

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Department Quarterly Meeting 07 March 2015 Minutes:

Prior to opening the meeting, Commandant Miller introduced guest speaker Pat Kerr, former State of Missouri State Veterans Ombudsman who announced that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall will be displayed in Jefferson City, September 24th through the 28th. For more information, Ms. Kerr can be contacted at 573-462-9531.

1. Opening:

The regular meeting of the Department of Missouri, Marine Corps League was called to order at 0910 on 07 March 2015 at Samuel F Gearhart Detachment Headquarters, by Department Commandant Miller.

2. Roll Call of Officers:

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

3. Introduction of guests and recognition of officers.

The following guests were introduced: National Vice Commandant, Midwest Division Dave Hunter, Past Department Commandants, Department Marines of the Year, and MODD leaders. National Junior Vice Commandant was not able to attend due to a death in his family.

At this point, Midwest Division Vice Commandant Dave Hunter requested permission to make announcements, out of order, as he had to leave the meeting for other commitments. MWDVC Hunter advised that he and National JVC Wendell Webb were working with the Tripoli Detachment in an effort to get them reinstated. Further, Overland Park, Kansas and South St. Louis Detachments made bid presentations at the recent Mid-Winter Conference to host the 2017 National Convention. This item will be voted on in Arizona at the 2015 National Convention.

4. Approval of Minutes:

After reading of the minutes, Dave Hunter moved the minutes of 06 December, 2014 be accepted. 2nd Bob Box. Motion carried.

4. Correspondence:

None.

5. Paymaster Report:

The paymaster report was read and filed for audit.

Paymaster Janice Hartley also reported that she believes that some of the Eagle Scout awards are going directly to National, and some Detachments are not notifying her. Janice also reports Eagle Scout awards at the Division level, and needs this information.

Janice will also be conducting a Professional Development class at the Warsaw Detachment, 0900, on April 25, 2015.

6. Chaplain Report:

Department Chaplain Joe Terry reported that Dick Brouillette will be undergoing another back surgery. Steve Stuckmeyer is having knee problems. Bill Rupp is having health problems, and Rick Smythe from the St. Charles Detachment gave more detail. Apparently Bill is suffering from a series of mini-strokes, continues to endure therapy three times per week, 8 hours a session. To further add to his situation, Bill's wife June is in the hospital after fracturing a hip and an arm.

Joe Terry reported the following deaths within the Department;

<u>Detachment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Samuel F. Gearhart	Jack D. Britt	02/08/15
Samuel F. Gearhart	George C. Minze, Jr.	01/23/15
Jeffco	George B. Shea	12-14-14
Warsaw Leathernecks	John C. Sullivan	02/11/15
Warsaw Leathernecks	Edward G. Pascucci	01-25-15
St. Charles County	Norma Broder, wife of Marine Joe Broder passed away in February.	

8. Reports:

Report of Officers

a. Commandant:

Report filed. In addition, the Commandant attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Falls Church, VA. The Commandant can definitely say that the D.C. area was . . . cold! The Commandant also reminded Detachments to complete their PLM's. If the PLM's are not turned in, neither the Detachment nor the Department will reap the benefit of interest dollars from the lifetime members. Out of 20 Detachments, 5 failed to submit their PLM's. All Detachments signed up with the Missouri Secretary of State. The Commandant is working with the Joplin Detachment to get their tax exempt status reinstated.

b. Sr. Vice Commandant:

Report filed. SVC Bill Webb also added to the Commandant's comments regarding the Joplin Detachment. Bill advised that it will cost the Detachment \$400 to be reinstated to tax exempt status.

c. Jr. Vice Commandant:

Report filed.

d. Judge Advocate:

No Report.

e. Jr. Past Commandant: No report

f. Adjutant: Adjutant Jim Hartwick urged Detachments to turn in any quarterly reports, and to sign the sign-in sheet.

g. Paymaster: Report filed.

h. Chaplain: Report on file.

i. Sgt at Arms: No Report

j. Auditors: 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: No report. Past VC Bob Box's position will be filled at a later date.
- Vice Commandant SW Region: Report on file.

I. Detachment Reports: Received written reports from all Detachments with the following exceptions:

Northwest Missouri Det. 180	South St. Louis Det. 183
St. Louis Det. 184	Mizzou Marines Det. 828
Simpson Hoggatt Detachment 984	Greater Ozark Det. 1184
Sgt Darrell S. Cole Det 1195	Tripoli Marines Det. 1356
Old Drum Det. 1374	

In addition to the filed reports, representatives of the following Detachments had additional comments as follows;

South St. Louis Det. 183: Commandant Jim Vance was forced to resign his position due to health issues. Bob Scannell is the interim commandant until new elections in April. The Detachment raised \$14,000 for Toys for Tots, and participated in 67 funeral details in the last quarter.

Jeffco Det. 707: The Detachment donated a total of \$16,000 to the Semper Fi Society and FOCUS. They conducted 2 burial details, raised \$20,000 for Toys for Tots, held a Detachment Christmas party, and held a Veterans dance all in the last quarter.

Kansas City Det. 766: The Detachment moved the meeting date of their general membership meeting to the last Monday of the month at 1100.

Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Det. 1081: Conducted a very successful Toys for Tots campaign, serving over 2100 families.

