



# Marine Corps League Department of Missouri 2025 Convention Meeting Minutes



**DATE: 6/14/2025**

0830-Convention was opened by Mike Woods, Hosting Detachment #1081. The Opening Ritual was conducted, and introductions of the National Officers were made.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

*MCL PNC Wendell Webb - 62<sup>nd</sup> Past National Commandant*  
*MWD NVC Jim Maevers*  
*The Honorable 60<sup>th</sup> Chief DD CDD Alan Sanning*  
*The Honorable 59<sup>th</sup> Chief DD PCDD Tom Hazlett*  
*The Honorable 58<sup>th</sup> Chief DD PCDD Leonard Spicer*  
*The Honorable 51<sup>st</sup> Chief DD PCDD Don Garland*

Marine Corps League Auxiliary National President Dottie Sanning made opening comments.

Dottie Sanning then introduced the Department of Missouri Auxiliary President Jan Crow for opening comments and introductions.

MWD NVC Jim Maevers was introduced, Jim introduced his Division Staff and thanked the 1081 members for hosting the convention. Jim introduced the guest speaker Brenda Newburn Executive Director of Visit Cape.

The convention was turned over to the Department of Missouri Commandant, Eddie Dodson.

0850-Commandant Eddie Dodson requested Sergeant at Arms to recess the Department for the Memorial Service.

Commandant Eddie Dodson provided Memorial Service procedures to be followed, Memorial Service was conducted.

0935—Commandant Eddie Dodson requested Sergeant at Arms to reconvene the Department Convention.

**Time & Place Committee Report:**

Department meeting/convention dates for 2025 – 2026

**Dates:**

Sep 27, 2025,  
Jan 10, 2026,  
Mar 21, 2026,  
Jun ?? 2026,

Department Meeting, Jefferson City, MO  
Department Meeting, Jefferson City, MO  
Department Meeting, Jefferson City, MO  
Department Convention, TBD

## **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commandant Eddie Dodson    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Information Officer Andy Riggle     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sr Vice Jason Reimann      | <input type="checkbox"/> Vice Commandant West Lance Rider                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jr Vice Commandant Doug Robinson      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Commandant SW Fred Romaine            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Advocate Kevin Enlow | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Commandant Central Frank Livingston   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjutant Ed Witthar        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Commandant NE Mark Hoernschemeyer     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paymaster Jim Maevers      | <input type="checkbox"/> Vice Commandant East Doug Robinson                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sgt at Arms Greg Craig     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine for Life Coordinator Joe Gentile    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaplain Fred Romaine      | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys for Tots Coordinator Jon Morgan                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auditor 1 Mike Lee         | <input type="checkbox"/> Training Officer Janice Hartley                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auditor 2 Brian Burlingame | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation Officer David Hunter                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auditor 3 Cheryl Witthar   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compliance Officer Jim Maevers             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Commandant Southeast Brian Burlingame |

## **STAFF and COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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Commandant: Thanked all his staff for support over the past 2 years.

Sr Vice: Thanked the Host detachment 1081 for the convention.

Jr Vice: AB

## **Approval of Department Convention Minutes 2024 and Department Meeting Minutes for 3/25:** **(They were emailed on 3/24/25 and 6/4/25 to all Department Staff & Detachment Commandants)**

Is there a Motion to accept the Minutes as they were sent by email?

Motion by Mark Hoernschemeyer Detachment 725 to accept minutes as sent by email.

Motion Seconded by Mike Francis Detachment 1081.

No discussion, motion passed.

## **REPORT OF PAYMASTER:**

Paymaster, Jim Maevers, report given.

Judge Advocate: On File will have BL & AP to vote on.

Chaplain: Reports on File.

Adjutant: NR

Paymaster: Verbal

Sgt at Arms: NR

Auditor 1: Audit report given by Mike Lee.

Auditor 2: NR

Auditor 3: NR

Public Information Officer: NR

VCW: NR

VCSW: On File  
VCNE: On File  
VCC: Verbal  
VCE: NR  
VCSE: Verbal

**DETACHMENT REPORTS:** *Please have your Detachment reports emailed to Dept Commandant, Paymaster, and Adjutant no later than 14 days prior to Quarterly meetings, allowing compilations, and totals reporting.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Missouri Det # 180                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lake of the Ozarks Det # 1137     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South St. Louis Det # 183         | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Ozarks Det # 1184                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Louis Det # 184                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sgt Darrell S Cole Det # 1195     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Samuel F Gearhart Det # 656                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pvt George Phillips Det # 1214               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JeffCo Det # 707                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Warsaw Leathernecks Det # 1254               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Charles County Det # 725                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tripoli Marines Det # 1356                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mizzou Marines Det # 828                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Drum Det # 1374                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simpson-Hoggat Det # 984                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cpl Richard Scott Haymes Det 1393 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest MO Det # 993                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poplar Bluff Det # 1473           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cpl Mason O Yarborough Det # 1081 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Area Marines Det # 1495              |

