



Marine Corps League

Department of Missouri

Quarterly Meeting Minutes



DATE: 01/10/2026

Opening Ceremony: At 0902, meeting was declared open by Department Commandant Jason Reimann, Sgt-at-Arms declared the quarters were secure and all present were qualified to remain. We have a quorum. Colors were posted and Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chaplain, Marine Teresa Terry gave the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

X	Commandant Jason Reimann	X	Vice Commandant SW Fred Romaine
X	Sr Vice Kevin Enlow	X	Vice Commandant Central Frank Livingston
X	Jr Vice Mark Hoernschemeyer	X	Vice Commandant NE Jim Haftarczyk
X	Judge Advocate Ed Witthar		Vice Commandant East Mike Lee (absent)
X	Adjutant Brian Burlingame	X	Vice Commandant SE Brian Burlingame
X	Paymaster Jim Maevers		Toys for Tots Coordinator Jon Morgan (absent)
X	Sgt at Arms Greg Craig	X	Training Officer Janice Hartley
X	Chaplain Teresa Terry		Legislative Assistant Dave Hunter (absent)
X	Auditor 1 Cheryl Witthar	X	Eagle Scout Coordinator Janice Hartley
X	Auditor 2 Cindy Langness	X	Marine for Life Coordinator Joe Gentile
X	Auditor 3 Frank Livingston	X	Focus Marines Liaison Wendell Webb
X	Compliance Cheryl Wiithar		
X	Public Information Officer Andy Riggle		
	Vice Commandant West Tim Munday (absent)		

RECOGNITIONS:

(Dignitaries)

- MCL 62nd PNC Wendell Webb
- MWD NVC Jim Maevers
- National Officers Currently Serving
- Division Officers Currently Serving
- Dept Officers / Committee Chairs Currently Serving
- Detachment Officers Currently Serving
- Past Dept Commandants
- Past National MOYS
- Past Division MOYS
- Past Department MOYS
- The Honorable Jr Vice Chief DD Mike Francis

- All Kennel Officers

Honorable 60th Chief DD PCDD Alan Sanning, 59th Chief DD PCDD Tom Hazlett, and the 58th Chief DD PCDD Leonard Spicer were present at the quarterly meeting.

(Visitors)

- No visitors attended today.

Approval of 2025 Department September Quarterly Minutes as were published

Emailed in Nov from the Department Adjutant to all Department Staff and Commandants

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

Motion by **Marine Mark Hoernschemeyer** to accept minutes as sent by email.

Motion Seconded by **Marine Matt White**.

Further Discussion: NONE, **Motion Carried**, Minutes ACCEPTED as were sent.

CORRESPONDENCE: No official from Commandant or floor. Commandant wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and hopes 2026 is a good year.

REPORT OF PAYMASTER: (on file and Verbal)

(Finances) Paymaster, Jim Maevers, report given on National, Division, and Department, report has been filed as required. **(Paymaster provided all reports to Adj is anyone needs or wants to review)**

- From last meeting the two approved reimbursements for both the Department Commandant at National Convention (2025) and to Detachment 656 for associated costs were briefed and associated deposits with all accounts.
- Paymaster shared the Morgan Stanley Register with Teresa Terry and Wendell Webb who are assigned to the Investment Committee. Accounts continue to grow
- All Detachments PLM's have been submitted in a timely manner.
- All budget items that were laid out for 2025 look good.
- Unbudgeted amount is \$1574.25
- I track transmittals as well. As of June 2025, at convention, we had (304) renewals of Regular Members, (53) New Members, (71) renewal for Associate Members, (56) new Associate members, more new Associates than new members, much of this is from Warsaw Detachment Marines. We had (5) renewals for Dual Members, (4) Life Regular Members, (2) Life Associate Members, (1) Transfer.
- I am still tracking NOD, no transmittal required, email both sides of chain, additional info same as was published in September Department Minutes regarding NOD.

