

# DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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## Department Quarterly Meeting 06 December 2014 Minutes:

### 1. Opening:

The regular meeting of the Department of Missouri, Marine Corps League was called to order at 0900 on 06 December 2014 at Samuel F Gearhart Detachment Headquarters, by Department Commandant Miller.

### 2. Roll Call of Officers:

Commandant: Floyd Miller - Present  
Senior Vice Commandant: Bill Webb - President  
Junior Vice Commandant: Steve Michalski - Present  
Junior Past Commandant: Teresa Terry - Present  
Judge Advocate: Bob Reed - Present  
Paymaster: Janice Hartley - Present  
Adjutant: Jim Hartwick - Excused  
Chaplain: Joe Terry - Present  
Sergeant at Arms: Gregory Craig - Present  
Auditor 1 yr: Eric Salaby - Present  
Auditor: 2 yr: Bob Scannell - Present  
Auditor 3 yr: Dick Brouillette - Present

### 3. Introduction of guests and recognition of officers.

The following guests were introduced: National Junior Vice Commandant Wendell Webb, National Vice Commandant, Midwest Division Dave Hunter, Past Department Commandants, Department Marines of the Year, and MODD leaders.

### 4. Approval of Minutes:

After reading of the minutes, Bob Box moved the minutes of the 06 September, 2014 be accepted. 2<sup>nd</sup> Janice Hartley. Motion carried.

### 5. Correspondence:

Commandant Miller referenced a flyer from "VetsRoll.org" featuring a bus trip to Washington D.C. May 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The organization's goal is to provide transportation, hotels, meals and admissions for up to 200 WWII veterans while visiting memorials and other related sites in our Nation's Capital. For more information, contact the VetsRoll.org web site.

The Commandant referenced another flyer from Evelyn Joppa, MCLA National Headquarters Project regarding their annual raffle. Cash prizes of \$250, \$150 and \$100 will be awarded to those purchasing tickets. Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. Project raffle tickets were sent to Detachment and Department Commandants throughout National.

**6. Paymaster Report:**

The paymaster report was read and filed for audit.

Paymaster Janice Hartley also reported on the Professional Development Program and Eagle Scouts.

**7. Report of Members or Members Family Sick or in Distress:**

Department Chaplain Joe Terry reported that Department Adjutant Jim Hartwick's mother-in-law passed away recently.

Other reports of deaths were turned in . . . a moment of silence was held for the deceased.

Commandant Miller stressed that any information regarding deaths of members, or member's families should be detailed so that the appropriate action can be taken.

**8. Reports:**

**Report of Officers**

**a. Commandant:**

Report filed. In addition, Commandant Miller conducted a class for the officers of the Samuel F. Gearhart Detachment (Commandant Miller's home Detachment) and Detachment Commandant Charles Stephen reports that all of his officers have attended the Professional Development Program.

**b. Sr. Vice Commandant:**

Report filed.

**c. Jr. Vice Commandant:**

Report filed.

**d. Judge Advocate:**

Report filed.

**e. Jr. Past Commandant:** No report

**f. Adjutant:** Excused

**g. Paymaster:** Report filed. In addition, Paymaster Hartley advised that six Detachments still have not turned in their PLM's. These Detachments are; 180, 184, 707, 984, 1184, and 1356. Although Detachment 707 submitted the report, it was not signed and could not be turned in. 990's have all been filed, with the exception of Tripoli Marines, Darrell S. Cole, and Old Drum. Because Tripoli Marines failed to submit their documents, they are no longer registered with the IRS.

