



Marine Corps League Department of Missouri Quarterly Meeting Minutes



DATE: 03/21/2026

Opening Ceremony: At 0905, 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. After opening prayer, Commandant requested moment of silence for Marine Jerry Bradley who passed on this day just prior to the meeting convening. Sgt-at-Arms declares meeting open for the transaction of official business.

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		Vice Commandant NE Jim Haftarczyk (absent)
X	Judge Advocate Ed Witthar	X	Vice Commandant East Mike Lee
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 (upstairs)
X	Chaplain Teresa Terry		Legislative Assistant Dave Hunter (absent)
	Auditor 1 Cheryl Witthar (excused)	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
	Compliance Cheryl Witthar (excused)		
X	Public Information Officer Andy Riggie Left Early due to emergency with Marine who passed this morning.		
	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
- All Kennel Officers
- **Honorable 59th Chief DD PCDD Tom Hazlett**
- **Absent- Honorable 60th Chief DD PCDD Alan Sanning, 58th Chief DD PCDD Leonard Spicer, and The Honorable Sr. Vice Chief DD PDD Mike Francis**

(Visitors)

- Department of Texas Commandant- Marine Tony Poletti.

Approval of 2025 Department January Quarterly Minutes as were published

Emailed on February 1st 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 Fred Romaine** to accept minutes as sent by email.

Motion Seconded by **Marine Jim Maevers**.

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

Marine Maevers stated if someone does not get the minutes you can check MOMARINES.COM website and they will be posted there after Adjutant sends them out.

CORRESPONDENCE: None from Commandant or floor.

REPORT OF PAYMASTER: financial portion (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)**

- Dues process changed a bit. When you send me a check for Department/National dues, I deposit both checks into the Department account, then electronically transfer to National as was approved at the last meeting. Figured out system that works for him, Auditors checked, and understand.
- Paymaster covered all items on finances, regarding local and national dues, Morgan Stanley, accounts, budgeted items, staff reimbursements, and cost of ads from department to National for Program advertising. Paymaster shared the Morgan Stanley Register with Teresa Terry and Wendell Webb who are assigned to the Investment Committee. Accounts continue to grow, but paymaster reiterated that these would fluctuate.
- All budget items that were laid out and copies provided for Detachment Commandants and Officers.

(Paymaster)

- Data Base Portal Issues: If you are Paymaster or Commandant, and checking for previous pages within the portal you could not find any past information. If you now click on **MANAGE ALL**, it will now show all documents that have ever been submitted for your detachments. You can look at old ROI's, PLM.s, things related to your detachments. You can also access by member profiles, you can click and get info on applications submitted in case you missed an email, phone number and so on.
- National uses personal email address you list on the ROI sheet, they do not recognize emails for example, such as **commandant707@gmail.com** it must be a personal email.
- ROIs new form on both National Website and MOMARINES.COM, no longer requesting member #'s just profile ID, less info on ROI, same thing on Transmittals, new form only ask for profile ID.
- Detachment Paymasters, new EFT one check for total dues.

- Instead of new EFT Account, Jim will ask under new business for us to link account to “Zeffy”. We can see this for fundraising as well.

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

- Chaplain briefed all sick and distressed. Mike Francis, and members of Ozark detachment injured like Mike due to trees. Please keep everyone in thoughts and 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		Vice Commandant (NE)- Jim Haftarczyk (absent)
X	Judge Advocate- Ed Witthar	X	Vice Commandant (East)- Mike Lee
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)
	Auditor 1- Cheryl Witthar (NR excused)	X	Youth Physical Fitness Coordinator- Paul Campos
X	Auditor 2- Cindy Langness		Young Marines - NEED NAME OF REP/ Absent
X	Auditor 3- Frank Livingston	X	Focus Marines Liaison- Wendell Webb
	Public Information Officer- Andy Riggle	X	MCLF- Ed Witthar
	Legislative- Dave Hunter Absent		Compliance Officer Cheryl Witthar (NR Excused)
	Vice Commandant (West)- Tim Munday (absent)		MWDNVC- Jim Maevers (Not provided opportunity to give report at meeting)

