



2024 SUMMER CONVENTION



June 7th to 9th, 2024

**Delta Hotels Kalamazoo Conference Center
Kalamazoo, Michigan**

JOINT OPENING CEREMONY

Opening at 13:30

Opening Ceremony commenced by Chief-Of-Staff PDC Phil Zamora.

Recognition of Dignitaries:

Patricia Randall—Mayor of Portage
Todd Greenman—VA Head of Volunteer Services
Maureen Ailor—President Marine Corps League Auxiliary
Ray Rowley—Michigan Pack Dog Leader
Ray Rayl—Department of Michigan Commandant

Colors were presented by Scout Troop 244 of Portage.

Welcome to the 84th Convention hosted by the Department of Marine Corps League of Michigan, Michigan Marine Corps Auxiliary and the Kalamazoo Detachment.

Patricia Randall--Mayor of Portage-Welcomed all of us to Kalamazoo. She is very honored to be here and thank you all for our service to our Country. She was greatly pleased to also see Women in uniform as well. Randall is only the second female Mayor in the history of Portage, she is very active in the community, in the government and considers herself a Public Servant. Portage does lots in honoring their Veterans and in hiring preferences. Gratitude and wishes wonderful day and conference ahead. Thank you.

Todd Greenman-- with the VA—thanked us and Welcome to the area. The VA in Battle Creek is celebrating it's 100th Anniversary, the hospital was built in October of 2024, it serves over 46,000 Veterans in the five locations located in Battle Creek, Wyoming, Lansing, Muskegon, and Benton Harbor and has over 2000 employees that serve our Veterans every day. The annual budget for all of the sites is over \$631 million dollars, last year had over 300 volunteers to help serve Veterans at the facilities and gave over 25000 hours of volunteer time. Also received over \$300,000 in in-kind and monetary donations to help support our Veterans. Soon will be opening up a brand new clinic in Muskegon. Also the VA is in the process of opening up three new outpatient clinics. Greenman thanked all the Marine Corps League members that volunteer at the VA Clinics, and hope that we have a very successful convention. Also the Marine Corps League Auxiliary presented a check to Greenman for the VA to help our Veterans.

Maureen Ailor—Marine Corps League Auxiliary President—stated she is glad to be here and wishing for a great convention, be friends, learn a lot, and get along and to have fun. Thank you.

Ray Rowley—Worthy Pack Leader—Thanked Department and Kalamazoo Detachment for putting on the convention, hoped we all brought a lot of bones for the Grawl this evening, and to just go out there and have fun. Woof, Woof.

Ray Rayl—Department Commandant—Recognized a few of the Scouts in the room with certificates of appreciation for their service. Rayl welcomed everyone to the 2024 Summer Convention, stated we will be announcing the winner of the raffle at the conclusion of the banquet Saturday evening. By popular demand, will be bringing back the pie-in-the-face contest too. Also, outside is a float which is a replica of the World War II Flag raising on Iwo Jima brought down from the UP and on loan to us from the Keweenaw Detachment 1016. Thank you all for being here.

Session was adjourned at 14:10.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS CONDUCTED

Reading of the passing of 12 Marine Corps League Members and 4 Marine Corps League Auxiliary Members.

CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY WAS CONDUCTED

The Legion of Honor Award Program recognizes ordinary people who do extraordinary things. To honor the legacy of the Four Chaplains, this program has recognized selfless service in many, many forms throughout our communities, schools, veteran service organizations and neighborhoods. This program recognizes the many Marine Corps League & Auxiliary Members who are performing selfless acts. Aid De Camp Richard Monroe received the Chapel Of Four Chaplains Award.

