



# Marine Corps League

## Department of Missouri

### Quarterly Meeting Minutes



**DATE: 09/27/2025**

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.

#### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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| 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                        | X | Vice Commandant East Mike Lee                     |
| X | Adjutant Brian Burlingame                        | X | Vice Commandant SE Brian Burlingame               |
| X | Paymaster Jim Maevers                            | X | Toys for Tots Coordinator Jon Morgan              |
|   | Sgt at Arms Greg Craig (Absent)                  | X | Training Officer Janice Hartley (upstairs)        |
| X | Chaplain Teresa Terry                            | X | Legislative Assistant Dave Hunter                 |
| X | Auditor 1 Cheryl Witthar                         | X | Eagle Scout Coordinator Janice Hartley (Upstairs) |
| 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 Jim Maevers                           |   |   |
|   | Public Information Officer Andy Riggle (Excused) |   |   |
| X | Vice Commandant West Tim Munday                  |   |   |

#### 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 60<sup>th</sup> Chief DD PCDD Alan Sanning, 59<sup>th</sup> Chief DD PCDD Tom Hazlett, nor the 58<sup>th</sup> Chief DD PCDD Leonard Spicer were present at the quarterly meeting.**

**(Visitors)**

- Senior Vice – Marine Harold Wilson – Department of Kansas
- Warsaw Detachment - Marine and Wife
- Alabama Detachment-

**Approval of 2025 Department Convention Minutes):**

**(They were emailed 1<sup>st</sup> time on June 18<sup>th</sup> and a second time on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to all Department Staff and all Detachment Commandants).**

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

Motion by Marine Matt White, Detachment #725, to accept minutes as sent by email.

**Motion Seconded by Marine Jim ?, Detachment #993.**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** (Corrected, during meeting, I could not locate this since I was not connected at the time to the network)

- On September 15<sup>th</sup>, past Adjutant Ed Wittar forwarded the following information to me. Stephen Sullins (Oppenheimer Sr. Vice, and BSA Assistant District Commissioner) provided a BSA MCL Square Knot Award example, which can be earned by any Marine or Associate Member of any Detachment. I have attached the Award Certificate and Criteria for the award with our Department of MO minutes email.

**REPORT OF PAYMASTER:**

Paymaster, Jim Maevers, report given on National, Division, and Department, report has been filed as required.

**REPORT OF MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS:** (Teresa Terry)

Thoughts and Prayers for following Marines:

Mike Francis- (1081) Head Injury, Bill Wyman (1137) Surgeries, Dean Williams (1137) Hospitalized/Long term rehab.

**\*\* Member requests\*\*:** Iwo Jim Vet (184) Nursing Home, Jason Riemann- Provided update on Kevin, Mike Hobbs (707) Hospice, Nick Humel (707) Brain Tumor, Mike Francis- 59<sup>th</sup> CDD Tom Hazlett (surgery/rehab and falls from service dog (1081).

**Chaplain-** reminded all Commandants and Staff, that the Detachment Chaplains need to ensure that although Detachment Notice of Deaths are required to be submitted straight to National, Teresa needs to be sent a copy as well. This ensures that during Department Convention Memorial Service each Detachment member is recognized. If she does not get them, Convention is too late to fix the issue.

**Chaplain request moment of silence for the following Department Members:**

John Burk (725), William Melcher (656), Johnny Steven Tracy (1393), Ralph Craig (1081), John Earl Kirkem (984), Ken Beeler (1137) and Fred Evers (656).

**STAFF and COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

|   |   |   |   |
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| 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              | 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                 | x | Toys for Tots Coordinator- John Morgan                  |
| x | Chaplain- Teresa Terry                  |   | Training Officer/Eagle Scouts- Janet Hartley (Upstairs) |
| x | Auditor 1- Cheryl Witthar               | x | Youth Physical Fitness Coordinator- Paul Campos         |
| x | Auditor 2- Cindy Langness               |   | Young Marines- NEED NAME OF REP                         |
| x | Auditor 3- Frank Livingston             | x | Focus Marines Liaison- Wendell Webb                     |
| x | Public Information Officer- Andy Riggle | x | Compliance Officer- Jim Maevers                         |
| x | Legislative- Dave Hunter                | x | MWDNVC- Jim Maevers                                     |
| x | Vice Commandant (West)- Tim Munday      |   |   |

**STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Commandant: (Verbal)**

- Jason attended National Convention in Texas and has attended a couple detachment meetings, stated all detachments need to check National Website for updated By-Law and AP changes that were voted on at NC.
- Marines and Associates doing an AWESOME job!! If they rate recognition at Detachment level or above, award them appropriately.
- Look at developing a mentor type program at your detachment for new members.
- Anyone desiring to hold an office whether Detachment level or above, please educate yourself on position and responsibilities, create effective turnovers within the positions for success.

