



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

Minutes – 25 March 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 ?? 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	Excused
Sergeant-at-Arms	Phil DeMara	Present
Junior past Commandant	Rich Corbit	Zoom

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

PAYMASTER REPORT: The Paymaster report was accepted as presented.

MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS: The Commandant reported that two members are in distress. Chaplain Mike Seiler and Paymaster Doc Ruotolo are experiencing health challenges.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Commandant: Commandant Sharkey reported that Judge Advocate Jim DiMartino has volunteered to head up the Toys for Tots 2021 Campaign.

He also shared calendar items:

March 27th – 50/50 at the American Legion by Detachment 704 MCL

March 29th – Kent County Vietnam Veterans Association memorial

April 15th – Detachment 704 Staff meeting

April 16th-18th – MidEast Conference at Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach

April 22nd-25th – Wall that Heals in Ocean Pines, MD

May 8th – Department of Delaware meeting at Heritage Shores

Jr. Vice Commandant: Marine Hamman plans to place an insert or a small article about the Detachment for recruiting purposes. Sr. Vice Commandant Kelly is pursuing acquisition of some

giveaways for various events at our recruiting table. There was a discussion regarding connecting with local radio stations.

Judge Advocate: Marine DiMartino has been in contact with the Marine Corps Reserve Association and asked that the Detachment form a committee to explore a partnership in hosting events for the 50th Vietnam Anniversary program. The motion carried to form a committee

PAYMASTER: Senior Vice Commandant Kelly gave the Paymaster report for Corpsman Ruotolo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Toys for Tots: Judge Advocate DeMartino has agreed to be Coordinator for the Detachment 704 Tots for Tots 2021 Campaign.

Fundraising: The Marine Roses event will be at Outlet Liquors on May 29th from 10-2:00pm. Volunteers are welcome.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Scholarships: Jr. Vice Commandant Hamman has been in touch with the Gunny at Woodbridge High School and that a \$1,000 scholarship is being awarded to a senior cadet. First State Academy has been removed for consideration for scholarships at this time.

Eagle Scouts: Marine Kollar announced that there is a Court of Honor in Seaford on April 25th. The Court will be at the Seaford VFW hosted by Devil Dog Detachment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: None

Respectfully submitted

Tom Carter, Adjutant
Semper Fidelis

CALENDAR

April 22 at 1900, Detachment meeting
at American Legion Post 28

May 8 at 1000 – Department of Delaware
Meeting at Heritage Shores