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

Commandant: (Verbal)

- Jason stated he has traveled to and attended several meetings around the state , everything is good, but has noticed a steady decline in meeting attendance, including his own detachment. not sure why this is. Encourage each detachment to have Chaplains check on members and see if you can identify decline, what is not being reflected. Example one detachment (40 on roster, two meetings 8 at one and 5 members at the other). Do proper wellness checks.
- Commandant attended Midwinter convention, he recognized the following detachments who received awards: 1081 3rd place Open Rifle Service Match, 183 Americanism Award 3rd Place, Battalion Level, and MCL National HQ’s moving from Stafford, VA to old Marine Shop building on Quantico.
- 2027-2029 the Midwinter will be held in Virginia Beach, VA.
- Please see Bear or Floyd for your detachment Proclamations for 250th Marine Corps birthday Celebration at the Capitol.

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

- Marine of the Year, Associate of the Year or Americanism Awards are due by end of this meeting.

- Don't become complacent, remember we are part of National Organization so don't do stuff our own way.

Jr Vice: Mark Hoernschemeyer (**Verbal**): attended midwinter. Like Commandant stated reach out to members to make sure they are okay, need rides or whatever.

Judge Advocate (Verbal):

- Attended midwinter. Received no resolution Bylaws or AP as per our Department Bylaws Article 9, Section 900, so nothing to present to members at Department Convention.
- During 3rd quarter I've listened to (3) inquiries over the phone, we discussed over phone currently no action taken or presented to JA. So hopefully Detachments are handling their issues at their level.
- Encourage everyone to review National proposals Bylaw and AP which is on MCL member Library. Org/convention
- Talk about a couple, #15 (JA) Proposal simply clarify narrative see Eds Proposal on website.
- National JA proposes at National Convention, that Detachments must Certify their Bylaws and AP's every year, same as the Department and National do. Simple one page document that would state, "during this meeting we have reviewed and approved our current Bylaws/AP procedures on this date" then signed by appropriate individuals of Detachment.
- We have conducted a review 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 and 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):

- We received 12/18 of Detachment Reports. Last couple meetings we've discussed Activity log, we received only (3) of these this quarter along with reports.
- Make sure all Detachment Officers and members know (dd4) for PW to access the National Members Library
- I'm asking moving forward please send in your activity log along with your quarterly report and please make sure we are capturing all activities, phone calls, emails, travel time and event time.
- Reminder, the dates for Quarters of Department are as follows: 1st quarter July-Sept, 2nd quarter Oct-Dec, 3rd quarter Jan-Mar, and 4th quarter Apr-Jun. Marine Dobson brought up issue of reports due before last month of quarter is covered, options are submit for two months if third month meeting or events have not occurred yet, and submit 3rd month data on next quarterly report, or on currently report put sentence that states we will be doing (# of events for 3rd month, and our meeting will be held on whatever date).
- I am working with MWD NVC and others in creating a user friendly and potential fillable click and select type Quarterly report so that we can reduce the amount of narrative that is currently required.
- Marine Maevers stated that all Commandants etc., are currently listed on Leadership page of MOMARINES.COM

Sgt at Arms: meet gentleman who does interviews with veterans, if you do an interview, he will send your info/interview to MO State and National Archives. We currently have (10) detachments represented and (42 members) on deck.

Chaplain: No additional report.

Auditors 1,2,3, Auditor's 2 briefed that Paymaster finances have been reviewed and 3-month audit in order and aligned with the minutes from previous quarter. Auditor 3 no additions to Auditor 2 report.

Public Information Officer:

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

VCW: NR (Tim Munday) Not Present

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

- I'm visiting all detachments. When visiting both 1184 and 1195, they may only handful of members present at meetings. I've reiterated to keep pushing and representing MCL.
- Need to help detachments with tools on how to recruit or get connected for new members. Help them bring up subject of membership, who can they interview, recruiters, colleges.
- 993 connected to I&I staff, getting those who are young and getting out. Connected with Major and 1stSgt from ROTC unit.
- Jim will send Fred paperwork for starting a new Detachment.

