

## Dept NH Minutes for December 6, 2025 Meeting

- 1) Opening Ceremony: Acting Sgt at Arms Eric Anthony opened the meeting at 1200 and Acting Chaplain Jesse Stufflebeam gave the opening prayer. There was a quorum of 13 regular Department Members present, including at least two elected officers, and one prospective member. Meeting was held in Manchester, NH (Granite State Det were hosts).
- 2) Roll Call of Officers: Present were Cmdt: Cody Dumont, Sr Vice Cmdt: Reggie LaClair, Judge Advocate: Rob McCain, Sgt at Arms: Bryan Westover. Chaplain: Joe Duquette was absent, and Adjutant/Paymaster: Mike Martioski was excused. Jr Vice position is vacant.
- 3) Applications for Membership: After an introduction and his Marine Corps history, Henry Danis was sworn in by Cmdt Dumont. Henry will be a member of the Gary S. Dillon Det.
- 4) Installation: Cmdt Dumont announced that he will be traveling to Det meetings to Install Detachment officers upon elections.
- 5) Minutes from Previous Meeting: 9/27/25 Meeting Minutes - Motion by Sr Vice Cmdt LaClair, seconded by Eric Anthony, to approve the minutes as edited to include Eric and Patricia Anthony being in attendance at the 9/27/25 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Correspondence: None.
- 7) Report of Paymaster: After review of the printed report and viewing the Commandant's award worthy Excel spreadsheet, Sr Vice Cmdt LaClair made the Motion, seconded by Eric Anthony, to approve the Paymaster Report as amended to correct the amount of Internet Maintenance. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8) Sick or In Distress: Cmdt Dumont reported that Past Dept Cmdt, Cherie Monnell had a bad fall, but did not require hospitalization. Cmdt Dumont sent her a plant and get well note on behalf of the Dept. He encouraged others to wish her a speedy recovery, as well.
- 9) Report of Officers:
  - a) Marine Corps Ball: Cmdt Dumont reported that the Ball was sold out at 200 tickets. There were some technical and logistical issues but a good time was had by all who attended. There was further discussion how to improve next year's Ball, after action items, and lessons learned. Cmdt Dumont sent a list of all Marines, and their email addresses, that attended the Ball to the respective Detachment Commandants to invite these Marines to future Det meetings and events.
  - b) Toys for Tots (T4T): Dept T4T Liaison Westover reminded those that are participating in T4T that an After-Action Report (# of Toys, \$ donations, events held) will be required in January. This led to a healthy discussion on how we currently support T4T and how we can be more active in the future.
- 10) Report of Standing Committees:
  - a) Dept Elected Officer Nomination Committee: Committee Members Westover and Dave Dubey, and Cmdt Dumont discussed holding a Dept-wide Zoom meeting in January to discuss what is expected of a Dept Cmdt and what is expected of Members to support the Dept Cmdt. Currently, the positions of Cmdt and Jr Vice Cmdt are still in need of someone to accept nomination. Nominations are to be made at the next Dept Meeting.
  - b) Memorial Day at the Veterans Cemetery Committee: Committee Chair, Chris Peirce,

discussed the progress so far, including the previous program, the need to determine speakers (politicians, etc.), band, Guest Speaker, and who will sing the National Anthem. Discussion included the Cmdt's desire to have the local Merrimack Valley HS Band play and suggested the committee meet by call or Zoom every other week and that each Detachment will have a representative as a Committee Member.

11) Unfinished Business:

- a) Bylaws Changes: Prior to the meeting, Cmdt Dumont emailed the proposed changes by the National Judge Advocate and clarifying the quarterly meetings in regards to officer nominations and elections during the two-year terms. After a detailed explanation of each proposed change, Jr Vice Cmdt LaClair made the Motion, seconded by Tony Dube, to approve the Bylaws proposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Compliance Report: Cmdt Dumont read Dept and NE Div Compliance Officer, Cherie Monnell's report:
  - i) 990N: Received from Demers, Lakes Region & Twin State. Dillon, Granite State and Seacoast need to submit to Cherie.
  - ii) PLM: Received from Demers, Lakes Region, Twin State and Dept NH. Dillon, Granite State and Seacoast need to complete audits, signed and submitted to Cherie before Dec 25<sup>th</sup> so they can get to National in time.
  - iii) ROI: Received from Demers, Twin State and Dept NH. Dillon, Granite State and Lakes Region need to submit to Cherie [Seacoast was not listed on the ROI report.]
  - iv) State Corporation ("Inc."): Received from Demers & Lakes Region. Dept NH, Twin State, Dillon, Granite State and Seacoast need to get it done.
- c) Attendance at the National Midwinter Conference is 2/26/26 to 2/28/26 at the Sheraton Pentagon City in Arlington, Virginia. Cmdt Dumont can not attend. Anyone interested in attending as his proxy is to contact him. [Dept Admin Procedures permit the proxy and reimbursement of the registration fee, lodging and meals during the time of the officially scheduled function, but NOT transportation.]

