Captain "Tiger" Mayberry Detachment Meeting Minutes

OPENING CEREMONY

Call to order: TIME: 1830 DATE: April 8th, 2026 (Prepared by Sara Owen, Adjutant)

COMMANDANT: Sgt-at-Arms, secure the quarters and satisfy yourself that all present; are qualified to be present during the deliberations of this Detachment Session.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Aye, Aye, Sir. The quarters are secured and all present; are qualified to remain.

COMMANDANT: (***Shall give two (2) raps of the gavel to call to rise***), Sgt-at-Arms advance and post the colors and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Aye, Aye, Sir

COMMANDANT: The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

CHAPLAIN: (As to your religious preference, Uncover)

Supreme Commandant, we ask Thy blessing upon all here assembled. We pray for guidance in our deliberations, and that we may here exemplify the principles and purposes of our beloved Marine Corps League. We ask Thy protection and blessing for all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Navy Chaplains who have died in the service of their Country, and for all our members, both past and present. Grant that the Marine Corps League may grow and prosper in the humane purposes and principles upon which it is founded. **AMEN**

COMMANDANT: Sgt-at-Arms, declare this meeting open for the transaction of official business.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: By authority of the Commandant of the Captain "Tiger" Mayberry Detachment #658, Department of Florida, Marine Corps League, I declare this meeting open for the transaction of official business.

COMMANDANT: (***Gives one (1) rap of the gavel for the membership to take their seats***); Please take your seats.

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Roll call of members present:

Officer	Name	*Present*	Excused	Comments
Commandant	David Owen	✓		
Senior Vice	Mike Stone	✓		
Junior Vice	James Butscher	✓		
Judge Advocate	Mike Deem	✓		
Past Commandant	Mike Deem	✓		
Paymaster	Tim Deem	✓		
Adjutant	Sara Owen	✓		
Sergeant at Arms	Bob Bendlin	✓		
Chaplain	Mark Laudati	✓		
Honor Guard	David Owen	✓		
POW/MIA Chairman	Vacant	---	---	
Marine 4 Life Chairman	Mike Deem	✓		
Quartermaster	Owen McNiff	✓		
Web Sergeant	Andy Hefty	✓		
Eagle Scout Liaison	Bill Kropa	✓		
VAVS/Veterans Service Officer	Rolf Mattar	✓		
M1 Garand Armorer	Bill Leman	✓		
Young Marine Liaison	Sara Owen	✓		

GUESTS:

- Quilt of Valor Representatives.
- The wives of members: Bill Kropa, Andy Hefty, and Art Stevenson.

QUORUM: ✓ We have a Quorum ____ We do not have a Quorum

Reading of minutes: "The previous meeting minutes were sent through e-mail. If there are no (further) corrections . . . (pause) . . . the minutes are approved as read/distributed/corrected."

Correspondence:

- The Tun Alley Brick Paver Program in Philadelphia
- Volunteer to Make Christmas Special for Veterans

Paymaster (Tim Deem): (Paymaster report available for review).

Starting Balance	$10434.44	Deposits	$255.00
Expenses	$260.00	Ending Balance	$10429.44

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Report of any members or family member's sick or in distress:

- Member Mark Laudati's aunt passed away.
- Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog Mike Francis is having surgery.
- VFW Member Fred Lapangina's Celebration of Life will be May 2nd at 4pm.
- Please send prayers for all of our affected members and their families.
- For Chaplain support please contact our detachment Chaplain, Mark Laudati, at 516.880.4355 or mlau777@aol.com.

Judge Advocate (Mike Deem):

- None to report at this time.

Jr. Vice (James Butscher): Recruiting/Retention Report

- **Current Strength**: 52 Total Members (37 Life Members, 4 Associate Life Members, 1 Dual Life Member, 8 Regular Members, and 2 Associate Members).
- **Recruiting Reminder** - All members should submit emails and names of contacts a prospective letter can be sent.

Sr. Vice (Mike Stone):

- None to report at this time.

Commandant (David Owen):

- Valor Days Update: Thank you to all that came out to help run the booth.