Lake of the Ozarks Det. 1137: The Detachment will celebrate the 100th Birthday of Marine Howard "Hot Lips" Carlson, Detachment Color Guard Bugler at the Detachment HQ building on Monday, March 16th from 1400 to 1600. A card is being passed around at the Department meeting.

Pvt George Phillips Det. 1214: The Detachment teamed with members of the South St. Louis Detachment and the St. Charles Detachment, working with the local Marine Reserve unit, and collected a total of 115,885 toys.

Warsaw Leathernecks Det. 1254: Dick Brouillette advised of a new organization, "Camp Valor", established by a former Marine Major . . . (former Major, not former Marine), to help PTSD Marines. Also, Dick would like to be notified of the number of Marines who sign up for the Professional Development course, hosted by his Detachment in April.

Richard Scott Haymes Det. 1393: The Detachment was recently certified to conduct funerals with their newly established color guard.

Lincoln County Marines Det. 1405: The Detachment is presenting an “Our Flag” program to school children in two school districts in the Lincoln County area. The program stresses respect for the flag, a history, and protocols. To date, the Detachment has made presentations to over 2,000 students.

Retired Marine Master Sergeant Frank Livingston works with Central Missouri Honor Flights. The trip to Washington DC currently focuses on WWII and Korea Veterans. There have been 31 flights since 2009. The next flight is April 20, 2015 and the trip is not filled yet. At this time, Vietnam Veterans can apply. For more information, go to “Central Missouri Honor Flights” on the internet, or email Frank Livingston at popliv2a@embarq.com.

Report of Standing Committees

- a. Marine for Life:** Pending.
- b. MCL Foundation:** Pending.
- c. Focus Marine Foundation (FMF)**
Pending.
- 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:

The Meritorious Unit Commendation, Department Level was presented to Samuel F. Gearhart Detachment 656, and the Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment 1081.

A National Citation was presented to South St. Louis Detachment, 183, Jeffco Detachment 707, and the Greater Ozark Detachment 1184 for 100% membership.

10. Unfinished Business:

Commandant Miller reminded the membership of the Midwest Division Convention on April 9, 10, 11 in Jefferson City, Missouri. Some of the activities include a golf outing on Friday morning, an auction Friday night, and the banquet Saturday night. Speaker for the banquet will be State Representative Paul Kirkman. JPC Teresa Terry also advised that a Professional Development Training session will be held at the convention site on Friday morning.

Convention ads – Commandant Miller moved that the Department place an ad in the program for both the Midwest Division Convention and the following Department Convention, at \$50 per ad, 2nd by Bob Box. Motion passed.

11. New Business:

JPC Teresa Terry announced that elections will be held at the Department Convention in June. As chairman of the nominating committee, Teresa urged anyone who wished to become a Department Officer to contact her via email, (on Department website).

Commandant Miller urged Detachments to consider placing a bid for the fall Midwest Division Convention, and that Missouri usually hosts these conventions.

12. Good of the League:

PDC Richard Bollwerk pointed out that there were Detachments at Department quarterly meetings which were not represented for any number of reasons. Richard questioned whether or not any consideration had been given to have a system whereby Detachments that cannot attend could participate. For example a “Go to Meetings” format via computer. Commandant thought this was an idea worthy of consideration and further investigation. One detail would be to determine what equipment the Department must have; internet access, wi-fi etc to satisfy the requirements for such a system. The Commandant did express one concern that he feared some Detachment representatives would not show up given the option.

Jim Brooks advised that the Pvt George Phillips Detachment is helping a Marine’s son who has type 1 diabetes. The Detachment is putting on a benefit, including a silent auction and live music by the Roadhouse on the 21st of March at the Ballwin VFW.

13. Announcements:

JVC Steve Michalski announced that the South St. Louis Detachment has put together a presentation bid at the February Mid-Winter Conference for St. Louis to host the 2017 National Convention. The bid was accepted, and will be voted on at this year’s convention. Steve advised that if St. Louis is awarded the

convention, the South St. Louis Detachment is counting on assistance from the Department.

JVC Michalski also announced that the South St. Louis Detachment is holding a raffle, and the winner will be awarded a trip for 2 to Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day weekend. The trip includes round trip airfare, hotel accommodations, meals, and \$500 spending money. Tickets are \$100 apiece.

SVC Bill Webb announced some events and activities during the June Department Convention. MCL members will receive a 10% discount to Bass Pro Shop. Springfield has the National Firefighters Museum. The Missouri State HOG (Harley Owners Group) will have their annual rally at that time. At the convention itself, our National Junior Vice Commandant Wendell Webb will be the guest speaker. The "Wings of Swing", a '40's and 50's band will return this year.

Commandant Miller reminded the membership that ROI's (Report of Officer Installation) must be turned in to National. The protocol is that these reports are turned in to Department, and then are forwarded to Division and National.

Commandant Miller announced that a painting class, conducted by "Twisted Canvas" will be held at the Mid-West Division Convention. Auxiliary officer Dottie Sanning has more information.

Devil Dog Missouri Pack Leader Teresa Terry announced that a pack growl will be held immediately after the membership meeting.

Department Chaplain Joe Terry announced that past Chaplain Mike Sappington recently lost his son-in-law in a train accident in the South St. Louis area. Thoughts and prayers go out to Mike and his family.

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.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1040 by Commandant Miller. The next meeting will be at the Department Convention in Springfield, MO.

Minutes submitted by:

Jim Hartwick, Adjutant