Meeting was called to order at 0830 by Department Commandant. There were a total of 32 members present, including Department of MS members and guests.

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

A memorial service was conducted honoring fallen members. Each fallen member’s name was read and candles were lit in their memory.

Commandant introduced visiting dignitaries from National, Division, and neighboring Departments.

Roll call of Department Officers and Detachment Commandants was conducted.

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**Officer Reports**

Adjudant: Motion was made and seconded to waive reading of minutes from last Department meeting since the 29 Jan 2022 meeting minutes have been posted to the Department website. Motion passed without objection.

Paymaster: Reported that as of 27 Apr 2022 the Department had a total of $16,812.65: $6,038.69 in the regular account, $200.00 in the disaster relief account, and $10,573.96 in the YANKY 72 account. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Paymaster Report as presented. Motion passed without objection.
Updated members on Detachment Compliance regarding submission of forms and filing with the IRS and MS Secretary of State.

Sr. Vice Commandant: No report.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jr. Past Commandant, acting on JVC’s behalf, presented membership recruitment awards:

First Place: Jerry Blaylock and Don Woodson (Tied)
Third Place: Billy Henderson
Fourth Place: Don Woodson

- Discussed VA Medical Center Wall of Honor and the need for supporting the Medical Center.
- Discussed the need for detachment recruiting brochures.
- Discussed the need for veterans to register with local Veteran Service Officers.
- Discussed the importance of recruiting new members in the 35-55 year old age group.

Judge Advocate: Advised that he still needs updated Detachment Bylaws from five detachments.

Sergeant at Arms: No report.

Chaplain: No report.

Adjutant: Informed member of letters of appreciation received from the MCL Foundation and from Toys for Tots Foundation.

New Business

Commandant discussed creation of an Ad Book for future Department conventions and whether each detachment should be tasked with selling a certain dollar amount of ads.
- A motion was made and seconded to encourage each detachment to solicit for ads, but no minimum dollar amount was specified. Motion passed without objection.
- A motion was made and seconded to spend $150.00 to buy an ad in the 2022 National Convention Ad Book.

Commandant discussed PTSD and suicide prevention and mentioned the forthcoming Dept of Veterans Affairs suicide hotline.

Commandant advised that all forms must now be completed electronically and that any handwritten forms would be returned to the submitting detachment. Also discussed the future of electronic fund transfers (EFTs).

Commandant discussed Yanky 72 memorial observance scheduled for 9-10 Jul at crash site.
- BBQ and concert scheduled for 9 Jul
- Memorial service, color guard, and changing of flags scheduled for 10 Jul

Commandant discussed the need to help homeless veterans and the various programs available to assist.

Election of Department Officers. No additional nominations were made and motion was made and seconded to close nominations. Motion passed without objection. As there were no additional nominations, the below officers were elected by a single vote:
- Commandant: Clifton Addison
- Senior Vice Commandant: Harry Sharpe
- Junior Vice Commandant: Wanda Magers
Judge Advocate: Robert Hall

In addition to the elected officers, the following officers were appointed:

- Jr. Past Commandant: Ron Polk
- Adjutant: Ric Polleck
- Paymaster: Chuck Junek
- Chaplain: Jerry Blaylock
- Sergeant-At-Arms: Pat Tutor
- Marine 4 Life: Harry Sharpe
- Web Sergeant: Chris Woxen

Jerry Holt, SE Division National Vice Commandant, installed those elected and appointed officers present.

Good of the League

Jerry Holt, SE Division National Vice Commandant discussed MCL Foundation Scholarship Fund. Advised that MCL members, spouses, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren are eligible to receive scholarships. Forms are located at the MCL library website and must be completed and submitted properly or they will be rejected. Asked that all detachments donate $100.00 annually to support the scholarship fund.

Advised that there is over $60,000.00 in the Division Disaster Relief Fund and that the Division was considering buying a trailer and stocking it with items needed to assist in recovery efforts, such as chainsaws, generators, etc. Trainer would be deployed to disaster sites as needed.

