

Department of Mississippi Marine Corps League  
Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
14 Oct 2023

Meeting was called to order at 0903 by Department Commandant. There were a total of 12 members present.

Commandant led members in Pledge of Allegiance. Opening ceremony was conducted

Roll call of Department Officers and Detachment Commandants was conducted.

Department Officers

Commandant	Jerry Daum	Present
Sr. Vice Commandant	Harry Sharpe	Present
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jerry Blaylock	Present
Judge Advocate	Robert Hall	Present
Jr. Past Commandant	Cliff Addison	Present
Aide-de-Camp	Rex Moody	Absent, not excused
Adjutant	Ric Polleck	Present
Paymaster	Chuck Junek	Absent, excused
Chaplain	Anick Wallace	Absent, excused
Sergeant-At-Arms	Vacant	
Web Sergeant	Kelsey McCarty	Absent, excused

Detachment Commandants

Det. 173, Ric Polleck	Present
Det. 175, Jerry Blaylock	Present
Det. 715, Karl Aderer	Absent, represented
Det. 1073, Charles Sheely	Present
Det. 1078, Anick Wallace	Absent, excused
Det. 1101, Virgil Cole	Absent, not excused, no Det members present
Det. 1220, Scott Burns	Present
Det. 1331, Al Newman	Present
Det. 1431, Jason Pardoe	Absent, represented
Det. 1454, Darryl Davis	Absent, not excused, no Det members present
Det. 1460, Harry Sharpe	Present

A quorum, as defined by Section 420, Department of Mississippi bylaws, was present.

Officer Reports

Adjutant: Motion was made and seconded to waive reading of minutes from last Department meeting since the previous meeting minutes have been posted to the Department website. Motion passed without objection.

Paymaster: Delivered by Judge Advocate. Reported that as of 30 September 2023 the Department had a total of \$9,996.13: \$2,738.30 in the regular account, \$146.00 in the Children's Hospital account, \$200.00 in the Disaster Relief account, \$100.00 in the Scholarship Foundation Fund account, and \$6,811.83 in the YANKY 72 account. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion passed without objection.

Sr. Vice Commandant: No report.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Reported on number of new League members since last Department meeting.

Judge Advocate: Awaiting National Bylaw updates.

Sergeant at Arms: No report

Chaplain: Updated members on status of sick and injured members.

Adjutant: Advised that the Brandon Community Center will be available for 2024 Department quarterly meetings, and that 13 January, 13 July, and 12 October were the dates reserved for 2024 meetings.

Aide-de-camp: No report.

Commandant discussed Detachments' quarterly reports.

- Presented several Detachments with flag streamers recognizing that those detachments were represented at the 2023 National Convention in sufficient strength to vote 100% of their Detachments' members.
- Presented Jerry Blaylock with National 3<sup>rd</sup> place Recruiting Award
- Presented certificates to several Detachments recognizing an overall increase in membership from the previous year.

Commandant swore in Sam Phillips as the Department Sergeant at Arms.

### Old Business

- Department fund raising was discussed, including how to raise funds and how those funds would be allocated.
  - A motion was made and seconded that 70% of funds raised at the Department-level would be allocated to Department operating expenses and 30% would be allocated to veterans services. Motion passed without objection.
  - A motion was made and seconded that the Department buy a \$1000.00 gift card to be raffled online at \$20.00 per ticket and that each Detachment be asked to donate \$100.00 to the Department to purchase the gift card. Motion passed without exception.
- Project Chair Scott Burns is still researching the purchase of a custom rifle to be auctioned by the Department.
- Det 173 Commandant briefed members on 2024 Dept Convention.
  - Convention is scheduled for 19 and 20 April 2024.
  - Convention will take place at the Holiday Inn Trustmark Park, 110 Bass Pro Dr, Pearl, MS. Room have been blocked for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night and a rate of \$139 plus tax has been secured. Breakfast is included and a separate dining area will be set up on Saturday and Sunday mornings.
  - Reservations can be made by calling the hotel direct at 601-939-5238 and mentioning the Marine Corps League block rate. Attendees will be responsible for making their own reservations
  - Additional information concerning event and banquet registration and the meeting agenda will be provided as it becomes available.
  - Advised members that the Detachment was conducting a raffle to raise funds to help defray the cost of hosting the Convention. Asked that each Detachment assist by taking tickets back to their Detachments to sell. A total of 525 ticket were distributed to the Detachments.

### New Business

None

## Good of the League

- The 2024 Midwinter Conference will be held in Arlington, VA., 22-24 February 2024. Information and registration are available at the MCL Library website <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/>
- Veterans Assistance/Aid can be found at the 7 Days for the Troops website, <https://7daysforthetroops.org/> and 5<sup>th</sup> Squad Mississippi website, <https://5thsquad.com/>
- A challenge was put forth for all Detachments to donate \$100.00 to support the League Scholarship fund, and to donate \$100.00 to restore the Department's Disaster Assistance Relief fund, currently at only \$200.00.
- Checks for the gift card purchase, the Scholarship fund, and the Disaster Relief fund should be made payable to "MCL Dept of MS" and mailed to the Department Paymaster at P. O. Box 18290, Hattiesburg, MS 39404-8290.

The next Department of Mississippi Quarterly meeting will be at 0900 on Saturday, 13 Jan 2024, at the Pearl Community Center, 2414 Old Brandon RD, Pearl, MS.

Closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 1057.