

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

MID-WINTER RALLY

JACKSON, MICHIGAN

JANUARY 20, 2023

FOLLOWING THE JOINT SESSION, THE OPENING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, LED BY SGT AT ARMS TRACY BERG. FOLLOWED BY OPENING OF THE BIBLE AND PRAYER BY CHAPLAIN FRED GREEN.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY ACTING ADJUTANT RAY RAYL IN PLACE OF TRACEY TIPPETT WHO WAS EXCUSED DUE TO THE HOSPITALIZATION OF HER HUSBAND.

ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS:

COMMANDANT	ART MENARD	PRESENT
SR. VICE CMDT	RAY ROWLEY	PRESENT
JR. VICE CMDT	RAY RAYL	PRESENT
JUDGE ADVOCATE	STEPHAN FLETCHER	PRESENT
PAYMASTER	LARRY SWEERIN	PRESENT
CHAPLAIN	FRED GREEN	PRESENT
JR. PAST CMDT	JON VANTOL	PRESENT
VICE CMDT SE ZONE #1	PHIL SMITH	PRESENT
VICE CMDT E ZONE # 2	NORM ROOT	EXCUSED
VICE CMDT S ZONE #3	FORREST SECORD	PRESENT
VICE CMDT SW ZONE #4	MIKE MOROSS	PRESENT
VICE CMDT W ZONE #5	DAVE MASUNAS	PRESENT
VICE CMDT C ZONE #6	TROY STEWART	EXCUSED
VICE CMDT N ZONE # 7	FRANK ROSINSKI	PRESENT (NEWLY APP'T FOLLOWING DEATH OF MATT HAGAMAN)
ADJUTANT	TRACEY TIPPETT	EXCUSED
CHIEF OF STAFF	WARREN TRACY	ABSENT

SERGEANT AT ARMS	TRACY BERG	PRESENT
ASS'T SGT AT ARMS	PAUL BLEMBERG	PRESENT
LEGISLATIVE DIR	MARK SUTTON	PRESENT
HISTORIAN	DALE ERION	PRESENT
VAVS DIR	STEVE KELLEY	PRESENT
MICH MARINE NEWS	MARK SUTTON	PRESENT
WEBMASTER	TRACEY TIPPETT	EXCUSED
DEPT EMAILER	EMIL FRANZ III	ABSENT
FT CUSTER NAT'L LIAISON	LARRY SWEERIN	PRESENT
GREAT LKS NAT'L LIAISON	RAY RAYL	PRESENT
1 / 24 TH MEMORIAL LIAISON	ANGELO LEMMA JR.	ABSENT
EAGLE SCOUT CO-ORD	DAVE MASUNAS	PRESENT
MARINE FOR LIFE CO-ORD	DANIEL GUERRERO	ABSENT
TOYS FOR TOTS	GARY DUNN	ABSENT

STANDING COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

COMMANDANT'S COUNCIL	RAY ROWLEY	PRESENT
BUDGET & FINANCE	JOHN P. TUOHY PNC,PDC	PRESENT
FUND RAISING	RAY ROWLEY	PRESENT
RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS	TIM MCGEE	PRESENT
CREDENTIALS	STEVE KELLEY	PRESENT
TIME & PLACE	JAMES J. TUOHY PNC	EXCUSED
SCHOLARSHIP	TIM MCGEE	PRESENT
INVESTMENTS	GIL DYSARCZYK	ABSENT
AWARDS/CITATIONS	PHIL SMITH	PRESENT

DETACHMENTS PRESENT

BELCHER-LANE-WILLIAMS	CAPITOL	CASCADES
DEARBORN	DOWNRIVER	MACOMB COUNTY
FLINT	MONTFORD PT.	CPL STANLEY L. MOORE
DAVID MURNIGHAN	NORTHWEST	UPPER PENINSULA

MUSKEGON	BRANCH AREA	LAKE SUPERIOR
KALAMAZOO	JOHN C. ROCK	OCEANA/BRETT WITTEVEEN
ALPENA	EDSON-KLINE VANSLYKE	
UP DEVIL DOGS		

REPORT OF OFFICERS

COMMANDANT'S REPORT — THE COMMANDANT THANKED THE CASCADES DETACHMENT FOR HOSTING THE 2023 MID-WINTER RALLY.