Session was adjourned at 14:45 hours.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE DEPARTMENT

At 1500 hours

Opening Prayer by Department Chaplain, Fred Green

ROLL-CALL OF OFFICERS BY DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT (Tracey Tippett)

Appointed Department Staff absent:

- Eastern Zone Vice Commandant-- Norman Root (excused)
- Northern Zone Vice Commandant-- Frank Rosinski (absent)
- VAVS Director-- Jon Dewitt (excused)
- Department Emailer --Emil A Franz, III (excused)
- Fort Custer National Cemetery Liaison-- Michael Hornev (absent)
- Great Lakes National Cemetery Liaison-- William Brown (absent)
- 1/24th Memorial Liaison—Michael Dahm (absent)
- Marine For Life Coordinator—Daniel Guerrero (absent)
- Toys For Tots Liaison—Gary Dunn (absent)

The following Detachments were not represented:

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| Belcher-Lane-Williams #146 | Monroe County #157 | Sergeant G.P. Porta #163 |
| Yagle Brothers #165 | Washtenaw Count #414 | George St. Martin #550 |

North Oakland Co. #570
Wolverine #722
Shoreline #1027
Staff Sgt Burgess #1337

Corporal Davenport #684
Harold R. Cooley #841
Irish Hills #1182
St. Joseph County #1401

Northern Michigan #690
Keweenaw #1016
Alpena #1327

RECOGNITION OF DIGINATARIES

The Commandant recognized Past National Commandants, Past Department Commandants and Dignitaries:

PNC/PDC John Tuohy
PNC/PDC Jim Tuohy
Past Dept. Commandant PDC Phil Zamora
Past Dept. Commandant PDC Wendy Zamora
National Kennel Quarter Master Wendy Zamora

Past Dept. Commandant PDC Jon VanTol
Past Dept. Commandant PDC Art Menard
Past Dept. Commandant PDC Dave Masunas
Aide De Camp Illinois Bruce Blackmer
Central Division Vice Chief Devil Dog-Joe Pollock

Announced the new VAVS Director—Jon DeWitt

Welcomed the First Timers to a Summer Convention.

Meeting was called to order by Department of Michigan Commandant Ray Rayl.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Many of the reports from the Detachments and Zones have been emailed to everyone in advance for viewing, a few more are still coming in.

COMMANDANT'S REPORT (Ray Rayl)

The Commandant welcomed everyone to the 2024 Summer Convention and stated it has been an honor to serve us and has been a great learning experience. 1401 St. Joseph County and 570 North Oakland County have voluntarily surrendered their charters—mainly due to membership issues and no one stepping up to help run their Detachments and also 841 Harold R. Cooley has surrendered their charter as well. Have visited the Jack A Davenport 684 Detachment and was working with their Detachment Commandant to get them back in compliance. Attended the Black History Month at Double Tree in Dearborn, looking forward to attending this event again in the future. Rayl recommended that anyone interested in hosting a Convention to use Helms Brisco to do much of the leg work and in negotiating everything, also need to get everyone on board in taking out ads for the convention book because that is where you will be making your money from. Also have attended the National Mid-Winter Rally in Pentagon City, Virginia in February. Attended the Central Division Conference held here in Kalamazoo in April, on April 16th attended Livingston County-Veteran and Associate Member of the Year presentation for Brighton, April 28th attended a Court of Honors for an Eagle Scout and presented him with a Good Citizenship Certificate and a challenge coin. May 16th was present at the Muskegon Detachment for pulling the winning car raffle ticket, did an installation of two new members and presented two certificates of appreciation. April 12th met with Detachment 841 Harold R Cooley to surrender their charter and would be put in escrow for a year.

It continues to be a busy year and look forward to being your Commandant again if elected.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT (Phil Smith)

Smith stated he turned his report into the Adjutant and he also attended the same rallies as the Commandant had done. Installed Montford Point and Downriver Detachments and trying to resolve Sgt GP Porta and Washtenaw County in locating charters and colors and getting members to other Detachments. Also still continuing to help Detachments out and further assist the Commandant.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT (Stephen Fletcher)

Fletcher stated the main duty for Junior Vice is membership, and that the membership is going ok, but of course it could always be better and also remember that everyone is a recruiter, so go out and recruit for your Detachment. Paid membership is 1698 members, which is up from 115 from last report at Mid-Winter (break down of 1480 regular paid members, 197 Associate members, and 21 that are dual members.) The unpaid members is down to 160 that is down 73 from Mid-Winter. Need to get the unpaid members paid up. Paid life membership audit will be coming out soon to review and get back to the paymaster. Lastly, no Detachments have turned in for the Membership Award, which runs from 30 April 2024 to May 15, 2025—need five new members to qualify for this. The rest of my tasks is listed in my report turned in.

JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT (Art Menard)

Stated lots has been going on been very busy, primary roll is advising Commandant Ray Rayl in what he knows and to assist him in anyway possible. There is a lot of stuff we need to go and get done and we need to get a calendar out to everyone of events and deadlines that need to take place. Menard attended the Central Division Conference—stated went very well. Also, he was asked and became a member of the Time and Place Committee. This committee has a lot of work to do, no Detachments are stepping up to do a Convention, and doesn't know why? Menard states that there should be NO FEAR—nothing to be afraid of, because there are lots of individuals out there willing to help put on a successful event. And to go out and have fun.

JUDGE ADVOCATE (Scott Hellman)

Over the past year a lot has happened in the background of the JA, a lot doesn't come forward because it should be kept in the background. A couple of Chapter 9 investigations were all resolved in some form. A discussion of bylaw changes coming up, and a bylaw change for criteria about having a quorum for our meetings. The beginning of the year had a zoom meeting with the National Judge Advocate David Porter, and supposed to be a quarterly type meeting and discuss issues some are having so others wont have them, one of the issues is wearing your red covers during meetings, National JA stated he doesn't want to state precedence for Detachment meetings (should go by what is said by Department requirements), but that those who attend Department meetings should wear your cover on the floor and wear it properly. Hellman also attended the Central Division Conference for the first time and was well pleased in doing so. Otherwise the last thing to address is about Detachments that have "Club Houses", and about alcohol sales allowed or not allowed and insurance requirements to talk to the Judge Advocate. If you have alcohol and the Detachment is purchasing the alcohol to resupply or if you are selling to the public, you have alcohol in your clubhouse, it has to be controlled in such a away to have a liquor license and insurance. More to follow on that.

RAFFLE

There is an envelope with five other envelopes inside it, which have been sealed, signed and no body knows whose names are on those raffle tickets/it was a blind draw. We sold 2,290 tickets, and needed for the vehicle raffle was 3,500 tickets, so raffle turned into a monetary distribution. Money received for tickets sold was \$45,800, the winner will get \$22,900, the individual who sold that ticket the Detachment will get \$2,000, and the second place winner \$5,000, third place winner \$1,000 and fourth place \$500. Winners will not receive any money until they send back a W9 form sent back in to Jack Sir. \$984.95 were the expenses doing this raffle, and that Department made \$13,555.05. The biggest thing is a huge public knowledge of the Marine Corps League throughout the state, saying we are trying to take care of the Veterans we are trying to do things for our Veterans that have passed and that the Marine Corps League is in existence to come out and join us.

IN HOUSE POKER-RUN

So we have six individuals that will each have a different deck of cards, the Marines will have the three red decks and the Auxiliary will have three blue decks. The individuals helping are Dave Masnusas, Jim Tuohy, Scott Hellman, Barbie Hellman, Mary Brief and Rita Duframe—you will have to get one card from each of their decks starting from Hospitality time til the beginning of the banquet tomorrow. It is \$10 per person entry fee, only 52 people can participate and winner with best poker hand will get ½ the pot. Good luck to everyone.

