

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Department Quarterly Meeting 27 August 2011

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Department of Missouri, Marine Corps League was called to order at 0905 on 27 August 2011 at Samuel F Gearhart Detachment Headquarters by Dept Commandant Terry.

Guest Speakers: Directors Tom Ilges and Ted Kretschmar from Midwest Marine Foundation. Gave presentation about the Midwest Marine Foundation objectives and how the FOCUS sessions they provide assist wounded Marines in making a successful transition back into civilian life.

Present:

Intro of NVC, ADVC, PDC's, Past Pack Leaders, Div Officers, Marines of the Year

A. Roll Call of Officers

Commandant: Terry, Teresa	Senior Vice Cmdt: Brooks, Jim
Junior Vice Cmdt: Fletchall, Brenda	Junior Past Cmdt: Ferrell, Dan
Judge Advocate: Box, Bob (Not Present)	Paymaster: Reed, Bob
Adjutant: Stuckmeyer, Steve	Chaplain: Hummel, Nick
Sergeant at Arms: Craig, Gregory	Auditor 1 yr: Bradley, Jerry
Auditor: 2 yr Terry, Joe	Auditor 3 yr: Seyller, Steve
Public Information Officer (PIO): Fletchall, Brenda	Vice Cmdt SE Region: Walker, Bill--Not Present
Vice Cmdt NE Region: Stuckmeyer, Steve	Vice Cmdt Central Region--Vacant
Vice Cmdt Western Region: Fletchall, Brenda	Vice Cmdt SW Region: Fagen, Al

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as read/distributed. Minutes have been posted to Department website since 02 June, 2011. First by Dave Hunter, 2nd by Lee Hollrah.

C. Correspondence

Thank you letter received from the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

Received donation from Malcolm B MacLean Detachment 1144 MCL to help tornado victims in Joplin, MO area.

Received donation from Alton Leathernecks Unit 488 MCLA to be forwarded to the Joplin Marine Corps League Detachment for assisting victims of the tornado in Joplin, MO.

Thank you letter received from MCL National for Dept of MO donation during Marine Week St Louis.

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D. Paymaster Report

The paymaster report was read and filed for audit

E. Report of Members or Members Family Sick or in Distress ---Chaplain

- Reported number of deceased members since last meeting
- Sick/In Distress: Marine Floyd Miller had major back surgery & is going through therapy. Marine Rick Smythe is having chemo therapy for bladder cancer and will be having surgery soon. Marine Jerry Bradley is going through chemo therapy for colon cancer. Marine Forrest Riley is recovering from a broken neck.
- Death Notices need to be submitted to the Chaplain soon after a Marine passes.

F. Report of Officers

Commandant: Reported on status of Joplin area Marines and families and the help received from Mike Spann Detachment in Tuscaloosa, AL. A PayPal account was set up to receive monetary donations on the Dept website by Jr Vice Cmdt Fletchall and WebSgt Steve Seyller. Marine Week St Louis was an awesome event thanks to support of all Marines deployed for the event and League members that contributed time. Names of possible new members were received and passed forward to Detachments in that area of MO and 15 other states. League Growth and Retention should continue to be a strong focus for Dept. Discussion was raised by Past Cmdt Dave Hunter about the tracking ability of new membership into the League from names received during Marine Week. Tracking will be a Detachment Cmdt responsibility to report.

Sr. Vice: Worked with Joplin Detachment in coordinating donations relief assistance. Commended Paymaster for work with Joplin assistance funds. Attended National Convention. Next National Convention is in Mobile, AL and rooms are presently available. All Marines are encouraged to do Professional Development Training.

Jr. Vice: Discussed Detachment membership percentages. Dept membership as a whole is down 20%. Stated the importance of bouncing Detachment roster with Detachment PLM Report and forwarding corrections to National.

JA: No Report

Paymaster: Discussed importance of certifying Detachment PLM Reports and submitting by 31 Dec. All paymasters should ensure 990n Forms are current. If not should be corrected/submitted by Nov 15. Cmdt/paymaster's should contact Dept Paymaster if assistance is needed to submit.

ADVC Dave Hunter reiterated the importance of the PLM Report accuracy and submission. PLM's should be checked against local Detachment Rosters and corrections made/forwarded to the Dept Paymaster & National. Each Detachment should have an Excel file roster to utilize for membership rosters.

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Adjutant: Received 4 quarterly reports, if not turned in, please submit. Ensure Detachment contact info is correct and have a current phone number/name and email address on website. ROI's submitted should be complete and have contact info for each officer.

Sgt at Arms: Handouts/fliers at meetings may be limited so Detachment Cmdt's should receive and pass on to members.

Chaplain: Dept lost ten Marines since last Dept meeting. Death notices should be forwarded to Dept soon after a Marine passes. Some have been received more than 90 days after a loss.

PIO: Discussed importance of utilizing the Dept Website for Detachment events, posting relevant info on Dept Facebook page, and importance of answering emails pertinent to Department business. Provide good pass down and transition of new Detachment Officers.

Auditors: No Report

Vice Cmdt SE: No Report

Vice Cmdt SW: No Report

Vice Cmdt Central: No Report

Vice Cmdt NE: Thanked Dept Cmdt for position and looking forward to visiting Detachments.

