

13 April 2025  
MCL Dept of MA Quarterly Meeting  
Held at: MCL Worcester Detachment #144  
181 Lake Ave  
Worcester, MA. 01604

11:08 hours Opening Ceremony:  
Conducted by Department Commandant Jon Ziriblia

SGT at Arms ordered to secure the quarters and satisfy yourself that all present are qualified to be present during the deliberation of this Department session.  
SGT of Arms complies

SGT of Arms ordered to lead in Pledge of Allegiance  
SGT of Arms complies

Dept Chaplain order to lead in Prayer  
Dept Chaplain complies

SGT of Arms order to declare this meeting open for the transaction of official business  
SGT of Arms complies

11:10 Roll Call of Officers:

Commandant - Jon Ziriblia - present  
Sr Vice - Mike Hinds - present  
Jr Vice - Steve Cheney - present  
Judge Advocate - Bruce Katz - present  
Finance Committee Chairman - McGuire - excused  
Finance Officer - Seth Mansur - present  
Finance Officer - Tim McCrory - excused  
Past Dept Commandant - Warren Griffin - present  
Past Dept Commandant - Bernie Heaney - present

Roll Call of Detachments:

Burlington - not present  
Caddy - present  
Cape Cod - present  
Essex - present  
Capt. William Glynn - present  
Norfolk - not present  
Pittsfield - not present

Shutt - present  
Westfield River Valley - not present  
Worcester - present  
Oak Ridge - not present  
Metro West - present  
South Central - present  
Brian McPhillips - present  
Pequoig - present  
Van Gyzen - present  
Honorable Few - present  
Plymouth - present  
Greater New Bedford - not present  
James Laskey - not present  
Ware - ?

11:11 Dept Commandant to entertain a motion to suspend regular order of business for Good of the League:

Motion was made to suspend regular order of business

Motion was second

No Discussion

Vote 100%

Motion carried

VP Rucks to Pucks guest Mike Slack speaks about the 501c3 hockey organization.

Gratitude to the league for the financial support as well as Lt Powers Hall hosting their annual Christmas Party.

VP Slack presents the Dept (Commandant Jon Ziriblia receiving) with a Rucks to Pucks Jersey.  
#37 - was chosen representing the year (1937) the MCL Dept of MA was officially incorporated.

11:16 Motion to return to the regular order of business

Motion was made to return to regular order of business

Motion was second

No Discussion

Vote 100%

Motion carried

Dignitaries Recognized:

PNC Warren Griffin

Asst. Division Vice Commandant Mike Hinds

Minutes of Previous Dept Meeting:

Minutes of previous Dept meeting have been posted - entertain a motion to accept:

Motion was made to accept the previous Dept minutes posted - Sr Vice Mike Hinds

Motion was second - PNC Warren Griffin

No Discussion

Vote 100%

Motion carried

11:18 Correspondence:

None from the Commandant

Paymaster:

Received letter from Young Marines thanking Dept for the donation.

Also, received a letter from New Hope organization; possibly has ties to the women's shelter; the letter is requesting for another donation to support their efforts.

11:20 Paymaster Financial Report:

- Report is on the table for all to see. (SGT of Arms passing out Financial report to all attending)
- Please return all unwanted reports back to Paymaster Bernie Heaney - we do not want this information left behind to fall in the hands of non-members.
- Last 5 months our total cash assets have decreased by \$5061 for a balance of \$275,000
- Adjusted for the income the asset decrease is at \$2600
- Last week we had 5 CD's mature from 4.1% to 4.15% (5 month CD's to 10 month CD's)
- \$1700 in pending assets no yet cleared the account
- General Account \$21,433
- Burke restitution account is on track minus the February check - which has not yet come in

No questions

- Budget is on the table for all to see
- In addition, the compliance table is on the table for viewing
- 5 detachments are delinquent: Worcester, Ware, Caddy, Metro West, Greater New Bedford
- 4 detachments are delinquent in their annual report to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for incorporation purposes: 5 months late: Capt. Glynn, Ware, Oak Ridge, Metro South

No questions

Motion was made to accept Financial Report by Paul Gouthro

Motion was second by Dave Ciolfi

No Discussion

Vote 100%

Motion carried

11:27 Report of any Members or Member's Family Sick or in Distress:

Marine McGuire death in the family - Dept order to send a sympathy card

11:30 Report of Officers:

