

**DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
22-24 JUNE 2018
BASTROP, TEXAS**

The meeting convened at 0830 with a joint session.

Commandant Way welcomed everyone and introduced the dignitaries.

Tony Poletti, Convention Chair, welcomed everyone to Bastrop.

The Memorial Service Bronson, to honor the League members who have passed away since the Department Staff Meeting was conducted by Department Chaplain, Melody Bronson.

The Chaplain of Four Chaplains service was held. Those inducted were:

Robert Way – Deane Hawkins Detachment
John Grafflin – Terrell Detachment
Ron & Brenda Tomonelli – LCPL Hayes Detachment
Ray Beard – Comanche Peak

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

Dr. Betty Mosley Brown, President of the Women Marines Association, spoke about the 100 anniversary of women in the Corps, which is this year.

0930 Convention took a recess.

1010 the Convention resumed with the standard ceremony.

Commandant Way introduced the Past Department Commandants and other dignitaries.

Bob Petka, Credentials Committee, read the voting strength of each Detachment.

The minutes from the Department Staff Meeting were reviewed by the membership. Marine Bones made the motion to approve the minutes and Marine Petka made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

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

Marine Weidenkopf reviewed the proposed budget. Marine Tadlock made the motion to approve the budget, Marine Oeding made the second. Passed by voice vote.

Marine Pyle made a motion to amend the budget to move \$800 from the Coin Purchase line to Convention Awards line. Passed by voice vote.

It was further amended to move \$100 from Coin Purchase line to the Miscellaneous line. The motion was made by Marine Murray and seconded by Marine Katrla. Passed by voice vote.

The revised budget was approved.

The Judge Advocate, Marine Land, stated that she had audited the financials and found no errors.

The Judge Advocate also presented the proposed by-law changes. They were:

Increase the conference fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00. The motion to approve was made by Marine Kotrla and seconded by Marine Grafflin. It was decided that the recommended that the motion be tabled until the next meeting.

Approval of the Department of Texas seal. Marine Kilpatrick made the motion to approve. Marine Williams seconded the motion. Approved by voice vote.

Creation of a Natural Disaster Relief Fund. Marine Pyle made the motion which was seconded by Marine Sanabria. Motion passed.

Motions attached

Recessed for lunch at 1200

Meeting resumed at 1310

A represented from the Marine For Life presented an update on the program.

AWARDS

The Junior Vice Commandant presented several awards.

The Department Senior Vice presented awards for activity.

Americanism Books

The following Detachments submitted Americanism books:

Big D	Brazoria County
Eastex	McLemore
Alamo	Deane Hawkins

The winners were:

Cat 1	Brazoria County	2 nd Place
	Deane Hawkins	1 st Place
Cat 2	McLemore	1 st Place
Cat 3	Alamo	3 rd Place
	Eastex	2 nd Place
	Big D	1 st Place

MOY

Marine O'Dell gave a report on the Marine of the Year selection process. He reported that there were for submissions. The selectee will be announced at the evening banquet.

Toys for Tots

Marine O'Dell also reported on Toys for Tots. He stated that next year will be difficult, since Toys R Us is going out of business.

Cam Posey

Marine O'Dell reported that he received three submissions for scholarships. However, one applicant was disqualified because the requestor is not going to school in Texas.

The following Detachments made donations to the Cam Posey Scholarship fund:

Brazos Valley	\$100
Centex	\$100
Deane Hawkins	\$100
Alamo	\$200
Brazoria County	\$100
Hopkins County	\$100
Lost Pines Leathernecks	\$500
Big D	\$1000

So. Division Vice Commandant

So. Division Vice Commandant Gothard reported that National is still working on the new online system. They had problems with the conversion from the old system to the new system.

He also reported that National is rewriting the by-laws and much of the information will now be included in the Administrative Procedures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bids for 2018 Fall Staff Meeting – There were no presentations.
It was decided that the Board of Trustees would select a detachment to host the meeting.

2019 Department Convention

The Captain John Yancey made a bid to host the convention in Abilene, TX from June 27-29, 2019. The room rate will be \$114 single or double, which will include breakfast for two. There is a Mall across the street, as well as restaurants.

Felix Conde made the motion and Richard Torres seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Fiftieth Anniversary for the Department

The Deane Hawkins Detachment from El Paso will be making a bid to host the 2020 Department Convention. Complete information will be presented at the Fall Staff Meeting.

ELECTION

The following members were nominated for Department Officer:

Chuck Bones – Commandant
John Grafflin and Tony Polleti - Sr. Vice Commandant
Patrick Murray and Ronnie Harper
Mike Keppler - Chaplain
Paula Land - Judge Advocate
Christopher Borel – Sgt-at-Arms
Stephen Oeding – Adjutant/Paymaster

A vote was taken between John Grafflin and Tony Polleti. John Grafflin was elected as Sr. Vice Commandant.

A vote was taken between Patrick Murray and Ronnie Harper. Patrick Murray was elected Jr. Vice Commandant.

The following Marines were appointed by caucus as District Vice Commandants.

