

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS



Department Quarterly Meeting 21 June 2014 Minutes:

1. Joint Session.

The joint session of the Department of Missouri, Marine Corps League, and Auxiliary was called to order at 0835 on 21 June 2014 at the Lamplighter Inn & Suites, Springfield, MO by host Southwest Missouri Detachment 993, Commandant Jack Childers. Special guest the City of Springfield Mayor Bob Stephens welcomed the Marine Corps League to Springfield.

2. Jack Childers then passed the gravel to Department Commandant Floyd Miller.

Commandant Miller requested a motion to approve the Rules of Order for the Department of Missouri Convention. David Hunter made the motion and it was seconded by Wendell Webb.

3. Introduction of guests and recognition of officers.

National Vice Commandant, Midwest Division, Wendell Webb, Division Officers, Division Marines of the Year, Past Department Commandants, Department Marines of the Year, and MODD leaders.

4. Introduction of Department Auxiliary President, Mary Lou Webb and National Auxiliary President, Jackie Hunter.

5. Commandant Miller recessed the meeting at 0848 for the Memorial Service at the Springfield National Cemetery.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE BUSINESS SESSION –

6. Commandant Miller reconvened the meeting at 1020.

7. Credentials Committee Chair, Teresa Terry reported on the number of delegates present for voting purposes.

8. Time and Place Committee. Chair, Bill Webb reported no Detachment has come forward to make a bid to host the June 2015 Department Convention. It was suggested that a couple of Detachments could work together and host it together.

9. 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: Janice Hartley - Present
Paymaster: Bob Reed - Present

Adjutant: Mary Ellen Stone - Present
Chaplain: Mike Sappington - Present
Sergeant at Arms: Gregory Craig - Present
Auditor 1 yr: Steve Seyller - Present
Auditor: 2 yr: Eric Salabay - Present
Auditor 3 yr: Bob Scannell – Present

10. Approval of Minutes:

Bill Stephan moved the minutes of the 01 March 2014 as read be accepted. Steve Michalski seconded the motion. Motion carried. A motion from Dave Hunter and seconded by Janice Hartley to accept the Department Convention minutes of 08 June 2013 as posted on the Department website be accepted. Motion carried.

11. Correspondence: None

12. Paymaster Report:

The paymaster report was read and filed for audit.

13. Report of Members or Members Family Sick or in Distress:

It was noted Pet Nash's wife had open-heart surgery recently. Detachment 656 member Bill Robb who is in his 90s was admitted to the hospital with chest pains. He is reported as doing very well.

13. REPORTS

Report of Officers

a. **Commandant:**

Report filed. Installed S. St. Louis Det 183 officers. Awarded a MUC for their Color Guard and attended several conventions.

b. **Sr. Vice Commandant:**

Report on file.

c. **Jr. Vice Commandant:**

Report on file.

d. **Judge Advocate:**

Report on file.

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

f. **Adjutant:** No report

g. **Paymaster:**

Reported several Detachments are using the Dues Transmittal with the old dues amounts. *(This may be due to a printing glitch on the form. New form with instructions as to how to print has been uploaded to the Division website.)* If a report of death of a member is not reported, the member's family receives a renewal notice.

Life Membership: If a new member wishes to be a life member, he/she must pay first the annual dues amount in addition to the life membership amount.

PLMs: Reminder to work your Detachment PLM. New PLMs will be sent out and they need to be worked prior to December 1st. This is money for your Detachment. Amended ROIs must be resubmitted to National when Detachment officers change prior to elections. The ROI must state the reason for the change.

- h. **Auditors:** Auditor 1 year, Steve Seyller reported that the books were audited and they appear to be in order. Motion to accept the report from Dave Hunter, seconded by Steve Michalski. Motion carried.
- i. **Chaplain:** Nothing additional.
- j. **Sgt at Arms:** No report.
- k. **Vice Commandants:**
 - Vice Commandant Eastern Region: No report
 - Vice Commandant NE Region: Report on file.
 - Vice Commandant Central Region: No report
 - Vice Commandant Western Region: Bob Box reported the two Kansas City Detachments are still struggling. Other detachments in his area are doing fine.
 - Vice Commandant SW Region: No report
- l. **Detachment Reports:**
Received written reports from all Detachments with the following exceptions:

Northwest Missouri Detachment 180	Mizzou Marines Detachment 828
Simpson Hoggatt Detachment 984	Greater Ozark Detachment 1184
Old Drum Detachment 1374	

- Detachment 1137 oldest MCL member was on TV recently.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. **Marine for Life:** Report submitted.
- b. **MCL Foundation:** Report submitted.
- c. **Focus Marine Foundation (FMF):** Report submitted.
- d. **Program for Professional Development (PPD) Committee:**
Janice Hartley reported no PME is scheduled; however, she is willing to travel to provide PME. Just request.

- e. **Eagle Scouts:**
Janice Hartley reported she could verify 49 presentations of Eagle Scout awards. Detachments need to forward their reports to her. She would be willing to complete the form for your Detachment if you would just email her the information.
- f. **VAVS:** No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. **Resolutions Committee.** No Report.
- b. **Constitution and Bylaws Committee.**
Janice Hartley reported she received from National a notice to MCL members as a reminder not to wear their MCL uniform at any political event.
The 2016 MWD Winter conference will be moved to March vice February due to weather in February.