**h. Chaplain:** Report on file.

- i. Sgt at Arms:** No Report
- j. Auditors:** No Report.
- k. Vice Commandants:**
  - Vice Commandant Eastern Region: Excused.
  - Vice Commandant NE Region: Report on file.
  - Vice Commandant Central Region: Report on file.
  - Vice Commandant Western Region: No report. VC Bob Box requested he be relieved of his post due to the fact that his inability to safely drive at night.
  - Vice Commandant SW Region: Report on file.
- l. Detachment Reports:** Received written reports from all Detachments with the following exceptions:

Northwest Missouri Det. 180  
 Jeffco Det. 707  
 Simpson Hoggatt Detachment 984  
 Sgt Darrell S. Cole Det 1195  
 Old Drum Det. 1374

St. Louis Det. 184  
 Mizzou Marines Det. 828  
 Greater Ozark Det. 1184  
 Pvt George Phillips Det 1214

**Report of Standing Committees**

- a. Marine for Life:** Report submitted.
- b. MCL Foundation:** Report submitted.
- c. Focus Marine Foundation (FMF)**  
Report submitted.
- d. Toys for Tots:**  
No Report. No representative.
- e. Program for Professional Development (PPD) Committee:**  
Previously covered in Paymaster report and remarks.
- f. Eagle Scouts:**  
No further report.
- g. VAVS:** No report.

**9. Awards:**

Corporal Mason O. Yarbrough, Detachment 1081 received the National Newsletter Certificate of Participation.

The National Jr. Vice Commandants Citation for Meritorious Service was presented to;

Department of Missouri	Northwest Missouri Det. 180
South St. Louis Det. 183	St. Louis Det. 184
Jeffco Det. 707	Kansas City Det. 766
Simpson Hoggatt Det. 984	Southwest Missouri Det. 993
Cpl Mason O. Yarbrough Det. 1081	Lake of the Ozarks Det. 1137
Greater Ozarks Det. 1184	Tripoli Marines Det. 1356
Richard Scott Haymes Det. 1393	Lincoln County Marines Det. 1405

**10. Unfinished Business:**

**11. New Business:**

Information was received at the Midwest Division Fall Conference regarding the Marine incarcerated in a Mexican jail. MCL members have been asked to “stand down”. Meanwhile, the Marine has been released.

Commandant Miller referenced a “good recruiting tool” would be for members to carry MCL business cards, and hand them out when appropriate.

Junior Past Commandant Teresa Terry advised that she and Chaplain Joe Terry attended a meeting regarding the Camdenton Memorial Airport. Teresa represented the Department, and Joe represented the Lake of the Ozarks Detachment. Authorities want to change the name of the airport to “Lake of the Ozarks Regional Airport”. There were several individuals and groups protesting this change, as the “Memorial” name was in honor of servicemen and women who fought in World War II. The issue is pending.

VC-Central Region Dick Brouillette was Grand Marshall for the Warsaw Veterans Parade.

Tree of Lights information was sent to all Department and Detachment Commandants.

**12. Good of the League:**

- a. VAVS Officer Eric Salabay made a motion that future 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Department meetings be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month as typically the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday conflicts with many Toys for Tots programs which must be wrapped up by the first week in December. The motion was seconded by Dick Brouillette. After some discussion, the motion failed.
- b. Commandant Miller would like to see all Detachments put together a “turnover folder” for ease of exchange.

### **13. Announcements:**

The Midwest Division Spring Conference will be hosted by the Samuel F. Gearhart Detachment at the Capitol Plaza Hotel on April 9-12, 2015. Registration materials are available. A “Twisted Canvas” activity is planned during the Midwest Division Conference on Friday evening.

Next Department Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Samuel F. Gearhart Headquarters Bldg, 7 March, 2015.

The Department Convention will take place June 19 & 20, 2015 in Springfield, MO.

Next National Convention will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, 9-15 August, 2015. An additional resort is being filled.

South St. Louis Detachment plans on making a bid for the 2017 National Convention at the Mid-Winter Conference.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Karaoke will take place on Saturday evening, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Lake of the Ozarks. For more information contact Jim Hartwick (Jr), 573-365-9985.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 1105 by Commandant Miller. The next meeting will be in Jefferson City, MO on Saturday 7 March 2015.

Minutes submitted by:

Jim Hartwick, Adjutant