**DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

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**Department Quarterly Meeting 11 March 2017 Minutes**

 **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Department of Missouri, Marine Corps League was called to order at 0900 on 11 March 2017 at the Samuel F. Gearhart Detachment Headquarters by Commandant Bill Webb.

**Roll Call of Officers**

All officers except Judge Advocate and Auditor 1, both excused, are present.

**Introduction of Guests**

National Sr. Vice Commandant, Past National Devil Dog of the Year, Past Department Commandants, Past Marines of the Year and Midwest Division officer are noted.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes approved as read.

**Correspondence**

Correspondence read

**Paymaster’s Report**

Filed for audit

**Sick and In Distress**

Mel Otte had amputation of lower right leg, donation by Scott Mayhew, Alan Sanning has hip problem which will require replacement, Bill Kronberger has brain cancer, Michele Carter is in hospice, Bill Rupp’s wife has Alzheimer’s, Jim Scott has pancreatic cancer, Wayne Shimmel ill, Mel York has Alzheimer’s, W. Piorugran is home, John Alquist has bladder problems, Mike Zimmerman, Don Ebert and Daryl McMillan are ill.

**Report of Officers**

Commandant Read and filed

Sr. Vice Commandant Report given, installed Jeffco Detachment

Jr. Vice Commandant Read, stated he needed quarterly reports from Jr. Vice Commandants of the Detachments.

Judge Advocate Report filed, excused from meeting.

Paymaster Filed, reported on Mid-Winter meeting.

Adjutant No report

Chaplain Report filed

Sergeant at Arms Everyone get signed in

Auditors No report

Vice Commandants Report filed from Northeast Region, no other Regions filed.

**Detachment Reports**

Samuel F. Gearhart, St. Charles County, Southwest Missouri, Mason Yarborough, Richard Haynes and Lincoln County filed reports. No other Detachments filed reports at the meeting.

**Report of Standing Committees**

Marines for Life and Focus Marines reports were filed, MCL Foundation report given. No other reports.

Wendell Webb spoke on Marines for Life, Focus Marines Foundation, Booth in Quantico, Mid-winter Convention—Recruit younger members, New Database and Website and By-Laws changes coming.

**Awards**

Awards presented to Detachments exceeding numbers, MOY 2015, 2016, National Jr. Vice Meritorious Services Honorable Mention and other awards presented.

**Unfinished Business**

Sword Award is in National Budget for this year. Mason Yarborough may take Sword program is 2018.

**New Business**

Proposed amendments to By-laws read.

Commandant read Rules of Order for Department of Missouri Convention. J. Hartley moves for acceptance, S. Michalski seconds. Motion carries.

**Good of the League**

R. Bollwerk moves to disband Department website. D. Hunter seconds. Motions fails.

D. Hunter spoke on 2017 National Convention. 2018 National Convention to be in Buffalo, NY.

Motion by Floyd Miller, second by Chuck Covert to donate $500.00 To Mel Otte to help pay for chair lift in his home. Motion Carried.

Floyd Miller spoke to the need for candidates for office.

**Announcements**

Convention at Sheraton Westport Chalet in Maryland Heights June 9-10.

Bill Kieffer apologized for not having baseball tickets at meeting. Advised of the awarding of Viet Nam pins Ceremony at Ball Park Village 11:00 AM on 6/25/17.

Convention Committees

Budget Janice Hartley chair, Bob Ruchel and Teresa Terry members.

Credentials Dave Hunter chair.

Time and Place Steve Michalski chair to award 2018 Convention.

By-laws Matt Jorgenson chair.

Dave Hunter proposed moving quarterly meetings around the State.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1102 hours.