**Sr Vice: (On File, Verbal):** Reiterated about significance of awards for members. Finds lots of members doing hard work with minimal recognition. Send Sr. Vice an email with write-up if you want awards to be elevated to Department or National.

**Jr Vice: (Verbal):** Tried to reach out to all Jr. Vice's at Detachments, 5 emails came back. Please make sure I/we have correct email addresses on our department rosters, and ROIs are correct.

**Judge Advocate (Verbal):**

- Originally stated had 4/18 Detachment By-Laws endorsed so far. This was later corrected that Judge Advocate had endorsed or had on file 14/18 Detachment By-Laws.
- Pen Change, Section 200 paragraph D, scratch "men" and put all. National Section 900 is no longer required to be completed by certified mail, can now be completed via email or zoom.
- All NVC's/ANVC's must reside somewhere in the Region they represent.
- Uniforms, you can no longer wear earrings male or females. Earring cannot go past lobe. These issues may have to be addressed when membership comes up, be careful on how addressed.

- In January, JA will have clarification on Medallions and Collars, and Mike Francis pointed out to JA to include clarification that the MCL cannot dictate the wearing of the Chaplains of Four Chaplains Medallion.

**Adjutant (Verbal):**

- Introduction as Adjutant, OUTSTANDING JOB on report submission 15/18!! I sent out an email with multiple attachments as examples regarding tracking for both Department and MWDNVC requirements.
- Quarterly report, just get report to me, I'll worry about getting info in correct Department format for quarterly meeting.
- All information sent by me will be sent to Detachment Commandant and the Adjutant moving forward. Try and scan PDFs into one complete document.
- I will read all reports, please provide dates on Secretary of State/ 990's etc. Please pay attention to detachment meeting attendance and make sure you are meeting Quorum based on your By-Laws.
- When you are addressing hours completed per quarter, please make sure all hours include preparation, planning, rehearsals, travel to and from, phone calls, emails, and so on.

**Paymaster (On File, Verbal):**

- I am tracking transmittals since Convention, if no reply from National please contact Jim. As of 09.26.2025 (155) renewals regular members, (19) new regular members, (28) renew associate members, (24) new associate members, (4) renew dual members, (4) life members \$1000, (3) NOD's.
- Major changes for transmittals, NO REQ for transmittal in NOD cases, however, still needs to go up chain on both sides. Submit and copy the following individuals (JD Foster, Teresa Terry, Howard Schaffer, Jim Maevers, and Fred Romain).
- If submitting multiple page transmittals put ALL totals on TOP PAGE. For all Commandants and Paymasters, by now you should have access to the Data Base Portal, if not contact Jim.
- Access based on correct email info on ROI, cannot be personal email address. Both of you can print detachment rosters or change addresses or contact information on members.
- In Data Base remember to switch from Personal Profile to Detachment Profile. PLM Audit deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>, currently submitted PLM's are Detachments 656, 725, 1137, 1214, 1495. Should have received audit in July. These must be signed by Commandant and Paymaster, and make sure these are **DATED**. If a member passes after June 30<sup>th</sup>, should not affect your PLM for previous
- GREAT JOB on submission of 990's, when these are completed, please ensure Jim gets 1<sup>st</sup> page to verify completion whether Long Form or Post Card.
- Secretary of State Registrations DUE NOW! Recommended by paymaster to submit Secretary of State Annual Report (annually) even though option exists for 2-year submission, depending on odd/even year. One mistake can create a potential civil case if all paperwork is not aligned with ROI.
- SOS registrations, currently see completed is Department of MO, 1393, 1081, this information is part of a Compliance Report.

**Sgt at Arms:** NR (Absent)

**Chaplain:** Report on file

**Auditors 1,2,3,** Auditor 1 and 2 deferred to Auditor 3 for brief. Frank Livingston stated Paymaster Finances have been reviewed and 3-month audit in order and aligned with the minutes from previous quarter.

**Public Information Officer:** Andy's Report: Jim Maevers reported for him.

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

- Changed Tab to “DET LOCATIONS” if click brings up locations, and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> page provides Commandants and meeting information.
- Added on Leadership Page, Department of MODD, PACK info on there and will adding Auxiliary info
- (8) By-Laws, APs, and Rituals, the Department By-Laws that have been submitted are on their Changes in “RED”. National by-Laws that were updated are there for download, and see easy Spreadsheet of accepted and rejected By-Laws
- Added Department Meeting minutes from previous quarters, will probably stick to last 3-4 meetings in PDF version, others will be available if you need them.
- Welcome Aboard Packet (downloadable PDF but you can covert to Word), Correspondence you can pre-read by Semper Fi article that I will be submitting.
- Goal is easy access for all Marines, so check it out, look for pro’s/con’s, want to improve as needed based on recommendations.

**10 Minute Break at 10:29, Sgt-At-Arms completed duties before dismissal**

**Sgt-At-Arms reconvened meeting at 10:42**

**VCW:** Only thing want to do with the two detachments is conduct some officer training for officers. (Jason Commented on this, about State Training Coordinator) Janet Hartley, use her, she loves to train and travel. Dynamic event, all day. Advised all Detachments to use her services.

**VCSW:** (Fred Romain)

- I have detachments- 993,1184, 1195 , they are all in compliance of what they should be doing. I have visited all of them.
- Currently in process of working with two individuals that want to restart a Detachment in Joplin, they have location and we are coordinating.

**VCC:** (Frank Livingston)

- I have one detachment I haven’t been able to keep in contact with, paperwork is in order, but no communication. (Mizzo Marines? )

**VCNE:** (half-trac)

- Doing good, only one detachment I have not made it too, that’s Warrenton Detachment. Attempt to visit this month or next.

**VCE:** (Mike Lee) NR

**VCSE:** (Brian Burlingame)

- All (3) detachment 1473, 1081, and 1495 doing well. Been a while since I visited 1495, I will attempt to get out there, continuing conversations with Doug Robinson, will see where it goes.
- 1473 and 1081 partnering for the 250<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

**Marine for Life:** ( Joe )

- Story in August servicing car, missing tech, they said going in the Marine Corps, Joe going to Graduation, make Honorary Member once graduates to at detachment.

**Toys for Tots:** (John Morgan) Report Submitted.

- Kicks off next Thursday and Commandant and I have received the “Proclamation” from the Governor.

**Training Officer:** (Janet Hartley)- Still upstairs, no report at the meeting.

**YPF:** (Paul Campos)

- Midwest doing quite well, making lots of progress.
- We hosted an event last weekend, with 360 Scouts of America at Fall Rally, we tested 10%. Hope to coordinate and do more events this fall period.

- From results it helped us ID exact gear needed, proper set-up and support staff required.
- Just a reminder every detachment needs to appoint a YFP Coordinator to meet the Division and National FYP requirements and guidelines. (Once ID please send info to Paul).
- Success is to get one event at one school. Target audience, elementary, middle or high school, Scouting events, or Young Marines.

#### **Young Marines:** NR

#### **Focus Marines:** (Wendell Webb)

- Last month 22 students, Army, Navy, Air force and Marines. All Vets of post 9/11 from all branches are welcome.
- 21 October 25 Wendell doing a POD CAST, about how Focus Marines and MCL work together.
- If you need Trifolds, please let Wendell know.

\*\*\*\* At this point Jason stopped to address house keeping rules: IE, make sure before you leave room you salute Colors, then Sgt-At-Arms and reverse this upon return\*\*\*\*

#### **Compliance:** NO report GIVEN UNDER THIS CATEGORY

#### **MCL Foundation (ED):**

- **TELL THE STORY** of the Foundation. Only 25 % of our Marines know about the MCL foundation.
- Marines believe if they contribute to MCL Heritage Foundation, funds being received by MCL FOUNDATION (not true)
- If you want \$\$\$ to go to directly to MCL Foundation you must donate directly to them not some other umbrella.
- MCL Foundation dispersed out \$134,350 last year, only received \$30 K in donations, .75 cents per member.
- What are we trying to do to fix lack of knowledge, and donation issues: we have created an annual budget submission for approval at National Midwinter Convention, trifolds, coin fund raiser etc.
- General Gray coins gone. Has some 250-year coins and they are numbered, will auction # 500 at the MWD conference.
- At the National Convention the MCL foundation received in **one hour** more donations than the whole previous year!
- Sending an individual to (3) day Grant Writing Course.
- Follow instructions and understand requirements. If application not completed correctly, it will be rejected.