- A motion was made and seconded to donate $500.00 to the Division Disaster Relief fund. Motion passed without objection.

Advised that delinquent dues members will be dropped of the National rolls and roster after about one year. They currently remain on the roster for over two years.

Awarded flag streamers to detachments that were represented at the 2022 Division Convention.

Tom Hazlett, 59th Chief devil Dog, discussed the importance of submitting accurate transmittal.

Discussed the League’s support of the Marine Corps League's Youth Physical Fitness Program, and encouraged members to reach out to local high schools to solicit their participation in the program. Mentioned the need for volunteers at meets. Asked that each detachment donate $50.00 annually to support program.

- A motion was made and seconded to donate $100.00 to the Youth Physical Fitness Program. Motion passed without objection.

Provided contact information for anyone interested in getting involved: Phone: (717) 420-0623

- admin@usmarinesyouthfoundation.org
- twhaz@comcast.net
- 59thchiefdevildog@gmial.com
- usmarinesyouthfoundation.org

James Roy, Dept of LA Sr.Vice Commandant discussed the use of social media in recruiting new members and encouraged members to join the MCL Facebook site. Advised that MCL HQ information is available on YouTube and advised that there’s no cost to view them.

Mike Francis, a member of the National Public Relations Committee, stressed the importance of the proper warning of uniforms, especially in pictures submitted to National. Advised that pictures that showed
members not in proper uniforms would not be used. Advised members that when using social media in any League-related capacity, that politics should be avoided, and that any pictures posted should be within the bounds of good taste and decency. No ‘racy’ or ‘otherwise objectionable photos.’

Advised that the League is seeking a woman Marine Purple Heart recipient to help support the creation of a nation Purple Heart registry.

Guest Speakers

Steven Palazzo, U.S. House of Representative’s member, discussed current national and global events as well as veterans issues being considered by congress.

Teddy Reeves, Director of Outreach for MS Veterans Affairs discussed at length the assistance available to veterans, to include:

- Home Loans
- Assistance in filing claims
- Job placement

Discussed ongoing efforts to improve the State’s four veteran retirement homes, including moving the Jackson facility to a new location.

Discussed benefits for reservists.

Mentioned that there is ongoing discussion to relocate the Mississippi Veterans Museum from Camp Shelby to Hwy 49, and to establish a new veterans cemetery adjacent to the museum after it’s moved.

Encouraged members to visit the Outreach website frequently to remain aware of changes, and invited members to visit their offices in Hattiesburg. [www.msva.ms.gov/benefits](http://www.msva.ms.gov/benefits)

Awards

The Commandant presented the following awards:

- Certificate of Commendation for assistance in Tennessee Flood Relief to the Diamondhead and Hattiesburg Detachments
- Distinguished Service Award
  - Pat Tudor
  - Chris Woxen
  - Jerry Blaylock
  - Rex Moody
  - Chuck Junek
  - Robert Hall
  - Wanda Magers
  - Harry Sharp
  - Ric Polleck
  - Ron Polk
- Department Distinguished Citizenship Award
  - Harry Sharp
  - Pat Tudor
  - Ron Polk
  - Robert Hall
  - Pat Murphy
• Individual Meritorious Commendation
  o Chuck Junek
  o Ric Polleck

The next Department of Mississippi Quarterly meeting will be at 0900 on Saturday, 23 Jul 2022, at the Pearl Community Center, 2414 Old Brandon RD, Pearl, MS

Closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 1230, until 1900 at which time the banquet will commence.

Banquet

  Colors were presented and opening ceremony conducted.

  Guest speaker 1stSgt Yeoman, I&I Staff, SeaBee Base, Gulfport, spoke about his experiences with today’s young Marines; their motivation and devotion to duty.

  Chuck Junek was named 2022 Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Jack Lucas Pound #379, Pound Dog of the Year

  Ric Polleck was named 2022 Department of Mississippi Marine of the Year.

Announced that the Diamondhead detachment will host the 2023 Department of Mississippi State Convention, date and location TBD.

Closing ceremony was conducted and convention closed.