

Department of Mississippi Marine Corps League
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
10 Jan 2026

Meeting was called to order at 0905 by the Department Commandant. There were a total of 12 Department of Mississippi members present.

Opening ceremony was conducted. Sgt-At-Arms led members in Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of Department Officers and Detachment Commandants was conducted.

Department Officers

Commandant	Harry Sharpe	Present
Sr. Vice Commandant	Cliff Addison	Present
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jerry Blaylock	Present
Judge Advocate	Anick Wallace	Present
Jr. Past Commandant	Jerry Daum	Present
Aide-de-Camp	Rex Moody	Absent, 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, Jeff Davis	Absent, represented
Det. 1078, Anick Wallace	Present
Det. 1220, Scott Burns	Absent, represented
Det. 1331, Al Newman	Absent, represented
Det. 1431, Jason Pardoe	Present
Det. 1454, Craig Harvey	Absent, not excused, not represented
Det. 1460, Harry Sharpe	Present

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

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.

Officer Reports

Commandant: Discussed Detachment Quarterly Reports

Paymaster: Reported that as of 31 Dec 2025 the Department had a total of \$9,779.94: \$4,978.05 in the regular account, \$146.00 in the Children's Hospital account, \$225.00 in the Disaster Relief account, \$400.00 in the Scholarship Foundation Fund account, \$452.89 in the Veterans Services Account, \$2452.89 in the Veterans Service account and \$4377.94 in the YANKY 72 account. Advised that after expenses the Department's 250th Birthday Ball were all paid, the Department realized a profit of \$351.68, which was transferred to the Department regular account. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion passed without objection.

Paymaster also discussed the need for timely filing with the Mississippi Secretary of State to avoid revocation of non-profit status.

- Advised that there is a Detachment Paymaster Course available at the MCL National website.
- Advised that Detachment Paymasters follow up on transmittal submissions and to contact him if there are any issue.
- Advised that Detachments should retains financial documents for 4-5 years, and transmittal for one year.
- Advised that Notices of Death need to submitted via transmittal as well as via the Chaplain's chain

Sr. Vice Commandant: Briefed on the 250th Birthday Ball.

Chaplain: Conducted Memorial Service for members lost during 2025. Advised that only eight Detachments submitted their quarterly Chaplain's report

Jr. Vice Commandant: Advised that there is a new national Marine for Life officers and also a National VAVS Officer. Advised that the Department's recruiting program continues.

Judge Advocate: No report.

Adjutant: Advised Detachments to download at least quarterly a Detachment rosters from the National website and to check closely for error and unexplained changes. Reminded members that ROIs are required to change/update information, but that errors should be reported to the Adjutant. Asked that Detachments remember to include their Detachment name/number in the email subject line when submitted reports to the Adjutant.

Sergeant at Arms: No report

Aide-de-camp: Absent, No report.

Old Business: Department 250th Birthday Ball. Discussed during Sr VC report.

New Business:

Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept and put into effect the new Department Marine and Department Associate of the Year SOPs. Motion passed without exception.

Department Convention scheduled for 17 & 19 Apr 2026, Hosting Detachment is #1073. Location: Holiday Inn, 6553 US Hwy 49, Hattisburg. Agenda and additional information to be provided. Detachments were asked to donate raffle items.

Department Fund Raising: After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve allocating up to \$1000.00 for the purchase of an electric bike to be auctioned by the Department, and for the purchase of auction tickets. Tickets to be sold for \$10.00 each and the bike to be given away in November. Motion passed without exception.

Good of the League

2026 Marine Corps League Scholarship forms are available at the National MCL website

The next Department of Mississippi Quarterly meeting will be at 0830 on Saturday, 18 April 2026 at the Department of Mississippi Annual Convention, Hattiesburg, MS.

Sr VC asked that member focus on assisting homeless veterans and that he's available to provide assistance.

Closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 1052.