 

Marine Corps League

Department of Missouri

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

**DATE: 1/6/2024**

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

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

[x]  **Commandant Eddie Dodson** [x]  **Public Information Officer Andy Riggle**

[x]  **Sr Vice Jason Reimann** [ ]  **Vice Commandant West Lance Rider “A”**

[x]  **Jr Vice Doug Robinson** [x]  **Vice Commandant SW Fred Romaine**

[ ]  **Judge Advocate Frank Livingston “E”** [ ]  **Vice Commandant Central Frank Livingston “E”**

[x]  **Adjutant Ed Witthar** [x]  **Vice Commandant NE Mark Hoernschemeyer**

[x]  **Paymaster Jim Maevers** [x]  **Vice Commandant East Mike Lee**

[x]  **Sgt at Arms Greg Craig** [ ]  **Marine for Life Coordinator Joe Gentile “A”**

[x]  **Chaplain Fred Romaine** [ ]  **Toys for Tots Coordinator Kevin Jackson “A”**

[x]  **Auditor 1 Janice Hartley** [x]  **Training Officer Janice Hartley**

[x]  **Auditor 2 Mike Lee** [ ]

[x]  **Auditor 3 Brian Burlingame** [ ]

**RECOGNITIIONS:**

 *Asst NVC Jim Maevers*

*National & Division Officers Currently Serving*

*Dept Officers / Committee Chairs Currently Serving*

*Detachment Officers Currently Serving*

*Past Dept Commandants*

*Past Division MOYS*

*Past Dept MOYS*

*The Honorable 60th Chief DD CDD Alan Sanning*

*The Honorable 59th Chief DD PCDD Tom Hazlett*

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

*The Honorable Smart Dog PDD Mike Francis*

*The Aid de Camp 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 10/4/23 and 12/27/23 to all Dept Staff & Det Comms)**

Is there a Motion to accept the Minutes as they were sent by email on Oct 4 & Dec 27, 2023?

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

Motion Seconded by Andy Riggle Det 725

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.

 FOCUS Marines Mess Night April 13th, 2024. Flyers were provided when we entered the meeting.

 National Midwinter Conference Deadline January 30th

 MCL Scholarship Award amount was announced of $600.

**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, Still Being Treated Brain Tumor

Herbert Brune, Det 1405, Home on Hospice

John Reseto, Det 1137, Surgery on Femur

Ray Lopez, Det 725, Stomach Issues

Ray Groom, Det 183, Fell, Recovering, will be going to a home.

Frank Livingston, Det 656, Pneumonia

**STAFF and COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

[x]  **Commandant Eddie Dodson** [x]  **Public Information Officer: Andy Riggle**

[x]  **Sr Vice Jason Reimann** [ ]  **Vice Commandant (West): Lance Rider “A”**

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[x]  **Auditor 2: Mike Lee** [ ]  **Young Marines “A”**

[x]  **Auditor 3: Brian Burlingame** [ ]  **Focus Marines “E”**

[ ]  **Past National Commandant Webb “E”** [x]  **Asst Division Vice Commandant Jim Maevers**

[x]  **Legislative Dave Hunter** [x]  **Compliance Jim Maevers**

Commandant: On File

Sr Vice: Verbal, Annual Awards Submissions by March Department Meeting

Jr Vice: Verbal, Possible revive Old Drumm

Judge Advocate: Needs Copies of Detachment Bylaws

Adjutant: Verbal, email of reports

Paymaster: Verbal, previously given

Sgt at Arms: NR

Chaplain: On File, Honored those with a moment of silence

Auditor: Department Audit will happen June 7th at Convention

Public Information Officer: Verbal, VA Hospital clothes

VCW: NR

VCSW: On File

VCC: NR

VCNE: On File

VCE: On File

Marine for Life: NR

Toys for Tots: NR

Training Officer: Available for Training at Detachment Level, Needs Eagle Scout Numbers

Young Marines: NR

Focus Marines: Flyers for Mess Night

Asst Division Vice Commandant: Verbal Midwest, Midwinter updates, and Tun Tavern

Legislative: NR, Update on MWD Conference

Compliance: Verbal, Reports available from Data Base

1005-Commandant Dodsonrequested Sergeant At Arms to recess the Department and reconvene at 1015 hrs.

1016–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**

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

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

[x]  **Samuel F Gearhart Det # 656** [ ]  **Warsaw Leathernecks Det # 1254**

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

[x]  **St. Charles County Det # 725** [ ]  **Old Drum Det # 1374**

[ ]  **Mizzou Marines Det # 828** [x]  **Cpl Richard Scott Haymes Det 1393**

[x]  **Simpson-Hoggatt Det # 984** [ ]  **Lincoln County Marines Det # 1405**

[x]  **Southwest MO Det # 993** [x]  **Poplar Bluff Det # 1473**

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

[x]  **Lake of the Ozarks Det # 1137**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bylaws changes will be read at the March meeting, then voted on at Department Convention in June

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

Nominations for Marine of the Year, Associate of the Year and Scoop/Newsletter need to be turned into the Sr Vice by March 23rd.

Write or contact your State Representative to repeal Bill 41. 958.RSMO so that it can be amended to $200 for funeral Honors

Registration for Marine Corps League Department of Missouri Grand Convention, flyers were provided at sign in and available on the website.

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

Detachment 183 has a member turning 100, looking for recognition.

**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:

 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, St. Louis, MO

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

1100 Commandant Ed Dodson requested Sergeant At Arms to Close Department Meeting.

Sergeant At Arms Closed the Department Meeting until they reconvene on March 23, 2024, in Jefferson City, MO for the purpose of official business.

Respectfully Submitted

Ed Witthar

Adjutant