

CLOSING CEREMONY

COMMANDANT: There being no further business, we will proceed to close.

The Detachment/Department will stand silent in respect for our deceased members. (Commandant gives two raps of gavel. Chaplain, without orders, reads the names of deceased members).

COMMANDANT: Sgt. at Arms, retire the Colors.

SGT AT ARMS: Aye, aye, Sir. (All present covered, execute hand salute-others, civilian salute, as the Colors are retired)

COMMANDANT: The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

CHAPLAIN: (Uncover) Supreme Commandant, we humbly beseech Thee to bless what good we have accomplished and forgive that which we have done amiss. As we separate to go our several ways, we commit ourselves to Thy loving care. Amen.

COMMANDANT: Senior Vice Commandant, perform the last duty of your post.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT: Marines, the ... Detachment/Department thanks you for your attendance, and requests you secure new members and further that you favor us at every future meeting with your presence, so far as your circumstances will permit.

COMMANDANT: Sgt. at Arms, declare this meeting of the ...Detachment/Department, Marine Corps League, officially closed.

SGT AT ARMS: By authority of the Commandant ... Detachment/Department, Marine Corps League, I declare this meeting officially closed until ... (date).... when it will be reopened for the transaction of official business.

COMMANDANT: (Gives one rap of gavel-meeting adjourned)