Dept Commandant: Jon Ziriblia

Report from 17 Nov to 13 April

- Dept is working with the Governor's office for the Cake Cutting celebration at the State House for the 250th Marine Corps Birthday
- PNC Warren Griffin has been appointed as the POC for the USS Constitution event which will be discussed under new business
- Attended Mid-Winter Conference in February
- 250th Marine Corps Birthday is a great means for recruiting purposes to increase MCL membership
- [www.mcl250.org](http://www.mcl250.org) website is where you can see national activities around the 250th birthday celebration.
- New National Social Media campaign from National started on March 2nd
- Detachments need to submit a list of all Associate members who are Veterans - Associate members will be issued a "V" in front of their membership number designating them as Veterans - allows National to keep track of the tally of Associate members who are Vets.
- Trademark Imagery - be sure to use the proper disclaimer - also, MCL is not allowed to use the new Eagle/Globe and Anchor imagery of the US Marine Corps
- Database portal update - Sr Vice will update.
- Youth Fitness Program - National is pushing to Departments, Departments are pushing this effort to Detachments who are the grass roots organizations to make this happen in their local communities.
- Scholarships - National scholarship are available in the Members Library - Applications must be submitted by July 1
- Next year's National Convention will be at Grapevine, TX
- Dept of MA rescinded its bid to host the 2027 National Convention via RFP due to cost of living in MA

- Per Paymaster's report regarding the compliance table - please ensure your detachment is compliant this will get your detachment eligibility for the detachment relief fund.
- Attended the Dept Recruiting event at Military Appreciation night, and Rucks to Pucks Bruins alumni game
- Attended Saint Patrick's Day Gala Honoring Desert Shield & Desert Storm
- Quad State New England Conference is coming up in Maine the week after in Portland
- Dept Convention is May 29 - June 1 in Burlington
- Reminder, this is my last Dept Meeting other than the convention - I want to thank you all for the last 2 years - I've learned a lot from all of you. You have hosted me well in my visits - thank you

Sr Vice Report: Mike Hinds

Report from 17 Nov to 13 April

- Dept Coin - new coin is in production - should be available by our upcoming Dept Convention
- DB Portal - training will be available for this portal in the MCL Library - you will need to request a new password via your email.
  - New DB Portal will allow you to view and edit your detachment rosters
  - You will need National to approve edits
  - National is pushing to update all members' emails for correspondence - this will ensure all communications are consistent across the League.
  - Do not use the pay invoices - not ready yet - continue to pay online
  - MCL phone app - Please download - you will need your profile ID and last name to access. Everything you need is there.

Jr Vice Report: Steve Cheney

Report from 17 Nov to 13 April

- Attended Foundation Fund Raiser New England Division zoom mtg as well as the Rucks to Pucks Alumni game & Military Appreciation Night DCU
- Discussed mentoring options with Dept Commandant to assist Detachments

Judge Advocate Report: Bruce Katz

Report from 17 Nov to 13 April

- Working with Dept Heads and Oak Ridge Detachment leadership to resolve differences - more to come later
- Reminder: Convention coming...ensure ROI's should be complete and on file with Dept for escalation to National - with delegation noted
- FYI: you cannot install yourself as a self appointed Officer

Chaplain: Ed Yung

Report from 17 Nov to 13 April

- Kudos to detachment leaders - influx of Legacy Fallen Marines. I have processed some 46 NOD's just in the past week or so. Great job to those Detachment Commandants who are making this a priority. This endeavor not only ensures the integrity of our rosters but

also serves to properly recognize these fallen Marines in their final send-off locally at the detachment level, Dept level, as well as Nationally in our Taps section of Semper Fi. So great job, please continue

SGT of Arms Report: Kyle Torpey  
Report from 17 Nov to 13 April  
Nothing to report

Paymaster: Bernie Heaney  
Report from 17 Nov to 13 April

- Quick note: the NOD's mentioned by Dept Chaplain - I have not received proper transmittal's from Detachment Paymasters
- FYI: by Chaplain and Paymaster - NOD emails have FULL instructions to Detachment Heads along with an attached file as to how to file the transmittals to National.

11:45 Report of Standing Committees:

- Scholarship Committee Don Ritchie - I have 4 applications for scholarship - we have a total of 10 to give out. Need requirements for the MOY from the Judge Advocate. Dept Commandant - lets table to discuss in Old Business. Marine Roger Hoffman clarified MOY requirements in the last Dept Convention.
  - Bernie Heaney - I have a copy of MOY requirements as posted on Dept Website
  - Question for the Body - who is responsible for updating administrative procedures
  - Dept Commandant - website is Webmaster Brian Brooks. Judge Advocate is responsible for the by-laws and administrative procedures.
  - Bernie Heaney notes several administrative procedures that have not been properly updated, to include: MOY procedures, 300H which is a compliance committee procedure is 2 years old, the reduction of districts from 8 to 5 also has not been updated in spite it was sent to the Judge Advocate
  - Jr Vice Steve Cheney - all these procedures have been properly updated and have been disseminated to all Detachments - however, the error may be the Dept website may not be reflecting these updates
  - Dept Commandant - will work with the Board and ensure this is corrected by end of this month
- Convention Committee John Ziriblia - Dept Convention packet & Ad has been emailed to all Detachments for the upcoming Dept Convention being held in Burlington at the Burlington Marriott. Registration is live, you can register, pay for your meals, enter Delegates etc...all except enter in for the Golf. Emailing the packets was used this year due to cost.
  - Burlington Marriott was chosen this year over years' past Sturbridge due to unsuitable conditions and food complaints.
  - Register and book your room no later than May 8th - Hotel is more strict about block rates, so don't miss the deadline

