

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

Meeting was called to order at 0900 by the Department Commandant. There were a total of 16 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	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	Absent, excused
Web Sergeant	Vacant	

Detachment Commandants

Det. 173, Ric Polleck	Present
Det. 175, Jerry Blaylock	Present
Det. 715, Karl Aderer	Absent, represented
Det. 1073, Hugh Robinson	Present
Det. 1078, Anick Wallace	Present
Det. 1220, Scott Burns	Present
Det. 1331, Al Newman	Present
Det. 1431, Jason Pardoe	Absent, represented
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: Reported on attendance at Detachment meetings since April. Noted that two Detachment's meetings did not have a quorum present and were therefore unable to conduct business. Attended the Dept of Alabama and Dept of TN Conventions.

Adjutant: Reminded Commandants/Detachment representatives to note the period (months) covered by the Detachments Quarterly Reports, and to include in their report events, etc., that occurred during the specified reporting period unless otherwise required in the report..

Noted that the 2023 Detachment Paymaster training PowerPoint was available at the MCL Members Library. [https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/MCL\\_DETACHMENT\\_PM\\_Course\\_2023.pdf](https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/MCL_DETACHMENT_PM_Course_2023.pdf)

Paymaster: Reported that as of 30 June 2024 the Department had a total of \$10,148.61: \$859.82 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, \$1,085.29 in the Gift Card Raffle Account, and \$6,592.37 in the YANKY 72 account. Advised that not all detachments have 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. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion passed without objection.

Reported on Detachment Compliance relating to filing and reporting requirements.

Sr. Vice Commandant: No report.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Reported on number of new League members since last Department meeting. Discussed Marine 4 Life and visits to Detachments. Suggested the need to appoint a Department VAVS Representative and Deputy.

Judge Advocate: Reported on revocation of Detachment 1101's charter effective 2 Jul 2024 and that all detachment members had been notified via registered mail. Detachment Commandant notified via registered mail and UPS. Discussion ensued with regard to closing out bank accounts and Secretary of State and IRS charitable organization status. Also discussed transfer of detachment's members, all Life members, to new detachments; half to Detachment 173 (Pearl, MS) and half to Detachment 1073 (Hattiesburg, MS).

Sergeant at Arms: No report

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

Aide-de-camp: No report.

Commandant: Discussed Detachments' quarterly reports. Advised members that Anick Wallace had received a 1,700 Volunteer Hours Award from the Veterans Administration.

### Old Business

No updates on 2025 Department Convention

### New Business

Det 1073 Commandant Hugh Robinson advised that Det 1073 would be hosting a Marine Corps Ball in Hattiesburg on 16 November. Advised that Det 1073 would be selling raffle tickets at the MS Wildlife Extravaganza at the Clyde Muse Center in Pearl, MS 26-28 July. Asked for volunteers to help work the event.

Det 1220 Commandant Scott Burns announced that he would be holding a 7 Days for the Troops event at the MS Outlet Mall on Pearl in November.

A discussion occurred regarding the distribution of raffle funds raised during the Department Convention each year and also who was responsible for covering the lodging costs for the invited speaker and also invited National and Division Officers. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the hosting Detachment would retain 100% of raffle funds raised at the Department convention. Further, that the host detachment would be responsible for covering the lodging cost (one room) for the invited speaker, and the

Department would cover the lodging costs (one room each) for one invited National Officer and one invited Division Officer. Motion passed without exception.

The recently distributed advisory on Gun Raffles and insurance coverage at MCL events was discussed. The advisory stated that Marine Corps League insurance policy is very specific, and that guns and ammo cannot be used for exhibition or demonstration or competition, etc. This is not a Marine Corps League issue. This is an insurance industry-wide issue. It was pointed out that the League cannot order the exclusion of guns and ammo at events, only that the League insurance would not cover the event. It was suggested that an event insurance policy be purchased whenever guns and/or ammo were to be present.

#### Good of the League

Det 1460 Commandant Harry Sharpe shared that the Liberation of Guam 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary would be observed at the Harrison County Shelters in Gulfport on 20 July from 1300-1800. All are invited to attend.

Department Commandant Jerry Daum observed that a good way to increase attendance at Detachment meetings is to serve food. He noted that when holding Detachment events in public, member should present a uniform and professional appearance.

Presented Meritorious Service Commendation (Recruiting) Awards to Detachments 1073 and 1454.

A link to the Rally Up Department Gift Card Raffle will be distributed to all Detachments to share with League membership and their contacts,

The next Department of Mississippi Quarterly meeting will be at 0900 on Saturday, 12 October 2024, at the Pearl Community Center, 2420 Old Brandon Rd, Pearl, MS 39208

Closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 1053.