

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes 26 June 2011

Commandant Corley called the meeting to order at 0800. The appropriate opening ceremonies were conducted.

Adjutant Dietrich called the roll: Present: Corley, Sheriff, Powell, Cero, Ferguson, PDC Dietrich, Gill, PNC Hastings, Miller, Pokojni, Pienta, Fussenegger, Forster, Radakar, Walters. Excused: Drake, Brunson, and Witt.

Reports of Officers:

Commandant Corley – Looking to the western districts for additional Department Staff. Need to work on Detachment in Berwick area. Ferguson is available to assist. He asked for cooperation from the board for a successful year.

Sr. Vice Commandant Sheriff – He will be using the same format as the previous year. Detachments who do not attend Commandant Council will be asked for a written report.

Jr. Vice Commandant Powell – He will be continuing the programs already in place.

District Two Vice Commandant Miller – Working with Marines from the Quakertown area and suggested to them to find the Hidden Bell charter and re-establish the detachment. He will help Drake and Pokojni with his old Detachments.

District Three Vice Commandant Pokojni – Looking forward to the experience and will be working with the detachments in the district.

District Four Vice Commandant Pienta – Will continue to work with his detachments

District Six Vice Commandant Fussenegger – A starter kit has been requested for a new detachment in Dillsburg. He will work with Marine Botchie to establish the detachment. It was suggested he contact Marine Walter White for assistance.

District Seven Vice Commandant Forster – There is discussion of establishing a new detachment, needs to get contact information.

District Eight Vice Commandant Radakar – Working with Pendleton Detachment to help them reorganize.

District Ten Vice Commandant Walters – Working on new detachment in Carnegie, will assist Forster with detachments.

Chaplain Gill – Glad to be on board

Paymaster Ferguson – Retention is a real issue. He will be contacting detachments if their renewals are slipping.

Judge Advocate Cero – The archives need work. It was suggested that small working group be formed to assist sorting files. There are currently no disciplinary actions pending, there is one grievance pending and it should be closed shortly. Both Hannings-Linderman and Carbondale addressed their strength issues so no further action is required.

Jr. Past Commandant PNC Hastings – He is willing to travel and help with detachments. We have a great resource at the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs with Brian Natali. He is a League member and has been working with the Department since he came on board at the Gap.

Adjutant PDC Dietrich – Stands ready to assist where needed.

Unfinished Business:

There will be a Roast/Toast in honor of PDC Dietrich at 1800 on 15 October. We are still waiting for building confirmation.

New Business:

Commandant Corley asked for a motion to re-appoint for a two-year term Ben Cero, PDC Bergman and Patrick Owen as Directors on the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Foundation, Inc. Motion was made by Walters, seconded by Fussenegger. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion carried.

Commandant Corley asked for a motion to appoint for a two-year term PDC Leanna Dietrich as Director on the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Foundation, Inc. Motion was made by Fussenegger, seconded by Walters. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion was carried.

The 2011 – 2012 Staff Roster was reviewed. Commandant Corley asked for a motion to approve the staff roster as discussed. Motion was made by PNC Hastings, seconded by Powell. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion was carried.

New detachments were discussed. There are five potential new detachments: Berwick/Bloomsburg, Dillsburg, Carnegie, Quakertown and DuBois.

Commandant Corley discussed Detachment Installations. He reminded the board the installation requests must be made to the Department Commandant. They need to state when, where and will they are requesting. If the requested installing officer is qualified it will be approved. Requests must be made in a timely manner. The day of the installation is not in a timely manner.

The Department Adjutant is being instructed to co-ordinate mailings prior to the staff meetings to ensure the detachments have all the necessary information concerning the upcoming meetings.

The Department 800 number is to be routed to 302.934.1829.

Commandant Corley asked for a motion to re-appoint Dan Murray to the Delaware Valley Home Advisory Board. Motion was made by PDC Dietrich, seconded by Powell. Commandant Corley

called for the motion. Motion carried. *Commandant Corley instructed the Adjutant to prepare the appropriate letters.*

Commandant Corley instructed the Adjutant to prepare/send a letter to the Pennsylvania War Council to inform them who will be the delegates and alternates for the coming year. Commandant Corley also asked the Paymaster to issue a check prior to the September Council meeting for the dues.

Commandant Corley instructed the Adjutant to prepare/send a letter to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs with his contact information for the State Veterans Commission. It was suggested the letter include the Marine Corps League Auxiliary information.

The Department website domain and hosting was discussed. The board was informed the domain is in Don Miller's name and is hosted in or near Lock Haven. A motion was made by Radaker and seconded by Forster to look into moving the domain into the Department's name and to look into moving where the site is hosted. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion was carried. *Commandant Corley asked Fussenegger to contact Don Miller and determine what steps the Department needs to take to accomplish these tasks.*

Good of the League:

A discussion was held concerning "Moms for Our Marines". It was determined the Department can not financially assist this organization at this time.

Attendance at the National Convention was discussed. The District Vice Commandants were asked to encourage their Detachment to attend and to help their delegate/delegates where possible.

IRS form 990 was discussed. The detachment non-profit status will be cancelled if detachments fail to file. Some detachments have already received notification.

Embroidering of the District Vice Commandants covers was discussed. It was suggested the District Vice Commandants hold off on getting the embroidered at this time. There are proposed changes at the National Convention and it would be advantageous to wait. It was agreed the covers should be embroidered so they look alike.

Announcements:

If needed, the Department will caucus at the National Convention.

The next meeting of the Department Board of Trustees will held on 14 October 2011 at the Department Headquarters building.

The appropriate closing ceremonies were held. Commandant Corley closed the meeting at 1103.

Respectfully submitted,



PDC Leanna L. Dietrich, Adjutant