ADJUTANT (Tracey Tippett)

Stated we have really been trying to get all the Officer Installation reports turned in and all the Bank/Charter forms as well. We have been trying to make sure all the forms are getting turned in in a timely manner, and that you are using the correct version of the forms. National keeps updating the forms, and they are located on National's website and the Department's website. Plus in making sure your 990s and Lara Corps are turned in—because if not, your are not in compliance and you could possibly get your Charter suspended or revoked. So the main thing is Compliance, Compliance and Compliance. You are all adults, you should step up and take pride and have some responsibility that everything in your Detachments are being taken care of and done properly by the deadlines. Please make sure you are sending the ROI's and your transmittals to the right individuals—if not, it just holds up the processing of everything. Still missing point of contacts for some Detachments as well. Also, everyone should have had a Detachment report or Officer Report turned in PRIOR to the start of the Convention—and it was a very dismal turn out of them too. Zone Commandants need to help and assist Detachments that are having issues, also need to work on those Detachments that have turned in their charters in getting the members moved off the rosters to other Detachments so they don't turn into Members At Large. Remember I am there to help out and assist in any way I can.

WEBMASTER (Tracey Tippett)

Requests that if you are viewing the website and if you see something that is incorrect or obsolete, please let me know to change or fix it. Especially if you have moved or phone number or email addresses change to update them. Any suggestions are welcome, and a big thanks to Phil Zamora for helping me when I don't know how to fix things. A little bit of cooperation goes a long way and makes things easier. Thank you all, I greatly appreciate you all. Remember we are all here to help you succeed and to help make us all be better.

ZONE VICE COMMANDANTS

Southeast Zone 1—Eugene Owens—has been visiting Detachments and installed officers in Dearborn Detachment. Monroe County is having some membership issues. A few trips to Downriver Detachment to participate in events. One main thing is finding out not many know what the Zone Vice Commandant is and explaining what the job entails. Otherwise, I try to visit and keep all the Detachments informed.

Eastern Zone 2—Norman Root—no report and excused due to health reasons.

Southern Zone 3—Forrest Secord—has been in attendance of 14 Southern Zone Detachment meetings, 3 Capital Detachment Breakfasts and 1 Pound #138 Growl. Was in attendance at the Central Division Conference the beginning of April. Participated in the swearing-in ceremony of 14 Mid-Michigan poolees at the Howell American Legion Post. Also was in attendance at the Military Appreciation Day Celebration at the Lansing Lugnut Home baseball game. Secord continues to make great effort in visiting the Detachments in his zone.

Southwest Zone 4—Michael Moross—has continued to be in touch with his Detachments in his zone by visit, email or phone. Continuing with the compliance issues and making sure that the Detachments are in compliance in his zone. Moross continues to discuss retention and recruitment of members with the Detachments. Assisted with St. Joseph County in turning in their Charter. Also assisted in a Memorial Day Service. That is his report.

Western Zone 5—William “Doc” Tetzlaff—reported Shoreline Detachment participated in no funerals for being in uniform violations previously. They did participate in parades and were very active in placings flags on graves. The Detachment is very active in giving out Eagle Scout awards and also sponsor a Boy and Cub Scout Troop. Muskegon Detachment participated in two parades and six funerals, they do County Council funerals for other branches of the Service as well. Fred Cochran Detachment participated in two parades and two cemetery ceremonies. Plus they participate in a ceremony at Grand Rapids Home for Veterans the end of May. Oceana/Brett/Wiiteveen participated in one parade and one cemetery ceremony. Tetzlaff stated that he has been actively visiting the Detachments and will try to do more in the future.

Central Zone 6—Troy Stewart—reported that things have been very hectic in his personal life and is doing the best in keeping in communication with his Detachments in his charge.

Northern Zone 7—Frank Rosinski—no report was not in attendance.

UP Zone 8—Tracy Berg—Recently we had a UP Zone meeting, touched a lot on recruiting and how to get more to join. Also we have a Detachment not in Compliance 550 Geo. Toogs St. Martin—been trying numerous forms of communication to try to get the job done. UP Devil Dogs 1478 joins up with other Veteran organizations to help with funerals and parades. Berg will be stepping down from Sgt-At-Arms and UP Zone Vice during the convention.

