

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Department Quarterly Meeting 03 December 2011

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Department of Missouri, Marine Corps League was called to order at 0900 on 03 December 2011, at Camden at the Lake, Lake Ozarks, by Dept Commandant Terry.

Guest Speakers:

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-- Not Present	Junior Past Cmdt: Ferrell, Dan
Judge Advocate: Box, Bob	Paymaster: Reed, Bob
Adjutant: Stuckmeyer, Steve-- Not Present	Chaplain: Hummel, Nick
Sergeant at Arms: Craig, Gregory	Auditor 1 yr: Bradley, Jerry
Auditor: 2 yr Terry, Joe	Auditor 3 yr: Seyller, Steve
Public Info Officer (PIO): Fletchall, Brenda-- Not Present	Vice Cmdt SE Region-- Vacant
Vice Cmdt NE Region: Stuckmeyer, Steve-- Not Present	Vice Cmdt Central Region; Miller, Floyd
Vice Cmdt Western Region: Fletchall, Brenda-- Not Present	Vice Cmdt SW Region: Webb, Bill

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

C. Correspondence: None received

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.

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- Marine John Gonzales is recovering from a tonsillectomy and will be receiving chemo therapy soon due to cancer.
- Death Notices need to be submitted to the Chaplain soon after a Marine passes.
- **Note:** This report from August 27th meeting.

F. Report of Officers:

Commandant: Requested Department membership to join Benevolent Committee.

I welcome each of you to the lovely Lake of the Ozarks and express my sincere appreciation for your efforts in attending this quarterly conference. I also want to apologize for any confusion that this change of location and timing has created. I take full responsibility for not giving the detachment commandants more time to spread the word to your members and I pledge to improve my communication skills in the future.

At Marine Week St. Louis we took down the names of individuals who were interested in joining the League. In addition to residents of Missouri, we obtained the names of individuals in 15 other states. Our Sr. Vice Commandant is going to provide a report on the results of those names so that we can track the outcome of those efforts. We are lucky enough at this time to be looking into the formation of a new detachment in the Warren County area and the Washington Missouri area.

League Growth and Retention will continue to be a strong focus for our Department. Our Jr. Vice Commandant will be reporting on the current status shortly but I want to stress to each and every Detachment, this Department is relying upon your efforts to perpetuate the League in your areas. Make membership in your detachment something that can be viewed as worthwhile and enjoyable while still doing everything you can to help other Marines and your community.

We have two defunct detachments in Missouri which still report to National because of the existence of Life Members in each Detachment. I have prepared a letter that I plan to send to each individual Life Member in those Detachments in order to determine which detachment they would want their membership transferred to or if they would prefer to be transferred to the Marine at Large status. When this letter goes out, I expect to learn whether these life members still are alive and, if they are still alive, if they prefer to be active or passive members. I will report on my findings at the next quarterly conference.

Sr. Vice:

Jr. Vice: One grievance filed and opinion in Department.

JA: No Report

Paymaster: Discussed importance of certifying Detachment PLM Reports and submitting by 31 Dec. All paymasters should ensure 990n Forms are current. Cmdt/ Paymaster's should contact Dept Paymaster if assistance is needed to submit.

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ADVC Dave Hunter:

Past Cmdt Dan Ferrell: Get Marines trained in Professional Development.

Adjutant: No Report

Sgt at Arms: Please review proper protocol for department meetings.

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:

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

10 of 18 Detachments represented

Detachments submitting Quarterly Reports

Detachments not represented

H. Report of Standing Committees:

Marine For Life – Waiting on Memorandum of Understanding between MCL and foundation.

MCL Foundation – Any request from the Foundation should be forwarded to National Commandant.

Toys For Tots – Received 238,651 toys and distributed to 172 agencies.

Eagle Scout – Fill out reports correctly and submit to Janice Hartley

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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.

I. Report of Special Committees:

Marine of the Year Society - Past Cmdt Lee Hollrah asked that any nominations should be due by the March 2012 meeting.

J. Unfinished Business:

K. New Business:

Midwest Division Vice Cmdt: Please forward ROI copy to Midwest Div Vice Cmdt Wendell Webb.

Good of the League:

Past Cmdt Dan Ferrell made a motion to purchase a brick to be placed at the Chesty Puller Statue. Motion was 2nd by Dave Hunter. Passed by voice vote

Dick Sopp presented a check for \$4000.00 to be distributed to Joplin, MO Marines.

Captain Hunter received Citizenship Medal Gold.

Lake Ozark Detachment 1137 is collecting to install flagpole at the residence of Marine Todd Nicely. They need \$700.00. Make donations payable to Lake Ozark Detachment.

A motion was made by ADVC Dave Hunter to donate \$100.00 in support of the flagpole. Motion was 2nd by Joe Terry. Passed by voice vote.

M. Announcements:

The Marine Corps League Mid-Winter National Staff Meeting will be held February 16, 17 and 18, 2012 at the Tysons Corner Marriott in Vienna, VA

Midwest Division Spring Conference April 19-22 2012 Best Western Airport Inn, Wichita, KS. Professional Development Training will be held on Friday Apr 19th. There will also be a paymaster class during the conference.

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2012 National Convention will be in Mobile, Alabama, info TBA

Dept Convention:

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1152 by Cmdt Terry. The next meeting will be at Samuel F Gearhart Detachment Headquarters on 0900, March, 03, 2012.

All detachments are encouraged to be represented at Department Meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Steve Stuckmeyer, Adjutant

Approved by: