



*Diamond State Detachment, 704
P.O. Box 676 – Lewes, DE 19958*

Minutes – 25 February 2021

Commandant Sharkey called the meeting to order at 1900. Sergeant at Arms DeMara posted the colors, and led the Detachment in the pledge of allegiance. Marine Mike Seiler offered the opening prayer.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Commandant	Pat Sharkey	Present
Senior Vice Commandant	Bill Kelly	Present
Junior Vice Commandant	Paul Hamman	Present
Judge Advocate	Jim DiMartino	Present
Adjutant	Tom Carter	Present
Paymaster	Bob Ruotolo	Zoom
Chaplain	Mike Seiler	Present
Sergeant-at-Arms	Phil DeMara	Present
Junior past Commandant	Rich Corbit	Excused

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 2021 meeting were accepted as published

PAYMASTER REPORT: The Paymaster report was accepted as presented.

MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS: Marine Harry Rush is recovering from back surgery.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS: The Commandant presented a recruiting and retention program, and instituted a monthly staff meeting to be held on the Thursday prior to the regular monthly Detachment meeting. The next meeting will be on March 18th at 1800 at Oak Orchard Diner.

Junior Vice Commandant Hamman suggested that the Detachment place information tables at various local events to increase MCL visibility. He also suggested that recruiting flyers be made available for Detachment members to place on cars with Marine stickers and tags, and that a Cape Gazette insertion be explored.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Toys for Tots: The Coordinator position is vacant at the moment, and Marine Mike Seiler is considering assuming this role if his work schedule allows. It was suggested that the Detachment can consider a Coordinator who is not a member of the Marine Corps League.

Fundraising: The Marine Rose fundraiser is scheduled for May 29th, Memorial Day Weekend.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Following up the visit in January by Marine J. D. Kennard of the First State Young Marines, the Detachment voted to donate \$200.00 to their program. Marine Shepke will also be reimbursed \$50.00 for out-of-pocket expenses.

NEW BUSINESS: Buying various giveaways for information tables at events is going to be explored.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Commandant Sharkey with the appropriate ceremony at 1935 followed by singing of the Marines Hymn.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Carter, Adjutant
Semper Fidelis

CALENDAR

March 18th at 1800, Detachment Officer Staff meeting,
at 1800 at Oak Orchard Diner

March 25th at 1900, Detachment meeting
at American Legion Post 28

April 16th, Mid-East Conference to be hosted by
Diamond State Detachment in Rehoboth Beach