

**Townsend Detachment  
Marine Corps League**

**Minutes of Detachment Meeting  
April 21, 2025**

**Members Present: 15**

**Members on Zoom: 0**

**Opening Ceremony:**

Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance  
Marine Corps Hymn  
Opening Prayer

**Commandant: Sgt. At Arms held up the wrapped box for the Silent Auction.  
Money from this auction will be deposited in Townsend Detachment  
#920 MCL's bank account. Directions for bidding are on the attached  
paper. Bid high!**

**Commandant: Adjutant - Roll Call: Commandant, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Judge Advocate,  
Jr. Past Commandant, Sgt. At Arms, Chaplain, Pay Master, Adjutant  
All officers present.**

**Commandant: Application for membership - none**

**Sick and Distressed: Chaplain Charles Harris reported that Don Fisher was feeling  
better. Chaplain Harris also reported that he was feeling  
better.**

**Correspondence: Commandant Nancy Burtron reported that Sgt. Abergost from the  
Huntsville Reserve Unit was requesting a joint fund raiser for this  
year's MC Ball. After discussion the members present decided that  
Townsend Detachment #920 was too distant from them to participate.**

**Adjutant: Adjutant Pat Jeffries reported that the minutes were posted to the Townsend  
Detachment #920 web page ( [townsendmcl920.org](http://townsendmcl920.org)) with no corrections.**

**Pay Master's Report: Paymaster Chuck Moore gave a detailed printout of his report.  
There was a motion made and seconded to accept the Pay Master's  
report. A copy of the report will be included with the minutes.**

**Commandant: Sgt. At Arms Mark Kuehendorf escorted Pay Master Chuck Moore  
to Commandant Nancy Burtron for a special presentation of a portable  
filing cabinet to assist him in his position as Pay Master.**

**Officer Reports:**

**Sr. Vice - Sr. Vice Robert Fell gave a brief presentation on the Department MCL**

meeting June 20-22, 2025 in Birmingham, AL. He encouraged members to attend different meetings to become more knowledgeable on the MCL organization. He also stated that there would be a Veteran Affairs Counselor on site to answer any questions or concerns from veterans.

Jr. Vice - Jr. Vice Rick Joki encouraged members to pay their dues to the Pay Master Chuck Moore.

Recess for dinner - 5:22pm

Reconvened after dinner - 6:00pm

Jr. Vice Commandant - Jr. Vice Commandant Mike Jeffries explained how members could make their own business card on their phone and share with perspective members.

Judge Advocate - Judge Advocate Mike Jeffries reported that there were no training videos for Judge Advocate. He did find an interesting fact stating there was no designated cover appropriate for State or National meetings. The National Judge Advocate made the decision that the red cover would be the designated Cover for all MCL meetings. Commandant Nancy Burtron stated that everyone needed to read the recommended bi-law changes found on the National MCL web page and be ready to discuss pros and cons at the next meeting.

Adjutant - Commandant Nancy Burtron and Adjutant Pat Jeffries will be completing the History of Townsend Detachment #920's activities memory book for Sept. 2024-July 2025 that our Historian Linda Joki began before she became terminally ill. We are in need of photos, newspaper articles, and personal input from all members. Commandant Nancy Burtron requested information and photos from Associate Member Sandra Robertson in line with the VA.

Sgt. At Arms: Sgt. At Arms Mike Kuehendorf reported about the mapping of graves of Marines at various cemeteries in Montgomery, AL. He will provide more information at the May meeting.

News Letter Editor: News Letter Editor Mark Barnhart encouraged members to come for lunch at Summer's Place the first Monday of each month. He also encouraged each member to reach out to fellow marines as prospective new members. He asked for a show of hands who would be attending the MCL Department Meeting in Birmingham, AL in June.

Web Sergeant: Web Sgt. Eric Neese was made aware that one of our members was unable to access the Detachment's website. He announced the problem was corrected.

Unfinished Business: Central AL VA Health Care System Liaison Sandra Robertson gave a report on the reorganized System. She encouraged everyone to use the web page at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) for the latest VA information. On ways you can help with donations or you time as a volunteer for the different programs

and events go to this web page [LaKesha.McDow-Kenner@va.gov](mailto:LaKesha.McDow-Kenner@va.gov) or contact Sandra Robertson at [smr57@icloud.com](mailto:smr57@icloud.com)

**New Business:** Jr. Past Commandant Mike Jeffries and Jr. Vice Rick Joki spoke about Color Guard training that was available. Jr. Past Commandant Mike Jeffries stated that there was a specific uniform to be worn when participating in a Color Guard or Honor Guard service. Commandant Nancy Burtron stated this service is needed in our area.

Commandant Nancy Burtron stated that \$2000 from the tag fund will be transferred to MCL Department to help balance the budget.

A notice was sent from Governor Ivy requesting new nominees for the ADVA board of advisors. The new nominees are Nancy Burtron, John Burke, Jim Ribley, Brian Battaligia

#### **MCL Department Officer Nominations**

Commandant	Darrell Langford
Sr. Vice	Nancy Burtron
Jr. Vice	Jermaine Payne
Judge Advocate	Richard Keeton

Kimberly Payne is stepping down as Dpt. Newsletter Editor and needs someone to fill her position.

**Good of the League:** Mark Kuehendorf requested the members enthusiastically sing the Marine Corps Hymn.

**Announcements:** Commandant Nancy Burtron reminded everyone that the River Region Veterans Coalition Meeting is Monday, April 28 at Feast Buffet on Atlanta Hwy. Buffet begins at 5:15pm and meeting begins at 6:00pm. She encouraged everyone to attend.

#### **Closing Ceremony:**

Salute the Flag  
Closing Prayer  
Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Jeffries, Adjutant

**Townsend Detachment #920**  
**Paymaster Report**  
**April 2025**  
*(Presented - 4/21/25)*

<b>Opening Balance (= Prev Mnth Closing Bal)</b>				<b>\$6,535.04</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>	03/18/2025	Can't remember the \$100; 31 is 50/50	\$131.00	
	04/01/2025	Qtrly Interest	\$2.56	
	04/11/2025	Dues Receipts	\$105.00	
		<b>Subtotal Revenue</b>	<b>\$238.56</b>	<b>\$238.56</b>
<b>Withdrawals:</b>	#116 AL MCL	Dues Transmittal #5	\$92.00	
	#117 Mark Kuehndorf	Reimbursement flag ornaments	\$65.60	
	#118 MCL Det #592	Convention Advertisement	\$200.00	
	#119 AL MCL	Dues Transmittal #6	\$92.00	
	#120 AL MCL	Dues Transmittal #7	\$69.00	
	#121 AL MCL	Dues Transmittal #8	\$23.00	
	#122 MCL (National)	Delegate Registration Nat. Conv.	\$25.00	
	Auto Debit (Monthly)	Web Services - "Webbering"	\$35.00	
		<b>Subtotal Expense</b>	<b>\$601.60</b>	<b>\$601.60</b>
<b>Special **</b>	<b>Disputed Debit Card Transactions:</b>			
		Apple	\$37.38	
		PayPal	\$19.95	
		Apple	\$59.38	
		<b>Subtotal Disputed</b>	<b>\$116.71</b>	<b>\$116.71</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>				<b>\$6,055.29</b>