



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

Minutes – 24 June 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.

The Detachment 2021 Scholarship award was presented to Marine Corps JROTC Cadet Dalton Cannon of Woodbridge High School. Present at the award were his Father, Mother and Gunny James.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Commandant	Pat Sharkey	Present
Senior Vice Commandant	Bill Kelly	Present
Junior Vice Commandant	Paul Hamman	Present
Judge Advocate	Jim DeMartino	Present
Adjutant	Tom Carter	Present
Paymaster	Harry Rush	Present
Chaplain	Mike Seiler	Present
Sergeant-at-Arms	Phil DeMara	Present
Junior past Commandant	Rich Corbit	Present

MEMBERSHIP: Marine Harry Rush was sworn in as Detachment Paymaster by Marine Neil Corley HPNC

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

PAYMASTER REPORT: The Paymaster report was accepted as presented. Paymaster Rush gave information on funding specifics which is going to involve opening two new accounts, one for Scholarships and the other for Veteran donations. The current CD's will be converted to fund these accounts. All proceeds from fund raising will be deposited to these accounts and not to the general operating fund.

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. John will be moving to an assisted living facility near Frederick, Maryland. Certificates of appreciation were approved for Bob and John for their service to the Detachment.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Commandant: The Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant Bill Kelly have been working with Corpsman Ruotolo in transferring the Paymaster records for Marine Harry Rush, appointed as Paymaster. There is a recruiting event scheduled in collaboration with Devil Dog Detachment on July 10 at the Nanticoke River Fest in Seaford. Volunteers are needed to support this event. Duke Brooks volunteered to offer a Public Service Announcement for this event and for Toys for Tots.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Marine Hamman has been in close contact with the Cape Gazette in getting Detachment information in the Community Calendar. He is also working on additional exposure in the Gazette.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Toys for Tots: Marine Jim DeMartino reported that there will be additional drop-off boxes complementing the ten drop-off boxes at Homestead Camp Ground for the month of July. He mentioned that he has plans for three radio appearances promoting the campaign. On July 17th 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:

Fundraising: The Marine Roses event rained-out on May 29th has been rescheduled for July 3rd at Outlet Liquors. Volunteers are needed to cover the 1000-1400 in two-hour shifts. Marine Tony Matero presented additional ideas and products for handouts at recruiting functions. Apple Scrapple event was also discussed as a future fundraising event

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Sergeant-at-Arms DeMara introduced a proposal to re-constitute the Detachment Color Guard and asked for volunteers.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: 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.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Carter, Adjutant
Semper Fidelis

CALENDAR

July 24th - Detachment meeting at
AL Post 28 at 1900. Officers meet
At 1730.