(Paymaster)

- All new forms that came out of National are posted on the MOMARINES.COM website. These include new applications, new transmittals (please use these) easier for Department Paymaster, all forms are fillable.
- Some changes include New Transmittal will use Profile #, so will NOD, and Detachment ROIs now include Profile #, Name, email, and phone number (NO ADDRESSES).
- From a Division Level, Detachment Annual Reports are important to NVC. **ANY DATA** better than **NO DATA!**
- Need all data over last 6 months in multiple categories for NVC to report to National by end of month. Data is anything your Detachments due, events, community service hours, honors, etc.

(Mostly For Paymasters): Discussed here verses New Business

- Paymaster is requesting permission to transition to an Electronic Transfer of Transmittals to the Department Paymaster for review and acceptance, then request a Fund Transfer Electronically or paper version from the Detachment PM to the Department Checking Account.
- Paymaster then does Electronic Transfer of Transmittal, and National Payment is direct from PM to National. Currently about 10 % are being processed this way. This was introduced about 4 years ago but didn't grow legs. If we could get all on board in the next 18 months that would be great.
- (Two Motions)-#1 Authorize the paymaster to establish an account with EFT Corporation on behalf of the Department to receive electronic funds from the detachment to the department. Motion by Kevin Enlow, 2nd by Fred Romain, no discussion, motion voted on and carried. #2 Authorize paymaster to electronically submit National Dues that are received from the Detachment to National HQ's from the Department Operating Account, motion by Adjutant, 2nd by Fred Romain, discussion on fees, Detachment will cover their fees and fees for department will be covered by Department. Motion voted on and carried.

REPORT OF MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS: (Teresa Terry) no report on file

- Chaplain briefed all sick and distressed. Please keep everyone in thoughts and prayers. Lots of flu and COVID are going around.
- Jason briefed that Kevin is slowly making improvement. Process of getting primary provider x 3 days per week. Tunnels for Towers in final stage with family, working on property and house that is ADA compliant. Christmas Eve, full sentences, still being fed. Continue prayers.

STAFF and COMMITTEE REPORTS:

X	Commandant- Jason Reimann	X	Vice Commandant (SW)- Fred Romain
X	Sr. Vice- Kevin Enlow	X	Vice Commandant (Central)- Frank Livingston
X	Jr. Vice- Mark Hoernschemeyer	X	Vice Commandant (NE)- Jim Haftarczyk
X	Judge Advocate- Ed Witthar		Vice Commandant (East)- Mike Lee Absent
X	Adjutant- Brian Burlingame	X	Vice Commandant (SE)- Brian Burlingame
X	Paymaster- Jim Maevers	X	Marine 4 Life Coordinator- Joe Gentile
X	Sgt-at-Arms- Greg Craig		Toys for Tots Coordinator- John Morgan Absent
X	Chaplain- Teresa Terry	X	Training Officer/Eagle Scouts- Janice Hartley (Upstairs)
X	Auditor 1- Cheryl Witthar (Gave report)	X	Youth Physical Fitness Coordinator- Paul Campos
	Auditor 2- Cindy Langness		Young Marines- NEED NAME OF REP/Absent
	Auditor 3- Frank Livingston	X	Focus Marines Liaison- Wendell Webb
	Public Information Officer- Andy Riggle	X	MCLF- Ed Wittar
	Legislative- Dave Hunter Absent	X	Compliance Officer Cheryl Witthar
X	Vice Commandant (West)- Tim Munday	X	MWDNVC- Jim Maevers

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

Commandant: (Verbal)

- Jason stated that hopefully 2026 will be a great year for everyone. Everyone acknowledges receipt of emails from Jason.

- He hopes to travel to all detachments in 2026, and he will be attending the 2026 Mid-Winter Convention in Arlington VA. Announced that Cheryl Witthar is now the Department Compliance officer, if you need help with 990 and ROI's, please contact her.
- Goal for Commandant is to get all (18) Commandants in the room.

Sr Vice: Kevin Enlow (**On File, Verbal**):

- Ditto on Commandants' comments.
- Re-emphasized that if you have Marines deserving of awards from Department or above, please submit to Sr. Vice (Kevin). Make sure if submitting for Department MOY Award, that you follow the rules.
- MOY nominations are due NLT the March Department meeting. For MOY see enclosure "C" for Associate of the Year (AOY) see enclosure "E". June 12-14 Department Convention.

