

Department of Mississippi Marine Corps League
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
13 Jan 2024

Meeting was called to order at 0920 by Department Commandant. There were a total of 12 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	Cliff Addison	Absent, excused
Aide-de-Camp	Rex Moody	Absent, excused
Adjutant	Ric Polleck	Present
Paymaster	Chuck Junek	Present
Chaplain	Anick Wallace	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms	Sam Phillips	Present
Web Sergeant	Kelsey McCarty	Absent, not excused

Detachment Commandants

Det. 173, Ric Polleck	Present
Det. 175, Jerry Blaylock	Present
Det. 715, Karl Aderer	Absent, represented
Det. 1073, Charles Sheely	Absent, represented
Det. 1078, Anick Wallace	Present
Det. 1101, Virgil Cole	Absent, not excused, no Det members present
Det. 1220, Scott Burns	Absent, represented
Det. 1331, Al Newman	Present
Det. 1431, Jason Pardoe	Present
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 31 December 2023 the Department had a total of \$12,416.33: \$2,893.24 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, and \$7,015.97 in the YANKY 72 account. Total also includes \$1361.12 in gift card raffle funds. Advised that only five detachments had contributed the \$100.00 voted on and approved at the 14 Oct 2023 Department Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion passed without objection.

Paymaster reported on Detachment Compliance relating to filing and reporting requirements.

Reminded members that Notices of Death need to be submitted via transmittal through the Department Paymaster in addition via the Chaplain.

Sr. Vice Commandant: No report.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Reported on number of new League members since last Department meeting. Reminded members that membership applications need to include the name of the sponsoring member so proper credit could be given. Advised that current recruiting drive ends on 31 March 2024.

Judge Advocate: Awaiting National Bylaw updates.

Sergeant at Arms: No report

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

Adjutant: Reported that the Department had received a \$500.00 dollar donation from the parents of Sgt Dietrich Schmieman, killed in the YANKY 72 crash on 10 July 2017. Funds to be used for maintenance of the YANKY 72 Memorial. They expressed their appreciation for the compassionate hospitality shown by the people of Mississippi each time they visited the memorial.

Aide-de-camp: No report.

Commandant:

Discussed Detachments' quarterly reports.

Advised that during the recent Southeast Division meeting the use of the Member Portal by Detachments is encouraged to make changes and corrections to members' names and contact information. Detachment Commandants and Paymasters can access the portal, which is located in the MCL National Library at <https://web.mcleaguelibrary.org/portal/portallogin.aspx>, and there is a *click here for login information* link which will allow those authorized to use the portal to set/reset their password.

Discussed the quarterly rosters issued by MCL National, and that Detachments were not holding annual election of officers and submitting the Report of Officer Installation (ROI) in a timely manner.

Discussed the Marine for Life (M4L) Program and the need for Detachments to include a M4L Liaison on their ROIs.

Discussed current fund raising efforts and the need to 'get the word out' to other veteran's organizations and to share the raffle information with others and encourage them to pass it along in order to increase awareness.

Old Business

- Project Chair Scott Burns is still researching the purchase of a custom rifle to be auctioned by the Department. Not available to provide update.
- 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.
- Advised members that as of early January only eight rooms had been reserved and less than ten registrations received. Registration deadline is 19 March, and asked member present to encourage their detachment membership to get registered.

New Business

- Commandant opened the floor for department officer nomination for 2024. Following nominations were made:

Commandant: Jerry Daum
 Sr Vice Commandant: Harry Sharp
 Jr Vice Commandant: Jerry Blaylock
 Judge Advocate: Robert Hall

- The following appointed position were offered:

Paymaster: Chuck Junek
 Adjutant: Ric Polleck
 Chaplain: Anick Wallace
 Sgt at Arms: Sam Phillips
 Marine for Life Liaison: Harry Sharp

Appointment offers were accepted. Nominations will remain open until the 20 April quarterly meeting, at which time they will be closed, election held, and elected/appointed officers will be sworn in.

Good of the League

- The 2024 Midwinter Conference will be held in Arlington, VA., 22-24 February 2024. Information and registration are available at the MCL Library website <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/>
- Member Ric Polleck informed those present that he has been appointed to Secretary of the Navy's Navy/Marine Corps Retiree Council, effective 1 January 2024, for a period of four years. Asked that each detachment provide a list of their members who retired from the Navy or Marine Corps, either from active duty or the reserves.

The next Department of Mississippi Quarterly meeting will be at the Department convention at 0900 on Saturday, 20 April 2024, at the Holiday Inn Trustmark Park, 110 Bass Pro Dr, Pearl, MS.

Closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 1051.