

# DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI—MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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## Department Convention, 10 June 2017, Minutes

### 1. OPENING

Past Commandant of Lincoln County Marines Detachment 1405 introduces Mike Moeller, Mayor of Maryland Heights for welcoming speech.

The annual Convention meeting of the Department of Missouri, Marine Corps League was called to order by Commandant Bill Webb at 0830 hours at the Sheraton Chalet Hotel by Commandant Bill Webb.

Colors are posted. Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

### 2. REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDS

Jim Maevers makes bid for 2018 Department Convention to be held at Drury Inn in Cape Girardeau, dates to be announced at Fall Staff Meeting. Motion to accept by Chuck Covert, second by Jerry Bradley. Motion carries.

### 3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

National Sr. Vice Commandant Wendell Webb, Chief Devil Dog O. C. Smith, Midwest Division Paymaster Janice Hartley, Midwest Division Training Officer Teresa Terry, Midwest Division Chaplain Jerry Bradley, Southern Division Vice Commandant Randy Rigg, Vice Chief Devil Dog Leonard Spicer, Midwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog Steve Michalski

Commandant Webb introduces Carol Holmes, Auxiliary President, who introduces her guests and staff.

### 4. RECESS FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Meeting recesses at 0845 hours for Service.

### 5. RECONVENE MEETING

Meeting reconvenes at 0945 hours.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Credentials Committee

Report given – 45 delegates and one Past Department Commandant

The count for the Department Convention is Given as follows:

| Detachment         | Delegates |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 183 St. Louis      | 11        |
| 184 St. Louis      | 1         |
| S.F. Gearhart      | 5         |
| Jeffco             | 2         |
| St. Charles        | 7         |
| SW Missouri        | 2         |
| M.O. Yarbrough     | 8         |
| Lake of the Ozarks | 1         |
| Lincoln County     | 8         |

Toys for Tots No report

Marines 4 Life Report by Wendell Webb

Focus Marines Report by Wendell Webb

MCL Foundation Report by Floyd Miller

## **7. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Commandant Webb-present

Sr. Vice Commandant Michalski-present

Jr. Vice Commandant Reed-present

Judge Advocate Jorgenson-present

Jr. Past Commandant Miller-present

Adjutant Nisbet-present

Paymaster Hartley-present

Chaplain J. Terry-excused

Sergeant-at-Arms Craig-present

## **8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Steve Michalski moves and Jerry Bradley seconds that members dispense with reading of previous minutes. Motion carried

## **9. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Budget Committee recommends continuing with FY17 Budget.

Len Knapp moves Floyd Miller seconds to continue with FY17. Carried

## Nominations Committee

Committee made the following nominations:

Commandant Steve Michalski  
Sr. Vice Commandant Robert Reed  
Jr. Vice Commandant Matt Jorgenson  
Judge Advocate Hugh Nisbet  
Paymaster Janice Hartley  
Adjutant Jim Maevers  
Chaplain Chuck Covert  
Sergeant at Arms Gregory Craig  
Auditor 3 Jerry Bradley  
Auditor 2 Jim Apelbaum

## By-Laws Committee

Proposed By-Laws changes read by Matt Jorgenson, Judge Advocate

Change to Article 5, sec. 12 was modified in Committee. Maker of Amendment accepted change. Motion by Hammel, second by Anders to accept Amendment as modified. Motion carried.

Change to Article 5, sec. 4 was modified in Committee, Maker of Amendment accepted change. Motion by Covert, second by Spicer to accept Amendment as modified. Motion carried.

Changes to Article 6, sec. 2 paragraphs a and c were moved for acceptance by Anders, second by Giustiniani. Motion carried.

Changes to Article 1, sec. 2 paragraphs b and g were moved for acceptance by Knapp, seconded by Covert. Motion carried.

Change to Article 6, sec. 3 was moved for acceptance by Knapp, seconded by Covert. Motion carried.

## **10. PAYMASTER'S REPORT**

Presented, filed for audit.

Budget report for prior year given.

Robert Reed moves, Jerry Bradley seconds that CD's be rolled over. Motion carried.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you note from Mel Otte read and filed.

## **12. MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS SICK and/or IN DISTRESS**

Joe Terry had recent gall bladder surgery.  
Wendell Webb report that 14 Marines had been killed recently fighting ISIS.

## **13. REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Commandant given  
Sr. Vice Commandant given  
Jr. Vice Commandant given  
Judge Advocate No Report  
Jr. Past Commandant No Report  
Adjutant No Report  
Paymaster Budget Report given  
Chaplain absent  
Sergeant at Arms No Report  
Auditors Reported on Budget

## **14. DETACHMENT REPORTS**

The following Detachments filed their reports:

South St. Louis  
Samuel F. Gearhart  
St. Charles  
SW MO  
Cpl. Mason Yarbrough  
Lake of the Ozarks  
Richard Scott Haymes  
Lincoln County

No other Detachments provided reports.