Jr Vice: Mark Hoernschemeyer (**Verbal**):

I am still getting kick back emails when I send out information. Please double check ROI and make sure information is correct. Continue to recruit and attempt to get unpaid members to pay their renewal dues.

Judge Advocate (Verbal):

- Updated Department By-Laws are on MOMARINES.COM site.
- I've received some Detachment By-Laws, they been endorsed and returned, greatly appreciated.
- Proposal to National regarding Enclosure 3, Section 10 on Medallions 2025 edition, on National Website under Conventions #15, check and read it, let's talk about before we blow up my phone.
- F/U with item Sr. Vice briefed as a potential oversight. Enclosure 3, nominations documents for may also be emailed to the Sr. Vice or Chairperson of Committee if you know who that is. For some reason this was included in line "C" but not in D, E, or F. Does anyone know why or when?
- So under this I am asking in compliance with section 9:10 to be authorized to add this into D, E, and F as a clerical error, which prevents us from having to file an amendment through the chain. If allowed all awards can be emailed to Sr. Vice or assigned Chairperson. Motion made: By Ed Witthar, 2nd by Marine Martin, no further discussion, motion carried. Marine Frances brought up that do we require Wet Signatures or electronic, members agree electronic will be authorized in conjunction with recent approved motion that was carried.

Adjutant (Verbal):

- Couple things. Thanks to those that submitted reports, keep doing the right thing. I received a total of 10/18 as of meeting time, if you still have them, please submit it to me.
- Reminded everyone that each of you, especially the Commandants, took an oath to uphold the traditions, follow rules and guidelines, so we know the right thing to do, so do the right thing, it's that simple.
- I sent all detachments an example tracking log from Detachment #1473, use as a guide to track hours and events. I will be adapting it over the coming weeks to make sure it's user friendly and compiles the data needed for reports to be given by the Department Commandant, and the National Vice Commandant at the Division level.
- Please account for everything you do, travel, planning, phone calls, rehearsals, zoom meetings, and execution. I used 183 Honors as an example, they conducted 296 funerals in 2025, this was not 296 hours but a total of 7400 actual hours of time to make these honors happen. This is what we want to paint a picture of at all levels.

Sgt at Arms: NR

Chaplain: Marine Teresa Terry briefed the Sick and Distressed earlier and briefed all Passed Members that she had received. Sr. Vice also made sure she was aware of Iwo JIMA Veteran from Detachment 183 that passed the day prior to the meeting, Marine Ken Kentrell. Proper paperwork to follow to Chaplain and Fred.

Auditors 1,2,3, Auditor's 2 and 3 deferred to Auditor 1 and Compliance Officer for brief. Cheryl Witthar stated Paymaster Finances have been reviewed and 3-month audit in order and aligned with the minutes from previous quarter.

Public Information Officer:

- MOMARINES website is now your landing source for all information.

VCW: ROF (Tim Munday) Not Present but Info from Report

Detachment #180 Northwest Missouri:

- Holding regular monthly meetings on the first Thursday of the month (7pm) at the VFW Post 1668 Building (St. Joseph)
- I attended the October 9th, November 13th, & December 11th regular Detachment meetings.
- On November 9th, I attended the Detachment's Marine Corps Ball in St. Joseph.
- The Detachment is very active in various events, including supporting the community in conducting Military Honors at funerals/memorial events, recruiting three new members, donation to the "Strike Out Cancer" fundraiser, donating an electric wheelchair to the Cameron's Veterans Home.

Detachment #984 Simpson-Hoggatt:

- Holding regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month (7pm) at the VFW Post 5789 Building (Lee's Summit)
- I attended the November 20th & December 18th regular Detachment meetings.
- On November 8th, I attended the Detachment's Marine Corps Ball in Kansas City.
- The Detachment is very active in various events, including fundraising (Hillbilly Bingo), social events (family dinners, monthly breakfasts), Toys-For-Tots, participation in various memorial recognition/services, providing numerous Eagle Scout Awards, visiting the Show-Me Christian Youth Home Open House, a Veterans Sporting Clay Shoot, services, a car show, as well as other various activities throughout the Detachment's area.

VCSW: ROF (Fred Romain) All is going well.