Vice Cmdt Western: Looking forward to visiting Detachment's during next quarter

G. Detachment Reports

Northwest MO Det 180

Samuel F Gearhart Det 656

Kansas City Det 766

Southwest Missouri Det. 993

Greater Ozarks Det 1184

Warsaw Leathernecks Det 1254

South St Louis Det 183

Jeffco Det 707

Mizzou Marines Det 828

Cpl Mason O. Yarbrough Det 1081

Sgt Darrell S. Cole Det. 1195

Tripoli Marines Det 1356

St. Louis Det 184

St Charles County Det 725

Simpson-Hoggatt Det 984

Lake of the Ozarks Det 1137

Pvt George Phillips Det 1214

Old Drum Det 1374

14 of 18 Detachments represented

Detachments submitting Quarterly Reports

Detachments not represented

H. Report of Standing Committees

Marine For Life – Asked for status of Marine family in Washington, MO. Will be updating all contact info from Detachment to National level.

MCL Foundation -- will have PayPal capability for donations

Toys For Tots -- Need to track certified and non-certified donations, especially those not working with Reserve Unit. Must submit individual for certification by Feb to travel to Quantico.

Eagle Scout – Dept had 23 Eagle Scout submissions so far this year. Please turn in reports

WebSgt – Discussed valuable asset of the Dept Website and difficulty of giving information if a Detachment does not forward Detachment info/pics, etc. Awesome new membership tool if utilized.

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I. Report of Special Committees

J. Unfinished Business

Past Cmdt Ferrell discussed upcoming Midwest Division Conference at Camden on the Lake. No rooms available prior to Fri/Oct 28 due to com failure. 75 rooms booked so far. Another hotel accommodation is in work.

K. New Business

WebSgt Steve Seyller stated that the website annual fee is due. Marine Seyller made a motion to provide funds to pay the annual fee for the Dept Website hosting. 2nd by Joe McGrail. Motion passed by voice vote.

Jr Vice Cmdt Fletchall brought up lack of Dept participation for Dept Meetings. After discussion a motion was made by Jr Vice Cmdt Fletchall that each Detachment attending the next Dept Staff Meeting bring a toy to the meeting. During the Staff meeting a random drawing will be held with the winning Detachment present with their Toys for Tots Coordinator receiving all toys donated to take back for their Toys for Tots Campaign. Motion 2nd by Sr Vice Jim Brooks and passed by voice vote.

Midwest Division Vice Cmdt: Discussed the importance of submitting ROI's through all channels to include Division level, the importance of utilizing the Dept website as a recruiting tool with correct information, and utilizing Excel format for Detachment rosters, along with bouncing against PLM rosters and submitting correction in a timely manner. 35% of Detachments have no email address.

Every Marine should take advantage of the Professional Development Training. This will become a prerequisite to fill all Dept level and above positions.

Dept of MO had \$0 in donations for Toys for Tots. Discussion brought forward that majority of Toys for Tots are donated forward to 3/24 Battalion. This is good, but for the League to receive recognition, each Detachment should submit to National a report on funds received and donated with copy to Dept and Division level.

Any Detachment with 990 issues should get with Dept Paymaster and Division to help correct issues and resubmit to remedy the situation.

Jr Vice Cmdt Fletchall set up an extremely good training program to utilize for Professional Development Training. A motion was made by Wendell Webb to purchase 100 spiral bound training books utilizing funds on deposit with the Department left over from the Marine Week with the additional balance due paid by the Department. Motion 2nd by Dave Hunter and passed by voice vote.

Discussion was raised to form a Benevolent Committee, which would act on situations arising from disasters or death within the Department with the ability to transfer funds to victims. After discussion, a motion was made by Wendell Webb and 2nd by Janice Hartley, passed by voice vote to set up a committee. Committee

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will be in place by Dec 2011 Staff meeting. Guidelines will be established to ID who is eligible, circumstances involved, fundraisers to support, etc.

Good of the League

Professional Development Certificates were distributed to Detachment Marines attending the training session on July 23, 2011 by Marines Janice Hartley and Lee Hollrah.

A motion was made by Past Dept Cmdt Dave Hunter to dispense funds collected by the Department to Detachment 1356 for use to assist Joplin, MO tornado victims. Motion was 2nd by Jim Brooks and passed by voice vote.

M. Announcements

Marine Joe McGrail stated a Trivia Night will be held Sept 17, 2011 at Samuel F Gearhart Detachment to support Central MO Honor Flights.

Any United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball info from any Detachment needs to be forwarded to the Dept WebSgt for posting on the Dept Website.

Dept Convention: October 28-30, 2011 at Camden on the Lake hosted by Lake Ozark Det # 1137. Registration form and hotel info available on Dept website listed under Division Information.

Midwest Division Vice Cmdt Wendell Webb thanks all those who participated in Marine Week St Louis and stated that there will be street signs made for Marine Week St Louis auctioned off at the Division Conference.

Go to stlmarines.org to access info regarding upcoming events supporting Toys for Tots and other events supporting Marines.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1205 by Cmdt Terry. The next meeting will be at 0900 on Dec 03, 2011 at Camden on the Lake. All detachments are encouraged to be represented at convention.

Minutes submitted by: Steve Stuckmeyer, Adjutant

Approved by: