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Pledge of Allegiance



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Recognize National Officers

Introduce the head table
for welcome comments



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2026 Department Convention Location?

Meeting in Recess
Reconvene in separate rooms



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Memorial Service



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Business Session

Officer Reports & Committee Reports



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Detachment Commandants Report



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Standing Committees

Toys for Tots
Marine For Life
Professional Development
Eagle Scout
Young Marines Program
Youth Physical Fitness



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Convention Committees

Bylaws Committee: Kevin Enlow

Resolutions Committee: Kevin Enlow

Nomination Committee:

Audit & Budget Committee:

Mike Lee, Brian Burlingame, Cheryl Witthar



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Unfinished Business



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New Business

- Consider a motion to accept Audit Committee Report,
Approval of Budget for 2025-2026, Paymaster Jim Maevers
- Consider a motion to establish the Department membership dues as per Article VII, Section 700 of the Department Bylaws.
- Consider a motion to establish Delegate fees for 2026
Department Convention



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New Business

Set Dates for 2025-2026 Department Meetings:

Possible Dates: Sept. 2025, January 2026, Mar. 2026, Jefferson City

June 2026, Convention Hosted by:

Consider a motion to purchase a full-page advertisement in the National Convention Program cost \$200

Consider a motion to Donate \$500 to the Marine Corps League Foundation at National Convention.



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New Business

Consider motions for changes to Department Bylaws
(Recommendation from Bylaws Committee)

Election of Department officers for 2025-2026

(Slate of Officers from Nominating Committee)
Nominations will be accepted from the Convention floor



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Any other New Business to come before the body



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Good of the League

S.O.S.

Save Our Selves
Presentation



South St. Louis Detachment, MCL 183
2025

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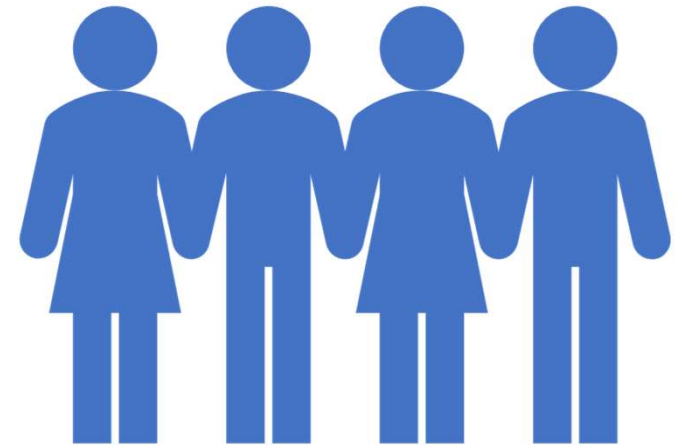
Our mission is to improve mental health for veterans through education, advocacy, and by facilitating access to mental healthcare opportunities, with a primary focus on reducing veteran suicide.

We are dedicated to providing resources, raising awareness, and advocating for accessible and effective mental healthcare services to support veterans in their journey towards mental wellness and resilience.

Our goal is to ensure that veterans receive the care and support they need to lead fulfilling and healthy lives after their service to our nation, with a specific emphasis on preventing veteran suicide.

Education:

- Mental Health First Aid for Veterans and Family Members
 - 8 hour certification course through the National Council for Mental Wellbeing
 - Separate courses for veterans and family members
 - Required for all V SOS advocates.
 - Any veteran or family member welcome to attend their specific course
 - Cost maximum \$35 to cover books and lunch (working on acquiring grants and donations to cover costs)
 - Dates pending.
 - Have had to cancel courses due to late cancellations. Need at least 14 minimum
 - Willing to travel if we can work out timing. Contact Karen if you would like to host training at your Detachment



Advocacy

V SOS Advocates are trained in MHFA, screening tools and available resources. Veterans enrolled commit to a six month (minimum) program



At risk veterans who request the program will be assigned a V SOS Advocate

Screen for risk of substance use and suicidal ideations

Meet monthly to evaluate progress

Provide ongoing resource recommendations

We have collected a list of trusted, proven community and VA resources to help ensure the veteran is connected to needed mental health and other services. Advocates will help connect veterans in need and ensure appropriate resources are available and fully utilized.

Our ask of you-

1

Send at least one member of your Detachment to be trained in Mental Health First Aid for Veterans

- If any of your members want to be a part of this program, please have them contact us.
- Encourage other veteran organizations in your community to be a part of this project

2

Refer anyone to V SOS that may be experiencing a mental health challenge as early as possible. EARLY intervention is critical!

3

Be The Change!

- Remove the stigma of mental health challenges
- Start the conversation.
- Remind your members that it's OK to NOT always be OK!

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Presentation of Awards



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Announcements

2025 National Convention

www.MCL250.org

2026 National Midwinter Conference
February 26-28, 2026 Arlington VA.

2026 National Convention,
Indianapolis, Indiana

2027 Eastern Quadrant, ? Buffalo NY



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Announcements

MODD Growl
Location
Time



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Convention in Recess

Reconvene at Banquet