Detachment #993 Southwest Missouri:

- Holding monthly detachment meeting. Have gained several new members. Held detachment picnic, holding a pistol shoot and holding 250th Marine Birthday Ball and holding Christmas party with several Family members in attendance.

Detachment #1184 Greater Ozarks:

- Working on gaining new members, having monthly meetings. Held Birthday meeting at Coltns steak house.

Detachment #1195 Sgt Darrell S Cole:

- Reports on recruitment of new members. Having regular meetings.

Detachment Joplin.

- Working with Brad Maxwell who is willing to help restart a detachment in Joplin.

CC: (Frank Livingston)- NR, all is good. He said he will do a report and send to Adjutant

CNE: (Jim Haftarcyk)- He was unaware that he needed to submit report, but he and I talked and it will be forthcoming. Detachments are working well together. Thanks to Paul from Detachment 183 for support while government was shut down.

VCE: (Mike Lee) NR – was absent from meeting, email adjutant

VCSE: ROF (Brian Burlingame)

- Detachments 1473, 1081 and 1495 good. 1081 recent Leadership change as Commandant resigned, Mike Fusher will take over. Attended Detachment 1495 most recent meeting. I stated to all detachment Commandants and staff officers at the meeting that regardless of any issues you have with levels above your detachment, you took an oath and you need to uphold **ALL THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND FOLLOW MCL RULES AND GUIDELINES** that come with it.
- Marines deserve to be recognized beyond your detachment and receive and learn information about league matters outside your small footprint. They deserve to know.
- In addition, there are requirements and information needed from Commandants to Department and Division level officers that allow them to meet their responsibilities for reporting to the National Level. There's a chain of Command and processes for concerns and grievances, use them, do your job or step down!

Marine for Life: (Joe Gentile, Verbal)

Joe stated he met Marine Greg Vitale; legs amputated not as a league member but is a member of ALP. Needs some assistance for personal and medical expenses. Joe made a motion to department asking for a \$500 donation be made to help this Marine, motion was seconded by Marine Chuck Covert, no further discussion, **the motion was carried**. Ed (JA) stated to have the Marine go to MCLF and apply and see what happens.

Toys for Tots: No report submitted or briefed as John was absent.

Training Officer: (Verbal) Reminded everyone about Eagle Scout numbers and gave short brief about the upcoming training being conducted at the end of January.

YPF: (Paul Campos, Verbal)

- I'm still hopeful that detachment YPF representatives will be assigned and report to him. Personal mission to visit detachments over next year. Visited 707 and 725, biggest challenge is FTF with the school. Both individuals in these detachments had an in. Paul wrote article for Semper Fi, will be published in next version. Plans to attend midwinter convention. Trying to get events in spring, need an appointee at each detachment. Making progress. We are ground zero in state of MO for YPF Program. Commandants, help us out.

Young Marines: NR and not present at the meeting

Focus Marines: ROF (Wendell Web)

- Currently has (4) classes scheduled for this year. March class is currently full. **March 21 thru 28 2026, June 13 thru 20 2026, September 12 thru 19 2026, and November 14 thru 21 2026**.
- Focus Marines are conducting a "**Mess Night**" on April 11th, 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm, cost is \$150 per person or \$1500 for table of (10).
- Find info about Focus Marines on the Website: (FocusMarineFoundation.com). If you have any Marine in your detachment or community that is post 9/11 have them apply, they will benefit from the program.

10 Minute Break at 10:32, Sgt-At-Arms completed duties before dismissal

Sgt-At-Arms reconvened meeting at 10:45

Compliance: NO report

MCL Foundation (ED):

