

**Department of Missouri
Marine Corps League, Inc.
Meeting Minutes of 9 September 2006**

Opening Ceremony at 0900 Hours:

State Commandant Richard Bollwerk called the 9 September 2006 meeting of Missouri Marine Corps League, Inc. to order. Sgt At Arms Martin Tootle posted the Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Raymond Glynn offered opening prayer. The Charter was draped in honor of Marine Doug Smith and the meeting was dedicated in his honor.

Commandant Bollwerk welcomed Past Department Commandants, Midwest Division Officers, and one guest, Doc Brown.

Roll call of Officers – all officers were present or accounted for.

Minutes of 4 March 2006 meeting were read. One correction was made – paymaster gave both an oral and written report. Paymaster John Allquist moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. Joe Terry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

No correspondence.

John Allquist gave the Paymaster's Report. Report to be filed for audit. PLM audit must be returned to Department Paymaster signed by Detachment Commandant and Detachment Paymaster to be eligible for the reimbursement of dividends. Department must forward to National prior to the end of December 2006.

Several members and family members were reported having been in the hospital during the past several months.

Report of Officers:

Commandant Bollwerk had the staff wear various uniforms authorized to be worn. Gave a detailed report of the National Convention actions. One marine from Missouri received the Distinguished Citizen Gold Medal (only two were given out). National dues for renewal and new members have been raised \$6 each. Each Detachment will need to submit a new Report of Officer Installation Form indicating what the change of dues are for the detachment – send report to Department Paymaster. National recommends each detachment commandant should have the most recent copies of the Ritual Manual, Bylaws with all changes, and Guidebook for Detachment Officers. Marines Helping Marines was given approval to run a national fundraiser – raffle tickets were passed out. The tickets are to be sold only within the local detachments-not the public. Visited various detachments.

Senior Vice Commandant – oral report

Junior Vice Commandant – oral report – one new detachment is being formed in Warsaw, also spoke on National’s MAP program.

Judge Advocate – there are two grievances being currently reviewed.

Chaplain – written and oral report

Sgt at Arms – oral report

Auditors – no report

Advisors – no report

Report of Detachment Commandants – received either written or oral reports from all detachments except for the following: Charles M. Cable, Greater Ozarks Detachment, Northwest Missouri Detachment, Saint Louis Gateway Detachment.

Reports from the following Vice Commandants - Eastern, St Louis, and Western Regions were either written or oral.

Legislative Representative William Rupp and Marine for Life Wendell Webb gave written or oral reports for their respective Standing Committees. Toys For Tots Greg Knox is currently attending a conference in Alexandria, VA.

No Special Committees.

Unfinished Business – Department Bylaws Committee – if anyone would like to be considered for the committee, please contact Commandant Bollwerk.

New Business:

Consideration of changing the Department website host is tabled until the December meeting.

PDC Hunter moved and Dannie Weddle seconded that the Department purchase a flag streamer ring. Motion passed.

Good of the League:

PDC Hunter recommended that all the detachment commandants go back to their respective detachments and discuss the possibility of increasing the Department dues and bring their recommendations back to the December Staff meeting. The Department has not raised the dues in approximately 15 years.

We need to register all authorized delegates for future conventions so we can receive the maximum voting power that we are allowed.

PDC Hollrah was presented with a Distinguished Marine Certificate of Appreciation.

Announcements:

Midwest Division Fall Conference October 20-22, 2006 Lake of the Ozarks hosting
Midwest Division Spring Conference April 13-14, 2007 St Louis Gateway hosting
Department Convention June 8-10, 2007 Cpl Mason O. Yarbrough hosting
Next staff meeting December 2, 2006

Commandant Bollwerk would like to meet with all Past Department Commandants immediately after this morning's meeting upstairs in the bingo room.

Devil Dog Growl following this meeting upstairs.

With no further business, proceeded with Closing Ceremony. Sgt At Arms closed the meeting at 1035 Hours.

Respectively submitted,

Janice Hartley,
Adjutant

Detachment Bylaws received:
Cpl Mason O. Yarbrough Det 1081
Lake of the Ozarks Det 1137
St Charles County Det 725