\*\*\* commandant injected, great job for 14/18 detachments present. Send a representative if Commandant can't come. Its one Saturday a quarter, **time is not priority, info getting out is**, be patience and do your part.

We greatly appreciate, everyone's hard work, and each level of success impacts the level above it.

**DETACHMENT REPORTS:** *Please have your Detachments email your Quarterly Report to the Department Adjutant NLT 7-10 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.*

#### ***15/18 Reports Received***

|   |                             |   |                                  |
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| × | Northwest Missouri Det #180 | × | Cpl Mason O Yarborough Det #1081 |
| × | South St. Louis Det #183    |   | Lake Ozarks Det # 1137           |
| × | St. Louis Det# 184          |   | Greater Ozarks Det # 1184        |
| × | Central Missouri Det #656   | × | Sgt. Darrell S Cole Det # 1195   |

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| × | JeffCo Det # 707            | × | Pvt. George Phillips Det # 1214 |
| × | St. Charles County Det# 725 | × | Warsaw Leathernecks Det # 1254  |
|   | Mizzou Marines Det # 828    | × | Richard Scott Haynes Det # 1393 |
| × | Simpson-Hoggat Det # 984    | × | SSgt. Eric Summers Det # 1473   |
| × | Southwest MO Det # 993      |   | Mineral Area Marines Det #1495  |

#### **Detachment # 180- ROF**

- 9 Honors
- Electric Wheelchair donation to local Vet
- 1 Event at the Harley Davidson Dealer
- Commandant doing a Chapel of 4 Chaplains Storytelling and telling people how they/we can be better citizens.

#### **Detachment # 183- ROF**

- 162 Members, 2 new joins, 24% attending meeting average for the quarter
- 2 Color Guards, 67 Funeral Honors
- Detachment has a certified VSO who has helped four families with disability claims
- Gave out a \$300 Grant, \$200 to the MCLF, and \$200 to Patriot Pantry
- They have a Code of Honor for Scouts, and they are bringing together (10) states of Young Marines

#### **Detachment # 184- ROF**

- Nothing additional to add

#### **Detachment # 656- ROF**

- Nothing additional to add will discuss Birthday Ball stuff under GOOD of the LEAGUE

#### **Detachment # 707- ROF**

- Veteran suicide Awareness concert is being held today 9/27
- They will be represented at the 250<sup>th</sup> Cake Cutting at the Capitol on 10 November
- Detachment will be having a Apple Butter festival last week of Oct

#### **Detachment # 725- ROF**

- 90 total members, 2 new joins
- 2 Color Guards, and 8 Funeral Honors
- They conduct several BBQs within the community
- Just held their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament which resulted in (9) Scholarships being provided @ \$1200 each
- Heavy support of Focus Marines, and they volunteered to work in the kitchen and serve class

#### **Detachment # 828**

- **Not present and no report**

#### **Detachment # 984- ROF**

- Detachment has extended its Hillbilly Bingo to both Lee Summit and Independence- originally, they had no scholarships and now through this they have created (3) scholarships
- 50/50 allows them to donate ½ to the MCLF
- Recently had their 1<sup>st</sup> Car show in partnership with local business, many lessons learned but business was happy and have now asked the detachment to be in potentially (4) other events
- Participated in 9/11 ceremony at Cemetery

#### **Detachment # 993- ROF**

- Nothing additional to add

#### **Detachment # 1081- ROF**

- Big MC Ball on 8 November with Detachment # 1473
- Honor Guard is doing very well

- Detachment Adjutant created a great Honors Activity Tracker that Jim is willing to share

#### **Detachment # 1137- ROF**

- Only (3) major fundraisers per year- Magic Dragon Car show, Bike Fest, and Turkey Festival.
- Point made that although they don't do Rose Program and some others, these first two events generated over \$10K in two days!
- Their Fundraising has allowed them to provide \$100 monthly to both the MCLF and MCLS funds and they provide a \$1500 Detachment Scholarship (3 x) per year

#### **Detachment # 1184- (will have report for next quarter)**

- **Not present and no report**

#### **Detachment # 1195- ROF**

- Nothing additional to add

#### **Detachment # 1214 - ROF**

- Joe and his detachment NEED HELP in ideas for recruiting new members. They have tried many things, but members are aging, and they are not gaining new members. Any suggestions are much appreciated.
- One member at the meeting suggested the purchase of Detachment Poker Chips, they paid about \$650 for (1000) chips. This seems to work much better than simply a business card.

