

MINUTES – SAMUEL NICHOLAS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE – 26 AUGUST 2023

Marines:

Those in attendance were Forsythe, Brown, Messikomer, Rouse, and LeClair.

The first item on the agenda was to consider downsizing the focus of the SNMC. The Committee is charged specifically with paying honors to Maj. Nicholas at the Arch Street Meeting House for Independence Day, Memorial Day, and on the Marine Corps Birthday.

Going forward, the Committee will only address issues required of the Committee.

Over time, the SNMC has worked with others on issues like raising the 13 star garrison flag at 0800 and lowering the flag at 1600 at Independence Hall on the Marine Corps Birthday. Another area of involvement is with the Philadelphia Coast Guard Station and the Battleship New Jersey. These additional duties are not a part of the mission of the SNMC and are to be dealt with as separate issues in the future. The SNMC will continue to support these activities outside the framework of the Committee itself. In 2023, the SNMC will continue to partner with others to help complete their mission.

Other items covered:

- The flag raising at Independence Hall at 0800 and lowering at 1600 on 11/10/23. Les Rouse has arranged for a bus with a capacity of 35 people to support people attending Marine Corps Birthday programs. The bus will be boarded between 0600 and 0630 at Hershey's Mill and will transport riders to Independence Hall for the flag raising ceremony. The bus will continue on during the day to additional destinations at the Coast Guard Station, the Battle Ship NJ, the flag lowering, and back to Hershey's Mill. The cost of the bus is \$35.00 per person. Doug Forsythe and Les Rouse will arrange for the raising and lowering of the flag.

- Following the Independence Hall flag raising, those in attendance will join in for a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution.

Areas of Responsibility:

- Invitation to HQ Marine Corps has been sent by Doug Forsythe.
- HQ MCL Invitation completed by Doug Forsythe.
- District 1, PA MCL - being handled by Doug Forsythe.
- ROTC and MC Recruiters - being handled by Yonas Reinholdson.
- Color Guards - being handled by Doug Forsythe.
- Wreaths and Flags for Maj. Nicholas Grave Site - Fred LeClair is handling.
- Speakers and Coordination at Grave Site - Doug Forsythe is handling.
- Field Music - Fred LeClair is handling.