

**Townsend Detachment
Marine Corps League**

**Minutes of Detachment Meeting
February 17, 2025**

Members Present: 12

Members on Zoom: 1

Opening Ceremony:

Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance
Marine Corps Hymn
Opening Pray

Commandant:

Roll Call: Commandant, Sr. Vice, Jr. Past Commandant, Judge Advocate, Pay Master, Adjutant, Sgt. at Arms, Chaplin, Web Sgt., News Letter Editor, CAVHS Liaison, Toys for Tots co-ordinator. All present except News Letter Editor and CAVHS Liaison; both excused

Commandant: Installation of Eric Neese as Web Sergeant

Correspondence: The Detachment received a thank you letter from Martha Poole Simmons acknowledging the Honorary Membership bestowed to her at the Townsend Detachment Change of Command.

Sick and Distressed: Roger Shelnutt reported that his wife is feeling better.

Adjutant: Minutes for January 20, 2025 meeting have been posted on the web page. To access web page go to your web browser and type in townsendmcl920.org.

Officer Reports:

Sr. Vice: Robert Fell gave information on State MCL Convention, June 20-22, 2025. It will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton at Birmingham Perimeter Park. You need to make your own hotel reservations. Use group code MCL. You, also, need to complete a registration form.

Robert Fell reported that he and Mike Jeffries will be attending a meeting of the River Region Coalition of Veterans. The purpose of this group is to foster unity of all veterans' groups in the River Region. The meeting will be Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 6:00PM.

Recessed for dinner: 5:30PM

Reconvened after dinner: 6:00PM

Pay Master's Report: Balance of \$7,073.56 before deposits and expenditures

Expenses: Change of Command \$442.14

Gift to ladies/preparation of food (COC) \$200

Deposits: \$450

Current Balance: \$6,881.24

Chuck Moore made a motion that Townsend Detachment prepare and send in an Advertisement for the Annual Department Convention Booklet. Ken Duan seconded the motion. Chuck Moore suggested that the page be dedicated to Marine Dick McClain. Pat Jeffries wanted our Historian, Linda Joki, to also be honored as she just recently passed in February of this year. She suggested the two individuals share a page. After much discussion the motion was amended to purchase two pages for the booklet, one page for Dick McClain and one page for Linda Joki. The amended motion passed. FYI Several years ago a motion was passed to honor our Detachment Marines in our annual Advertisement.

Chuck Moore also made a motion to support the newly hired Elmore VSO with a check for \$100 to help defray the cost of snacks for veterans waiting for services. The VSO office is located at the Court House in Wetumpka. The motion was seconded by Andre Johnson. After many questions and discussion the motion passed.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Mike Jeffries said the Change of Command was a great success. Admiral Davis was an excellent speaker. He announced the formation of the River Region Coalition stressing the Coalition's purpose was to foster the unity of the many Veterans' Organizations in the River Region. Mike Jeffries and Robert Fell will attend the Coalition's first meeting this month. Mike Jeffries presented several Certificates of Appreciation to members of Townsend. He, also, presented The Associate of the Year to Adjutant, Pat Jeffries and Marine of the Year to Nancy Burtron.

Townsend Detachment was asked to participate in this year's Montgomery Veterans' Day Parade. Mike Jeffries made a motion that we accept the invitation to be in the Parade. Andre Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate: Mike Jeffries stated that if anyone had a proposed amendment to the State of Alabama Marine Corps League Bylaws, it needed to be submitted by March 1st. Likewise, if anyone had a proposed amendment to the National Bylaws of the Marine Corps League, it would need to be submitted by May 1st. Questions? Contact Mike Jeffries or Nancy Burtron

**Chaplin: Please call me if I can be of help to you or your family.
Charles Harris 334-294-5183**

Sergeant at Arms: Please pronounce my name correctly. Let's practice! And we did! Mark Kuehendorf announced there would be a Devil Dog Growl this Saturday, February 22nd, 10:00AM at Wire Grass. Meet at Sommer's Place; departure 8:00AM. The quarterly meeting of the State of Alabama Marine Corps League will be Saturday, March 29th at the American Legion in Millbrook, Alabama. Meet

at 7:30AM at the Smoke House on Main Street for breakfast and enjoy lunch after the meeting. It's a great way to meet more Marine Veterans!

Web Sergeant: Eric Nesse encouraged everyone to login to the web site, read everything. Make suggested corrections and additions. Go to your web browser and type the following townsendmcl920.org

Central Alabama Hospital Liaison: Sandy Robertson was absent but she submitted a recap of the different Veterans groups that she serves. She gave a list of items that we could donate to help those in need. Let Sandy know if you have items to donate.

Adjutant: I make a motion to give a monetary gift of \$100 in memory of Linda Joki to the Eastwood Christian School where she was a teacher. Mark Kuehendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business: none

New Business: Commandant Nancy Burtron has appointed the following members to serve on the following committees.

**Budget Committee: Robert Fell, Andre Johnson, Chuck Moore
Detachment Membership List: Eric Nesse, Chuck Moore
River Region Coalition: Robert Fell, Mike Jeffries
Committee for selection of MOY and AMOY: Pat and Mike Jeffries**

Good of the League:

All attend Rally about ADVA restructuring on Tuesday, 2/25 at 11:30AM on the State House Grounds in Montgomery.

Announcements:

Elaine Gault has contributed more Marine Corps items for the Silent Auction at The State of Alabama MCL Convention in Birmingham, Alabama in June.

Closing Ceremony:

**Salute the Flag
Closing Prayer
Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Pat Jeffries
Adjutant**