#### **Detachment # 1254 ROF**

- Ivan who was present and even though he's an Associate Member, praised very highly by (Paymaster and NVC) Jim Maevers for his ability to take charge in getting their paperwork straight for reinstatement. Also praised as they have gained (16) associate members
- Hog Roast on 25 October 2025

#### **Detachment # 1393- ROF**

- Membership beginning to surge about 1-3 new members attending per meeting per quarter
- Made suggestion to invite potential Marine and Associate members to your meeting simply as a GUEST, let them see what you are doing and that you are engaged and different from other VSO's that may have created a negative experience for them.

#### **Detachment # 1473- ROF**

- Doing Great
- Currently attending Iron Horse event today in Poplar Bluff
- Recently attended the Vet Fest event at the VA Hospital and gained a new member and couple others who showed interest

#### **Detachment # 1495**

- **Not present, no report**

#### **MIDWEST DIVISION NATIONAL VICE COMMANDANT (Jim Maevers)**

- At National Convention on Sunday Board of Trustees Meeting they get a brief from Morgan Stanley, the PLM fund for FY has grown to just over \$8M dollars. Accounts doing extremely well.
- Potential to purchase a portion of building verses leasing it.
- NVC wants to reiterate the Chapel of Chaplains, at National they gave a great brief on history and so on.
- CEO/COO Bob Borka received the Legion of Honor Award
- Budget Committee brief recommended and approved (1) change, currently as of 22 July 2025, total league membership is 53,033 with 33, 388 of this being life members, this equals 63 %
  - From this no annual dues are generated, committee recommended taking a portion of the PLM fund approximately \$655k and using it to create an endowment level to cover costs and benefits afforded to life members. Minimal impact since the PLM fund is on track to grow about \$1M per year on current path.
- VSO's- (MCL wide)- currently we have (21) Accredited, (6) VSOs at Division level, and (13) in training and in processing. National hired new VSO Training officer Philip ?????



