

**Townsend Detachment
Marine Corps League**

**Minutes of Detachment Meeting
May 19, 2025**

Members Present:14

Members on Zoom:0

Opening Ceremony:

Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance
Marine Corps Hymn
Opening Prayer

Commandant:

**Roll Call of Officers: Commandant, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Jr. Past Commandant, Pay Master,
Sgt. At Arms, Chaplain, CAVHS Liaison, Web Sgt.- excused,
News Letter Editor, Adjutant**

Correspondence: Jr. Past Commandant Mike Jeffries shared correspondence from Barbara Clark, Parade Coordinator for Veterans Day Parade for 2025 thanking Townsend Detachment #920 MCL for participating in the 2024 VDP and acknowledging our request to participate in 2025 Veterans Day Parade.

Sick and Distressed: Commandant Nancy Burtron asked for prayers for her granddaughter Meredith Peacock, age 24 yrs old, who is in stage 4 Kidney failure. Jr. Past Commandant Mike Jeffries reported that Gary Barnes was unable to attend the meeting because of a migraine headache.

Adjutant: Adjutant Pat Jeffries reported that the minutes were posted to the Townsend Detachment #920 web page (townsendmcl920.org) with no corrections. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted by Jr. Past Commandant Mike Jeffries and seconded by Sr. Vice Robert Fell. The motion passed.

Pay Master's Report: Pay Master Chuck Moore reported that the Detachment had a balance of \$6,055.29 on 4/22/25. There was \$103.00 revenue and \$667.45 expense from 4/22/25 to 5/19/25 leaving a balance of \$5,490.84. A motion to accept the Pay Master's report was made by Sr. Vice Robert Fell and seconded by News Letter Editor Mark Barnhart.

Recess for dinner - 5:12PM

Reconvened after dinner - 5:35 PM

Officer Reports:

Jr. Vice Rick Joki presented a checklist beginning 6/1/25 to accomplish the task of getting everyone's dues paid in a timely manner.

Commandant Nancy Burtron challenged all Life Members to a \$10.00 donation.

Sr. Vice Robert Fell gave a brief summary of the Department of Alabama MCL Convention to be held in Birmingham, Alabama 6/20/25-6/22/25. Commandant Nancy Burtron encouraged anyone not able to attend the whole convention to attend the business meeting, Saturday 6/21/25 beginning at 9:00AM. The cost for the meeting is \$15.00.

Judge Advocate Mike Jeffries stated that he could not find any documents listing proposed bi-law changes. Commandant Nancy Burtron said she would contact the National MCL to request a copy of the proposed changes so Townsend members would be able to discuss and decide how Townsend's representatives would vote at the National Convention in August.

Jr. Past Commandant Mike Jeffries reported that the River Region Veterans Coalition meets on the fourth Monday of each month. The speaker at last month's meeting was the director of the Community Care Program. He presented an over view of the program and then asked for comments or questions. Many individuals were disappointed in the one section of the community care program dealing with help in getting an appointment time with serious health problems is too long. On the agenda for the May meeting will be a slate of officers presented by the board for discussion and vote.

Historian Pat Jeffries said that Commandant Nancy Burtron and she categorized all the information that had been collected for the Townsend Americanism/History book to be presented at the National MCL Convention in August 2025. More information and photos of Townsend members interacting with their community veterans events and with Scouts, students and family involved with veterans organizations, groups and events are needed.

Chaplin Charles Harris - no report

CAVHS Liaison Sandra Robertson gave a brief report stating the the reorganization of the CAVHS is still ongoing. She stated that if you had questions to contact her. She announced that on May 28, 2025 at 10:00AM the Central Alabama Veterans Hospital System will be serving refreshments to veterans.

News Letter Editor Mark Barnhart asked everyone to send in photos for Flags being placed on graves of deceased Marines this Saturday.

Sgt. At Arms Mark Kuehendorf explained the diagrams he plotted to locate the graves of Veterans for placement of an American flag and Marines will also have a Marine Corps Flag. He walked everyone through how to set their cell phones to help in locating the graves.

Pay Master Chuck Moore stated that the membership roster would be ready by the July Meeting. One of the problems was determining who was deceased on the list.

Old Business: None

New Business: Commandant Nancy Burtron talked about SAGE, a health care insurance program devoted to helping the veteran with VA benefits, SS benefits, etc. Paymaster Chuck Moore, Commandant Nancy Burtron and Chaplain Charles Harris participated in ceremony at SAGE Health Care on Wednesday May 14 to Honor Veterans. Charles served as the Chaplain for the event, Chuck executed the Missing Man Ceremony with table and script, Nancy tolled the bell for the Missing Man Script. Sage Health invited Townsend to participate after they were declined support from the American Legion. Townsend Detachment stands ready to support our community partners as needed.

Commandant Nancy Burtron stated that by the July Meeting the Townsend Detachment needed a Budget Report.

Good of the League:

Jr. Past Commandant Mike Jeffries invited everyone to attend the Veterans Day Remembrance Program in Millbrook, AL at the city park at 10:00AM

Announcements: None

Closing Ceremony:

Salute the Flag
Closing Prayer
Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Jeffries, Adjutant