Meetings were closed for the day at 16:40

Open for business at 0900 on Saturday, June 8th, 2024

0900 RECONVENE OF MCL BUSINESS MEETING

ROLL CALL

Roll Call took place of those not present yesterday and noted.

PAYMASTER (Larry Sweerin)

There was a budget meeting conducted yesterday, so still in the process of updating some of the information on the budget sheets. First received an electronic deposit of \$4,593.82 for life membership dues. On the balance sheet in escrow from Detachment 1401 received \$7,270.56 will be moved to the general fund and marked as a donation. On the profit and loss statement the one change is the fundraiser vehicle raffle, should read \$45,940.00 so that changes total income to \$77,873.37 and expenses completely changed for fund raising expenses-vehicle to \$32,484.95 but that includes the prizes, so that drops bottom line to \$53,604.65, net income is now \$23,818.72. A few changes on the profit and loss vs actual—dividends were good, down from budget to \$4,685.01, donations went from \$20 to \$7290.56 money that was transferred from escrow. Regular membership dues are down, Central Division and Department Convention Income are not complete yet. Total fund raising Income to \$20,110.56. Expenses are pretty much self explanatory nothing really changed, mainly because dropped the \$70,000 from expenses for vehicle raffle, so \$53,604.25 some changes were made late and not updated on handouts.

A budget meeting was held yesterday, a few items had to go up because of cost of things, and a few line items will be going away. Raised Commandants Discretionary Fund to \$2000, changed Commandants travel from individual conferences to one combined total of \$3000 that way not itemizing each convention. Raised Dewey Award to \$375. Eliminated the donation for Veterans hospital and fund raising expense glm and income.

Sutton stated that the Commandants Discretionary Fund can only be \$1000 according to the bylaws made a motion to suspend the rule for one year—increase the Commandants fund to \$2000 and then make a bylaw change next year to eliminate that and to create a financial policy and procedure manual where things wont be in the bylaws/motion was seconded by John Tuohy. Discussion took place about the motion and who can vote on this. Motion carried.

Motion on the floor to accept budget by M. Sutton, second by W. Tetzlaff, motion carried.

Investments (John Tuohy)

All investments as of right now is at \$102,599.61, over the time invested in these four investments we have seen a net profit of 356.00%. We have not withdrawn any of the funds, only using at times some of the dividends accumulated from the funds and reinvested in cash spots.

1st ROUND OF NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS (PNC John Tuohy)

Commandant	Ray Rayl
Senior Vice Commandant	Phil Smith
Junior Vice Commandant	Stephen Fletcher
Judge Advocate	Scott Hellman
Junior Past Commandant	Art Menard
Paymaster	Larry Sweerin

Nominations are closed until the afternoon session convenes.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Lisa Fountain)

Stated that 20 Detachment Representatives have signed in, still waiting on some delegates to check in.

BY-LAW (Scott Hellman)

The By-Law Change submitted goes as follows:

Amendment to ARTICLE TWO, DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS

ADD THE FOLLOWING TO ARTICLE TWO

QUORUM –

- a) The minimum number required to transact the regular and legal business of the convention shall be the majority of properly registered and approved delegates in good standing who are present at the Department of Michigan convention.
- b) A majority (51%) of Department Officers must be present unless a position is currently open then it will not count towards the quorum.

RATIONALE:

Currently the Department has NO Quorum which means that the quorum numbers fall back to ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER which basically states that we must have at least 51% of the Detachments present to conduct business of the Department, last year it was the last weeks before the convention before we had conformation that enough detachments were going to attend. If we didn't have a quorum then NO business could be voted on, No elections, NO motions, etc.

The Department of Ohio went through this and still conducted their business and was turned in to National and they had their charter suspended, this bylaw change is to make sure Michigan doesn't go through what Ohio did.

NOTE: I would make this bylaw Section 212, Quorums – so this is near the top of the section.

