



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

Recording of meeting available: send request to Department Adjutant Ed Yung  
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## 11:41 hours Opening Ceremony:

Conducted by Department Commandant Mike Hinds

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 at Arms complies

SGT at Arms ordered to lead in Pledge of Allegiance

SGT at Arms complies

Dept Chaplain order to lead in Prayer

Dept Chaplain complies

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

SGT at Arms complies

## 11:45 Roll Call of Officers:

Commandant - Mike Hinds - present

Sr Vice - Steven Cheney Sr - present

Jr Vice - Bruce Katz - present

Judge Advocate - Paul Gouthro - present

Adjutant (Acting) - Ed Yung - present

Paymaster - Bernie Heaney - present

Chaplain - Ed Yung - present

SGT at Arm - Jon Zwiriblia - present

Finance Committee Chairman - Bill McGuire - not present  
Finance Officer - Ron Timm - present  
Finance Officer - Tim McCrory - not present  
Past Dept Commandant - Warren Griffin - present  
Past Dept Commandant - Bernie Heaney - present

## Roll Call of Detachments:

James Laskey - present  
South Central Mass - not present  
Essex County - present  
Metro West - not present  
Westfield River Valley - present  
LCpl Van Gyzen - present  
Burlington - not present  
Greater New Bedford - no present  
Oak Ridge - not present  
Cape Cod - present  
Pequoig - present  
Norfolk County - not present  
Capt. William Glynn - present  
Worcester - present  
PVT Charles Shutt - present  
1Lt Brian McPhillips Metro South - not present  
William R Caddy - not present  
Honorable Few - present  
Plymouth - present  
Pittsfield - not present

### **Adjutant declares quorum**

## 11:53 Minutes of Previous Meeting:

CMD: Mike Hinds: Copies of Minutes of the previous quarterly are printed on the table as well as posted online for viewing.

Motion to accept Minutes of the Previous Quarterly as posted: Jon Zwiriblia

Bruce Katz 2nds the motion

Discussion? None

Vote: 100%

Oppose: None  
Motion carried

## 11:56 Correspondence:

CMD:

- Received an email w/attached Certificate of Appreciation from Wreaths Across America regarding the donation we sent
- Received CMD McGuire who received a \$100 donation in honor of Marines Children
- Thank you card from Burlington detachment attending Art Enos services in Burlington

Paymaster:

- Multiple thank you notes from various donations
  - Soldiers Home in Chelsey
  - Soldiers Home in Holyoke
  - Youth Foundation Young Marines
  - VA West Roxbury
  - VA Boston
  - VA Central MA
  - Marine Corps League Auxiliary
  - Family of Art Enos
- Received a \$100 donation for the Marine Corps League, Dept of MA in the name of Art Enos
- Received a donation request from Hero's in Transition
- Received a notification that VAVS has been renamed to CDCE...Center for Development and Civic Engagement

## 12:00 Report of the Paymaster:

Bernie Heaney: Paymaster report available on the table. Paymaster report starts from May 28th and runs through October 16th.

- Funds spent during this time is \$45,000
- Account is fully balanced
- CD's have been rolled into the highest interest yields resulting in 1) 5 year CD and 5) 10 year CD
- CD's have increased \$2.5K this period
- No change to Quartermaster's account

- \$3,300 in outstanding checks - 3 are delayed from the Burlington detachment as result of Art Enos passing. Pittsfield & South Central have not cashed their compliant checks yet. 2 VA checks are outstanding.
- Also, on the table is the annual fiscal report which increased by \$10,000
- 6 checking account increased by \$4,000
- 6 CD's increased by \$6,000 (thats a \$10,000 increase)
- Compliance Status report is available on the table
  - 10 detachments have NOT filed IRS 990N
  - Rifle reports are current. Essex Det is due by end of year

Jon Zwiriblia motions to accept Paymaster Report subject to audit

Dave Ciolfi 2nds motion

Discussion? none

All in favor? 100%

Oppose? None

Motion carried

12:06 Any Members or family members in sickness or distress?

none

12:06 Report of Officers:

Dept Commandant: Mike Hinds

- Marine Corps League mobile app available to download for all to use. Just need your lastname & profile ID from the roster to login
- Once logged in - National has 2 libraries online - the Members library password is dd4. The other library has all the forms including current ROI
- Reminder: February 1 Detachment Annual reports are due
- NOD's: Use the current NOD form. Check PLM report to ensure NOD's are current. Send all NOD's to Dept Chaplain Ed Yung w/obituary for processing
- eMails on your Rosters: pls check for errors or missing & let Dept CMD know for corrections
- Make a list of all vets on your roster who are NOT members. National will designate these vets with a "V" for these Associate Members