Dist 1	Dennis Thomas	Dist 6	Robert Hurdado
Dist 2	Melody Bronson	Dist 7	David Nelson
Dist 3	Ascension Pena	Dist 8	Robert Bell
Dist 4	Ken Steffek	Dist 9	Robert Ullamn
Dist 5	Mark Oldmixon		

The meeting recessed at 1700 and will reconvene for the banquet at 1800.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Weidenkopf
Dept of Texas
Adjutant/Paymaster

To: Polly WeidenKopf, Adjutant/paymaster department of Texas

From: The Department of Texas Convention Chairman

Proposed Revision

Section 240 Convention Committee

The current By-laws in Section 240 (D) (5) indicates that the following delegates fees are established: The registration fee for the Annual Department Convention for members of the League shall be five (\$5.00) dollars. The registration fee for the annual Staff Meeting shall be five (\$5.00) dollars. The registration fee for the Texas Marine Corps League Auxiliary will be set by the Auxiliary. All persons entering the hospitality room must pay this fee in advance.

As it is now

Reason for the Change: To assist the detachments in the convention efforts as a delegate increase to \$8.00 to \$10.00 delegate registration fee. It has been recommended that the change take effect as the cost of putting together a convention has increased and the registration has remained the same.

Proposed Bylaw Change Section 240 #(D) (5)

The registration fee for the Annual Department Convention for members of the League shall be ten (\$10.00) dollars. The registration fee for the annual Staff Meeting shall be ten (\$10.00) dollars. The registration fee for the Texas Marine Corps League Auxiliary will be set by the Auxiliary. All persons entering the hospitality room must pay this fee in advance.



December 27, 2017

To: Marine Corps League Department of Texas
3137 Jarvis Drive
El Paso, Texas 79935

Attn: Department Adjutant / Paymaster

From: Chris Borel, Pineywoods Detachment 1189, Adjutant / Paymaster

Subject: Proposed Administrative Procedures change

Enclosure: (a) Picture of the Department of Texas Official Seal
(b) picture of the proposed Department of Texas Seal

In accordance with the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the State Convention.

Administration Procedures, Chapter One, Section 105, Corporate Seal presently reads:
"The corporate seal of the Department of Texas Marine Corps League shall be round in shape, containing in the center thereof a replica of the United States Marine Corps Emblem, surrounded by the words, "SEMPER FIDELIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE" with in a border of two narrow rings." As seen in enclosure (a).

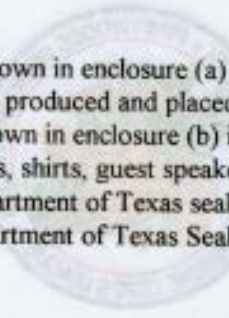
Proposed to read: *The corporate seal of the Department of Texas Marine Corps League shall be round in shape, made of four rings, the fourth and outer ring being a thick golden rope, the third ring next inward ring being a thin red circle, the second ring next inward ring being a thicker black ring, the center ring has the Texas flag colors in the shape of Texas centered as the background surrounded by red with the Lone Star in the upper left section outside of the state shape and inside the red, lower left on the red is a double set of blue bonnet flowers with leaves and on the lower right on the red is a single set of blue bonnet flowers with leaves, on the top half of the shape of Texas is a gold replica of the United States Marine Corps Emblem and on the lower half of the shape of Texas is a gold replica head of a longhorn cow with the horns spreading from the middle of the black ring on the left to the middle of the black ring on the right, dividing the gold words "DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS" and "MARINE CORPS LEAGUE" in the black ring.* As seen in enclosure (b).

Rationale:

The current Official Bylaw seal as shown in enclosure (a) is not being used any more and the unofficial seal enclosure (b) has been produced and placed in effect without the proper paperwork or authorization. The new seal as shown in enclosure (b) is being used throughout the Department on Official letterhead, challenge coins, shirts, guest speakers gifts and more. Enclosure (b) is a nice looking seal to have as our Department of Texas seal but I propose that we do what needs to be done to make it The Official Department of Texas Seal and make the Bylaw change.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher P. Borel Sr.
Pineywoods Detachment 1189 Adjutant / Paymaster





(b) (5) - DCP

Enclosure (a)



Enclosure (a)

Enclosure (b)

TO: Marine Corps League, Department of Texas
Attn: Department Adjutant / Paymaster
From: Stephen Oeding, McLemore Detachment #324, Past Commandant
Subject: Proposed Motion for an Administrative Procedures Change

In accordance with the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the State Convention.

Addition to the the Marine Corps League, Department of Texas Bylaws.

The Marine Corps League, Department of Texas will maintain a line item in the budget to provide aid to Marine Corps League, Department of Texas members titled Natural Disaster Relief Fund (NDR).

To qualify, the member must be in good standing at the time of the incident. They must be able to show they suffered damages and have expenses in excess of requested amount due to a natural disaster.

Maximum aid paid to a member per NDR event will be up to \$1,000, at the discretion of the board, and max lifetime aid per member is \$2,000.

It must be forwarded / submitted by their Detachment Commandant and approved by the Department Commandant Senior Vice Commandant. In case of disagreement between the two, the Judge Advocate will be asked to render a decision to break the tie. A Member at Large in good standing at the time of the NDR will submit their request to the District Vice Commandant for where they live to be forwarded to the Department. It is the responsibility of the Detachment Commandant or District Vice Commandant to vet the requests before sending them in for approval.

The request is a written document with the individual's name and membership number. It will include a brief description of the problem and have attached any pictures or other documents to support their request.

The NDR will be funded with \$40,000 currently in the Department of Texas account. The \$40,000 was acquired as part of the \$50,000 sale of the Zapata property when the Zapata Detachment lost their charter. Additional funds must be voted on at the future State Conventions. Additionally, all future funds donated due to a natural disaster within the Department of Texas would be placed into the account as would donations from detachments and individuals.

NOTE: A motion to this effect was passed at the State Conference. This is to get it voted on at the State Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Stephen Oeding
McLemore Detachment #324, Past Commandant**