



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

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The Minutes of The Marine Corps League Department of Arkansas, Southern Division.

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Meeting Location: Hyatt Place, Rogers, Arkansas (NWA #854)

Date of Meeting: May 6, 2023

Time: 1300 Hrs.

Members per sign in sheet: 17

Guests per sign in sheet: 1

Regular Members in Attendance:

1. Ken Summers
2. LaKing Harris
3. Larry Wakefield
4. Paul Garrett
5. John Smallwood
6. David Niemann
7. Dwight Witcher
8. Allen Farley
9. John Wilson
10. Jim Howington
11. Tom Wright
12. Randy Rigg
13. Frances Wilson
14. Larry Bayette
15. Ed Anderson
16. Cyndy West
17. Jerome Pettit

Guests in Attendance:

1. Cameron Harris

Minutes of May 6, 2023, made available to the assembly in type form:

Call to Order:

Commandant Larry Wakefield

Roll Call of MCL Department Officers:

- A. Commandant: Larry Wakefield, Present
- B. Sr. Vice Commandant: John Smallwood, Present
- C. Jr. Vice Commandant: David Niemann, Present
- D. Judge Advocate: Kathy Jefferies, Absent
- E. Jr. Past Commandant: Paul Garrett, Present
- F. Adjutant: Ken Summers, Present
- G. Paymaster: Stephen Green, Absent
- H. Chaplain: Cyndy West, Present
- I. Sgt-At-Arms: Todd Roberts, Absent
- J. Web Sergeant: Ken Summers, Present

Roll Call of MCL Department Detachment Commandants:

- A. Sidney S. McMath/532: Colin Gorman, Absent
 - 1. Representative
 - a. Paul Garrett
- B. NW Arkansas/854: Dave Nieman, Present
- C. Texarkana/1149: Ken Summers, Present
- D. River Valley/1248: Gary Sanders, Absent
 - 1. Representative
 - a. John Wilson
- E. Herbert A. Littleton/1261: Ed Anderson, Present
- F. Lake Dardanelle/1310: Allen Farley, Present
- G. Dale W. Lanford/1323: Tony Hacker, Absent
 - 1. Representative
 - a. Dwight Witcher

Previous Meeting' Minutes: Ken Summers

- A. Read By Department Adjutant
 - A. Ken Summers
- B. Motion Made to accept minutes by Paul Garrett, Seconded by Ed Anderson.

Paymaster's Report: Stephen Green

- A. January, February, March, April
- B. Paymaster's Report read by Department Commandant Larry Wakefield.
- C. Motion made by Larry Bayette to accept Paymaster's Report as read pending audit. Seconded by LaKing Harris.

Chaplain Report: Cyndy West

- A. Cyndy West - Report
- B. Ed Anderson – Report
- C. David Niemann – Report
- D. Dwight Witcher – Report

Senior Vice Commandant Report: John Smallwood

- A. Thank you.
 - 1. Texarkana
- B. Medal of Honor Memorial
 - 1. Donation of \$1000
 - 2. By Department of Arkansas
- C. Commandant's Council
 - 1. Better Timing for classes during conventions
 - 2. Hospitality Room
 - 3. Silent Auction Items
 - 4. Recruiting
- D. Memorial Day Ceremony
 - 1. Arkansas State Cemetery, North Little Rock
 - 2. May 29, 2023, 1000 hrs.
- E. Carry the Load
 - 1. Walking from Vermont to Dallas
 - 2. Stopping at the Gold Star Monument in Little Rock
 - 3. Arriving May 23, 2022, 1530 hrs.

Junior Vice Commandant: David Niemann

- A. Retention and Recruitment
 - 1. Like help and assistance

Judge Advocate Report: Kathy Jeffery

- A. Resigned

Detachment Reports:

- A. Sydney S McMath/532
 - 1. Paul Garrett - Read
 - a. Honors committee
 - b. Community Outreach Program
- B. NW Arkansas/854
 - 1. David Niemann
 - a. Attached written report.
- C. Texarkana/1149
 - 1. Ken Summers
 - a. Attached written report.
- D. River Valley/1248

1. John Wilson
 - a. Funeral Honors
 - b. Detachment name change
 1. Thomas A. Payne.
 - c. Scouting America
 - d. JROTC
 - e. Walmart Donations

- E. Herbert A. Littleton/1261
 1. Ed Anderson
 - a. Attached written report.

- F. Lake Dardanelle/1310
 1. Allen Farley
 - a. Attached written report.

- G. Dale W. Lankford/1323
 1. Dwight Witcher
 - a. Attached written report.

