

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Department Quarterly Meeting 01 March 2014 Minutes:

1. Opening:

The regular meeting of the Department of Missouri, Marine Corps League was called to order at 0903 on 01 March 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: 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 - Excused
Auditor: 2 yr: Eric Salabay - Present
Auditor 3 yr: Bob Scannell – Present

3. Guests:

The following guests were introduced: MWD Vice Commandant, MWD Assistant Vice Commandant, MWD Paymaster, Past MWD MOYs, Past Department Commandants, and Past Department MOYs.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Steve Michalski moved the minutes of the 07 December 2013 as posted on the Department website be accepted. Bob Box seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence:

Received a thank you letter from the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation for our contribution toward the home of Cpl Todd Nicely, USMC, through the Building for America's Bravest program. Cpl Nicely has moved into his new home in Lake Ozark, MO in June 2012.

6. Paymaster Report:

The paymaster report was read and filed for audit.

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

It was noted Lee Hollrah has been ill and Bill Thompson is in the VA Central hospital.

8. Reports:

Report of Officers

a. Commandant:

Been working with his Detachment and Pound duties. He plans to visit Detachments between now and June.

b. Sr. Vice Commandant:

No report

c. Jr. Vice Commandant:

Report on file.

d. Judge Advocate:

Reviewed by-laws for several Detachments. Approved one and returned the other for corrections.

e. Jr. Past Commandant: No report

f. Adjutant: No report

g. Paymaster:

Reported National is getting better in processing requirements, but far from being perfect. Paymaster reported that some Detachments are still using the wrong dues pay scale and he has to correct before forwarding to National. The form from national with your dues listed has not been updated your dues will not be changed.

The Dues Transmittal form is on the Department website at:

<http://www.momcl.org/Department%20info/Document%20downloads/Division/MWD%202014%20MCL%20Membership%20Dues%20Transmittal%20004.pdf>

h. Chaplain:

Chaplain Sappington reported the deaths of Bill Schulte – St Charles Det 725, Bernard Tenkhoff – Cpl Mason O. Yarbrough Det 1081, John Olson – South St. Louis Det 183, Ronald Cisco and Robert Walker – Samuel F. Gearhart Det 656, John Johnson – Greater Ozarks Det 1184. The Chaplain notifies the Department, MWD, and National. He then sends a sympathy card to the family. If anyone needs to be copied on the Death Report, let the Chaplain know and he will add you to the list.

i. Sgt at Arms: Noted behind the attendance sign-in sheet are two directories for the Department of Missouri Officers and Detachment Commandant Contact sheet. He asked everyone to review and make corrections on the sheets.

j. Auditors: Auditor 2 year, Eric Salabay, noted he briefly inspected the books and they appear to be in order.

k. Vice Commandants:

- Vice Commandant Eastern Region: No report
- Vice Commandant NE Region: Excused

- Vice Commandant Central Region: No report
- Vice Commandant Western Region: No report. Bob Box was recommended for the Vice Commandant Western Region position. Bob accepted.
- Vice Commandant SW Region: No report

I. Detachment Reports:

Received written reports from all Detachments with the following exceptions:

Northwest Missouri Detachment 180	Greater Ozark Detachment 1184
St. Louis Detachment 184	Sgt Darrel S Cole Detachment 1195
Simpson Hoggatt Detachment 984	Old Drum Detachment 1374

Samuel F Gearhart Det 656 added they submitted their Eagle Scout report.

Lincoln County Det 1405 has developed a retention program. Members sponsoring a new member will sponsor that member for one year. If the new member renews the sponsor is rewarded. Det 1405 is involved with the Troy School District in developing a program to introduce students from grades 5-12 to the flag in a program called “Our Flag...Regard with Honor”

Lake of the Ozarks Det 1137 reported they had water damage from the cold weather. Insurance will cover most of the damage. Encourage Detachments to make sure they have adequate insurance to cover any losses.

Tripoli Marines Det 1356 for retention leaving is MCL cards on vehicles.

Kansas City Det 766 installed new officers on February 25, 2014.