- Budget will be approved at the Midwinter Convention
- Tri-fold pamphlet still working on, proof hopefully at Midwinter.
- General Gray Coin Fundraiser- collect \$25 K thank you!
- Working on Corporate Business Sponsorships- look at National By-Laws Membership levels for donations to MCLF
- Hoping to get a report from attendee of the Grant Writing Course
- Ed is the Midwest Division Rep for MCLF
- Finances from 2025, (159) scholarships at \$628 each. Since the Department Convention we have helped (6) Marines with an average of \$22k per Marine.
- Donations so far, \$99K from an Estate Bequest, \$16k from other donations. We are looking good, remember the Marine Corps League Scholarship Foundation has been in existence for 60 years and has \$12 (m) dollars the MCLF has existed since 1998 and we have about \$1.2 (M).
- Our request from the Foundation is \$1000 per department and \$100 for each detachment in our State and Division.
- Mailing Address for the MCLF- (MCL Foundation, PO BOX 15136, San Diego, CA 92175, if sending check or you can VENMO to Ed @ Ed-Wil

DETACHMENT REPORTS: Please have your Detachments email your Quarterly Report to the Department Adjutant NLT 7 days prior to Quarterly meetings, allowing compilations, and totals reporting. I as the Department Adjutant will ensure that our Department Commandant is briefed on reports received and Paymaster if necessary.

12/18 Reports Received

	Northwest Missouri Det #180	x	Cpl Mason O Yarborough Det #1081
x	South St. Louis Det #183	x	Lake Ozarks Det # 1137
x	St. Louis Det# 184		Greater Ozarks Det # 1184
x	Central Missouri Det #656		Sgt. Darrell S Cole Det # 1195
x	JeffCo Det # 707	x	Pvt. George Phillips Det # 1214
x	St. Charles County Det# 725		Warsaw Leathernecks Det # 1254
	Mizzou Marines Det # 828	x	Richard Scott Haynes Det # 1393
x	Simpson-Hoggat Det # 984	x	SSgt. Eric Summers Det # 1473
x	Southwest MO Det # 993		Mineral Area Marines Det #1495

Detachment # 180- Not Present NO Report

Detachment # 183- ROF- (152) members, (4) new joins. Approximately 30% attending meetings, Honors (72) in quarter, 296 for 2025. Lost IWO Jima Marine yesterday will conduct Full Honors for him, detachment has a fully accredited VSO who has assisted (8) Marines. Detachment provided \$600 in donations to two organizations. Toy for Tots Campaign they presented a check to 3/23 for \$23K and collected 500 toys, and had (1) Eagle Scout.

Detachment # 184- ROF- (1) new member they are getting 2-3 attending each meeting. Looking good over all.

Detachment # 656- ROF- 250th Birthday Cake Cutting main event in last quarter, they have gotten (7) new members.

Detachment # 707- ROF- (1) new member for the year, 25-40 % attending meetings, diligently working to ID a YFP Representative.

Detachment # 725- ROF- Last quarter (5) Eagle Scouts conduct a couple Honor Guards and Color Guards. Participated in Celebration of Lights, collected a few trucks of toys for Toys for Tots Campaign, attended the Capitol Cake Cutting, and working on YFP Representative.

Detachment # 828- Not Present, NO Report

Detachment # 984- ROF- Successful Birthday Ball, (5) Eagle Scouts, Toys for Tots Campaign went well, they had a Homeschool Group that collected \$900 worth of Toys and donated them to the detachment. Invited by local business to a Thanksgiving event. They recently changed their Officer/BOT meetings to Zoom verses in person, seems to be working well. Currently we have a raffle for \$300 Gift Card giveaway.

Detachment # 993- ROF (no additions to add)

Detachment # 1081- NO REPORT but will receive one at some point. - Recent leadership change as Commandant Mike Woods resigned. Sr. Vice Mike Fisher will take over. Successful Birthday Ball with Detachment #1473, not sure on Eagle Scouts if any awarded, Toys for Tots very successful, and SOS Fundraiser being conducted.

Detachment # 1137- ROF- (59) members, (6) Color Guards and (2) Honors, participated in Wreaths Across America. Detachment donated \$2000 to Fort Leonard wood Marines to help some families. Delivered Christmas present to Marines house.

Detachment # 1184- (Not Present, NO Report)

Detachment # 1195- ROF (not present)

Detachment # 1214 – ROF- Attended 250th Birthday Cake Cutting in Jeff City. 30-32% attending meetings. (281) Eagle Scout Awards for 2025, (180 +) from July-December. On personal note, Joe's Disability rating was raised from 10% to 20%.