Marine For Life Coordinator: NR

Eagle Scout: Verbal

Training Officer: Verbal

Young Marines: NR

Youth Physical Fitness: Verbal

MWD NVC: National Scholarship Forms are available. Registration for National Convention is available online. Presented the Gold Award to 101-year-old Iwo Jima Marine, Ken Littrel. New Color Guard manual out. New Ritual manual online. Convention streamers will be mailed out for those in attendance.

Toys for Tots Coordinator: NR

Legislative Officer: NR

Compliance Officer: In MWD report

#### **Bylaws Committee:**

12 Attendees representing 7 detachments. We will vote on 11 BL & AP submissions.

#### **Nominating Committee Report: Recommended Officers:**

Commandant: Jason Reimann

Sr Vice: Kevin Enlow

Jr Vice: Mark Hoernschemeyer

Judge Advocate: Ed Witthar

#### **Resolution Committee:**

None

#### **Audit & Budget Committee:**

Mike Lee gave a verbal audit report. Kevin Enlow Detachment 183 made a motion to accept the audit report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt White Detachment 725, discussion, motion passed.

**Budget Committee:**

Jim Maevers presented a proposed budget for 2025 - 2026. Stel Steller, Detachment 725, made a motion to accept the budget as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Francis, Detachment 1081, discussion, motion passed.

**New Business:**

Kevin Enlow, Department Judge Advocate, made a motion to keep the annual membership fees to the Department at \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt White, Detachment 725, discussion, and motion passed.

Jim Maevers, MWD NVC, made a motion to keep the delegate fees at \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Campos, Detachment 183, discussion, motion passed.

National Convention ads are due 1 July, Commandant Eddie Dodson entertained a motion from Fred Romaine, Department Chaplain, to place a full-page ad in the program for \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Lee, Detachment 183, discussion, Mike Lee will draft the ad, motion passed.

Jim Maevers, delegate detachment 1081, made a motion to donate \$500 to the Marine Corps League Foundation at the National Convention, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Burlingame, Detachment 1473, discussion, motion passed.

Ed Witthar, Department Adjutant made a motion for the Department to purchase the case carrying the documents of the Department Judge Advocate for a onetime \$100, this would be paid to the outgoing Judge Advocate, Kevin Enlow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Hoernschemeyer, discussion, motion passed.

Mike Lee, Detachment 183, made a motion to move \$3K to the Morgan Stanley account, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Webb, Detachment 993, discussion, motion passed.

Mark Hoernschemeyer, Detachment 725, made a motion for \$500 to be donated to RFTW, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Romaine, Department Chaplain, discussion, motion passed.

Department Bylaw Article X, Proposed New section 1005, committee recommendation to reject, already in Bylaws, motion to reject made by Mark Hoernschemeyer, Detachment 725, 2<sup>3d</sup> by Brian Burlingame, Detachment 1473, discussion, motion passed.

Proposed Bylaw change of Department of Missouri to comply with the National Bylaws and set up quorum requirement. The committee recommends accepting, motion made by Jim Maevers, delegate 1081 to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Webb Detachment 993, discussion, motion passed.

Proposed Bylaw change of Department of Missouri to comply with the National Bylaws and set up quorum requirement. The committee recommends rejecting it because the previous one was more detailed, motion made by Jim Maevers, delegate 1081, to reject, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Romaine, Chaplain, discussion, and motion passed.

Department Bylaw change article IX section 900, amendments. The committee recommends accepting because of the detail in the submission process, motion made by Mark Hoernschemeyer, Detachment 725, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Riggle, Detachment 725, discussion, motion passed.

Department Bylaw change article IX section 900, amendments. The committee recommends rejecting because it takes the Department Adjutant out of the submission process, motion made by Jim Maevers, delegate 1081, to reject, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Romaine, Chaplain, discussion, and motion passed.

The Department of Missouri AP change to enclosure A, dated 21 Sept 2024, committee recommends rejecting because it is a duplicate submission, motion made by Mark Hoernschemeyer, Detachment 725, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt White, Detachment 725, discussion, motion passed.

Department of Missouri AP change to enclosure A, dated 10 April 2024, committee recommends accepting, motion made by Brian Burlingame, Detachment 1473, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Campos, Detachment 183, discussion, motion passed.

Department of Missouri Americanism award Nomination Instructions Enclosure D, committee recommends accepting associate member nominations for the award, motion made by Mike Lee, Detachment 183, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Munday, Detachment 180, discussion, required a hand count, motion passed.