Motion was made by M. Sutton to add to article 2, second by T. McGee, motion carried.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE (Jim Tuohy)

During Central Division Conference in April, I gave presentation on the Time & Place Committee to the members in attendance, informing them about Helms Briscoe and how they can utilize their services to find and assist them in negotiating successful hotel contracts for conferences and conventions. This is at no cost to our Department/Detachment as Helms Briscoe gets a percentage from the hotel for bringing business to their establishment, as a side note, National also uses this company. Looking at the Double Tree in Bay City to hold the Mid-Winter Conference and seeing if John C. Rock and Edson Kline Vanslyke Detachments will step up to host possible dates January 17-18, 2025. (if not the Department will host again if Detachments decline offer). Also the committee is in the process of gathering information about previous conventions—the who, what, when and how etc, to keep better track of numbers of everything. Motion by P. Zamora to accept a bid for Mid-Winter in Bay City, second by S. Hellman, motion carried.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Christine Faymonville)

Received 17 applications for the Department scholarships, it was good, but we could be doing a lot more. There are 14 who will be getting money for scholarships that sent in the proper paperwork and followed instructions in completing the forms. Also, \$2500 is a share from the DVA so five individuals will be receiving that. Will find out more at Fall Staff how many and how much individuals will receive for

scholarships. Also received donations from Montford Point, Macomb County, Cpl Stanley Moore, Edson Kline Vanslyke and portraits from Central Division. It is all about giving back.

AWARDS (Ray Rayl)

Lisa Fountain received a Certificate of Appreciation in regards to taking portraits and donating the funds to the foundation from Central Division.

Scott Hellman was presented a Distinguished Service Award in appreciation and gratitude for meritorious service in the interest of the United States of America, United States Marine Corps and Marine Corps League

This award came from the National Commandant Warren Griffin, presented to Tracey Tippet – Distinguished Citizen Medal (Gold)—in appreciation and gratitude for meritorious service in the interest of the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League.

GUEST SPEAKER (Congressman Jack Bergman)

Spoke about his career in the Marine Corps and what it meant to him and in helping him out in his career and future endeavors. Stated to be that by being a Marine and part of the Marine Corps League, sets the example for family, for community and especially for all the young boys and girls who see us, whatever we can do to be that example of positive behavior, and if anyone questions why we are the way we are—look them in the eye and smile and say because I am a Marine and I believe that Marines serve that Corps and that is why the Corps lives on. Once a Marine, always a Marine. Thank you.

Break For Lunch

MCL Business reconvened at 13:30

Recognition of Dignitary: PNC Paul Hastings

Sr. Vice Phil Smith turned in Detachment 414 Washtenaw County Charter, which will be held in escrow for a year, and need to get membership moved to other Detachments.

EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR (Dave Masunas)

Wanted to thank everyone who has been able to participate and present the Eagle Scout Good Citizenship award and help promote the program for the Department of Michigan. Since August 77 Eagle Scout Good Citizenship awards have been presented. I continue to be the Central Division Scout representative, the Department representative and also a member of the National MCL Scout committee. The Marine Corps League still offers the Square Knot award to be worn only on the Boy Scout Uniform. If you need more information to go on National's website. You can download the Eagle Scout Good Citizenship application, Eagle Scout photo release form, Eagle Scout Good Citizenship award power point and the MCL Eagle Scout Good Citizenship award flyer at www.michiganmarines.org.

Christine A Tonegatto-Salo commented on the good job Dave has done for the Eagle Scouts and for getting numbers to the budget and finance committee.

Award certificates will be revised in 2025.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR (Mark Sutton)

We are five months away from election day. Most members of the House will be seeking reelection, and one-third of the Senate will be new due to term limits. Chairman's note: term limits do not make things better, they dumb down the legislature.