VC Central (Frank Livingston)- NR, all is good. He said he will do a report and send to Adjutant. Cannot contact two detachments and find out why no contact, report was located.

VCNE: (Jim Haftarczyk)- (Absent) however, Commandant for CNE sent me report.

VCE: (Mike Lee) ROF

VCSE: ROF (Brian Burlingame)

- Detachments 1473, 1081 doing good, 1495 no impact no idea. 1081 going through few leadership changes, and 1473 helping some veterans from Owens Acres Veteran Homeless Shelter.

Marine for Life: (Joe Gentile, Verbal)

Joe stated Marine Greg Vitale; legs amputated not as a league member that we helped has had his house has been refurbished and he is doing well.

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

Training Officer: upstairs.

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.**

- Currently reserved two tables at the National Convention for Focus Marine Foundation and Marine For Life. Marines on waiting list for next two classes. Lots of students from Focus joining MCL.

Compliance: NO report

MCL Foundation (ED):

- Only being involved foundation for 1 year, discrepancies ID and let's move on. MCLF is your foundation. Budget will be approved at the National Convention buy BOT
- Tri-fold pamphlet with QR Code, still working on.
- Mohogany Memorial Certificate Program is being dropped no one has requested one in three years. They will have certificate and framed certificate. 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, hot and heavy.
- If you have 401K and want to donate it is tax free to foundation.
- Hoping to get a report from attendee of the Grant Writing Course
- Ed is the Midwest Division Rep for MCLF
- Finances from Feb 2025, (157) scholarships at \$600 each, \$78,500 allocated. All incomes were briefed as well as expenses.
- Aid to Marines and families, \$31,702, allocated forward, \$92 k plus.
- Issue with 5-star rating, to Platinum now fixed by updating amending articles of incorporation and registering agent. Bylaws will be updated, and budget to bot.
- Mailing Address for the MCLF- (MCL Foundation, PO BOX 4693 Lake Charles, LA 70606, if sending check or you can VENMO to Ed @ Ed-Wil

Wendell Webb asked about two Mohogany plaques they ordered last two years but did not receive, Ed will investigate these.

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- Service hours on file as well. At midwinter detachment also received Meritorious Commendation.

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

Detachment # 656- ROF- talking about going back fried potatoes again and interest in hard boiled eggs.

Detachment # 707- ROF- March 28th parade for Vietnam Vets. **Passing out 1000 American Flags**

Detachment # 725- ROF- done a Veterans Fair, holding department Convention this year.

Detachment # 828- Not Present, NO Report

Detachment # 984- ROF- elected and installed officers, Still continue with College Scholarship Fund through hillbilly bingo, (6) \$1000 scholarships provided.

Detachment # 993- ROF (no additions to add)

Detachment # 1081- NO REPORT I spoke to Commandant, continue to do lots of Honors, successful gunshow. Also brought on new member as Retired Sergeant Major.

Detachment # 1137- ROF- Thanked Mark Jason and Kevin for attending last meeting. Hope felt welcome. (3) Honor Guard, participated in Democracy Days. Special board for Scholarships, giving away (8) of these. Two people hurt recently tree accident and ankle. Slate of officers, installing at the next meeting. Magic Dragon Car show, raffle for pistol. Everyone's welcome.

Detachment # 1184- (Not Present, NO Report)

Detachment # 1195- (not present)

Detachment # 1214 – ROF- January guest speaker Todd Nicley, February guest speaker (Soldiers Memorial, detachment will visit in April, Community Easter Egg Hunt.

Detachment # 1254- Not Present, NO Report) (Jim Maevers briefed) spoke about his detachment. Doing extremely well, beneficiary of endowment that allowed them to build new building and now have over 100 members.

Detachment # 1393- ROF- going great, new set up to horseshoe format, and put in place a PA System.

Detachment # 1473- ROF- veterans Concert, Cornhole Tournament, 4th of July Parade.