Report of Standing Committees:

Americanism (Sara Owen): It is important that all members send in at least one photo or more of activities with veterans, church groups, VA hospital, Parades, Flag Day, POW/MIA day, Honor Flights, Fisher House, Independence Day, 2nd Harvest events, Homeless, Golf Tournaments, other organizations that help veterans or benefit Volusia County. If you belong to Prison Ministries, Local schools where you explain the history of the US Flag or give Flag etiquette classes, Church groups or other Veteran or community group that helps the county or its citizens.

- **Reminder:** Please send all photos of our members during community events or activities to Sara Owen (386.479.5165) or mclsararenee@gmail.com with a brief description for the Americanism Binder.

Awards Committee (David Owen): please submit recommendations for Awards to Sr. Vice Commandant.

Youth Scholarship Committee (Mike Deem, Sara Owen, Rolf Mattar, Mick Mazzoni)

- As of 9/10/2025, $500 is reserved from the General Fund as an annual Youth Scholarship.

Veterans Relief (David Owen, Rolf Mattar, Mike Merritt, Tim Deem, John Hanes): Identify and sponsor any veterans that may need assistance. Support our fundraising events which provide funds for veteran assistance. Review Policy and discuss future procedural steps.

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Report of Fundraising:

- **50/50 Drawing Winner:** March: Owen McNiff; April: Mike Merritt
- **Ads for 2026 Ad Booklet – MCL Det & Volusia YMs (Sara Owen)** – We are collecting ads for the 2026 Booklet. Get your ads in soon!

Marine for Life Program (Mike Deem): If anyone is interested in joining him or learning more about this program, please contact Mike Deem (305.726.9529).

Eagle Scout Program (Bill Kropa):

- None to report at this time.

Toys for Tots (Tim Deem, Mike Merritt, Sara Owen, and Denise Mattar):

- None to report at this time.

Honor Guard Captain (David Owen): The Honor Guard is in dire need of members. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Honor Guard, contact David Owen (386.453.3948).

- **May 23rd** – Presenting colors for Purple Heart.
- **May 25th** – Firing detail for Ponce Inlet Memorial Day Ceremony.

YM Marine Liaison (Sara Owen):

Volusia Young Marines meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month at the Salvation Army (1555 LPGA Blvd; Daytona Beach), from 0800-1400. As always, Marine Corps League members are invited to attend our events.

- **Current strength**: 7 Young Marines, 8 Recruits, 8 Adult Volunteers
- **April 11th** – Recruit Graduation at 1200.
- **April 18th** – Booth at Lakeside Jazz Festival in Port Orange.
- **May 9th** – Veterans Expo at the AmVets Post 2 in Edgewater.
- **May 16th** – Presenting Colors at Armed Forces Day in South Daytona.
- **May 29-31st** – Camping at Hontoon Island in DeLand.
- **June 25-29th** – Regiment Encampment at Camp Blanding, $275 per camper, looking for sponsors and donations.

Social Media/Facebook (Andy Hefty): Check daily for new Facebook posts and please share posts to your contacts. When we share events, share them with friends and the groups we all follow.

- The new Detachment website is up and running: https://mcldaytona.org/

VAVS Report (Rolf Mattar):

- If any members have questions about the VA facilities, please contact Rolf Mattar with your questions, 407.310.6674. Rolf attends quarterly meetings of the VA.

Report of Special Committees:

- None at this time.

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Unfinished Business:

- The detachment is still in need of a POW/MIA Chairman.
- Fundraisers – Discussion to do the Pirates' Cove Golf fundraiser night or similar.
- Present a Certificate of Appreciation to The American Roaster.
- March 11th - Motion passed to spend up to $200.00 on 4 new Detachment Vehicle Magnetic Signs (cost approx. $38.50 each). Senior Vice Mike Stone brought in examples for everyone to vote on.

