

Department of Mississippi Marine Corps League  
Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
19 Jul 2025

Meeting was called to order at 0900 by the Department Commandant. There were a total of 21 members present including Department of Mississippi members and guests.

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

Commandant introduced and welcomed visiting dignitaries: Mike Francis Honorable Division Sr Vice Chief Devil Dog and Steve Seyller, Division MODD Compliance Officer.

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	Vacant	
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	Present
Det. 1078, Anick Wallace	Present
Det. 1220, Scott Burns	Present
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. Marine Casey Weathers noted that there were errors on the 26 April Department Meeting minutes and asked that the minutes be amended to correct the errors. Motion to accept the amended 26 April Department Meeting minutes passed without objection.

Officer Reports

Paymaster: Reported that as of 30 June 2025 the Department had a total of \$34,829.81: \$2,729.81 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, 26,286.96 in the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ball account and \$5,390.02 in the YANKY 72 account. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion passed without objection.

Discussed the impact of 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ball on the Department budget and also reminded members about the requirement to submit Notices of Death via a detachment transmittal in addition to them being submitted via the Chaplain chain.

Chaplain: Currently vacant: Chaplain-elect updated members on status of sick and injured members.

Sr. Vice Commandant: No Report

Jr. Vice Commandant: Discussed ongoing recruiting efforts.

Judge Advocate: Vacant, No report

Adjutant: Noted that this would be the last Quarterly meeting at the present site and that the new location info would be soon shared. Also advised that the dates for the Quarterly meeting were as follows:

18 Oct 2025

10 Jan 2026

April 2026 Date TBD; will be at the 2026 Department Convention

18 Jul 2026

17 Oct 2026.

Sergeant at Arms: No report

Aide-de-camp: Absent, No report.

Commandant: Discussed Detachments' quarterly reports.

### Old Business

Sr. Vice Commandant gave an update on 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ball and also on the recent ceremony at the YANKY 72 memorial.

Adjutant advised that Detachment debit cards were no longer prohibited, but instead 'discouraged, but allowed'. Mentioned the fees charged if Detachments pay dues using a debit card.

Adjutant advised Detachment Commandants to check and confirm Detachment contact information recently added to the Department website.

### New Business

New Department Judge Advocate and Department Chaplain Marine Anick Wallace, was installed.

A motion was made and seconded to include the names of all Department Marine of the Year and all Department Associate of the Year nominees in future Department Convention Quarterly Meeting minutes. Motion passed without objection.

A motion was made and seconded that all Department Marine of the Year and all Department Associate of the Year nominees be presented with a certificate recognizing their nomination and their contributions to the Department. It was noted that for this to happen the Department Marine and Associate of the Year nomination process would need to be revised to require that nominations be submitted far enough in advance of the Department Annual Convention to allow time for the Certificates to be prepared for presentation during the Convention. Motion passed without objection.

## Good of the League

Chaplain briefed members on how to obtain VA Benefits letters, noted that there's a VA phone application that will allow access to your VA information; on The Dover Detail; on Fisher House Space available access for some outpatient treatment; and on free VA health-related classes. Will provide flyers for distribution to all members.

It was announced that the Vietnam Traveling Wall will be in Olive Branch, in June 2026, Additional information will be provided when available.

Marine Scott Burns advised members that he will be holding two 7 Days for the Troops events:

Vicksburg-Tallulah Regional Airport, Tallulah, LA, 12-18 Oct 2025

Outlets of Mississippi Mall, Pearl, MS, 8-14 Nov 2025. Will be providing food for veterans on the 11th, Veterans Day.

Commandant mentioned the 81<sup>st</sup> Guam Liberation Celebration, 2 August 2025 in Gulfport. Flyer to be distributed.

WWII Marine veteran Billy Byrd will be celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in September. All members are invited to attend and encouraged to bring any WWII veterans they know to the event. Time and place will be provided when determined.

The next Department of Mississippi Quarterly meeting will be at 0900 on Saturday, 18 October 2025, at the Pearl Parks and Recreation Building, 320 Center City Dr., Pearl, MS 39208.

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