

Dept of Mississippi Marine Corps League
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
28 Jan 2023

Meeting was called to order at 0905 by Department Commandant. There were a total of 17 members present.

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

Roll call of Department Officers and Detachment Commandants.

Department Officers

Commandant	Clifton Addison	Present
Sr. Vice Commandant	Harry Sharpe	Present
Jr. Vice Commandant	Wanda Magers	Present
Judge Advocate	Robert Hall	Present
Jr. Past Commandant	Ron Polk	Absent (excused)
Aide-de-Camp	Rex Moody	Present
Adjutant	Ric Polleck	Present
Paymaster	Chuck Junek	Present
Chaplain	Jerry Blaylock	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms	Pat Tutor	Present
Web Sergeant	Chris Woxen	Absent(Excused)

Detachment Commandants

Det. 173, Wanda Magers	Present
Det. 175, Jerry Blaylock	Present
Det. 715, Karl Aderer	Present
Det. 1073, Andrew Baggott	Present
Det. 1078, Ed Stutler	Present
Det. 1101, Virgil Cole	Present
Det. 1220, Scott Burns	Present
Det. 1331, Al Newman	Absent, excused, Not Represented
Det. 1431, Edward Sanders	Present
Det. 1454, Darryl Davis	Absent, excused (Not Represented)
Det. 1460, Harry Sharpe	Present

Officer Reports

Adjutant: Motion was made and seconded to waive reading of minutes from last Department meeting since the 8 Oct 2023 meeting minutes are available through the Department website. Motion passed without objection.

Paymaster: Reported that as of 24 Jan 2023 the Department had a total of \$12,964.01: \$4,845.26 in the regular account, \$200.00 in the disaster relief account, and \$7,918.75 in the YANKY 72 account. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion passed without objection. Paymaster noted that several Detachments are delinquent in IRS and MS Secretary of State filings. Urged them to get filings up to date/

Sr. Vice Commandant: No report.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Reported 36 new members, and that the recruiting contest continues. Winners to be announced at the Department Convention

Judge Advocate: No report

Sergeant at Arms: No report.

Chaplain: Reported Advised that the Department lost 11 members in 2022.

Adjutant: Reminded Commandants that Marine of the Year and Associate Member of the Year nominations are due by lunch break at the Department Convention on 29 Apr. Referred to SOPs located at the Department website.

Commandant:

- Reviewed and discussed Detachment's Q2-23, Quarterly Reports and Detachment Annual Reports. Advised Detachments to submit updated annual reports if needed.
- Discussed conduct of Detachment meeting. Encouraged contact with long time members who weren't coming to meetings.
- Encouraged community involvement and support by Detachment members.
- Reminded Detachment Commandants that all forms, reports, etc., need to be submitted electronically and that fillable report forms are available at the National library website.
- Advised that the Mid-Winter National Convention was scheduled for 23-15 Feb, in Norfolk, VA; the 2023 SE Division Conference would take place in N. Charleston, SC, 16-19 Mar; that the Dept of MS Annual Convention would be held at the Imperial Palace Casino and Resort in Biloxi, 28-29 Apr 2023, and that the 100th Anniversary MCL Annual Convention will be held 14-18 Aug 2023 in Oklahoma City, OK. Details for all scheduled conventions are available through the Department website.
 - Asked Detachments to bring auction items to the Dept Convention
 - Advised that he expected National, Division, and MODD Kennel Officers to attend.
- Encouraged Detachments to review latest League by-law changes, available at the National website, and to update and submit to Department Judge Advocate their Detachment by-laws.
- Advised that the Department was in need of a new Web Sergeant.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Commandant noted the need to hold a Department fund raiser, or for Detachments to donate funds to the Department. Discussion of how funds were used ensued, followed by a motion being made to purchase a custom rifle for auction, with all Detachments selling tickets. Motion was seconded and passed without objection.
- Members advised that Detachment 1073 would be having a Marine Corps Birthday Ball in Hattiesburg on 16 Nov 2023 and that all members are invited.
- Detachment 173 will host the 2024 Department Convention.

Good of the League

- Discussion of legislative activities in which the League was/is involved:
 - Bill being considered to lower the disability rating for reduced vehicle registration costs (2 cars/trucks and 1 motorcycle) from 100% to 70%.
 - Future proposal to lower disability rating for reduced property taxes and other licensing from 100% to 70% being considered.
 - Commandant proposed creation of a committee to visit with state legislators to discuss veterans' issues. Several members offered to sit on proposed committee.

Nomination of Department Officers

- Nomination for 2023 Department Officers was opened. Follow nominations were put forth:
 - Commandant: Clifton Addison
 - Sr. Vice Commandant: Harry Sharpe
 - Jr. Vice Commandant: Jerry Blaylock
 - Judge Advocate: Robert Hall

Nomination period will remain open until the Department Convention meeting on 29 Apr.

The next Department of Mississippi Quarterly meeting will be at 0830 on Saturday, 29 Apr 2023, at the Imperial Palace Resort Spa, Ballroom 2, 850 Bayview Ave, Biloxi, MS.

Closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 1135.