



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

Minutes – 17 November 2020

Commandant Corbit called the meeting to order at 1900. The acting Sergeant-at-Arms (Marine Mike Sellers) posted the colors, and led the Detachment in the pledge of allegiance. Chaplain Patrick Sharkey offered the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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| Commandant | Rich Corbit | Present |
| Senior Vice Commandant | Tim Shepke | Present |
| Junior Vice Commandant | Paul Hamman | Present |
| Judge Advocate | Frank Barnes | Excused |
| Adjutant | Tom Carter | Excused |
| Paymaster | Bob Ruotolo | Excused |
| Chaplain | Pat Sharkey | Present |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Phil DeMara | Excused |
| Junior past Commandant | Pat Feehley | Present |

GUESTS: None.

NEW MEMBERS: Department Senior Vice Commandant Kollar administered the oath of membership to Marine Vandercapllen.

MINUTES: Approval of the Minutes of the September and October 2020 meetings will be deferred until the next official meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PAYMASTER REPORT: Paymaster Ruotolo's report was given and approved subject to audit.

MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS: It was reported that Detachment Adjutant Tom Carter's brother had passed away and that a funeral Mass will be offered on 18 November at 1030 at St. Edmund's Catholic Church in Rehoboth Beach.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Toys for Tots: Coordinator Bob Davis reported:

- Toy collections have begun. The kickoff event went off well, with a large number of toys collected.
- Volunteers are still needed.
- Reimbursement for the web site will be made when an invoice /receipt is presented.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Marine Corps Birthday Ball:

- The Senior Vice Commandant reported on the outcome of the Ball which was deemed a complete success.
- The financial report for the Ball was presented.
- The photographs that were taken will all be sent to Marine Feehley who will arrange for distribution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- There were no new nominations for officers made from the floor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The motion passed at the last meeting to support the Young Marines Program nationally was rescinded. It was discussed to support the program on a more local level. The YMP in Smyrna will be contacted and inquires made as to their program and the potential of support from the Detachment.
- Marine Feehley sponsored a motion to donate \$2000 to American Legion Post 28 to assist in the costs to replace three (3) major pieces of equipment which failed and will require replacement in the approximate amount of \$18,000. The Post has provided the Detachment with a meeting place and support at no cost. A motion was made and passed to contribute as indicated.
- There was a discussion to increase the philanthropic actions of the Detachment in order to make an increased presence in the community. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: None

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

Respectfully submitted

Richard A. Kollar

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For the Adjutant
Semper Fidelis

CALENDAR

Next meeting will be 17 December 2020