



## 10/24/2023 Division Zoom Meeting

**NVC Pat Maguire** opened The Meeting at 19:33

Recognition of Dignitaries COO Bob Borka, and NVSO Tom Mueller

Attendance was taken and is attached

**Cherie Monnell**, spoke on the Quadstate for information and registration go to [www.NHMarines.org](http://www.NHMarines.org) , from here you can register for the hotel and Quad State. Information is continuously added to the site each day.

Dept. of NH is working on membership for Detachments, the members are aging, and we need new members to grow.

**Youth Physical Fitness Program** Commandant Griffin is behind this program, and he is looking to make it a priority for all detachments. Each Detachment, Department and Division will need a liaison officer to implement and oversee the program. Information on the program is available on the National web site, <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/youth-programs/youth-physical-fitness-ypf/>

**Marine Corps Heritage Foundation**, Each year at the National as well as themed winter conference, we are asked to contribute \$100 per Detachment to the Foundation to help them complete their mission in helping Marines in some cases that is as far as it gets. Please ask all of your detachments to take part in this pledge. Each year the Foundation donations fall short of what they need to complete their mission.

**Young Marines**, there are many benefits of working with the Young Marines, the units that do realize the benefit in many ways. YM's working a Rose event or a Toys4Tots, help staff these events as well as bring attention to what we are doing and programs we are involved in. This can result in recruiting for the YM's and the League as well. If you do not have a unit of YM's near you Please consider starting one.

**TOYS 4 TOTS** New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, and Vermont all expressed they are actively working on Toys4Tots. At the end of the season all action reports will go to Larry as he is the liaison for this. This is an event that Rhode Island is teaming up with the Young Marines.

**Recruiting:** Is an issue for everyone and it is important that we work on this with some diligence as it was stated earlier our members are aging and we constantly hear we need new blood. **Dept of MA** brought up that they are involved in a program Rucks to

Pucks, <https://rucks2pucks.com/>. It is a veterans hockey program and in MA there are 2 Marine Teams. If you are interested you could play and if not at least attend some of their games and support some of their events and possibly find New Members there. **Peter P. Monaco Jr. Detachment**, is trying a Past Commandants Pizza event which is an open house to local veterans.

One of the biggest problems with recruiting is our identity. We have to be more well known by the communities we are part of. Sharing of idea is the best way to get there. I recently talked to a few Departments and have gotten some of there ideas. One Dept is involved in local football games where they offer a color guard, supply a challenge coin for the coin toss and then present a coin to each coach. While this is going on the announcer reads a script, they supply about challenge coins and the local MCL Detachment. We are now in the public eye of the Community. An event like this does not require a lot of members to participate.

**National VSO**, Tom Mueller, spoke about his first week in his new position and his experience with the league as well as what he would like to accomplish in getting Marines the benefits they deserve.

**NE Division Convention**, Commandant Maguire, spoke on the fact that whether it becomes a reality or not we still should explore all the elements this will entail and see if it is a workable plan. Jon Zwirblia, continued that the Dept of MA and the Dept of CT were moving forward to discuss this and when they are further along they would loop in the other Departments.

**COO Bob Borka**, spoke on the new MCL App and how to access it and some of the information that is available on the App. He also reviewed the dates for Modern Day Marine for 2024, APR 28-May 1

**Bernie Heaney**, Spoke on Compliance and that right now we were in pretty good shape but as of November 15<sup>th</sup> many Detachments will have missed there filing deadline for there 990's, There are report he found in the database to help us track some of these things and Bob offered to send us a report on who has filed there PLM Audits.

**Attendance at Meetings and Conventions**, Commandant Maguire suggested that maybe have a drawing at the Convention and one attendee who won would have there bill paid. Dept of CT has door prizes for their Dept Meetings, 2 prizes offered each meeting.

**Newsletter**, Commandant Maguire spoke about the Division Newsletter and getting pictures and stories sent in by the Detachments and Departments, right now Walt is searching websites and FaceBook pages looking for information and it would be easier and more efficient for it to come from the unit.

**NJA Dave Porter**, announced he would be having a Zoom meeting with all the Department Judge Advocates within the next 2 weeks and then he would be publishing a Newsletter.

**Upcoming Events**, November 13<sup>th</sup> Boston Semper Fi Society Luncheon (Dave Porter)  
There are several Birthday Balls coming up please check your Dept for times and dates.

**Round Table,**

**Jon Zwirblia**, Thanked COO Borka for the help and information he supplied both tonight and constantly. Reiterated MA work on Toys4Tots, Recruiting and the Convention committee.

**Walt Benson**, CT is working on recruiting Toys4Tots, and he would follow up with the Detachments on their completion of their 990's.

**Wayne Hamilton**, offered to help anyone in his capacity of Paymaster as needed.

**Commandant Maguire**, thanked everyone for their Attendance, and ask that this information be carried back to all the detachments.

**Meeting Adjourned at 21:18**

Respectfully Submitted

Walt Benson

Division Adjutant

## NEW ENGLAND DIVISION OFFICERS

		10/24				
DIVISION VICE COMMANDANT	PATRICK MAGUIRE	X				
ASST. DIVISION VICE COMMANDANT	MICHAEL J. HINDS	X				
DIVISION CHIEF OF STAFF	JOE ASFONSO	X				
DIVISION ADJUTANT	WALT BENSON	X				
DIVISION AIDE DE CAMP	LARRY CHRETIEN	X				
DIVISION PAYMASTER	WAYNE HAMILTON	X				
DIVISION CHAPLAIN	JANE DEPTULA	E				
DIVISION SERGEANT AT ARMS	CHARLIE PAUL	X				
DIVISION COMPLIANCE OFFICER	BERNARD HEANEY	X				
DIVISION LEGISLATIVE OFFICER	WARREN C. GRIFFIN	E				
DIVISION LEGAL ADVISOR	LAWRENCE M. HERRMANN	E				
DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHER	PETER KING	E				
DIVISION HISTORIAN	OPEN					
DIVISION PUBLIC RELATIONS	BRIAN BROOKS	E				
DIVISION MODD LIAISON	CHERIE MONNELL	X				
DIVISION V.P. AUXILIARY LIAISON	OPEN					
DIVISION YOUNG MARINES LIAISON	BRUCE J. KATZ	E				
DIVISION BSA LIAISON	LARRY CHRETIEN	X				
DIVISION TOYS 4 TOTS LIAISON	LARRY CHRETIEN	X				
DIVISION MARINE 4 LIFE LIAISON/VSO	BRIAN BROOKS	E				
DIVISION WEB SGT	OPEN					
DIVISION YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS	OPEN					
DIVISION PAST VICE COMMANDANT	DAVID PORTER	X				
DIVISION PAST VICE COMMANDANT	*JAMES R. LASKEY					
DIVISION PAST VICE COMMANDANT	WARREN C. GRIFFIN					
DIVISION PAST VICE COMMANDANT	RICHARD A. HARRINGTON					
DIVISION PAST VICE COMMANDANT	*RICHARD GORE					
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT	PAT MCMAHON	E				
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTES	JON ZWIRBLIA	X				
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE	CHARLIE PAUL	X				
DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	CHERIE MONNELL	X				
DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND	JOE AFONSO	X				
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT	BOB MAYERS	X				