

# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Westfield River Valley Detachment 141  
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Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month  
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**SEMPER FIDELIS**

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting 12 June 2023

**OPENING CEREMONY:** The Sergeant-at-Arms secured the quarters at 1900 hours, posted the Colors and led the detachment in the Pledge of Allegiance; the Chaplain read the opening prayer after which the Sergeant-at-Arms declared the meeting open for official business. Fourteen regular members and eight associate members were present.

### **ROLL CALL OF DETACHMENT OFFICERS:**

<b>Detachment 141 Elected Officers (Board of Trustees)</b>		
Commandant	Christopher B. Cekovsky	P
Senior Vice Commandant		
Junior Vice Commandant	Sophie F. Bartosik	P
Judge Advocate	Keith A. Buckhout	P

<b>Appointed Staff Officers</b>		
Junior Past Commandant	Keith A. Buckhout	P
Adjutant	Brianna Torrey	P
Paymaster	Joseph Delany	P
Sergeant at Arms	Aldo Mancini	E
Chaplain	Dan Bishop	P

Historian	John S. Rutovich	P
Auditor	Sophie F. Bartosik	P
Public Relations	Michael Patnaude	P
Scuttlebutt Editors	Roger Beer, William Federman	P
Web Sergeant	Carrieann D. Bailey	P
Armorer	Christopher B. Cekovsky	P
Color Guard	Keith A. Buckhout	P
Quartermaster	Christopher B. Cekovsky	P
Flag Service	Vinny Sulewski, John S. Rutovich	P

Past commandants							
Richard Greene 1977		Joseph Mucha 1994		Donald Wielgus 1999		Joseph Willis 2004	
Fran Curnow 2005	P	Brian Dupee	P	John Rutovich 2011	P	Dan Bishop 2013	P
Keith Buckhout 2017	P						

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** No new members.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Staples card is closing due to Citibank cutting ties with Staples. JR will follow up after July 1st to see if there are replacements. Application for the Westfield fair arrived. July 4th parade at Hampden Ponds.

**SICK OR IN DISTRESS:** Bill Federman had 2 surgeries and has started Chemo but seemed to be in good spirits.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS** (those not listed had nothing to report or were absent or excused):

**Commandant:** Flag pin sales this weekend at Stop n Shop in Westfield June 16-18. Breakfast

June 17th 7:30-11. The Senior Vice position is open and Joe has moved to paymaster. Brian Dupee volunteered to take the position to fill for the time being. Golf Tournament August 5th is getting much of our energy. Try car dealerships (many golf). Young marines fundraiser is to raffle off cornhole boards. If interested, get in touch with the commandant for more information. Someone else will need to run the July 10th meeting as Commandant will be in Ohio.

**Senior Vice Commandant:** Walmart may be open again after November as it is being taken over by new management. July 14th is Military Appreciation night at Starfires game. 6:30 at Bullens Field in Westfield. For more information contact Melanie.Casineau.1.CTR@USAF.MIL or call 413-568-9151. We are planning to have a table at this event.

**Junior Vice Commandant:** New membership applications ready and copies are at the barracks. Carrienne to put online as well.

**Paymaster:** Roger is working with Joe to change everything over. Report accepted.

**Judge Advocate:** New state commandant is young and dynamic and should have some good changes for the League.

**Sergeant at Arms:**

**Chaplain:**

**Public Relations:** \$300.00 Golf Tournament from Polish National Credit Union. Google search increasing.

**Financial Committee:** Will work on the budget report.

**Web Sergeant:** Please bring in shoes if you are no longer using them to mail in for money. If you have photos of an event Carrienne cannot attend please send to her to upload to social media.

**Color Guard:**

**Flag Service:** June 25th retirement of flags. Be at the barracks at 9am to pile bags of flags on Keith's trailer. 10am at Barnes the cremation of flags will commence, If you are interested get your license information to Keith so you will be allowed on the base. Just bring your covers since it is messy.

**Westfield Veterans Council:**

**Chicopee:**

**Agawam:** A donation was made to the Young Marines.

**Scholarship Committee:** Need a meeting soon

**Building Committee:** Need a meeting to discuss updates using \$15,000 Velis was able to get for us.

**Unfinished Business:** 5 teams open for the Golf Tournament. 12 tee markers sold out of 36. \$25.00 for dinner that night.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Suggest purchase of laptop for paymaster. Windows 10 with microsoft office. Under \$1000.00 approved unanimously. Westfield fair tabled for this year to focus on golf tournament. \$50.00 to Bruce for parade rides approved unanimously.

**Good of the League:** JR, Brian, Lynn, Joe, Bobbi, Keith, Zach and Brianna were all at the Convention dinner. Oak ridge member awarded the four chaplains.

**Outside the League:**

**CLOSING CEREMONY:** The Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors at 2032 hours and the Chaplain gave the closing prayer. The closing statement was read and the proceedings were declared adjourned until the next scheduled detachment meeting, on July 10, 2023.

Brianna Torrey, Adjutant  
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