- Trademark reminder to use the correct trademark for all Marine Corps League publications. Do NOT use the new Marine Corps trademark for any publication.
- If you have a detachment website...pls ensure the disclaimer is noted at the bottom of your website - see Dept CMD if you need this.
- NE Division Newsletter - if you have anything to submit send to Walt Benson
- Youth Physical Fitness rep: National project. Dept has an opening for this role. See Dept CMD if interested. We have 8 JROTC units to leverage.
- Dept vacancies:
  - 2 openings for Finance Committee
  - Dept Adjutant

Dept Sr Vice: Steve Cheney Sr

- Attended a couple BOT Zoom Meetings
- Missed the Oak Ridge Det installation - due to wrong date - have rescheduled to 11/3/@18:00

Dept Jr Vice: Bruce Katz

- Report of Dept Membership is at 868 PLM (Members & Associates combined). 158 regular members 32 Associates = 190. For a total Dept Members count of 1,058. Breakdown from last year is: 93 regular members and 16 associate members for a total count of 109 unpaid.
- National at the National Convention (August to August year on year) looks at each Dept for maintaining 100% members or more.
- Recognizing 5 Detachments for membership compliance for year 2024-25
  - Burlington - not present
  - Capt Glynn - 133%
  - Plymouth - 127%
  - Greater New Bedford & LCpl Van Gyzen
- Part of the role as Jr Vice at all levels is to grow the membership. Reminder, District Commandants have a budget available for membership growth. Consider:
  - Social reachout
  - Large crowd events
  - Greeting cards
  - Local recruiters - delayed entry can become associate members

Dept Judge Advocate: Paul Gouthro

- Update on By-Laws and Administrative Procedures from last Dept Convention: all approved changes have been assimilated into our current by-laws document and have been approved at National by National Advocate Bruce Radfeld on 6th September.
- Biggest change in by-laws is the date range of Dept 1 day convention between 1 April to 31 May.

Dept Chaplain: Ed Yung

- Kudos to detachments for policing their PLM rosters for legacy NOD's. Important to maintain roster integrity but equally important is to ensure these fallen Marines and Associates have their respectful and proper send off locally as well as Nationally in Taps of Semper Fi.

Finance Officer: Chair Bill McGuire excused

Finance Officer: Ron Timm - nothing to report

Chief of Staff: Jon Zwiriblia

- Nothing to report

District Vice Commandants:

- Cape Cod District Ron Timm - will be attending ad hoc detachment meetings to pulse check for any support needed

## 12:33 Unfinished Business:

None

## 12:33 Standing Committees:

- Marine of the Year: Jon Zwiriblia
  - New rules regarding will be forthcoming to all detachments
- CMD: Vacancy Chair for Americanism committee
- Scholarship Committee: Dom Ricci
  - Changes are forthcoming - current, I have not received any applications
  - NOTE: Paul Gouthro: AP indicates, current scholarship application needs to be revised regarding the submission to chair prior to May 1 of applied school year; and...which all grants are to be announced at Dept Convention by the 1st weekend of following June. The change needed, needs to reflect our new 1 day convention between April 1 - 31 May. Noting a 1 month approval window.
    - Discussion: Paul recommends moving deadline from April 1 to March 1 allowing for the 1 month window and compliance to announce at 1 day convention
    - Dom: problem is...applicants will not have their final grades within this date change
    - Paul: was under the standing applicants were using mid-term grades vs final. The AP may NOT require students final grade for consideration
    - Bruce Katz: can change the language to most current GPA upon submission of application for eligibility.

- Jon Zwiriblia: why is there a need to change any wording since the recipients do not attend the Dept convention nor are required to. Also, the grants are not issued at the Dept convention - so we can either remove that language or simply announce grants at 1 day convention's new date.
  - CMD: recommends removing the language completely providing its not in the by-laws which requires proper voting
  - Paul recommends not removing the announcement requirement because it removes an icon line item from the Dept convention agenda
  - Jon Zwiriblia recommends submitting the discussion to the scholarship committee for further discussion / resolution
- VAVS: Now CDCE: Brian Dupee
  - FYI: Food pantry locations are short of food if Marines can help - non-parishable
  - Bernie Heaney: would CDCE food pantries be interested in MRE's? Brian, not sure.
- Convention Committee: Jon Zwiriblia
  - Need to fix Dept by-laws regarding convention due to conflict w/National
  - BOT meeting discussed having Shutt Detachment to host upcoming Dept Convention submitting 2 dates: Saturday. April 18th or 25th at their venue (Watertown). Which will include a MA Pack Grand Growl.
- Eagle Scouts: Rep not present
- Young Marines: Bruce Katz
  - 4 units in the Commonwealth of MA affiliated with various MCL detachments
    - Cpl Nicholas Xiarhos - Cape Cod Detachment #125
    - Westover - Westfield River Valley
    - Fall River - LCpl Van Gyzen
    - Southcoast - Greater New Bedford
  - Discussions w/Plymouth Det to revive the legacy Colony Young Marines
  - Young MOY was NOT selected or announced at our last Dept Convention - you detachments having an affiliate young marine program pls reach out for MOY recognition.

## 12:50 Special Committees:

- CMD: Women's Shelter - Dept will continue to support. More information is forthcoming

## 12:51 Good of the League:

CMD:

- At National Convention: Total of \$9,000 in donations from the Marines & Associates from the Dept of MA

- \$2000 to Four Chaplains Foundation
- \$2000 to Marine Corps League Foundation
- \$2000 to the National Young Marines
- \$1000 to the MCL Youth Physical Fitness Program
- \$1000 to the Youth Foundation Tree of Lights
- \$1000 to the Marine Corps League Auxiliary Operation Little Angels
- Award presentation from National Convention:
  - Butch (Robert) Raynes - Plymouth Det - Distinguished Service Award
- November 7th is the Semper Fi Society Luncheon - 1 open seat available. 1st come 1st served if interested.

Brian Dupee:

- Nominated Keith Buckhout & Joe Deleany for Four Chaplains award

Mark Connolley of the Caddy Detachment:

- When closing our facility a Med size Cammies were found going for \$35 if interested

Bernie Heaney:

- Gardner, MA has a very large veterans center which has a chair that was donated to the Marine Corps League. The chair is unique and has an inscription on it "Chair City of the World". Gardner was considered to be such in the past. The seat has inscription: State Convention, Gardner, MA Marine Corps League July 3rd - 6th, 1947. I was able to commodore the chair to relocate to our State Office for preservation and display via PNC Warren Griffin. The only demand was to take a photo of the chair in the State Office and send it to the Center.
- Bernie purchased a Banner Display and demonstrated its setup and use...Next Day Flyers

Jon Zwiriblia

- Shared some artwork he came across from the Dept Convention in 1974

Ron Timm

- Shared an event from last Saturday teaming up with 72 other Vet organizations (150 members) @ the Cape; setup a table and handed out various clothing items. Which yielded 2 new league members and 2 lapsed members.

Brian Dupee

- Installing Detachment Officers coming up on the 10th?

New England Division Commandant Pat McGuire

- If you have a question, especially regarding the mobile app, please do NOT reach out to National. Use the Chain of Command and ask your local Commandants for any assistance you need before reaching out to National.
- Still have an opening for NE Division VSO. New England is the ONLY Division with a VSO. New Director is Phil Dew
- Division Conference scheduled for June 11-14, 2026. Venue TBD.
- Division Dinner this year will be held in Mass. @ Cobblestones in Lowell December 13th, 15:00. Use Zeffy to register and pay \$25. Once you arrive, your \$25 is returned. Seats are limited. Meet other League members.

## Announcements:

CMD:

- Received eMails regarding upcoming Marine Corps Birthday Ball celebrations
  - Plymouth Det hosting Saturday November 8th 17:00 - 23:00 at Hotel 16 Plymouth. Tickets available till November 2nd. Keynote speaker LtCol Robert Barrel from Tampa
  - Haverhill Det 18:00 - 23:00 in Dracut, MA - tickets available online
  - 250th Cake Cutting Ceremony State House (Great Hall) Monday November 10th at 12:00 noon - see PNC Warren Griffing
  - 2026 Mid-Winter Conference, Arlington, VA at the Sheraton (\$131 per night) February 26 - 28. Will be touring the Marine Corps Museum on Thursday afternoon...bus tickets are available - sign up with Dept CMD.

## Closing Ceremony

Marine Jon Zwiriblia motions to close

Marine Lucian 2nds

Discussion: none

Vote: 100% yes

Oppose: none

Motion carried

Moment of Silence for deceased Marines - uncover

SGT at Arms retire the Colors

Dept Chaplain closing Prayer

Bible closed

Sr Vice performs last duty of post

SGT at Arms - declared Meeting officially closed till January 25th

Meeting adjourn

Dismissed