- South Dakota detachment **Jesse Kildespire** gave great presentation on Veteran Grave Site Mapping he's been working on, you can use your smart phone to ID veterans at all public cemeteries.
- Newsletter Awards- Simpson-Hoggat, Detachment 984, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Company level and South St. Louis, detachment 183, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Battalion Size- Great job! If you have newsletters submit them for awards
- Thursday of convention was National Officer Nominations- National Commandant- TJ Morgan, Sr. Vice- Russ Miller, Jr. Vice- Dave Porter, and JA- Bruce Rakfeldt- All nominees were uncontested and elected by Acclamation on Friday during the Business meeting
- NVC and others trying to determine what happens to National Reports once the convention is over, these need to be archived so leadership can locate them, while convention going download PDF.
- Great Grand Ball- 1 MEF Commander was GOH, MOY was Past National Commandant Johnny Baker, and AOY was Mario
- MOMARINES has all conferences listed for DEPT, DIV and National for 2026
- Activity Log tracking- its important, NVC will help manage from MACRO Level, will depend on Department Adjutants to manage at MICRO level working with Detachments and feed info to him. Purpose to build credence and solidifies brief to the MC and what we are doing.
- NVC likes what M4L is doing. NCV was invited and attended a zoom meeting with Midwest Region representative skip Crowley. We need to be more involved with M4L Program. Each detachment needs to have a designated M4L Rep, if no one is designated then the Detachment Commandant will be the POC.
- Focus Marines, NVC has a flyer for Raffle, all proceeds will go to Focus Marines, Jim will put flyer on the MOMARINES Site.
- NVC agrees with ED, on consistent support of the MCLF.
- If you get a chance check out Andrew Cox PODCAST. LOSTART Project with Veterans. Matt Anders and few other have been on the PODCAST. Check it out.
- Finally: Ponder what your idea detachment would look like: AGE, Activities, community support, etc.... we all have perceptions and ideas.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Commandant stated that Department still needs nominees of detachments willing to host the 2026 Department Convention. Lots of major events going on from Kansas City to St. Louis (world Cup and LPGA)
  - May have to be Ozark or South region that takes it on
  - Any detachment can host, and you can host at any location even if not in your detachment area
  - Suggestion made that may have to change from Department Convention to Quarterly meeting, or maybe it's a one-day verse 3-day event.
  - Need nominations for potential host by 30 October 2025.
- Central MO Detachment 656 will be hosting 250<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Capitol Cake Cutting, one hour event, followed by social that evening. They are working the many details; potential cost will be between \$2K and \$3100.
  - Donations to help cover cost are welcome from detachments to department.
  - After much discussion motion was made by Jim Maevers to all him to write a check from Department of MO directly to Detachment 656 for \$3000, motion was seconded by Mike Francis, no further discussion, motion carried and any \$\$ left or above total cost will be returned to the Department of MO Paymaster and over-all finances will be briefed by 656 at the January, quarterly meeting, along with submission of all receipts and so forth.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **MOTION:** Jim Maevers (Paymaster) - made a motion to reimburse Department Commandant for his attendance/expenses at the National Convention. Totals were as follows: Air Travel \$204.95 (+) Hotel \$1011.25=\$1216.20, motion was seconded by Frank Livingston, no further discussion motion carried.
- **MOTION:** Marine Steller made a motion for the Department Paymaster to follow his previous briefed financial strategy that National used to gain 15% return, Marine Ken Martin Seconded, after much discussion this motion was later rescinded by Marine Steller. After further discussion the following was recommended:
  - New motion was made by Marine Francis to create an Investment Committee that would consist of Paymaster (Jim Maevers, PNC Wendell Web, and Chaplain Teresa Terry) motion was seconded by Teresa, further discussion was that Jim will talk to Morgan Stanley Rep and they will determine the best strategy for Department funds, no further discussion, motion was carried.
- **MOTION:** Paymaster (Jim Maevers) made motion that allows him to transfer \$3k from Morgan Stanley back to Department Operating Fund which covers check to Detachment 656 for Cake Cutting, and Jason's National Conventions reimbursement.
- Commandant Jason Reimann that if any members are not familiar with or know about MYHEALTHYVET.GOV (through the VA) for them to check it out. All resources are free, and you can create Last Will and Testament and many other documents on the site.

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

- Awards:
  - Meritorious Commendation- Eddie Dobson 2023-2025 (Department Commandant)
  - Meritorious Commendation- Detachment 1081 (Hosting of Department Convention, June 2025)
  - National Convention Attendance Streamers were given to detachments
  - National Distinguished Citizen Award (GOLD)- John Morgan
  - Department Distinguished Citizen Award- Mike Lee, Nathan Ronower,
  - Department Distinguished Citizen Award (Silver)- Andrew Frania (March from Chicago, IL to DC)
- Mike Francis- Commented that detachments can award members up to Distinguished Citizen Award (Bronze), See National By-Laws, Enclosure (4), download document. He reiterated why he takes pics of everything, that will then help with associated reports that Commandants need to submit.
- Jason commented that this was 1<sup>st</sup> quarter meeting, so it was long, but reiterated his previous comments about importance of attendance and its one Saturday per quarter.
  - Teaching moment: making sure rituals are being followed, only authorized uniform item is MCL Cover with MODD dog, NO CAPS or other type hats, wearing of MOY Award, only inn undress uniform with red Blazer or higher. DO NOT WEAR WITH POLO's, T-SHIRTS and so on.
  - Jason received an email regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Frozen Chosen Challenge, December of this year, (40-mile Ruck March).
  - Check out Restoration Tun- you can join, receive emails, and get a T-Shirt for your membership
- Mark Hoernschemeyer- made a comment and reiterated the Dover detail. A non-profit 501-c3 organization who provide uniforms for Veteran's to be buried in at no cost to the family except the shipping. Dover Detail can be contacted at (321)-420-3566 or [thedoverdetail@gmail.com](mailto:thedoverdetail@gmail.com). A couple detachments have used this to help families, quick turnaround and great job!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Department of MO Pack Growl will commence 15 minutes after the last passport stamp.

**Time & Place Committee Report:** (for details on these, visit [MOMARINES.COM](http://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

**12:55** - Commandant Reimann requested Sergeant at Arms to Close Department Meeting.

**12:56:** Sergeant at Arms Closed the Department Meeting until they reconvene on, January 10, 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 3 1473