WE ARE ACCEPTING TWO DETACHMENTS VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF THEIR CHARTERS. THEY ARE THE NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY # 570 AND THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY DET. # 1401, THE ZONE COMMANDANTS HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE DETACHMENT COMMANDANTS ON WHAT NEEDED TO TAKE PLACE TO CLOSE. ACTIVE PARTICIPATION FROM THEIR MEMBERSHIPS WAS NOT HAPPENING AND THEY SIMPLY COULD NOT FUNCTION AS A UNIT TO MEET THEIR REQUIREMENTS ANY LONGER. THE STATUS OF BOTH WASHTENAW 414 AND SGT G.P. PORTA HAS CHANGED AS THEY ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE AS LAWFUL NONPROFIT OR BUSINESS ENTITIES AND DO NOT HAVE MEETINGS.

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE IS 100 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR. THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN OKLAHOMA CITY SHOULD BE A BIG EVENT IN AUGUST.

CENTRAL DIVISION IS SELLING CHALLENGE COINS FOR \$10.00.

MICHIGAN WILL BE HOSTING THE CENTRAL DIVISION CONFERENCE IN 2024, WHICH DETACHMENT WOULD LIKE TO HOST?

UPCOMING MCL EVENTS AND DATES:

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, DEPT. SUMMER CONVENTION 02 & 03 JUNE 2023
LANSING

NATIONAL MIDWINTER 23 — 25 FEBRUARY NORFOLK, VA

CENTRAL DIVISION CONFERENCE 31 MAR — 1 APR PLAINFIELD, IND

NATIONAL CONVENTION 13 — 18 AUGUST OKLAHOMA CITY

ART MENARD

SR. VICE COMMANDANT'S REPORT — THIS YEAR'S FUND RAISING STARTED OUT SLOW. AS OF THIS REPORT, ONLY 5 DETACHMENTS HAVE SENT BACK THEIR TICKETS. WE ONLY HAVE UNTIL APRIL TO COMPLETE THIS RAFFLE. WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO COME OUT STRONG. HOPEFULLY WE WILL RECEIVE MORE TICKETS AT THIS MID-WINTER RALLY. I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT THE LEAGUE AT THE JACKSON COUNT VETERANS COUNCIL AND ATTEND THE VETERANS DAY CEREMONY IN JACKSON. ALSO

ATTENDED THE 247TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE CAPITOL DETACHMENT.
ATTENDED THE LITTLE ROLLERS RAFFLE HOSTED BY THE CAPITOL DETACHMENT.

RAY ROWLEY

JR. VICE COMMANDANT'S REPORT RAY RAYL - I ATTENDED THE FUNERALS OF LARRY ISAACSON ON SEPT 30TH AND RICHARD NOLAN ON NOVEMBER 16TH. BOTH WERE MEMBERS OF FLINT DETACHMENT #155.

OCTOBER 23, I ATTENDED THE MONTFORD POINT DETACHMENT OFFICER INSTALLATION AND PRESENTATION OF THE CHARTER FOR NEW MONTFORD POINT MCL AUXILIARY AND OFFICER INSTALLATION.

NOV 11TH ATTENDED THE DAVID MURNIGHAN DETACHMENT'S 247TH MARINE CORPS BALL AT THE CRYSTAL GARDEN BANQUET CENTER IN HOWELL

ON DEC 21ST I TOOK PART IN "OPERATION HANDSHAKE" AT THE FLINT BISHOP INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. MEMBERS OF VARIOUS AREA VSO'S WERE PRESENT TO WELCOME HOME VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL. PRESENT WERE A NUMBER OF THERAPY DOGS, PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS, VFW, AMERICAN LEGION AND MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERS. THE GOLD STAR MOTHERS HAD COFFEE AND DONUTS AVAILABLE FOR ALL TO PARTAKE IN. LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS EVENT NEXT THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS AND ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MANY MORE MCL DETACHMENTS PRESENT.

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN HAS TWO AREAS THAT I AM LOOKING AT TO FORM UP NEW DETACHMENTS, THEY ARE THE HURON AND SANILAC COUNTIES AND ALSO CHIPPEWA COUNTY AREA.