National wants to change the PLM 2-part mailing to life members. If they do not respond, they will drop the member. Dave Hunter stated that the Department of MO is against this ruling as they are making decisions for Detachments.

Encl (4) of the MCL Uniform Regulations regarding awards and decorations are being rewritten for better understanding. There is a change on wearing large medals on the Red blazer. Uniform regulations are posted on the Department website. Please avail yourself to reading them.

Review Section 900 of the Bylaws as discipline rules have changes.

- c. **Nominating Committee**
Teresa Terry announced the slate. No nominations were received from the floor.

Commandant: Floyd Miller	Adjutant: Jim Hartwick
Sr. Vice Commandant: Bill Webb	Chaplain: Joe Terry
Jr. Vice Commandant: Steve Michalski	Sgt at Arms: Greg Craig
Judge Advocate: Bob Reed	Auditor 3yr: Dick Brouillette
Paymaster: Janice Hartley	

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Paymaster, Bob Reed, presented a proposed FY-15 Budget. Motion to accept the proposed FY-15 Budgets by Dave Hunter and seconded by Wendell Webb. Motion carried.
- b. Postal Shoot information is posted on the Department website. Shoot date is August 16, 2014. Need more shooters as their fees pay for the trophies.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion from Steve Michalski and seconded by Bull Stephan to set the Delegate fee for the next Department Convention at \$3.00. Motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Dave Hunter and seconded by Jerry Bradley to set the dates for September 6, 2014, December 6, 2014, and March 7, 2015 for Department Quarterly meetings. Motion carried.
- c. Wendell Webb queried the attendees if they were interested in receiving a MWD Directory in hard cover or soft cover. Due to cost soft cover was preferred.
- d. Dave Hunter and seconded by Bob Scannell to purchase a full-page ad for the MCL National Convention Program Book at \$160. Motion carried.
- e. Meeting recessed for lunch at 1155.
- f. Commandant Miller reconvened the meeting at 1303.
- g. Wendell Webb conducted the Department of Missouri 2014-2015 elections. Dave Hunter motioned and Janice Hartley seconded to approve this slate by the Adjutant. Mary Ellen Stone so moved. The following were elected.

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Sr. Vice Commandant: Bill Webb
Jr. Vice Commandant: Steve Michalski
Judge Advocate: Bob Reed
Paymaster: Janice Hartley

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16. GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- a. **Awards**
Commandant Miller presented Distinguished Service Awards to Robert Reed, Steve Seyller and Mike Sappington, and the Distinguished Citizen Award to Mary Ellen Stone.
- b. Wendell Webb briefed on the 'Fire Team Concept' sponsored by a host detachment regarding membership in the Marine Corps League. He will be sending out information on this concept from the MWD sometime soon.
- c. Wendell Webb also briefed on the IRS 990 process. Many Detachments are not being processed properly. He will be sending out instructions to Detachment Commandants soon. It was noted that National is neglectful in that they are not listing all of the MCL Detachments on their parent list they submit to the IRS. Detachments working their PLMs should verify their EIN number is correct. Note that MCL is a 501(c)4 tax-exempt non-profit veteran's organization.
- d. Commandant Miller added if your Detachment is having legal issues use your Detachment Judge Advocate to move it up the chain to the Department, MWD, and National to resolve.
- e. Pay Transmittals to National. Reminder to fill in the top of the form Detachment Name and number. There is no reinstatement fee on delinquent codes. Make sure when you

are changing information you include the old then the new address and indicate which one is the new address. Also state the Date of Birth so National can determine the amount of life membership.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midwest Division Fall conference will be hosted by South St. Louis Detachment 17-19 October 2014 in St. Louis. Information is posted on the Department website. Reminder to purchase ads for the program to help support costs.

18. Business meeting was recessed until the Grand Banquet. Growl to follow.

19. Commandant Miller reconvened the meeting at 2000.

- a. Commandant Miller introduced Department Staff. Department Auxiliary President introduced her Auxiliary staff.
- b. Guest Speaker was Colonel Larry Zimmerman USMCR
- c. Commandant Miller presented the following awards:
 - (1) Associate Member of the Year – Terrell Mayberry from Detachment 1405
 - (2) Newsletter – Warsaw Leathernecks Det 1254
 - (3) Americanism Award – Jeffco Detachment 707, Darren Reuter
 - (4) Marine of the Year – Richard Bollwerk, Cpl Mason O. Yarborough Det 1081
- d. Auxiliary President, Mary Lou Webb presented awards to the Auxiliary. With Auxiliary National President, Jackie Hunter speaking a few words.
- e. Installing Officer, Mary Lou Webb swore in Department Auxiliary Officers.
- f. Installing Officer, Wendell Webb swore in MCL Department of Missouri Officers.

20. CLOSING CEREMONY

There being no further business the meeting was closed. Colors were retired by the Sergeant at Arms, Greg Craig. Chaplain led the prayer. Meeting closed.

Minutes submitted by:

Mary Ellen Stone, Adjutant