Region Vice Commandants' Reports

Northeast Region Filed  
No other reports filed.

## **15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bollwerk moved, Knapp seconded to correct Minutes from Convention 2016.  
Motion carried.

Jorgenson moved, Giustiniani seconded to place full page ad in National Program Book. Motion carried.

Miller moved, Stella seconded to maintain \$3.00 delegate fee for Convention. Motion carried.

## 16. NEW BUSINESS

Jjorgenson moved, T. Terry seconded that Department donate \$300.00 to **Segs for Vets**. Motion carried

Miller moved, T. Terry seconded that \$200.00 be donated to MCL Foundation from next year's budget. Motion carried.

Nisbet moved, Bradley seconded that \$200.00 be donated to **Fallen Heroes Dream Ride**. Motion carried.

Wendell Webb reported on the National Office, changes coming in National By-Laws, the new Data Base, a new CEO has been selected. He responded to questions.

**Recess at 1140 hours, to reconvene at 1300 hours.**

## 17. RECONVENING OF MEETING

Commandant Webb reconvenes meeting at 1300 hours.

Guest speaker Paul Dillon spoke about POW-MIA Museum at Jefferson Barracks.

Randy Rigg, Southern Division VC spoke concerning his candidacy for Nation Judge Advocate.

## 18. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Wendell Webb conducted the election of new officers for 2017-2018.

| Office         | Nominee      | Motion         | Second     | Vote    | Order       |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------|---------|-------------|
| Commandant     | S. Michalski | B. Box         | B. Webb    | Carried | Cast 1 vote |
| Sr Vice Cmdt.  | R. Reed      | B. Webb        | B. Box     | Carried | Cast 1 vote |
| Jr. Vice Cmdt. | M. Jorgenson | S. Michalski   | J. Hartley | Carried | Cast 1 vote |
| J. Advocate    | H. Nisbet    | CJ New         | G. Craig   | Carried | Cast 1 vote |
| Paymaster      | J. Hartley   | A. Riggle      | CJ New     | Carried | Cast 1 vote |
| Adjutant       | J. Maevers   | L. Knapp       | B. Webb    | Carried | Cast 1 vote |
| Chaplain       | C. Covert    | R. Reed        | A. Riggle  | Carried | Cast 1 vote |
| Sgt. at Arms   | G. Craig     | M. Jorgenson   | C. Covert  | Carried | Cast 1 vote |
| Auditor 2      | J. Apelbaum  | S. Stella      | K. McGaffy | Carried | Cast 1 vote |
| Auditor 3      | J. Bradley   | M. Giustiniano | L. Spicer  | Carried | Cast 1 vote |

## **19. RECESS**

Elections completed, recess at 1340 hours,

## **20. RECONVENING OF MEETING**

Commandant Webb reconvenes meeting at 2005 hours.

Commandant Webb asks Hugh Nisbet to introduce guest speaker Julie Vinnedge.

Julie Vinnedge introduced as guest speaker. At conclusion of speech, Vinnedge given two donations for Fallen Heroes Dream Ride.

President of Marine Corps League Auxiliary Carol Holmes introduces Carol Smith (Mrs. C. O. Smith) as Installing Officer for Auxiliary Officers for 2017-2018.

Department of Missouri Marine Corps League Auxiliary Officers installed.

Auxiliary Member of the Year Carol Holmes

Dotty Sanning spoke on the Flea Scratch.

Commandant Webb asks National Sr. Vice Commandant Wendell Webb to install incoming officers.

Wendell Webb asks Teresa Terry to be Sgt. at Arms, Leonard Spicer to be Chaplain.

The following officers were installed:

- Commandant Steve Michalski
- Sr. Vice Commandant Robert Reed
- Jr. Vice Commandant Matt Jorgenson
- Judge Advocate Hugh Nisbet
- Paymaster Janice Hartley
- Adjutant Jim Maevers
- Chaplain Chuck Covert
- Sgt. at Arms Gregory Craig
- Auditor 2 Jim Apelbaum
- Auditor 3 Jerry Bradley
- Jr. Past Commandant Bill Webb

The following awards were announced:

Associate of the Year Ray Rhodes  
Newsletter Samuel F. Gearhart Detachment  
Americanism Darren Reuter  
Marine of the Year Emil Holmes

Commandant Webb provides gifts to his officers

Raffle drawings held.

Changing of the Colors Ceremony.

Next Staff Meeting will be 9/16/17 at Samuel F. Gearhart, Jefferson City.

Closing Ceremony.

Adjournment at 2100 hours with singing of first stanza of "The Marine Hymn".