



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

Minutes – 27 May 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. Chaplain 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	Excused
Chaplain	Mike Seiler	Present
Sergeant-at-Arms	Phil DeMara	Present
Junior past Commandant	Rich Corbit	Present

**MEMBERSHIP:** Marine Roy Elder joined the Detachment as a transfer. Marine Tony Matero, Marine Randy Oxenrider, and Marine Juan Garcia were accepted for Regular Membership and were sworn in by Commandant Sharkey. Duke Brooks and Arthur Harness were accepted for Associate Membership and were sworn in by Commandant Sharkey.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the March 2021 meeting were accepted as published. There was no meeting in April.

**PAYMASTER REPORT:** The Paymaster report was accepted as presented.

**MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS:** Corpsman Bob Ruotolo is continuing his health challenge, as reported by the Commandant. Marine Tom Terrell's wife Norma is also dealing with health issues, as is past Chaplain Marine John Kitchenman. Marine Robert Knight passed away – no details are available at this time.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**Commandant:** The Commandant expressed his appreciation for the efforts of committees in several areas. He also mentioned that the Memorial Day wreath presentation will be in Georgetown on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1330.

**Jr. Vice Commandant:** Marine Hamman requested comments on a press release draft which is intended for publication in the Cape Gazette. Also, the Detachment received an award in recognition of membership goals by the National Junior Vice Commandant.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Toys for Tots:** Marine Jim DiMartino reported that a luncheon was held honoring Bob Davis for his efforts as T4T Coordinator for the past two years. He also reported that Christmas in July will place ten drop-off boxes at Homestead Camp Ground for the entire month of July. He mentioned that he has plans for three radio appearances promoting the campaign. On July 17<sup>th</sup> AL Post 28 will be hosting an appearance of the Hub Caps band, and this will also provide an opportunity for receiving toys.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Scholarships:** A Detachment vote confirmed Dalton Cannon at Woodbridge High School as the Detachment Scholarship recipient for this year. The Gunny expressed his interest in having speakers from the Detachment, possibly in the Fall.

**Fundraising: Marine:** Marine Dick Kollar reported that there will be a Fast Cash event at Post 28 on May 28<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned the potential of the 50/50 drawings at the Post for the June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> reserved dates for the Detachment. Volunteers are needed for these drawings.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** The tent for use in recruiting at events was presented to the Detachment. A motion to reimburse Marine Tim Shepke \$633.00 for the purchase was made and passed. At this time, there was a discussion reminding the Detachment of the need to present potential expenditures to the acquisitions committee.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** Marine Tony Matero presented ideas and products for handouts at recruiting functions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Commandant Sharkey with the appropriate ceremony at 1945 followed by singing of the Marines Hymn.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Carter, Adjutant  
Semper Fidelis

#### **CALENDAR**

June 24<sup>th</sup> - Detachment meeting at  
AL Post 28 at 1900. Officers meet  
At 1730.