Detachment # 1254- Not Present, NO Report

Detachment # 1393- ROF- Great Marine Corps Ball. Have participated in few parades and Wreaths Across America. Have elected a new Commandant. Looking forward to upcoming changes and direction under her watch.

Detachment # 1473- ROF- Great MC Ball with 1081, participated in Wreaths Across America, Spoke at the Fisk Elementary School. Toys for Tots Campaign was great, helped 356 kids, collected about 1500 toys and received about \$5400 in donations. All info has been given to our coordinator for her report.

Detachment # 1495- Not Present, NO Report

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Department Convention 12-14June 2026. St. Charles Detachment #725 bid for Department Convention, Sheraton Westport Chalet, St. Louis. Free parking, \$159 per night Thursday-Sunday, Deadline for Registration 22 May 2026. Four choices for meals, Devil Dog Paperwork to PDD Syler if advancing. Registration forms passed out. For all information go to MOMARINES.COM click on link for 2026 Convention. Motion to accept Hue Nesbit, Marine Lindsay #656, no discussion, **motion carried**.

- Jason reiterated about ROI's and Awards. Jason asked for motion to take our full-page ad in Midwinter Program. **Motion Mike Frances, 2nd Chuck Culvert, motion carried.**
- Training Coming up at end of January, Janet stressed that it would start at 0900 promptly. Finished by lunch. Download training manual.

MIDWEST DIVISION NATIONAL VICE COMMANDANT (Jim Maevers)

- Midwinter next month
- Midwest Division on Division Website 30 April-3 May (Friday PM training begins), Business meeting on Sat, elections will take place, Bob Borka will be there. Todd Nicely Guest Speaker
- Agenda for Midwest Division will be ready at next meeting
- Philip Du- National VAVS Representative. Brian Burlingame is new Division VAVS-CDCE Representative.
- VSO Program- Chief Hazlett and Nathan from Detachment #183, only two VSO reps for MCL in Division. It is a commitment. Certification process, Chief Hazlet can help with this.
- More Resources: Fiscal Year VA Benefits Report from Philip DU, state of MO \$2 (B)
- Division meets by zoom at least quarterly. Changes are coming.

Chief Hazlett- Program not hard to go through, but position is very important, gave example of Marine who was not receiving benefits, but they helped and he received a \$250k plus check. Need to be prepared for commitment that it takes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (old business)

- Central Marines wrap up for 250th Birthday at Capitol. Thanks to everyone who came.
- Speaker was great, doing some other stuff with 656
- Total Contributions \$4050 several detachments donations of \$250
- Returned \$1425.75 back to Department. Extremely happy with \$\$ we did not spend.
- Governor, house and the senate made proclamations for us for all detachments.
- Some may have received from personal state representatives.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Any member that wants Department POLO, let Mark know.
- Awards- MCL Distinguished Citizenship Silver- Marines from Detachment #656 for work and efforts for 250th Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Celebration at the Capitol. Distinguished Citizen Award.

Teaching Moment: If anything needs to be handled on the MCL side, handle it, if you need help Commandant wants to be first to know about it, I do not want to hear about it via hearsay. Do not cross between MCL and MODD side and vice versa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Some proposed by laws for changes to be presented at 2026 National Convention are on the National Website.
- Vice Commandants get your Commandants here.
- February 15th Golf Tournament TOP Golf Detachment #725
- Growl begins half hour after adjournment of MCL meeting.

Time & Place Committee Report: (for details on these, visit MOMARINES.COM)

- Department meeting Dates for 2026

- January 10
- March 21
- Midwinter Convention- February 25-27 Arlington, VA
- Midwest Division Conference- 1-2 May in Des Moines, Iowa

Moment of silence for deceased members.

11:49: Sgt-at-Arms Retire the Colors, Chaplain Prayer, Sr. Vice Last duties of post.

Commandant Reimann requested Sergeant at Arms to Close Department Meeting.

11:51: Sergeant at Arms Closed the Department Meeting until they reconvene on, March 21st , 2026, in Jefferson City, MO at Central, MO, Detachment 656, for the purpose of official business.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Burlingame

Department Adjutant

Vice Commandant SE region

Commandant, SSgt Eric Summers, Detachment # 1473