Department of Missouri AP addition to section 7001, committee recommended rejection because it's a budget line already approved, motion made by Andy Riggle, Detachment 725, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Romaine, Chaplain, discussion, motion passed.

Department of Missouri AP addition section 3025, to clarify parliamentary authority, committee recommends accepting, motion made by Stel Steller, Detachment 725, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Francis, Detachment 1081, discussion, motion passed.

The Department of Missouri AP changes to section 4030 to clarify the right of non-voting member attending convention, committee recommends accepting, motion made by Mark Hoernschemeyer, Detachment 725, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt White, Detachment 725, discussion, motion passed.

Teresa Terry: Credential Committee gave report on Detachment eligible delegate vote count.

1130-Commandant Eddie Dodson requested Sergeant at Arms to recess the Department Convention till 1230.

1245-Commandant Eddie Dodson requested Sergeant at Arms to reconvene the Department Convention.

## **ELECTIONS:**

1245 - Commandant, Eddie Dodson, turned meeting over to\_PNC Wendell Webb - Election of Department Officers for 2025-2026.

The election protocol was followed with the following results:

Commandant: Jason Reimann

Sr Vice: Kevin Enlow

Jr Vice: Mark Hoernschemeyer

Judge Advocate: Joseph Ed Witthar

Wendell Webb declared all officers elected or appointed by acclamation and election closed.

Commandant: Jason Reimann

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Wendell announced the appointed officers selected by Jason Reimann.

Adjutant                      Brian Burlingame

Paymaster                    Jim Maevers

Chaplain                     Teresa Terry

Sgt at Arms                 Greg Craig

Web Sgt                      Andy Riggle

Cheryl Witthar              Auditor 1

Cindy Langness             Auditor 2

Frank Livingston            Auditor 3

Mike Lee                    VCE

Frank Livingston            VCC

Jim Haftrarczk              VCNE

Brian Burlingame            VCSE

Fred Romaine               VCSW

Tim Munday                 VCW

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

Mike Kennemann Detachment 183, presentation VSOS.

Stel Seller Detachment 725 made a motion that the Department of Missouri sponsor 10 participants at \$35 each total \$350 to attend the VSOS class, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Campos Detachment 183, discussion, motion passed.

Ed Witthar thanked the Department for donating to RFTW and discussed the RFTW mission.

Jason Reimann gave an update on Kevin Jackson.

Darren Rueter gave a presentation of the Birthday Celebration in Jefferson City, MO at the state capital building at 1330 on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.

Andy Riggle discussed we adopt momarines.com as the Department of Missouri website, Mike Francis, Detachment 1081 made a motion to adopt the website, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Webb, Detachment 993, discussion, motion passed.

Rae Lyn Munoz gave a presentation on Vietnam Wall at Perryville, MO and Detachment Commandant 1081 made award presentations to deserving members of their detachment.

Commandant Eddie Dodson presented awards to his staff.

Brian Burligame talked about the Kauffman Foundation dental assistance.

Greg Craig, Sgt at Arms, explained the proper way to enter and exit the convention floor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

MODD Growl to begin immediately after meeting  
National Convention 2025 Grapevine, TX  
National Midwinter Conference Feb 26-28, 2026, Arlington, VA  
National Convention 2026 Indianapolis, IN  
National Convention 2027 Buffalo, NY

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1340-Commandant Eddie Dodson requested Sergeant at Arms to recess the Department until the Grand Banquet, 1900.

1900-Commandant Eddie Dodson requested Sergeant at Arms to reconvene the Department Convention.

Jim Maevers read the meaning of the purple heart table.

Guest Speaker Greg Doolin presentation on The Freedom 13 Foundation.

Banquet protocol was followed, special recognition was given, and annual awards presented.

Marine of the Year – Floyd Miller of Detachment 656  
Associate of the Year – Karen Bolhuis of Detachment 183  
Newsletter Award – Detachment 183  
MODD of the Year – Matt White of Pound 86  
Newly elected and appointed officers were sworn into office by PNC Wendell Webb.

Commandant Jason Reimann turned the Banquet over to The Ladies Auxiliary for recognition of Officers and newly elected Officers for 2025 – 2026, and Ladies Auxiliary Member of the Year.

The Ladies Auxiliary turned the Banquet back over to Department Commandant Jason Reimann.

Commandant Jason Reimann requested Sergeant at Arms to close the department convention.

Sergeant at Arms closed the department convention until they reconvene TBD, 2026 for the purpose of official business.

Respectfully Submitted

Ed Witthar

Adjutant

Note\* Minutes dictated from audio recording.