Since January 1, 2023, 57 bills or resolutions have been introduced, as of today only four have been signed into law. One renamed a highway, one recognized women's Veterans Day 2023, and two bills

signed into law make it so disabled veterans with property tax exemption do not have to show their papers annually starting in 2025. There are 15 bills dealing with property taxes, two of them want to make the tax exemption a tax credit. Five bills want to create a department of mental health within the MVAA. Six are resolutions. One bill would allow VSOs with a private club license to hold unlimited events in their establishments. One bill would allow video gaming machines in the VSO Posts, A video game system is a pull-tab game played on a video screen, like a casino game. The Michigan Veterans Coalition is seeking through SB540 to have unspent funds from the previous budget rolled over to the next fiscal year budget.

A new bill introduced on May 2, after years of work, HB 5703, would create a Michigan National Guard apprenticeship program. Whereby military occupational specialties that are civilian apprenticeship programs, but in the National Guard. Require the National Guard in Michigan to track hours and training to be used toward apprenticeship programs either during training or upon discharge from the Guard.

In closing, remember that the Marine Corps League does not support candidates for office. I encourage everyone to do what they believe to be right. You may work on a campaign or be an enthusiastic supporter. Please do not wear Marine Corps League symbols, covers or garments when participating in political events. Thank you.

MICHIGAN MARINE NEWS EDITOR (Mark Sutton)

Next deadline will be July 1st. And it will be going out every couple of months. When you send articles or pictures make sure to put in subject line it is for the Michigan Marine News, and the email address is: mm12sutton@gmail.com cell number is: 248-390-5481.

HISTORIAN (Dale Erion)

Report was submitted online prior to convention for viewing. Historian is in need of some Detachments in getting copies of their charters (list is online from report). Currently working on master list of PDCs and other notables and a history of the Department. Stated hated in seeing the defunct Detachment list getting longer and no new Detachments coming onboard. Also there is a link on the website by the Historian. Thank you.

CREDENTIALS CHAIR (Lisa Fountain)

The list of detachments, delegates and delegates present were read prior to the election of officers. Three detachments present were not in compliance to vote. We have a quorum to participate in the elections.

Motion

A motion was made by Phil Zamora, second by Jim Tuohy to accept all reports presented. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS (John Tuohy)

PNC John Tuohy conducted the election of officers for the 2024-2025 year. The results of the elections is as follows:

Commandant	Ray Rayl
Senior Vice Commandant	Phil Smith
Junior Vice Commandant	Stephen Fletcher
Judge Advocate	Scott Hellman
Junior Past Commandant	Art Menard
Paymaster	Larry Sweerin

ZONE CAUCUS

All Zones gathered together to discuss new changes and who is the Zone Vice Commandant.

Break

Auxiliary President (Maureen Ailor)

Commented on she didn't know what a Devil Dog was and did some research on it. Spoke briefly on the history of Devil Dogs and how the US Army Signal Corps sent the first unit of female telephone operators to serve as the American Expeditionary Forces arriving in Paris in March of 1918, apx. 200 female telephone operators, working in Paris and England and some on the front lines keeping the lines of communication working. Women have played a key roll during the wars...from the Hello Girls to Rosie the Riveter and now even being part of the Auxiliary in playing a key roll as Marine Corps League Auxiliary members—supporting the Marines in every way we can. Thank you.

Budget/Finance Committee

A nomination was needed for a 3-year Committee member, Mark Sutton nominated John Tuohy for this position, Phil Zamora seconded, motion carried.

ZONE VICE COMMANDANTS

Southeast Zone 1	Randall Clemons
Eastern Zone 2	Norm Root
Southern Zone 3	Forrest Secord
Southwest Zone 4	Michael Moross
Western Zone 5	William "Doc" Tetzlaff
Central Zone 6	Steve Kelley
Northern Zone 7	Frank Rosinski
Upper Peninsula Zone 8	Tracey Tippett

The business portion of the Summer Convention concluded at 1535.

The Detachment Commandants Council took place and the Zone Commandants met for a meeting.

Following the Installation of Officers at the banquet, the Convention was closed at 22:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

Tracey A Tippett

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Department Adjutant