Southwest Missouri Det 993 is hosting the Department Convention in June in Springfield. There will be live music after the banquet. They are also planning functions that will involve the local Reserve Unit.

Report of Standing Committees

a. Marine for Life: Report submitted.

b. MCL Foundation: Report submitted.

Wendell Webb stated the Foundation was able to award each approved applicant a \$500 scholarship. The Foundation needs your help in the Memorial Card Program and the new Charitable Gift Annuity Program. There will be flyers available at the MWD Conference in April.

c. Focus Marine Foundation (FMF)

Wendell Webb briefed the FMF will host their first group 2014 of Marines and Corpsmen next week. He also mention that the MCL is failing those who want to get involve with the MCL by not reaching out to a new contact and following up with them.

Commandant Miller reminded Detachments to verify the need of any request for assistance before moving up the chain. Wendell is also reviewing the IRS 501 status.

d. Toys for Tots:

Commandant Miller reminded that Dannie Weddle is the Department's Toys 4 Tots coordinator and all reports should be submitted through him. Reminder for Detachments to submit their after action report. Ensure Detachments get their certification at the September training. If you are new to the T4T campaign you must first apply by May 2014 and be approved before you can attend the September training. Over 91,021 toys were collected by the North East Division Detachments for the 2013 T4Ts campaign.

e. Program for Professional Development (PPD) Committee:

Janice Hartley reported there might be PPD training provided at the Midwest Conference in April. PPD training will be available on April 26th at the St. Peters Legion Hall at 0900. If you are still missing your Certificate of Completion from training attended, please let her know.

f. Eagle Scouts:

Janice Hartley reported she received a three-page report from one Detachment prior to the Staff meeting, and received another Detachment report after the meeting. She asked where are the reports from the other Detachments? Dave Hunter mentioned that National was not giving Missouri Eagle Scout recognition. Wendell Webb did talk with National and they found the missing report in their email.

NOTE: The report can be found on the Department website at:

http://www.momcl.org/Department%20info/Pages/document_downloads.htm.

Commandant Miller stated Detachments should have a Scout representative and their responsibility is to contact the various Eagle Scout troops and let them know about the MCL award and be there to present it.

g. VAVS: No report.

9. Awards:

Marine Corps League award nominations for the Americanism Award, Marine of the Year, Associate of the Year, and the Department Newsletter were turned in. Note there are specific instructions when submitting for these awards, along with instructions as to how the Committee votes on them. A Committee can elect not to accept an application if not properly submitted. Detachments can accept their Committee nominee for Department awards to be voted on in order to keep the nominee private until the award is presented to the awardee.

Committee Chairs as follows:

MOY/Associate – Jim Brooks

Newsletter – Det 1254/Warsaw Leathernecks – Pete Nash

Americanism – Bob Reed

10. Unfinished Business:

Dates to note: Midwest Spring Conference will be in Omaha, Nebraska April 10-13, 2014. Review the agenda as it is different from normal sequence of events.

Department Convention will be hosted by Southwest Missouri Det 993 from June 20-21, 2014, Springfield, MO at the Lamplighter Inn. Contact hotel directly for reservation. For a fee, you can pay registration fees online. Auction limited to MCL members and not the public. Memorial Service will be at the National Veterans Cemetery. There will be singer for the National Anthem. A 9-piece band will be performing called the "Wings of Swing." If you shop at Bass Pro, show your MCL card and receive a 10% discount on merchandise bought. The NRA has a museum at the Bass Pro and it will be FREE to our members.

Registration forms can be downloaded on the Department website at <http://www.momcl.org/Department%20info/Pages/convention.htm>

11. New Business:

- **Budget:** Paymaster, Bob Reed, presented a proposed 2015 Dept MO budget for review. Extensive discussion regarding the amounts of donations to individual charities and others that are brought up at meetings along with the budget line expenses for the Commandant, Sr and Jr Vice Commandants, and building rent. The bottom line is we are spending more than what is coming in.

Further discussion on how we could complete fund-raising projects. Detachments not completing their PLM reports when received only reduce the income that comes into the Department and their Detachment. Look at community co-ops for grants for projects as an income source.