National Vice Commandant Southern Division:

- A. Jim Howington
 1. Wants to see more membership at meetings.
 2. All elected officers need to attend Department meetings.
 - a. Department and Detachment
 3. Chain of Command
 4. Respond to texts and emails.
 5. Mid-Winter Conference
 6. Purple Heart Ceremony
 7. Southern Division Paymaster/Adjutant
 - a. Stephen Green
 - b. Tyler, Texas

Department Commandant Report:

- A. Southern Division Conference 2023
 1. Department Report
 - a. Reports – All Detachments completed.
 1. 990N
 2. PLM Audit
 3. Secretary of State
 4. Report
 5. ROI
 - b. Complied with all National By-Laws and Procedures

1. Compliance Officer
2. Honor Guard
 - a. Funerals
 1. 329
 - b. Man Hours
 1. 2729
3. Color Guard
 - a. Ceremonies
 1. 52
 - b. Man Hours
 1. 191
- a. Televised
 - a. Light to Unite Program
4. Toys for Tots
 1. Funds Donated
 - a. \$10, 596
 2. Man Hours
 - a. 1580
 3. Toys Distributed
 - a. 64,045
5. Recruitment and Retention
 - a. Membership
 1. New
 - a. 20
6. Civic Activities
 - a. Marine Corps League Foundation
 - b. College Scholarships
 - c. Placing of Headstones and Footstones
 - d. Placing Flags on Gravesites on Holidays
7. Conference Notes
 - a. Bob Borka Attended
 - b. 10 MODD Advancements
 - c. Marine Corps League Marksmanship Program
 1. Pistol and Rifle Team
 - d. Honor Guard Committee
 1. National Chairman
 - a. Angie Maness
 2. Proper Uniform
 - e. Southern Division Election
 1. National Vice Commandant Elect
 - a. Angie Maness
 2. Assistant National Vice Commandant Elect.
 - a. Mark Oldmixon

B. National Convention

1. 100th Anniversary
2. August
3. Oklahoma City

Meeting Recessed at 1400 hrs.

Meeting Re-opened at 1410 hrs.

- C. Medal of Honor Memorial
 1. Check was given.
 2. Kodak moment will be TBD.
- D. Department Streamer
- E. Southern Division Streamer
- F. Website
 1. Website Created
 - a. www.mclar.org
 2. \$365.00
 - a. Sponsorship
 1. Each Detachment needs to get 1 Sponsor.
- G. Honor Guards
 1. Create New Honor Guards
 2. Stipend
 - a. \$100
 - b. Army National Guard
- H. Eagle Scout Award
 - a. Department Coordinator
 1. John Wilson
- I. By-Laws and Administrative Procedures
 - a. Changes will be put on the website.
 - b. Vote on at next meeting.
- J. Awards
 - a. Distinguished Citizens Award Silver
 1. Larry Bayette
 - b. Meritorious Unit Commendation
 1. Hosting Convention
 - a. NW Arkansas #854
 2. Light to Unite
 - a. Texarkana #1149
 - b. Lake Dardanelle #1310
 - c. Sydney S. Mc Math/Razorback #532
 - d. Dale W. Langford #1323
- K. Next Department Meeting
 1. September 16, 2023
 - a. 1100 hrs.
 - b. Herbert A. Littleton #1261
 - c. Mena, Arkansas

- d. Location TBD
- L. Next Department Convention
 - 1. May 2024
 - a. Lake Dardanelle #1310
 - b. Location TBD

National Vice Commandant Southern Division:

- A. Jim Howington
 - 1. Distinguished Citizen Award Silver
 - a. Ken Summers
 - b. Larry Wakefield
 - c. Cyndy West
 - d. John Wilson

New Business:

- A. Officer Elections
 - 1. Randy Rigg Presiding
 - a. Commandant
 - 1. Nominated
 - i. Larry Wakefield
 - 2. Elected
 - i. Vote Casted by Department Adjutant
 - b. Sr. Vice Commandant
 - 1. Nominated
 - i. John Smallwood
 - 2. Elected
 - i. Vote Casted by Department Adjutant
 - c. Jr. Vice Commandant
 - 1. Nominated
 - i. David Niemann
 - 2. Elected
 - i. Vote Casted by Department Adjutant
 - d. Judge Advocate
 - 1. Nominated
 - i. Jim Howington
 - 2. Elected
 - i. Vote Casted by Department Adjutant
 - B. Appointed Positions
 - 1. Paymaster
 - a. Stephen Green
 - 2. Adjutant
 - a. Ken Summers
 - 3. Compliance Officer
 - a. Larry Bayette

4. Chaplain
 - a. Cyndy West
5. Sgt-at-Arms
 - a. Todd Roberts
6. Web Sergeant
 - a. Ken Summers
- C. Officers Elected and Appointed Installed
 - a. Randy Rigg Installed
- D. Appointed Officers not Installed.
 - a. Paymaster
 - b. Sgt-at-Arms

Good of the League:

- A. Marine Corps League Youth Physical Fitness Challenge
 1. May 13, 2023, 0800 hrs.
 2. Little Rock Catholic Boys School
 3. National Commandant will attend.
- B. National Park Pass
 1. American Military Pass
 2. Available to all Honorably Discharged Veterans.

Next Meeting:

- A. Next Department Meeting
 1. September 16, 2023
 - a. 1100 hrs.
 - b. Herbert A. Littleton #1261
 - c. Mena, Arkansas
 - d. Location TBD

Meeting Adjourned:

- A. Commandant
 1. Larry Wakefield
- B. 1510 Hrs.

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