



*Diamond State Detachment, 704
P.O. Box 131 – Millsboro, DE 19966*

Minutes – 26 August 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	Excused
Judge Advocate	Jim DiMartino	Excused
Adjutant	Tom Carter	Excused
Paymaster	Harry Rush	Present
Chaplain	Mike Seiler	Present
Sergeant-at-Arms	Phil DeMara	Present
Junior past Commandant	Rich Corbit	Present

MEMBERSHIP: Marine Jose Cruz was accepted for Regular Membership and was sworn in by Sr. Vice Commandant Bill Kelly.

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

PAYMASTER REPORT: The Paymaster report was accepted as presented. Currently, the Scholarship Fund has \$2956.03. A \$500 donation was made from the Veterans Fund and we show a balance of \$1500.50. CD savings were closed and consolidated for convenience.

MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS: Members sick or in distress – No report of any members sick or in distress, however Marine Tom Carter is recover from the flu.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Commandant: Noted that National awarded the National Unit Commendation to the Dept. of Delaware which may be worn by all members sworn in prior to the last National Meeting held in March of this year.

We're looking for volunteers, for the distribution of roses in the Marine Rose Program. At Outlet Liquors, Rehoboth Beach, for (2) days September 3-4 '21

The Commandant received letter from American Legion. Post 28 Commander, thanking our Detachment members for our support.

Heritage Day Car Show, 1 Clark St., Harrington, DE on Aug 28th from 0800 – 1400 hrs. We are looking for volunteers for this Recruiting event.

River Walk Freedom Festival on Sept 18th from 0800 – 1400 hrs. Looking for volunteers to help with this Recruiting event.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Nothing new to report, just to continue to recruit new members. He will be traveling and available by email; phone till October '21.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Excused No report

Judge Advocate: Excused

Adjutant: Excused

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Toys for Tots: Considering the access and issues with the old storage area we started looking for a new place and found one through Pete Townsend. This area has the necessary square footage, but needs some clean-up. A working party is scheduled for 2nd of September to clean up and square away. Pete is very accommodating. We are looking for suggestions as well as evaluation other initiatives to generate more assistance and help in Toys for Tots maybe in the form of a golf tournament or some other initiative to generate funds. The space itself has ample room and separate facilities for males and females.

There are still some other issues to determine such as magnetic signs, box distribution locations and folks to service them, drivers and pickup points.

Retired Congressman Sen. Bunting (USMC) will try to help us as well as the BPOE Elks.

Jim will continue to keep us up to date on progress and needs.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Scholarships: Nothing to Report at this time..

Fundraising: Marine: Marine Rose Program was on July 3 at Outlet Liquors, Rehoboth Beach, DE. Thanks to Marines Pat Sharkey, Paul Hammon and Tim Shepke. Donations were \$580 that will go to the Detachment Scholarship & Veteran Funds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Marine Corps Ball – The Ball is coming together nicely and will be held at the same venue as last year. On tap already are the photographer, catering and DJ, contract will be signed shortly. Only outstanding issue is the giveaway. Keep in mind that this is all time critical.

Apple Scrapple is scheduled for 8 October.

Delaware Hospice Fest in Milford. We received a plaque for our donation of \$500.

American Legion 5K – scheduled for Oct 9 we have sponsored this at \$500 in the past. Motion to donate \$500 to the Post by Tim Shepke Seconded Bill Kelly Motion Carried

Giant Ceremony Check– Check received for \$48,29

Considerations – Giveaways for recruiting/fund-raising for membership emblems, bumper stickers, etc. Total cost: \$ 503.75

50/50 Winner – Rich Corbit

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Commandant Sharkey with the appropriate ceremony at 1950 followed by the singing of the Marine Corps Hymn.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kelly Sr. Vice Commandant
Semper Fidelis

Calendar

September 23rd– Detachment meeting at
AL Post 28 at 1900. Officers meet at 1730