12) New Business:

- a) Amendment Adjutant/Paymaster to conduct renewal of Charitable Gaming Partnership: Cmdt Dumont stated the Adj/Paymaster is willing to do the paperwork if the Dept Members want to continue with this program. There was a consensus to continue and it was determined that a vote is not necessary, as we previously voted to participate. The deadline to apply again is coming up soon. Cmdt Dumont expressed the need to not sit on the funds received and to set aside funds for next year's Birthday Ball.
- b) With the above statement being heard and understood, the following motions were made to expend funds for various veteran support related charitable organizations:
  - i) After explaining merits of this donation and the flyer which was reviewed, Eric Anthony made the Motion, seconded by Reggie LaClair, to **donate \$3,000 (sponsor a Grante Post) to the Manchester Veterans Council' Gulf War Memorial project. There was no discussion, Motion passed unanimously.**
  - ii) After discussing that this would be a donation for the youth related organizations in general and not compensation for their participation on the Birthday celebrations, Chris Peirce made the Motion, seconded by Reggie LaClair, to **donate \$500 to EACH of the following: Winnacunnet High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC, Civil Air Patrol, and Sea Cadets. There was no further discussion, Motion passed unanimously.**
  - iii) Eric Anthony made the Motion, seconded by Steve White, to donate \$1,000 to each Det Quartermaster for uniform items to increase members ability to participate in color guards and funeral details. After a lengthy discussion on the logistical and legal concerns, the motion and second were withdrawn. No vote taken.

- iv) After explaining merits of this donation, Tony Dube made the Motion, seconded by Reggie LaClair, to **donate \$2,000 to Warriors at 45 North, Pittsburg. There was no discussion, Motion passed unanimously.**
- v) After explaining merits of this donation, Jesse Stufflebeam made the Motion, seconded by Steve White, to **donate \$2,000 to Harbor Homes, Manchester. There was no discussion, Motion passed unanimously.**
- vi) After explaining merits of this donation, Reggie LaClair made the Motion, seconded by Jesse Stufflebeam, to **donate \$2,000 to Liberty House, Manchester. There was no discussion, Motion passed unanimously.**
- c) Closing of the Demers Det: At their November meeting, the Det voted to surrender their charter (close the Det). Cmdt Dumont will determine how to transfer members to with Twin State or the Lakes Region Dets, or attempt to reactivate the Det, then inform NE Division and National.
- d) Lunch with Leathernecks: Cmdt Dumont wants to increase the MCL presence in the Keene area and the North Country by alternating weekend lunches at, preferably, veteran owned restaurants. There may be enough Marine veterans in the Keene area to start a new Det. There is money in the current advertising budget to ads in newspapers, Facebook, VFWs and American Legions. In order to offer free lunch for the invited Marine veterans who attend, Rob McCain made the Motion, seconded by Reggie LaClair, to **authorize up \$25 per head/lunch, not to exceed \$1,500 in Quarter 1, not including advertising. There was no further discussion, Motion passed unanimously.**

13) Good of the League:

- a) New England Division Holiday Luncheon on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Wreaths Across America on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at the Old North Cemetery in Concord.
- c) Removing of Wreaths at the NH Veterans Cemetery on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1030.
- d) Thank you, Granite State Det for hosting this meeting and providing lunch, beverages and desert.

14) Announcements: VAVS Chris Peirce briefed there are 22 House Bills and 1 Senate Bill. One Bill is attempting to permit lawyers to charge veterans for claims that are available to them for free through VSOs. Veterans Council have voiced their concerns and encouraged legislators to vote NO on this bill.

15) Closing Ceremony was conducted and the next Department meeting will be hosted by the Lakes Region Detachment at a place and date (Jan-Mar 2026) to be determined. The meeting closed at 1440.

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PDD Bryan Westover  
Sgt at Arms  
(& Acting Adjutant for the meeting)

Note: Immediately after the meeting, a **50/50 raffle was held, and the Department received \$35 for their share.**