EXCLUDING THE NORTH OAKLAND AND ST. JOSEPH COUNTY DETACHMENTS, UNPAID MEMBERSHIP IS DOWN 389 MEMBERS FROM THE 1ST QUARTER. THIS IS GOOD, BUT NOT GREAT! IN THE 2ND QUARTER, THE DEPARTMENT LOST 150 MEMBERS. THIS IS DUE TO DECEASED MEMBERS OR JUST HAVING MEMBERS WALK AWAY FROM THE LEAGUE FOR "VARIOUS REASONS". ALL DETACHMENT OFFICERS NEED TO TRY TO REACH OUT TO THOSE MARINES AND DETERMINE WHAT IS THEIR "VARIOUS REASON" FOR LEAVING THE LEAGUE.

VICE COMMANDANT SE ZONE # 1 PHIL SMITH — NO REPORT

VICE COMMANDANT EASTERN ZONE # 2 NORM ROOT — NO REPORT

VICE COMMANDANT SOUTHERN ZONE # 3 FORREST SECORD — I HAVE ATTENDED ALL MY ASSIGNED DETACHMENT MEETING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE DUE TO THE WEATHER. I HAVE ATTENDED 5 CAPITAL DETACHMENT BREAKFASTS. SET UP A RECRUITING TABLE AT A LANSING LUGNUT BASEBALL GAME. I ATTENDED TWO 247TH BIRTHDAY BALLS.

VICE COMMANDANT SOUTHWEST ZONE #4 MIKE MOROSS — I HAVE CONTACTED THE DETACHMENTS IN MY ZONE BY VISITING, EMAIL OR PHONE SINCE THE 2022 SUMMER CONVENTION. CONTINUING WITH THE COMPLIANCE ISSUES, CHECKING THAT THE

DETACHMENTS IN THE ZONE ARE COMPLYING. I CONTINUE DISCUSSING RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS WITH THE DETACHMENTS. WITH THE LOSS OF OLDER MEMBERS DUE TO THEIR HEALTH AND PASSING, AND THE YOUNGER GENERATION NOT WANTING TO GET INVOLVED. I CONTINUE LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS TO RECRUIT THE YOUNGER MARINES INTO THE MCL. I WAS INVOLVED WITH ASSISTING ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 1401 AS THEY PREPARED TO SURRENDER THEIR CHARTER.

ATTENDED THE FUNERAL OF JULIA BOLTE, WIFE OF DETACHMENT COMMANDANT RODNEY BOLTE ON NOV 13, 2022.

VICE COMMANDANT WESTERN ZONE #5 DAVID MASUNAS — I HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ANY OF THE DETACHMENTS IN THE WESTERN ZONE SINCE THE REALIGNMENT. I HAVE BEEN PASSING ALL THE INFO FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO THE DETACHMENTS VIA PHONE OR EMAIL.

VICE COMMANDANT CENTRAL ZONE #6 TROY STEWART — NO REPORT

VICE COMMANDANT NORTHERN ZONE #7 — MATT HAGAMAN - NO REPORT

VICE COMMANDANT UPPER PENINSULA #8 TRACEY TIPPETT — NO REPORT

JUDGE ADVOCATE STEPHAN FLETCHER — IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED. I REVIEWED AND FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE MCL NAT'L AND DEPT BYLAWS. HAVE COMPLETED THE PROCESSING OF THE BYLAW CHANGES, PLACED INTO PDF FORM AND SENT TO THE WEBMASTER FOR POSTING ON THE DEPT WEBSITE. REVIEWED REQUESTS FROM DETACHMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH REGARDS TO INTERPRETATION OF BYLAW AND THEIR APPLICABILITY.

I REVIEW THE NAT'L BYLAWS THAT WERE APPROVED AT THE NAT'L CONVENTION TO DETERMINE IF THEY WOULD REQUIRE AND CHANGES TO DEPT BYLAWS TO REMAIN COMPLIANT.

PAYMASTER'S REPORT LARRY SWEERIN — LARRY GAVE HIS FINANCIAL REPORT. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE REPORT BY MIKE MOROSS AND SUPPORT BY PHIL SMITH.

DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORTS

ADJUTANT TRACEY TIPPETT — NO REPORT

CHIEF OF STAFF WARREN TRACY — NO REPORT

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FRED GREEN — TOOK PART IN THE AUGUST "BACK TO THE BRICKS" CAR SHOW IN FLINT. WE WERE SET UP NEXT TO THE MARINE CORPS RECRUITER'S TENT. THIS MADE SOME RECRUITS AND THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THE LEAGUE.

TOOK PART IN TWO OF THE COMMANDANTS CORNER ZOOM MEETINGS ON ASSOCIATE AND TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM.

DURING OUR 247TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY, I WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER AT EDSON KLINE VANSLYKE AND JOHN C. ROCK'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

THE 2022 TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN FOR LAPEER, SANILAC, TUSCOLA AND OXFORD, MI IN NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY WAS A GOOD CAMPAIGN. THIS PAST CHRISTMAS SEASON WE HELPED 850 KIDS HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS. THIS IS MY 5TH YEAR AS COORDINATOR AND 10TH YEAR HELPING WITH TOYS FOR TOTS.

WE HAVE 53 MEMBERS ADDED TO OUR DEATH ROLE SINCE OUR SUMMER CONVENTION, I KNOW THERE ARE SOME FRIENDS WE ARE MISSING THEIR COMPANIONSHIP.

SERGEANT AT ARMS TRACY BERG – NO REPORT

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR MARK SUTTON - JANUARY 1ST BEGAN A NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A DECADE DEMOCRATS HAVE THE MAJORITY. THEY HAVE ELECTED REP. JOE TATE, MARINE VET FROM DETROIT AS THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE. SEN. WINNIE BRINKS, DEM FROM GRAND RAPIDS HAS BEEN ELECTED SENATE MAJORITY LEADER. BOTH HAVE BEEN FRIENDLY AND SUPPORTIVE OF VETERANS ISSUES IN THE PAST.

WITH THE CLOSING OF A LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN LANSING AND WASHINGTON HERE ARE SOME NUMBERS;

IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

4,410 BILLS INTRODUCED IN 2021-2022.

72 BILLS INCLUDED VETERANS

445 BILLS BECAME LAWS OF THOSE 12 INCLUDED VETERANS

4 WERE OCCUPATIONAL TRANSFER BILLS

IN WASHINGTON

22,027 BILLS AND AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED

535 INCLUDED VETERANS

365 BILLS BECAME LAW INCLUDED 36 LAWS CONTAINING VETERANS

FOR 2022-2023 BUDGET – VETERAN SERVICES GRANTS – NO CHANGE

FOR VETERAN SERVICES GRANTS APPROPRIATIONS IS \$4,250,000

\$250,000 WAS APPROPRIATED TO ESTABLISH A FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE FOR A STATE VETERAN CEMETERY TO BE BUILT IN A U.P. COUNTY WITH NO LESS THAN A POPULATION OF 12,500 AND NO MORE THAN 13,700 WHICH MEANS GOGEBIC COUNTY ON THE WEST END OF THE U.P. \$12,000,000 IN FEDERAL GRANTS IS AVAILABLE FOR THE STATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CEMETERY. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE HAS APPROVED FUNDING FOR A NEW VETERAN HOME TO REPLACE THE JACOBETTI HOME IN MARQUETTE.

INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT ARE THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE MICHIGAN COMMANDERS GROUP. THESE ARE IDEAS VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD ADOPT FOR THE NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THEY ARE ATTACHED TO THE REPORT SUBMITTED.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT'S REPORT JON VANTOL — ACCORDING TO THE STATE AND FEDERAL WEBSITES, THE FOLLOWING DETACHMENTS HAVE YET TO FILE THEIR IRS 990'S FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND CORPORATE LARA FOR 2022

	IRS 990	LARA
DETACHMENT	LAST FILED	LAST FILED
DEPT OF MICH		2021
902 JOHN C. ROCK	2020	
684 CPL JACK A. DAVENPORT	2018	2015
152 DEARBORN	2020	2021
153 DOWNRIVER	2020	2019*
MONROE COUNTY		2021
163 G.P. PORTA	2020	2021
763 BRANCH AREA	2019	2014
1337 S/SGT BRYAN BURGESS		2021
414 WASHTENAW	REVOKED	REVOKED
722 WOLVERINE		REVOKED 2010