Detachment # 1495- Not Present, NO Report

15 Minute Break at 10:15, Sgt-At-Arms completed duties before dismissal

10:45 Sgt-at-Arms reconvenes meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (old business)

- St. Charles Detachment #775 Convention Update, department Convention information is on the website, Mark **Hoernschemeyer** , he will be sending out to Commandants who is attending in early May.
- Department MOY and AMOY are due today by COB of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Department Commandant asks for approval of his reimbursement of Midwinter Convention. Jim Maevers made motion for amount of \$846.97, 1st by Kevin Enlow, second by Fred Romaine, no discussion, **MOTION CARRIED**
- Commandant asks that the Rules of the Convention be read by JA (Ed Witthar). All rules were read in accordance with department bylaws in enclosure B, #1-#19, MOMARINES website if you want to see them. Don't forget Committees will be meeting at Convention, auditors etc..
- Motion by Jim Maevers to authorize MO to link operating account to Zeffy for transfer of Dues. 2nd by Eddie Dobson. No discussion, **MOTION CARRIED**

- Commandant spoke about Tun Tavern initiative. Foundation needs several million dollars before they can build. Made a challenge for all detachments to brief flyers and join 1775 Club, and you can purchase bricks for \$500. Partnered with several companies. Made motion for department of MO to purchase a brick Frank Livingston, 2nd by Thad Bon. Discussion was we should pay no tax due to non-profit, 4 lines 16 Characters, EGA in Corner. Will exceed donation limit, Paymaster made everyone aware, **MOTION CARRIED**
- Motion by Jim Maevers to pay the storage and rent to Detachment 656, second by Eddie Dobson.
- Jason recognized the Focus Marine Foundation. Jim Maevers made motion for \$500 donation to Focus Marines in Honor of Todd Nicely, 2nd by Fred Romaine. No discussion, **MOTION CARRIED**

MIDWEST DIVISION NATIONAL VICE COMMANDANT (Jim Maevers)- No Brief by NVC on recording

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- No rituals that involve POW/MIA, stated about procedures that ALP uses regarding this. ED/JA will write up a proposal for adding this to ritual.
- Ed sent out letter about Eagle Coins, see him.
- Run for the Wall, Department donation, plaque at Wentzville. Ed has pins for 35th year ending Desert Storm.
- Richard brought up about no proper cloth on altar as required by MCL AP's for bible.
- Marine Covert, recognizes Sarah, COS for completion of master's degree.
- Jason recognizes Chuck Norris for Honorary Marine title
- Jim on Semper Fi Magazine stated reference on Book Fuji Fire that took place in 1979. Spoke about detachment in San Antonio.
- Commandant recognizes Tony Poletti, Department Commandant from TX. Awards, Honorable 59th Chief DD, PCDD Tom Hazlett, with Distinguished Citizen Award Silver and recognizes Kevin Enlow.
- 59th Chief, stated 1/3 of Teams were from MO. One detachment in PA gained over 30 members do to having a Marksmanship Program.

Teaching Moment: Determine why Marines not attending meeting. Utilize Marine recruiters. Get them to attend your meetings. Wendell Webb reiterated membership. Read about Donald Gilbert Cook, Marine. Awesome story!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jason and all officers make formal announcement for running again for office at Department Convention. for Some proposed by laws for changes to be presented at 2026 National Convention are on the National Website.
- MODD Growl will start at 12:15, 45 minutes.
- Mark Calendars , Department Convention, MWD Convention and National Convention

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

Moment of silence for deceased members.

11:30 Sgt-at-Arms Retire the Colors, Chaplain Prayer, Sr. Vice Last duties of post.

Commandant Reimann requested Sergeant at Arms to Close Department Meeting.

11:32 Sergeant at Arms Closed the Department Meeting until they reconvene on, June 13-14 , 2026, in St. Charles, MO Detachment 725, for the purpose of official business at the Department Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Burlingame
Department Adjutant
Vice Commandant SE region
Commandant, SSgt Eric Summers, Detachment # 1473
MWD Chief of Staff
MWD- VAVS/CDCE Representative

Semper Fi!