

Department of Mississippi Marine Corps League
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
12 Oct 2024

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

Commandant	Jerry Daum	Present
Sr. Vice Commandant	Harry Sharpe	Present
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jerry Blaylock	Present
Judge Advocate	Robert Hall	Absent, excused
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

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, excused
Det. 1331, Al Newman	Absent, excused
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

Commandant: Advised members that invitations had been issued to National/Division Officers to attend Department Convention next April. So far, only Past National Commandant Johnny Baker had accepted. Awaiting additional responses.

Advised that there was a commercial firm available to assist in scheduling conventions.

Paymaster: Reported that as of 30 September 2024 the Department had a total of \$10,198.44: \$1,652.54 in the regular account, \$146.00 in the Children's Hospital account, \$600.00 in the Disaster Relief account, \$400.00 in the Scholarship Foundation Fund account, \$1155.29 in the Gift Card Raffle Account, \$495.13 in the Veterans Services Account, and \$5,861.97 in the YANKY 72 account. There was also a debit of \$112.49

related to revocation of Detachment 1101's charter. Advised that all detachments had still not yet contributed the \$100.00 voted on and approved at the 14 Oct 2023 Department Meeting to cover the cost of the gift card being raffled. Reported that October ticket sales had increased the net income to \$2,660.00. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion passed without objection.

Reported that the Mississippi Secretary of State filing requirements have changed and that all filings must be made annually in Jan, Feb or Mar. 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.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Advised that Crusaders for Veterans <https://crusadersforveterans.com/>, a Mississippi veterans' organization, was attempting to have a veteran's village built near the MS gulf coast.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Discussed visits to Detachments to talk about Department issues.

Judge Advocate: Paymaster reports on JA's behalf that administrative actions related to Detachment 1101's charter revocation have been completed except for filing of final FY 2024 tax return, which can't occur until after 30 June 2025. 1101's property has been placed in storage for one year in the event the Detachment recovers and reactivates. After one year the charter will be returned to MCL National and remaining property disposed or disseminated.

Adjutant: Advised members that current meeting location would not be available after August 2025 until renovations to the Pearl, MS City Offices were complete, and that a search was underway to secure an alternate meeting location.

Sergeant at Arms: No report

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

Aide-de-camp: No report.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Officers' reports. Motion passed without objection.

Commandant: Discussed Detachments' quarterly reports.

Introduced Bill Lamar, SE Division Compliance Officer, who reported on the Department's status related to required filings: ROIs, 990Ns, and PLMs. Reminder members that National Bylaws require Detachments to hold elections and submit ROIs annually, between 1 Sep and 15 May. Further that completed PLM audits must be received at MCL National by 31 December each year in order for Detachments and the Department to receive their share of the annual life member funds distribution.

Bill Lamar also announced his candidacy for Assistant SE Division National Commandant. Elections to be held at the next SE Division Conference.

Old Business

No updates on 2025 Department Convention.

The Department Gift card raffle was ended, and a winner selected by the Rally Up program. Anick Wallace, Detachment 1078, was the winner.

New Business

Department Commandant advised of the need to appoint a Department Toys 4 Tots Coordinator. Daniel Palin volunteered and was appointed.

SE Division Disaster Relief Coordinator Cliff Addison discussed the need for disaster relief funds as a result of the two recent hurricanes that inflicted massive damage to several of the Division's Departments. Made a motion to ask each Detachment to donate at least \$100.00 to the SE Division Disaster Relief fund. Motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Good of the League

Commandant reported that the Department had received a National Jr. Vice Commandant's Citation for exceeding its previous fiscal year's membership, and also the SE Division Tom Perrone Award for maintaining the greatest increase in membership during 2023. The Department was also awarded a flag streamer for National Convention attendance.

The next Department of Mississippi Quarterly meeting will be at 0900 on Saturday, 18 January 2025, at the Pearl Community Center, 2420 Old Brandon Rd, Pearl, MS 39208

Closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 1040.