*DOWNRIVER SENT A COPY OF 2021 LARA TO ME, I'LL GET WITH THEM JAN 10, 2023

G.P. PORTA 163 WERE REINSTATED BY THE IRS AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN CORPORATE DIVISION

CPL JACK A. DAVENPORT FISCAL YEAR IS 1 FEB TO 31 JANUARY. THEY HAVE A FEW DAYS TO FILE BEFORE THEY WILL BE REVOKED

COMMITTEE REPORTS —

HISTORIAN DALE ERION — DETACHMENTS NEED TO SEND COPIES OF THE CHARTER TO THE HISTORIAN SO IN THE EVENT OF THE ORIGINALS DISTRUTION DUE TO FIRE OR FLOOD, IT CAN BE REPLACED IN A TIMELY FASHION. ANY PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE SENT TO DALE FOR FILING.

VAVS DIRECTOR STEVE KELLEY— NO REPORT

MICHIGAN MARINE NEWS MARK SUTTON — MARK EMAIL IS MM12SUTTON@GMAIL.COM KEEP SENDING IN REPORTS AND PHOTOS.

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR TRACEY TIPPETT— NO REPORT

DEPARTMENT EMAILER EMIL FRANZ III— NO REPORT

FORT CUSTER NATIONAL CEMETERY LIAISON LARRY SWEERIN NO REPORT

GREAT LAKES NAT'L CEMETERY LIAISON — RAY RAYL/ RICHARD MONROE - YTD SINCE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR ON 1 OCTOBER IS 1,013 INTERNMENTS, TOTAL INTERNMENTS SINCE 2005 IS 58,424.

THE FIRING PADS ARE NOW COMPLETED AND, DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS, DO NOT WALK ON THE LAKE SIDE OF THE RAILING AT SHELTER #2 TO RETRIEVE BRASS.

WHEN VISITING THE CEMETERY, YOU MAY NOTICE A LARGE WHITE IN THE COLUMBARIUM AREA. THIS IS A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE THAT ALLOWS THE CONTRACTORS TO WORK THROUGH THE WINTER. IT IS HEATED AND LIGHTED AND WILL BE TAKEN DOWN WHEN THE COLUMBARIUM CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE. THIS COLUMBARIUM WALL WILL ALLOW FOR 2500 NICHES.

EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR DAVE MASUNAS - THANK ALL THE MARINES THAT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PRESENT THE EAGLE SCOUT GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD AND HELP PROMOTE THE PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

FROM AUGUST TO THE PRESENT THE DEPARTMENT HAS PRESENTED 13 EAGLE SCOUT GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS AS COMPARED TO LAST YEARS TOTAL OF 17. I HAVE STEPPED DOWN AT NAT'L SCOUT COMMITTEE BUT I CONTINUE TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH THEM. I HAVE ALSO STAYED ON AS THE CENTRAL DIVISION SCOUT REP AND THE DEPT AS WELL.

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE STILL OFFERS THE SQUARE KNOT AWARD. THIS IS AN AWARD THAT IS WORN ONLY ON THE SCOUT UNIFORM, IT IS NOT AN AWARD TO BE WORN ON THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE UNIFORM. FOR MORE INFO, ON THIS AWARD GO TO THE NAT'L WEB PAGE AND LOOK UNDER PROGRAMS AND SEE THE SCOUT PROGRAM.

YOU CAN ALSO DOWNLOAD THE EAGLE SCOUT GOOD CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION, EAGLE SCOUT PHOTO RELEASE FORMS, EAGLE SCOUT GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD POWER POINT AND MCL EAGLE SCOUT CITIZENSHIP AWARD FLYER AT WWW.MICHIGANMARINES.ORG, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND IN A PHOTO TO THE NATIONAL SEMPER PARITUS YOU WILL NEED TO SEND A PHOTO RELEASE FORM ALONG WITH THE PHOTO.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE JOHN TUOHY PNC,PDC

