moving. Contact our delinquents (the I forgot guys). Signing new and losing the current members just isn't going to git'er done.

Chaplain Art Enos reports that 57 Marines passed to their final rest since Nov. He attended 39 services and still was unable to make another 25. He tries to attend services whenever possible and urges us all to do the best we can to honor those who have gone on . The families we support

appreciate all of our efforts. Art made a point to single out Essex County, Cape & Islands and Westfield River Valley whose Marines have gone above and beyond to honor their fallen brothers.

Lastly, do not delay in properly completing the death notices. This is always that important final task that must be done. Attention to detail is the word Also Art advises to check the roster for his e-mail & tel #. It will have been changed when you read this.

Judge Advocate: Paul Porter advises that we are making progress on the det By-laws. Many are just incorporating the Dept by-laws as their own. Div. Vice Cmdt Gore reports that he was 6(SIX?) years old the last time a particular det did their By-laws. Man what a memory!

Adjutant : The roster is currently pretty well snuffed up and will remain so until you read this. For those few who do not have e-mail we'll still get the word to you but it would be helpful if someone in your Det could act as a back up in this regard. The Young Marines at Westover AFRB, Chicopee, Ma. just had boot camp graduation and had Fran C. as the guest of Honor. Thirty one graduates and many proud parents. Great program being run SgtMaj Mitrook.

Quartermaster Joe Dymon looking for donations or other ideas for raffle items at the June

Convention.

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Standing Committees: Joe caterina advised Paul O'Reilly's convention package will be in the mail before you read this. Start up is Thursday with golf and grub at the O'Reilly residence. Make that Golf at the Bass River(?) course and grub at the S. Yarmouth address. Read the package.

Special Committee:

Legislative: There is a change in the leadership in the Ways and Means committee. A number of new bills are in the works. Check the website and read your email.

Public Affairs: Frank Real is ready to get out those press releases or more detailed stories for your Det's. Contact him with your needs.

Marine Carl Viera(sp) reports on the beginning of a new Detachment that will have a number of motorcycle enthusiasts known as the "Honorable Few" They have a web site and are well into doing great things for many charitable causes with their rides for... Good Luck and watch those 4 wheelers! Joe summers is already aboard and recommends any Bikers to join them on one of their rides. The commandant reminds us that when starting a new Det there must be 15 NEW members not previously members of the MCL.

14:10 Nat Sr. Vice Laskey made a motion for a suspense of business for the purpose of watching the Marine JROTC demonstrate their skills in drill exercises. Not bad with the M-14!!

The Drill team is very involved in their community with 8 units in Ma. The program is very active and is soliciting events for physical fitness/ Shooting and Drill competitions. .. and will march in a parade almost anywhere.

14:50 Business resumed.

New Business:

Motion was made and passed to donate \$300 to support the JROTC. Chaplain Enos matched it with his honorarium from the Dept.

At this point a Mad Dog was heard to be Barking & or Growling in the quarters. Food seemed to help.

Motion was made and passed to donate \$100 to another JROTC unit to support their planned seminar at Annapolis this coming summer.

Good of the League: Iwo Jima Day announced for Feb 19, 2008 in Boston . 11:00 muster, 11:30 step off with appropriate ceremonies at the State House. Parade will be led by a Marine Maj.Gen(sel).

All are encouraged to participate and show the colors.

Announcements: Bob DeLong reviewed the proposed Dept by-law changes previously discussed, regarding reducing the number of Dept meetings annually. He also tasked the adjutant with the appropriate distribution of same. This proposal will come up for vote at the June Convention.

Doc Fregeau thanked the League for all their support to him and his canine program. He

reminds us that he is ready to lecture anytime

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15:15 At this time the Nat'l Sr. Vice Laskey advised us of his intention to run for National Commandant. OOragh! He also reminded us of the Mid winter conference to meet our contemporaries in other dept's.

PCDD Taylor also mentioned the mini-growl is open to all at the mid winter , with numerous hospitality suites.

15:20 Sr. Vice Summers called the meeting to a close at this time. The next meeting to be at Oakridge Det on Feb.17,2008

Respectfully Submitted

Francis J. Curnow
Adjutant
Dept of Ma.