New business:

- **Motion made to purchase a brick from Tun Alley Brick Paver Program in Philadelphia for $500.00**:

  1st Motion by: Mike Deem 2nd Motion by: Sara Owen
  Discussion: Discussion between members. Determined $500.00 is a lot of money to purchase a brick in another state and suggested to purchase a brick from a local organization that is running the same type of fundraiser. Bob Bendlin offered to find an organization. Discussion **TABLED** until next meeting.
  Vote: YES: NO: Motion Passed: YES: NO: ✓

Announcements:

- **Events**: See attached Calendar of Events

Good of the League:

- (Mike Deem) Cell Phones for Soldiers. Get a free Cell Phone for 2 Years.
  - https://cellphonesforsoldiers.com/
- (Mike Deem) May Meeting Guest Speaker – Ann from Senior Helpers
  - https://www.seniorhelpers.com/fl/daytona/
- (Mike Deem) June Meeting Guest Speaker – Olivia from Clover Medical
  - https://wecareaboutveterans.com/
- The new Detachment Coins are in! If you would like one, contact Commandant David Owen. They are $10 each.
- (Mark Laudati) The Carolina Museum of the Marine is scheduled to open to the public on **June 8, 2026**, located at Lejeune Memorial Gardens in Jacksonville, NC.
- Next Detachment Sunday Breakfast on **Sunday, April 12th at 0900**.
  - LOCATION: First Watch (1765 Dunlawton Ave Suite 104, Port Orange).
- Next Coffee & Donuts at the VA on **Friday, May 22nd at 0730-1000.**

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CLOSING CEREMONY

COMMANDANT: There being no further business, we will proceed to close. (***Commandant gives two (2) raps of the gavel for all to rise***) The Detachment will stand silent in respect for our deceased members. ***If none; membership will stand for a moment . silence.***

CHAPLAIN: Without orders, reads the names of recently deceased members.

COMMANDANT: Sgt-at-Arms, Retire the Colors.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Aye, Aye, Sir and gives Hand Salute and Ready to as the Colors are retired.

COMMANDANT: The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

CHAPLAIN: (As to your religious preference, Uncover)

Supreme Commandant, we humbly beseech Thee to bless what good we have accomplished and forgive that which we have done amiss. As we separate to go our several ways, we commit ourselves to thy loving care. **AMEN**

COMMANDANT: Sr. Vice Commandant perform the last duty of your post.

SR. VICE COMMANDANT: Marines, that the Captain "Tiger" Mayberry Detachment #658 thanks you for your attendance, and requests you to secure new members, and further, that you favor us at every future meeting with your presence as far as your circumstances will permit.

COMMANDANT: Sgt-at-Arms, declare this meeting of the Captain "Tiger" Mayberry Detachment #658, Marine Corps League officially closed.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: By authority of the Commandant of the Captain "Tiger" Mayberry Detachment #658, Marine Corps League, I declare this meeting officially closed until **May 13th, 2026** when it will be reopened for the transaction of official business.

Adjournment: TIME: 1940 DATE: April 8th, 2026

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, Time: 1830

Next Meeting Place: VFW Post 3282; 5810 S Williamson Blvd, Port Orange, FL 32128

ATTENDANCE: See attached roster.

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CALENDAR EVENTS (updated 4/08/2026)

APRIL 2026

- **April 6th (1800)** – Detachment Board Meeting at Outriggers Tiki Bar & Grille (200 Boatyard St, New Smyrna Beach)
- **April 8th (1830)** – Detachment Business Meeting at VFW Post 3282.
- **April 12th (0900)** – Detachment Monthly Camaraderie Breakfast at First Watch (1765 Dunlawton Ave Suite 104, Port Orange).
- **April 17-18th** – Department of Florida Spring Conference.

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- **May 9th** – Veterans Expo at the AmVets Post 2 (1209 S Ridgewood Ave, Edgewater).
- **May 11th (1800)** – Detachment Board Meeting at Outriggers Tiki Bar & Grille (200 Boatyard St, New Smyrna Beach)
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- **May 16th (1000)** - Armed Forces Day Ceremony (3000 Bellemead Dr, Daytona Beach Shores).
- **May 22nd (0730-1000)** – Detachment is serving Coffee and Donuts at the VA Clinic (1776 N Williamson Blvd, Daytona Beach).
- **May 25th (0900)** – Memorial Day Ceremony (4931 S Peninsula Dr, Ponce Inlet)

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- **June 8th (1800)** – Detachment Board Meeting at Outriggers Tiki Bar & Grille (200 Boatyard St, New Smyrna Beach)
- **June 10th (1830)** – Detachment Business Meeting at VFW Post 3282.
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