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE — RAY ROWLEY - MARINE SCOTT HELLMAN FROM THE MUSKEGON DETACHMENT ANNOUNCED TO THE MEMBERS PRESENT THAT HE IS PLANNING A DEPARTMENT FUND RAISING EVENT IN THE FUTURE. IN THE PAST WE HAVE UTILIZED GREAT LAKES MARKETING AND DEPARTMENT RAFFLES TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE DEPARTMENT. SCOTTS PLAN IS TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS AT \$20.00 PER TICKET. THIS WILL ALLOW THE WINNER TO PICK OUT THE VEHICLE OF THEIR CHOICE AT A LOCAL DEALERSHIP NEARBY. THE RAFFLE WILL TAKE PLACE FROM JUNE CONVENTION TO JUNE CONVENTION. IF THE WINNING TICKET, WHICH WILL BE DRAWN TENTATIVELY AT THE

MUSKEGON DETACHMENT IN JUNE 2024, DOESN'T NEED OR WANT A NEW VEHICLE THAN A CASH PAYOUT IS AVAILABLE. THE FUND RAISER WAS DISCUSSED AND THERE WILL BE A LITTLE FINE-TUNING YET TO TAKE PLACE. MORE ON THIS LATER.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE RICHARD MONROE- RICH EXPLAINED TO THE MEMBERSHIP HOW THE TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES. THE JUNE CONVENTION WILL BE HOSTED BY THE LANSING CAPITAL DETACHMENT AND THE RED KNIGHT POUND AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY HOTEL IN LANSING ON JUNE 2-3 2023. THE 2024 MID-WINTER AND THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 2024 IS STILL OPEN AT THIS TIME.

RESOLUTIONS AND BYLAWS TIM MCGEE – TIM REPORTED THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY \$30,000 IN THE COFFERS. THERE WERE 11 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED. EDSON KLINE VANSLYKE AND JOHN C. ROCK DETACHMENTS PRESENTED CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 EACH TO HONOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THEIR DETACHMENT.

MOY COMMITTEE RICHARD MONROE - ALL DEPARTMENT MOY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS NEED TO BE IN MY HANDS NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT APRIL 30, 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – LISA FOUNTAIN FROM THE BELCHER-LANE-WILLIAMS DETACHMENT EXPLAINED THE WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CAMPAIGN TO THE MEMBERSHIP. REMEMBER THE VETERANS NEXT CHRISTMAS BOTH AT THE NAT'L CEMETERIES AND AT YOUR LOCAL CEMETERIES

NEW BUSINESS –

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE – A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY ROWLEY TO PURCHASE A FULL PAGE AD FOR THE CENTRAL DIVISION CONFERENCE IN THE AMOUNT \$100.00 AND A FULL PAGE AD IN THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00. BOTH MOTIONS PASSED.

AWARDS AND CITATIONS PHIL SMITH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO:

CASCADES DET FOR HOSTING THE MIDWINTER

RAY RAYL - JR. VICE COMMANDANT

MIKE KEY - DETACHMENT CMDT FLINT # 155

DAVE SCHMIDT - PAST SOUTHERN ZONE VICE COMMANDANT

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DOWNRIVER DETACHMENT IS PURSUING A "DRAG QUEEN BINGO" FUND RAISER. MORE ON THIS LATER. LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR STATED THAT THE DEPT. NEEDS TO STAY OUT OF DETACHMENT FUND RAISING IDEAS.

MONTFORD POINT MARINES WILL BE HOSTING A "BLACK HISTORY DINNER ON FEB 11TH AT THEIR HALL. COST \$50.00 PER TICKET. THERE WILL BE A MILITARY DISPLAY ON HAND FOR YOUR PLEASURE

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL AFTER THE BANQUET WHEN WE WILL HAVE THE OFFICIAL CLOSING.

CLOSING CEREMONY- FOLLOWING DINNER AND GUEST SPEAKER, MR _____ 100 YR OLD PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR, THE 2023 MID-WINTER RALLY WAS CLOSED UNTIL THE 2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION RECONVENES AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY HOTEL IN LANSING ON JUNE 02 & 03,2023.

NOTE; I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APOLOGIES FOR THE QUALITY OF THE MINUTES. WHEN I PURCHASED THE DIGITAL VOICE RECORDER I WAS UNDER THE MISCONCEPTION THAT IT WOULD BE FUNCTIONAL. I WAS WRONG.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Raymond Rayl

ACTING ADJUTANT

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN