1010–MCL, Dept. of FL BUSINESS MEETING

1010– Call to Order:
Commandant called meeting to order in accordance with MCL ritual.

Roll Call of Officers:

Officers – Elected & Appointed
Cmdt Scott Westervelt Present
Sr V Cmdt Mike Armstrong Present
Jr V Cmdt John Gionet Present
Judge Advocate Barry Brown Present
Past Cmdt Frank Glassford Present
Paymaster Kathleen Potthoff Present
Adjutant Kathy Sheppard Present
Chaplain George Wanberg Present
Sgt. at Arms Vernon Thrice Present

Dist V Cmdts-
Dist. 1. Jim Dahling Present
Dist. 2- John Murdoch Present
Dist. 3 Bill Nantz Present
Dist. 4 Vernon Trice Present
Dist. 5 Nathan Pratt Present
Dist. 6 Andy Smith Present
Dist. 7 Rudy Fontane Present
Dist. 8 Mike Ambrosino Present
Dist. 9 John Castle Present
Dist. 10 Pete Gannon Present
Dist. 11 Joe Kowalski Present
Minutes of Previous meeting:
Minutes posted on DOF website; mclfl.org
No Corrections identified. Minutes Approved as posted

Correspondence:
Adjutant read letter from Southeast Division MCL thank you.

Paymaster Report:
Paymaster: Report given and is posted on the web site. Posted Administrative and financial. National has posted long and short form transmittals. PLM audits are out to District vices. Need all audits in by the end of December. Noted rosters still have regular members just ignore and make sure you just look at Life members. Paymaster reported on financial status.

Audit Committee Report:
Given by John Gionet ~ all accounts in order/ no discrepancies

Members Sick or in Distress:
Gayward Henry Covid
Jim Hackbarth- broken hip
John Murdock – Covid quarantine
Joe Payne- Put into assistant living broken Hip
Rev Danial Mix
Bobby Leon- died recently.
Chaplain prayed for those in distress

Officer Reports:
Commandant: Scott Westervelt posted on line ~Cmdts messages on line sent
Thanked everyone for sympathy for mother’s passing. Thanked Mike Armstrong for assuming duties.
Thanks to Barry for holding meetings on Convention.
Learned National Commandant has been holding Zoom calls which I attended.
Disaster relief for those impacted by hurricanes. DOF sent funds to Southeast Division. Checks being cut and sent but needed to be sent to on site person to coordinate.
Started to write some policy letters. First one was change of uniform for staff at meetings. Policy letter on Covid coming out. Everyone agreed to testing for fever.
Working on letter on Conflict of Interest policy.

Sr V Commandant: Mike Armstrong ~ posted on line
Jr V Commandant: John Gionet ~ posted on line. Working on thinigs for recruiting/retention. Ways and Means has no report at this time. Video of Marine putting on red jacket was Young Marine. Video shot by another Young Marine. Thanked everyone for donations to Young Marines. New unit of Young Marines had graduation.
Looking at new unit in North Marion County. Chaplain of the Four Chaplains presented
at Joint meeting. Collected $452 that will go toward scholarships. Next ceremony will be at Spring Conference deadline in March 1, 2022.

Judge Advocate: Barry Brown posted on line No Chapter 9 hearings this reporting period. Virtual Meetings guided by National. Direction of elections guided by National. Follow Roberts Rules on virtual meetings.
National Convention is on track with timeline. DOF is hosting and we will need a lot of input. Please let Barry know.

Adjutant: Kathy Sheppard ~ posted on line. Not many ROIs processed to date. IWFF was able to award one grant to a veteran who is 100% disabled. Working with local detachment on implementation.

Chaplain: George Wanberg ~ posted on line.


Marine of the Year working well Working on standing up Associate of the Year Society. Associate of the Year: New award for Department, guideline similar to MOY posted

Professional Development Program: Mike Segura ~ 36 at class ~ thank you to all Instructors Trained 19 League members. Reviewed input and all were positive. Link will be posted to all materials.

Marine For Life program. Very low traffic. Only had three active duty Looking at structure and updating MFL reps at the detachments.

Department of Florida Convention Committee chair is Andy Smith. Formed a sub Committee for National Convention food and beverage. Waiting on National approvals.

POW/MIA: No Report

Legislative Liaison: Vacant

Eagle Scouts: Vinnie Howard ~ posted on line Thirty Six awards presented. Need updated roster for Eagle Scout Liaison

Webmaster: Andy Hefty. New web site has grown and Andy is very responsive.

MODD: Tom Newton Had great Growl and looking forward to next one.

Vietnam Commemorative Committee: Lou Calleja

Public Relations: Vacant

Scholarship Committee: Reggie Nealy ~ posted on line - 46 applications submitted. Changing tickets. Booklets have 5 chances to win. Found cheaper way to do tickets.

VAVS: Jack Prosuh~ posted on line –18 Detachments have VAVS time reported. Asked district Vices to report volunteer hours. 10485 VA volunteer 21,639 Hours other than Va. 16 Detachments had other than VA hours. 23k hours. 143k hours Non VA

Old Business:

Morris F Dixon DET #54, 7-10 April 2022, Safety Harbor Resort & Spa

DOF Convention will be held at Hilton Rialto in Daytona 22-26 June 2022
New Business:
Commandant encouraged folks to consider bid for fall conference. At the moment MODD is going to submit bid.

Good of the League:
Member asked about the $25 a day parking fee. Tom Newton responded to that by indicating the rate is comparable to other Conventions.

Awards:
- Sr V Commandant made award presentations.
- National Meritorious Unit Award Department of Florida
- Intercoastal Detachment
- Jim Hackbarth
- National Newsletter Second Place – John Marsh
- Newsletter participation Myers Detachment 472
- National Senior Vice Commandant award. Tiger Mayberry Detachment.
- National Senior Vice Commandant award- Desoto Detachment
- National Senior Vice Commandant award JR Spears Detachment
- National Senior Vice Commandant Citation – Detachment 52, 54, 57,59,60,63,64,65,1017, 1018, 1058, 1139, 1144, 1240.
- Newsletter participation Detachment 588

Announcements:
Reggie announced that members contributed $2000 and another $2000 added to a member that was in need in emergency.
Vinnie announced the Sheepdog Program on Facebook which helps Marines. Also brought up Dover Detail on Facebook which is a program where uniforms are collected so members of the service can be buried in uniform.

Commandant thanked all the elected and appointed officers.

Close meeting:
COMMANDANT:
  Sgt at Arms: Conference at recess until 1800HRS.
  Chaplain: Closed Bible

Mtg closed 1220hrs

1800 BANQUET:

Introduction of dignitaries and special guests.

Call to Order:
  Commandant calls meeting to order in accordance with ritual
Commandant Westervelt provided welcome and opening remarks

POW/MIA Ceremony:

(Dinner served)

Auxiliary President:

Evelyn Joppa: welcome for MCLA

Guest of Honor speaks:

Closing Ceremony:

Commandant closed Meeting in accordance with MCL ritual