- Dept used the same service National uses to negotiate room rate - \$179 +taxes per night - block ID to use is MCLMCLA - check the packet for details.
- Friday's activity will be the Jim Laskey Memorial Golf Tournament at Unicorn Golf Course - a :15 minute drive from the hotel starting at 08:00 hours.
- Second Friday activity will be the MODD Buffet & Grand Growl
  - Buffet will be at 17:30
  - Grand Growl at 19:00
- Saturday - all day - Dept Business Session to include a Memorial Service for Fallen Marines and a presentation by COO of the Marine Corps League Bob Borka
- Concluding the Convention with our Grand Banquet
- Note: the negotiated hotel room rate is based on revenue from drinks and meals - this is important. The hotel is counting the extra revenue from meals and drinks.
- Quartermaster Committee Steve Cheney Jr
  - Nothing to report
- Special Committees: None

12:00 Unfinished Business:

None

12:00 New Business:

- Bernie Heaney - letter request from New Hope Organization for additional donation; related to the Women's Shelter. We are already donating \$1000 to this organization - so this request is an additional request for supporting funds.
  - Paul Gouthro - how is the current \$1000 donation paid out to the organization?
  - Bernie Heaney - 1 payment is made - which is used for diapers, wipes etc...in the Women's Shelter
  - Paul - when was the last check issued?
  - Dept Commandant Jon Ziriblia - check was issued to me, I used the funds to procure supplies from a list.
  - Paul - this letter is new?
  - Bernie - received this letter request this past December 6th
  - Jon - funds are available for an additional \$1000
  - Discussion continued regarding the values representing the organization and whether they match the Dept - decision to table the donation letter of request for further due diligence was agreed upon by the Body. Motion was made by Paul Gouthro - motion 2nd by Seth Mansur. No discussion. Vote was 100% of Body - motion carried
- Marine Roger Hoffman - Chaplain's Corner on our Dept Website has not been updated in 2-3 years
- PNC Warren Griffin - USS Constitution
  - 250th Marine Corps Birthday celebration Friday June 6th at 08:30 hours on the USS Constitution. Members and their families are welcomed. 4-hour trip...Will sail out the harbor to Castle Island with a firing. We have 100 slots available to

the Dept members with families. Certificates will be handed out as souvenirs of the event. This could be a great recruiting tool. Commemoration of D-Day and the Marine Corps 250th Birthday. Submit all names attending to PNC Warren Griffin at email [cplgriff6870@gmail.com](mailto:cplgriff6870@gmail.com) - Uniform of the Day for this event is black trousers / socks and shoes with red Dept polo and Cover. Shoes are optional due to the event.

- Jon Ziriblia - every Officer position going up for nomination and election. Keep in mind our Dept by-laws require 8 Officers - Commandant, Sr Vice, Jr Vice and 4 Financial Officers.
  - In addition, Frank Sera resigned - so the Adjutant position is open - currently Dept Chaplain is interim - this position is appointed not elected
  - Dept Chaplain Ed Yung - offered to fill the position pending appointment approval
  - FYI: Frank Sera resigned due to travel issues

#### **12:08 Good of the League:**

- Seth Mansur - speaks on the re-fi foundation. Non-profit based in Texas provides a free 12 month scholarship to the oldest Marine in the program.
- Dept Jr Vice Steven Cheney - Presentation Award South Central Detachment Seth Mansur representing - National Jr Vice Commandant Citation to the South Central Detachment #1094 for achieving 102.63% Membership
- Dept Commandant Jon Ziriblia & PNC Warren Griffin - Presentation to Roger Hoffman for many years of noteworthy service. Distinguish Medal Gold Award presented to Roger Hoffman, signed by National Commandant.
- In the many years as Dept Chaplain, Marine Hoffman never used his budget funds - the funds instead were used to procure gift cards that were then handed out to veterans at various coffee socials.
- Marine Hoffman speaks briefly to the Body sharing various unique experiences he encountered as Dept Chaplain.

#### **12:18 Announcements:**

- MODD - Gathering of the Dogs - hosted by various Packs across the country. Has been going on for a few years now. They are online and do a Growl and Banquet. All Dogs are welcome - only need your Passport, Tags and Cover. Hospitality is free - they do take donations. October 9-11th at the DoubleTree Austin, MN...see Dept Commandant for details.
- Chow is downstairs

#### **12:20 Closing Ceremony:**

Motion to close

Motion 2nd

No discussion


Vote is 100%

Motion carried



Standing Moment of Silence observed for Fallen Marines  
SGT of Arms order to retire the Colors  
SGT of Arms complies  
Dept Chaplain Closing Prayer  
Sr Vice closing performed by Dept Commandant  
SGT of Arms ordered to declare officially closed till May 29, 2025  
SGT of Arms complies  
Dismissed

**Attending Sign-in Sheet:**

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