1030–MCL, Dept. of FL BUSINESS MEETING

1030– 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:
No correspondence

Audit Committee
Mike Armstrong deferred to Paymaster

Paymaster Report:
Paymaster: Report given for second and third quarter posted on the web site.
Current balances $1510 deposit $82,684 balance in general account. All transmittals are completed or being processed. Will soon be going to online system. Encouraged folks to look at the manuals that are online for use. It is a team effort not just the paymaster.

Members Sick or in Distress:
Jim Hackbarth- broken hand
Bill Cona
Barry Brown – Hear pacemaker

Officer Reports:
Commandant: Scott Westervelt – Been out to dedicate Gold Star mothers statue Attended funeral for Cpl Huey. Working with Barry on National Convention. Visited many detachments. Encouraged all to get online and register for Convention.
Sr V Commandant: Mike Armstrong ~ posted online. Mentioned awards. Received only three awards. Encouraged folks to submit people for awards.
Jr V Commandant: John Gionet ~ posted online. Asked about items to donate for raffles at National Convention. Four Chaplains – Mentioned that Jim Hackbarth and Evelyn Jappa on award at Mid-Winter. Congratulated Nathan Pratt on his award. Mentioned submission requirements. For young Marines – we have a new unit standing up. Have a few others about standing up new ones. National has recognized FL unit. Four Young Marines will be in Tallahassee to receive award. Young Marines will be at airport for National Convention.
Judge Advocate: Barry Brown posted online. Bylaws submitted two approved one returned. No Chapter Nines.
Adjutant: Kathy Sheppard ~ posted online. Processed 8 ROIs since last conference. Requested that use current form. Don’t install yourself. Make sure those elected are members are in “good standing”.
Chaplain: George Wanberg ~ posted online.
Parliamentarian: Scott Dupree ~ Not present
Professional Development Program: Mike Segura ~ 21 at class ~ thank you to all Instructors. Manuals are posted for all to use. Passed out certificates to detachments that did not get them during class.
Marine For Life program Shawn Piccallo appointed. Need more input. Flow has been slow.

Department of Florida Convention Committee Andy Smith gave update.
POW/MIA: No Report
Marines Helping Marines: Vacant
Legislative Liaison: Vacant
Eagle Scout: Vinnie was not able to attend. Numbers looking great.
Web Site: Andy could not attend
MODD: Tom Newton reported great growl.
Vietnam Commemorative Committee: Lou Calleja introduced team and thanked them for their assistance. Gave update on pinning done. Now recognize family of Vietnam veterans with special certificate and pin.
Public Relations: Vacant. Commandant requested folks look for someone to fill billet.
Scholarship Committee: Reggie Nealy ~ posted online. Currently have two applications. Applications can be submitted before May 30, 2022. Hard time with getting verification from school. If applicant has issue let Reggie know so he can call school to get verification over the phone. Students have been asked to tell us what they are doing with the money awarded.
VAVS: Jack Prosuh Posted online.

Old Business:
National Convention update. By all accounts we are right on target and met all the requirements. Events are locked in and transportation are locked in. Made plea for volunteers. Need about 75 volunteers. Have a volunteer sign up sheet. Need detachments to get their folks to support us. Sign up sheet will try and get posted online.

New Business:
Bid presented for Fall Conference. MODD presented the proposal for Conference. Holiday Inn on Lake Buena Vista. Flyer is out. 28 ADA rooms available. Room rate is $129. $10 off breakfast at Applebee’s. Voted approved for Fall Conference.

Awards: Commandant read an award received from Marine Corps Reserve Foundation for support provided by Florida to the Waverly area for those hurt by tornados. Southeast Division now has a Disaster Relief fund established. Senior Vice assisted award presentations. There were four awards given. National MCL newsletter award 2nd place to John Marsh.

Good of the League:
Junior Vice Commandant reminded all that ROI for installation have to be done by May 15th. Also encouraged detachments to attend the DOF Convention. Need people to show up to caucus. If one person shows up then that person would be elected.
**Announcements:**
Hero’s festival in Daytona Beach
Pick up raffle awards.
Past Commandant meeting directly after meeting.
Kathleen reminded folks to sign up for volunteers for National convention
Officers announced they will seek re-election at June Convention

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

Mtg recessed 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:** Jerry Holt gave remarks

**Closing Ceremony:**
  Commandant closed Meeting in accordance with MCL ritual