

Department of Mississippi Marine Corps League  
Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
22 Jul 2023

Meeting was called to order at 0902 by Department Commandant. There were a total of 11 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	Ron Polk	Present
Aide-de-Camp	Rex Moody	Absent, excused
Adjutant	Ric Polleck	Present
Paymaster	Chuck Junek	Present
Chaplain	Anick Wallace	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms	Vacant	
Web Sergeant	Kelsey McCarty	Absent

Detachment Commandants

Det. 173, Ric Polleck	Present
Det. 175, Jerry Blaylock	Present
Det. 715, Karl Aderer	Absent, Represented
Det. 1073, Andrew Baggott	Absent, Represented
Det. 1078, Anick Wallace	Present
Det. 1101, Virgil Cole	Absent, Not excused, no Det members present
Det. 1220, Scott Burns	Present
Det. 1331, Al Newman	Absent, Not excused, no Det members 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: Reported that as of 19 July 2023 the Department had a total of \$10,450.12: \$2,427.29 in the regular account, \$200.00 in the disaster relief account, \$981.00 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.

Updated members on Detachment Compliance regarding overdue ROIs and submission of forms and filing with the IRS and MS Secretary of State.

Sr. Vice Commandant: No report.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Asked members if there was any interest in Continuing the Recruiting Awards program. A motion was made and seconded to continue the Program. Motion passed without objection.

Judge Advocate: Awaiting National Bylaw updates.

Sergeant at Arms: No report

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

Adjutant: Advised that he was still unable to reserve a meeting space for 2024. Won't know until Oct if the Pearl Community Center will be available next year due to the possibility of building renovations

Aide-de-camp: No report.

Department Commandant: Advised members that he's in the process of visiting each Detachment.

Advised the per a recent SE Division Conference Call that National is moving toward electronic dues payment submission and that a test is currently underway in two Departments.

Advised that National now has a MCL application for Iphone and Android.

Department Sr Vice Commandant discussed Detachments' quarterly reports

### Old Business

None

### New Business

- 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.
- Det 1220 Commandant reported the detachment is working on establishing a Toys 4 Tots program.

### Good of the League

- 2022 National Convention and 2023 SE Division Conference streamers were presented to Detachments that attended those events.
- Jr Past Commandant raffled off an inscribed MCL 100 Anniversary tumbler.
- Following lengthy discussion a motion was made and seconded to purchase and raffle off a custom rifle. Motion passed without objection and Scott Burns was appointed to Chair the project. He will provide cost and details as they become available.
- Detachment 173 Commandant reported on his experience in obtaining one of the new 70% Disabled Veteran vehicle tags. Advised that while the registration was \$1.00, he also had to pay a \$5.50 tag

mailing fee. Advised that eligible veterans would need to present proof of a 70% or greater disability rating each time a new vehicle was registered or registration was renewed.

- Detachment 1078 Commandant advised that the Olive Branch Country Club would be hosting the Honor Our Troops Golf Classic on Friday, 22 September 2023, to benefit the Military Order of the Purple Heart, as well as VA Veterans Services, VFW, MCL, Patriot Guard Riders, and the American Legion. Details are available at [www.honorourtroopsclassic.com](http://www.honorourtroopsclassic.com).
- Detachment 1220 Commandant advised that Trace Golf Club in Natchez will host the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, 6 October 2023 to benefit the both the MCL and Crossroads Ranch, a 42 acres facility catering to adults with disabilities. For more information contact Scott Burns, 662-401-3349 or Ben Inman, 662-255-5911.
- Detachment 1460 Commandant advised that the Mississippi Guam Liberation Committee is hosting the 79<sup>th</sup> Guam Liberation Celebration on Saturday, 5 Aug 2023 at County Farm Shelter, Gulfport MS from 1300-1800. Details available at [www.guamliberation.com](http://www.guamliberation.com).
- Strategies to grow the league and improve meeting attendance were discussed.
- Fund raising was discussed, including the possibility of having a Marine in a Tower event during Cruising the Coast in October.

The next Department of Mississippi Quarterly meeting will be at 0900 on Saturday, 14 Oct 2023, at the Pearl Community Center, 2414 Old Brandon RD, Pearl, MS.

Closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 1035.