

**DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
FALL STAFF MEETING
19-22 OCTOBER 2017
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

The meeting convened at 0820 with a joint session.

Commandant Way welcomed everyone and introduced the dignitaries.

Marine Torres, conference Chair, welcomed everyone to Houston.

Department Auxiliary President, Johnnie Lopez welcomed everyone and introduced the current and past Department Auxiliary officer.

The Memorial Service Bronson, to honor both the League and Auxiliary members who have passed away since the Department Convention was conducted by Department Chaplain, Melody Bronson.

The Galveston Detachment presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the hotel in recognition of their support of the event.

0945 the Conference resumed.

The minutes from the Department Convention were distributed for review by the membership. Marine Trevino made the motion to approve the minutes and Marine Bones made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Correspondence: A letter from the Chapel of Four Chaplains thanking the Department for their Donation was read.

Adjutant/Paymaster: Marine Weidenkopf reviewed the P&L and Balance Sheet. Marine Marine Torres made the motion to approve the financials as presented subject to audit. Marine Borel seconded the motion subject to audit. Motioned passed by voice vote.

BELOW IS INFORMATION REGARDING DISCUSSIONS THAT OCCURED. HOWEEVE, THE NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE RULED THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL BY-LAWS AND ARE NULL AND VOID.

After the Paymaster's report, Marine Bridgewater inquired as to why we could not use some of our funds to set up a Disaster Relief Fund that could be used to assist Department members in case of future situations like Hurricane Harvey. After some discussion, a motion was made to set up \$40K Disaster Relief Fund.

After much discussion and several amendments, the motion passed.

Recess at 1200.

Meeting resumed at 1335.

TRAINING

The following classes were presented:

- MCL Admin – Polly Weidenkopf – Dept Adj/Paymaster
- Running Your Meeting/Holding A MCL Office – Paula Land Dept JA
- Detachment Presentations regarding Hurricane Harvey rescue and support
- Proposed Dept Website – John Grafflin Dept Jr. Vice
- Youth Physical Program – Bob Way – Dept Commandant

AWARDS

Marine George Simpson was presented the Distinguished Citizenship – Silver

The following Detachments received the National Junior Vice 100% Participation Award

Brazos Valley	Hawthorne
Lost Pines Leathernecks	Goldman Detachment
1stSgt Joyce Venable	Comanche Peak
Jacksonville	Pineywoods
Sgt Jay Haskins	Williamson County
Lufkin	Terrell
Hopkins County	Laredo
North Texas	Eastex
Avalos	Alamo
Yancey	Coastal Bend
McLemore	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bids for 2018 Fall Conference – There were no presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

There wasn't any new business.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

The following members announced that they would be running for Department Officer:

Chuck Bones – Commandant	Christopher Borel – Sgt-at-Arms
John Grafflin - Sr. Vice Commandant	Melody Bronson - Chaplain
Paula Land - Judge Advocate	

Candidates for the positions of Jr. Vice Commandant and Adjutant/Paymaster were not announced.

The meeting recessed at 1616 and will reconvene for the banquet at 1800.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Weidenkopf
Dept of Texas
Adjutant/Paymaster