

Department of Mississippi Marine Corps League
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
18 Jan 2025

Meeting was called to order at 0905 by the Department Commandant. There were a total of 13 members present.

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

Roll call of Department Officers and Detachment Commandants was conducted.

Department Officers

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| 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, excused |
| Adjutant | Ric Polleck | Present |
| Paymaster | Chuck Junek | Present |
| Chaplain | Anick Wallace | Present |
| Sergeant-At-Arms | Sam Phillips | Absent, excused |
| Web Sergeant | Vacant | |

Detachment Commandants

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| Det. 173, Ric Polleck | Present |
| Det. 175, Casey Weathers | Present |
| Det. 715, Karl Aderer | Absent, represented |
| Det. 1073, Hugh Robinson | Present |
| Det. 1078, Anick Wallace | Present |
| Det. 1220, Scott Burns | Absent, represented |
| Det. 1331, Al Newman | Present |
| Det. 1431, Jason Pardoe | Present |
| Det. 1454, Darryl Davis | 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. Motion passed without objection.

Officer Reports

Paymaster: Reported that as of 31 December 2024 the Department had a total of \$9,434.93: \$2,349.07 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, and \$5,861.97 in the YANKY 72 account. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion passed without objection.

Gave final report on Department Gift Card raffle and update on electronic transmittal filing.

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

Commandant: Reported on visit to Detachments 1078 and 1331.

Advised that MCL Past National Commandant Johnny Baker had accepted invitation to attend Dept of MS Convention in April.

Sr. Vice Commandant: No Report

Jr. Vice Commandant: Discussed ongoing recruiting efforts.

Judge Advocate: Together with Paymaster reported on Detachment 1101 status.

Adjutant: No report

Sergeant at Arms: Absent; No report

Aide-de-camp: No report.

Jr. Past Commandant: Discussed plans to hold a state-wide 250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball in the Jackson area tentatively planned for 1 Nov 2025. Advised that a Celebration Committee had been formed.

Toys 4 Tots: No Report

Commandant: Discussed Detachments' quarterly reports.

Old Business

No updates on 2025 Department Convention.

Department Gift Card Raffle: Discussed during Paymaster Report

Detachment 1101; Discussed during Adjutant/Paymaster Report

Electronic Transmittals: Discussed during Paymaster Report

New Business

Commandant stressed the importance of Detachment responsiveness to requests for information from the Department. These requests typically originate from National and sent out thru the Divisions with a 'provide-by' date. Paymaster discussed the recent changes in IRS Exemption for Service Organizations and how it related to the recent request for information regard regular/veteran members, family members, and social members.

250th Marine Corps Birthday Celebration: Discussed during Jr. Past Commandant Report

Paymaster reported that the Mississippi Secretary of State filing requirements have changed and that all filings must be made annually prior to 15 May. Noted that the non-profit filing is now free. Further noted that failure to file could result in loss of Detachment's non-profit status. Provided step-by-step handout on filing process.

Department Officer Nominations: The floor was opened for Department Officer nominations for 2025-2026. The following nominations were put forth:

Department Commandant: Harry Sharpe

Department Jr. Vice Commandant: Jerry Blaylock and Clifton Addison

Department Jr. Vice Commandant: Jerry Blaylock

Department Adjutant: Anick Wallace

Nominations will remain open until the next Department Quarterly Meeting at the Department Convention in April.

Good of the League

Commandant reported that the National Commandant is pushing for Youth Fitness Programs at local High Schools.

Southeast Division elections will be held at the Division Conference in Lafayette, Mar 20-22, 2025.
<https://sediv.org/conferences>

The National Mid-winter conference is scheduled for Feb 27 – Mar 1, 2025, in Arlington, VA.
<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/>

The next Department of Mississippi Quarterly meeting will be at 0900 on Saturday, 26 April 2025, at the Department of Mississippi Convention, Comfort Suites, 1064 Carter Cove, Tupelo, MS 38804
<https://mcldeptms.org/convention>

Closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 1026.