

Department of Mississippi Marine Corps League
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
18 July 2026

Meeting was called to order at 0900 by Department Commandant. There were a total of 15 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	Harry Sharpe	Present
Sr. Vice Commandant	Clifton Addison	Present
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jerry Blaylock	Present
Judge Advocate	Anick Wallace	Present
Jr. Past Commandant	Jerry Daum	Present
Aide-de-Camp	Rex Moody	Excused
Adjutant	Ric Polleck	Present
Paymaster	Chuck Junek	Present
Chaplain	Anick Wallace	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms	John Potts	Present
Web Sergeant	Vacant	

Detachment Commandants

Det. 173, Ric Polleck	Present
Det. 175, Casey Weathers	Present
Det. 715, Karl Aderer	Absent, represented
Det. 1073, Lyn Franklin	Present
Det. 1078, Ed Stutler	Absent, represented
Det. 1220, Scott Burns	Present
Det. 1331, John Potts	Present
Det. 1431, Jason Pardoe	Absent, represented
Det. 1454, Craig Harvey	Absent, unexcused, not represented
Det. 1460, Harry Sharpe	Present

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

A motion was made and seconded to waive reading of the last Department meeting since minutes are posted on the Department website. Motion passed without objection.

Senior Vice Commandant had each detachment orally give details on their Q4-26 quarterly report.

Officer Reports

Commandant

Advised that he submitted a negative report to Division on the number of Eagle Scout Awards presented by the Department.

Paymaster

Reported that as of 17 Jul 2026 the Department had a total of \$10,457: \$6,171.69 in the regular account, \$452.89 in the veterans service account; \$225.00 in the disaster relief account; \$146.00 in the children's hospital account, \$225.00 in the disaster relief account, \$400 in the scholarship account, \$450.00 in the ebike raffle account, and \$3,414.33 in the YANKY 72 account. There is also a negative \$800.40 balance in the foundation fund. Reported that there was \$1,135.00 in the 501 [c] [3] account. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion passed without objection.

Encouraged Detachments submit dues transmittals.

Advised he would provide a copy of the 501 [c] [3] to all Detachments

Sr. Vice Commandant

Reminded Detachments of challenge put forth at the April 26 Department meeting that each Detachment donate \$100 toward the MCL Scholarship and noted that only Detachments 173 and 1073 had so far donated.

Mentioned that there would be some short training sessions conducted at future Department meetings.

Mentioned that the Tun Tavern Legacy Foundation is selling bricks to raise funds to rebuild Tun Tavern. Bricks are \$500.00 and can be purchased at <https://thetun.org/tun-alley-brick-paver/>. Challenged each Detachment to purchase a brick.

Jr. Vice Commandant

Reported on and discussed recruiting efforts. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to discontinue the recruitment monetary awards. Motion passed without objection.

Judge Advocate: No report

Chaplain

Discussed submission of quarterly Chaplain's report. Named members who had passed away during the last quarter.

Junior Past Commandant: No report

Adjutant

Asked again that Detachments include their Detachment name/number in the email subject line when submitted their reports.

Sergeant at Arms: No Report

Old Business

Commandant updated members on the Department's ebike raffle and advised there were still plenty of tickets available.

2027 Department convention dates are still being determined. Anticipated that location will be Courtyard Marriot in Gulfport. Registration information will be provided when available.

New Business

Adjutant proposed changes to the Department Marine of the Year (MOY) and Associate of the Year (AOY) Administrative Procedures.

- (1) That under Nomination Procedures: *Nominations must be submitted electronically by email no later than midnight (time = 00:00) of first day of March of each year to the current Department of Mississippi, Adjutant.* mcldeptofmsadjutant@gmail.com

Be changed to: *Nominations must be submitted electronically by email no later than 11:59 PM (time = 2359) of last day of February of each year to the current Department of Mississippi, Adjutant.*
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- (2) That under Scoring: The requirement that *The ranking of all five categories will be added together and then divided by five (5) to the fourth decimal point. There is no rounding up or down.* be eliminated.

Following discussion, it was further proposed that

- (3) The Department Adjutant be designated as the permanent Chairperson for both the MOY and AOY Selection Boards.

Motion was made and seconded that all three proposed changes be adopted. Motion passed without objection.

Adjutant will attempt to schedule Department meetings for the third Saturday in January, July, and October 2027 at the current meeting location.

Paymaster noted that Detachments can now complete their 2025 tax filing and that so far four detachments have filed and provided their accepted confirmation.

2028 and 2029 Department Convention locations were discussed

- 2028 Convention will be in north Mississippi
- 2029 Convention will be hosted by Detachment 173 in central Mississippi

Planning underway for the 10-year observance of the YANKY 72 crash on 10 July 2027. A large number of crash victims' family members are expected to attend and maximum participation by Department membership is encouraged.

Department Commandant installed Anick Wallace as Department Judge Advocate and Chaplain.

Good of the League

A 250th USA Anniversary Challenge Coin was raffled off.

Information on accessing the member library at the MCL national website was provided.

The 24th Annual Jack Lucas Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for 12 October 2026 at the Shadow Ridge golf course in Hattiesburg.

The Honor our Troops Annual Golf Classic is scheduled for 25 September 2026 at the Olive Branch Country Club in Olive Branch, MS.

The Southern Heritage Air Museum, located just across the Mississippi River in Louisiana at the Vicksburg-Tallulah Regional Airport will close at the end of 2026. Members are encouraged to visit before it closes
<https://southernheritageair.org/museum>

The next Department of Mississippi Quarterly meeting will be at 0900 on Saturday, 17 October 2026, at the Pearl Parks and Recreation Building, 320 Center City Dr., Pearl, MS 39208.

Closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 1027