Dave Hunter motioned and Janice Hartley seconded to lower the donation amounts and then at the June Convention revise the budget. Wendell Webb advised that Budgets can only be voted upon at a State Convention and individual donations could be lessen or voted upon at quarterly meetings. Based on his advice Dave Hunter and Janice Hartley withdrew their motion.

Commandant Miller assigned the Paymaster to come up with a revised proposed budget with income and expenses to be presented at the State Convention in June for a vote.

- Recommendation for the Department to do a pistol raffle and run the raffle for one year to attain fundraising goals. Have 50/50 raffles at quarterly meetings, conventions, and conferences for the Department as a way to earn funds.
- **ROIs:** Detachments are responsible for completing the ROI form and have it available for the Installing Officer to sign at the Installation. The Installing Officer is responsible for ensuring that the form is completed correctly, signed, and sending it to the Dept Adjutant. The Adjutant will forward copies to MDW and National. The Detachment will ensure that all information such as email, phone numbers, addresses, are correct. The Web Sergeant billet is necessary and cannot be vacant. List the dues your Detachment wants to collect so National knows how to bill. If you submit an Amended ROI regular

or amended, with change of address (COA), use two lines – top old address, bottom new address.

- Commandant Miller reported that membership numbers were looking better mostly because National dropped off delinquent members after two years.
- National will be sending out new PLMs to be worked June 30. Detachments will receive the March 31 roster in April and should consider starting to contact Life Members then. Your Jr Vice Commandant should be calling members not attending meetings as a courtesy to let them know that they are thought of.
- August 2014 is the MCL National Convention in Charleston, WV. The Dogs are passing out a commemorative 75th anniversary medallion to those Dogs who attend and register. What are not given out will be destroyed. You are encouraged to attend.

12. Announcements:

- a. Midwest Division Spring Conference will be in Omaha, Nebraska April 10-13, 2014.
- b. Reminder to attend the Department Convention in Springfield, MO, June 20-22, 2014.
- c. MWD MOY is due at the Spring Conference. Guidelines to Commandants with instructions were sent out. If it is not completed correctly, it will not be considered.
- d. There will be a Paymaster class at the MDW Spring Conference. No Program for Professional Development (PPD); however, a retention class will be taught instead.
- e. Wendell Webb is running for National Jr Vice Commandant
- f. Dave Hunter is running for MWD Vice Commandant
- g. New MCL Bylaws are published online.
- h. Pound raffle tickets are being sold for a Beretta 992. 10% of the proceeds will go to the Department. Contact Det 183 South St. Louis for tickets.
- i. Pack meeting after the MCL Department meeting.

13. Awards:

MWD Wendell Webb passed out the following Shooting Trophies:

Pistol – Samuel F. Gearhart Detachment 656

3rd Place Team Expert – Samuel F. Gearhart Det 656. Joe McGrail accepted.

2nd Place Marksman – Steven Brown

1st Place High Marksman – David Patrick

Note the Department Match is also used for the National match just an additional fee. 60 rounds/pistol, 40 rounds/rifle, instructions are on the Department Website. Sign-up sheet for POC for each Detachment or send a note to Allan Sanning.

Streamer and Certificate for 100% membership awarded to South St. Louis Det 183

and Greater Ozark Det 1184. Det 1184 was also awarded a Brick Certificate.

14. Good of the League:

- a. The WebSgt is responsible for updating Detachment information. Ensure login/password is working.
- b. On the ROI, the Detachment Commandant should use his personal address and phone number.
- c. MCL Uniforms: No pins on your cover. On the Red coat, no more than two pins are allowed on the left lapel. For information on how to wear the MCL Uniform go to the website at: http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/bylaws/UniformCode_2012.pdf
- d. If you are a new Detachment, ensure you register with the IRS.
- e. Nolan Moody just signed up a new MCL member who is 98 years young.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1130 by Commandant Miller. The next meeting will in Springfield, MO at the Department Convention, on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the Lamplighter Inn,

Minutes submitted by:

Mary Ellen Stone, Adjutant