 

Marine Corps League

Department of Missouri

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

**DATE: 9/30/2023**

0900-Meeting was opened by Eddie Dodson, Department Commandant and Opening Ritual was conducted.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

**Commandant Eddie Dodson  Public Information Officer Andy Riggle**

**Sr Vice Jason Reimann  Vice Commandant West Lance Rider**

**Jr Vice Doug Robinson  Vice Commandant SW Fred Romaine**

**Judge Advocate Frank Livingston  Vice Commandant Central Frank Livingston**

**Adjutant Ed Witthar  Vice Commandant NE Mark Hoernschemeyer**

**Paymaster Jim Maevers  Vice Commandant East Mike Lee**

**Sgt at Arms Greg Craig  Marine for Life Coordinator Joe Gentile**

**Chaplain Fred Romaine  Toys for Tots Coordinator Kevin Jackson**

**Auditor 1 Janice Hartley  Training Officer Janice Hartley**

**Auditor 2 Mike Lee**

**Auditor 3 Brian Burlingame**

**RECOGNITIIONS:**

*MCL**PNC**Wendell Webb* - *62nd Past National Commandant*

*Asst NVC Jim Maevers*

*National & Division Officers Currently Serving*

*Dept Officers / Committee Chairs Currently Serving*

*Detachment Officers Currently Serving*

*Past Dept Commandants, Teresa Terry with Credentials Committee*

*Past Division MOYS*

*Past Dept MOYS*

*The Honorable 60th Chief DD CDD Alan Sanning*

*The Honorable Midwest Div Vice Chief DD PDD Bill Wittenburg*

*The Honorable Smart Dog PDD Mike Francis*

*The Aide de Kamp to the 60th Chief DD & Dept MO Pack Leader Chuck Covert*

*All Kennel Officers*

*Visitor(s) or Guest*

**Approval of 2023 Convention Minutes:**

**(They were emailed on 7/3/23 and 9/21/23 to all Dept Staff & Det Comms)**

Is there a Motion to accept the Minutes as they were sent by email in Sept 2023?

Motion by Fred Romaine Dep Chaplain to accept minutes as sent by email.

Motion Seconded by Mike Francis Det 1081

No discussion, motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Commandant Dodson has been sending e-mails from Midwest and National with information. Moving forward Commandant Dodson would like an acknowledgement of those e-mails.

**REPORT OF PAYMASTER:**

Paymaster, Jim Maevers, report given on National, Division and Department.

**REPORT OF MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS**:

Chaplains Report on File

Fred Stockton, Det 993, Brain Tumor

Herbert Brune, Det 1405, Broken Back

Don Bell, PDC, Passed

**STAFF and COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Commandant Eddie Dodson  Public Information Officer: Andy Riggle**

**Sr Vice Jason Reimann  Vice Commandant (West): Lance Rider**

**Jr Vice Commandant Doug Robinson  Vice Commandant (SW): Fred Romaine**

**Judge Advocate Frank Livingston  Vice Commandant (Central): Frank Livingston**

**Adjutant Ed Witthar  Vice Commandant (NE): Mark Hoernschemeyer**

**Paymaster Jim Maevers  Vice Commandant (East): Mike Lee**

**Sgt at Arms Greg Craig  Marine for Life Coordinator: Joe Gentile**

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**Auditor 1: Janice Hartley  Training Officer: Janice Hartley**

**Auditor 2: Mike Lee  Young Marines**

**Auditor 3: Brian Burlingame  Focus Marines**

**Past National Commandant Webb  Asst Division Vice Commandant Jim Maevers**

**Legislative Dave Hunter  Compliance Jim Maevers**

Commandant: On File

Sr Vice: Verbal Membership/Meetings

Jr Vice: Verbal 21 Detachments in MO/Membership Ideas

Judge Advocate: Verbal Needs Copies of Detachment Bylaws

Adjutant: email of reports

Paymaster: Verbal, previously given

Sgt at Arms: NR

Chaplain: On File

Auditor: NR

Public Information Officer: NR

VCW: NR

VCSW: On File

VCC: NR

VCNE: On File

VCE: NR

Marine for Life: Verbal

Toys for Tots: Oct 1st Kickoff

Training Officer: NR

Young Marines: NR

Focus Marines: Verbal, Doing Great, Applications online.

Asst Division Vice Commandant: Verbal, previously given.

Legislative: Reported on Jefferson City

Compliance: Verbal, previously given.

1010-Commandant Dodsonrequested Sergeant At Arms to recess the Department and reconvene at 1015 hrs.

1025–Commandant Dodson requested Sergeant At Arms to reconvene the Department meeting.

**DETACHMENT REPORTS: *Please have your Detachments emailed to Dept Commandant, Paymaster, and Adjutant no later than 14 days prior to Quarterly meetings, allowing compilations, and totals reporting.***

**Northwest Missouri Det # 180  Greater Ozarks Det # 1184**

**South St. Louis Det # 183  Sgt Darrell S Cole Det # 1195**

**St. Louis Det # 184  Pvt George Phillips Det # 1214**

**Samuel F Gearhart Det # 656  Warsaw Leathernecks Det # 1254**

**JeffCo Det # 707  Tripoli Marines Det # 1356**

**St. Charles County Det # 725  Old Drum Det # 1374**

**Mizzou Marines Det # 828  Cpl Richard Scott Haymes Det 1393**

**Simpson-Hoggatt Det # 984  Lincoln County Marines Det # 1405**

**Southwest MO Det # 993  Poplar Bluff Det # 1473**

**Cpl Mason O Yarborough Det # 1081  Mineral Area Marines # 1495**

**Lake of the Ozarks Det # 1137**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Detachment 725 to Host Department Convention 7-9 June 2024. Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel

Janice Hartley made a presentation and provided information packets.

Bill Webb, Detachment 993, made a motion to accept Detachment 725 to Host Department Convention. Motion 2nd by Matt McGill, Detachment 1081. No discussion motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dave Hunter, Detachment 656 made a motion to take out a full-page ad in the National Mid-Winter Conference for $100. Motion 2nd by Fred Romaine, Detachment 993. Mike Lee to draft the ad, motion passed.

Doug Robinson, Detachment 1495 made a motion to donate $100 to the Marine Corps League Foundation. Mike Lee, Detachment 183 2nd the motion. Dave Hunter, Detachment 656 made a motion to amend the amount to $500. Motion 2nd by Fred Romaine, Detachment 993. Discussion to whether funds were available in the budget was verified by Jim Maevers, Department Paymaster. Motion to amend the original motion to $500 passed. The original motion as amended also passed.

Doug Robinson, Detachment 1495 made a motion to donate $100 to the Marine Corps League Youth Physical Fitness Program. Motion 2nd by David Lloyd, Detachment 1081, motion passed.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

Commandant Dodson stated, needs a Coordinator for Focus Marines and Young Marines.

Lincoln County Marines, Detachment 1405, surrendered their charter bringing Depart of Missouri Detachments to 20.

Dave Hunter recognized Jim Maevers for his Paymaster Reports, the best we have had in a long time.

Department of MO Pack Growl will commence 30 minutes after the Department Meeting.

Mid-Winter Conference tour to Marine Corps National Museum $30, see Mike Francis.

MAVO (Military Association Veteran Organizations), represents the MO State government. MCL needs to be represented at these gatherings.

Oct 18th Detachment 656 hosting Perryville, MO visit, see Jon Morgan

Nov 18th Detachment 656 hosting Blood Drive.

MWD Conference info is on the Division Web Site, registration is now open.

Jim Maevers presented information on Heros to Hives and Agra Business Program Has information.

2022-2023 Newsletter Award Presented to Detachment 656

National Jr Vice Membership Citation to Detachments 707, 993, 984, 1473, 180, 1081, 1393, 1137, 725 and 656

National Convention Participation Ribbons to Detachments 1137, 984, 1081, 828, 707 and 656

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

National invited Midwest Detachments to host 2026 National Convention.

National Convention 2024 to be held Palm Desert, CA

National Convention 2025 Grapevine, TX

**Time & Place Committee Report:**

Department meeting Dates for 2023-2024

Dates:

January 6, 2024 Department, Jefferson City

Feb 22-23, 2024 Midwinter, Arlington, VA

March 23, 2024 Department, Jefferson City

April 5-6, 2024 Midwest Division, Jefferson City

June 7-9, 2024 Department Convention, TBD

Aug 12-16, 2024 National Convention, Rancho Mirage, CA

1115 Commandant Ed Dodson requested Sergeant At Arms to Close Department Meeting.

Sergeant At Arms Closed the Department Meeting until they reconvene on Jan 6,2024, in Jefferson City, MO for the purpose of official business.

Respectfully Submitted

Ed Witthar

Adjutant