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Whose Birthday was August 4, 1923?

The Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines and Navy FMF Sailors, who proudly wear or who have worn the eagle, globe and anchor of the Corps. It takes great pride in crediting its founding in 1923 to World War I hero, then Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune. It takes equal pride in its Federal Charter, approved by An Act of the Seventy-Fifth Congress of the United States of America and signed and approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 4, 1937. The League is the only Federally Chartered Marine Corps related veterans organization in the country. Since its earliest days, the Marine Corps League has enjoyed the support and encouragement of the active duty and Reserve establishments of the U. S. Marine Corps. Today, the League boasts a membership of more than 60,000 men and women, officer and enlisted, active duty, Reserve Marines, honorably discharged Marine Veterans, qualified Navy FMF Sailors.

The Marine Corps League is headed by an elected National Commandant, with 14 elected National Staff Officers who serve as trustees. The National Board of Trustees coordinates the efforts of 48 department, or state, entities and the activities of over 1100 community-based detachments located throughout the United States and overseas. The day-to-day operations of the League are under the control of the National Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer with the responsibility for the management and direction of all programs, activities, and affairs of the Marine Corps League as well as supervising the National Headquarters staff.

The prime authority of the League is derived from its Congressional charter and from its annual National Convention held each August in different major U.S. cities throughout the nation. It is a not-for-profit organization within the provisions of the Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c) (4), with a special group exemption letter which allows for contributions to the Marine Corps League, its Auxiliary and subsidiary units, to be tax deductible by the donor.

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Hello Department of South Carolina! I hope you are all staying cool in the heat of our South Carolina summer! I have to admit I am not a fan of this time of year – it is too dang hot and then the A/C is too dang cold!! I just can't win!!

I wanted to say thanks to everyone who attended the last Department Quarterly – we had a great turn out and I hope it only continues to grow – I'd love to see us have to put chairs along the walls to accommodate everyone!! I encourage everyone reading this newsletter to attend at least one Quarterly outside of Convention each year – you will learn a lot about the running of the Department at the Quarterlies. Who knows, it may also spur some of you to become our next Department leaders!

For this month's article, I wanted to talk about two big events coming up in 2023 – the Southeast Division Conference and the Department Convention, hosted by my home Detachment, Low Country #803. We truly hope we will have an amazing turnout by all our Detachments. Watch for more details about room reservations and registration in the coming month or so. We have some exciting ideas for the celebration of our Department's 30th Anniversary and the League's 100th Anniversary!!

I have often heard each year about the \$100 contribution requested from each Detachment and the ad submission. At the Quarterly Meeting held in January 2012 a motion was made and a vote for each Detachment to annually contribute \$100 to the host Detachment to help with Convention expenses and an encouragement for each Detachment to place a full-page ad in the program book. This was voted on by the 22 Detachments that attended that Quarterly (we had 24 Detachments in the Department at that time, so quorum was met). Some leaders over the years have mistakenly stated that this was a bylaw or administrative procedure. Let me be clear, IT IS NOT A BYLAW OR ADMIN PROCEDURE. I will admit that until I did more digging, I mistakenly thought it was a bylaw, as well, as that was what I had been told many times over the years. It was no different than a vote being cast for funds for the Young Marines program, or for disaster relief. So the Department can REQUEST and HIGHLY ENCOURAGE that the Detachments contribute, it cannot MANDATE it be paid. There is no punitive action if a Detachment does not make the contribution and some Detachments consistently do not contribute but take advantage of the convention amenities (like the hospitality room).

Because we do not have a large group, we do not get the meeting spaces for free, so the contribution from the Detachments helps cover the expenses to rent the rooms for Hospitality, Ship Store, and the Ballroom / Meeting Space, which for 2023 is \$3,000. The funds from the Detachments, even if every one contributed the \$100, still does not cover the room rental, but definitely helps!

I hope that clarifies the reasoning behind the request for the funds from each Detachment annually to help support the Convention. The Annual Convention serves two purposes, it allows us to conduct the business meetings for elections and vote on any bylaw amendments that have been submitted for consideration. It also gives us an opportunity to celebrate achievements by our membership and our Detachments. I'd love to see us do more recognition at these annual Conventions!

With the Southeast Division Conference being hosted by the Department of South Carolina this year (headed up by Detachment #803), I would encourage the Detachments to submit an ad for the SE Division program book as well this year. We will have guests coming in from seven states (AL, LA, GA, TN, SC, FL, MS) and supporting our Department.

A committee, headed up by Department Chief of Staff Jim Powell, is looking at recommendations for some potential changes to make to how we run our Conventions to hopefully make it easier for Detachments to host our annual conventions, watch for those proposals to come down the line at the upcoming Quarterlies. If you have any suggestions, please send them over to him! Since it will be a change to SOP / Administrative procedures, it will have to be written up and submitted as a change to be voted on at our next Department Convention in June 2023.

I look forward to seeing those who are attending the National Convention in Daytona next month and those I will see at the next Quarterly on September 17th!

Semper Fi!
Helen

USMC HISTORY

The Senate officially confirmed Lt. Gen. Michael Langley as the nation's first Black four-star Marine general. He has 37 years in the Marine Corps.



U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Michael E. Langley, the new commander of U.S. Africa Command, made history as the first Black four-star Marine general in 246 years, the Marine Corps announced this week. BILL O'LEARY/THE WASHINGTON POST VIA GETTY IMAGES



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Senior Vice Commandant's Ramblings

I know many of you are preparing for your trip to our National Convention in Daytona. I look forward to the opportunity to take care of the necessary business of the League as well as see some Marines that I haven't crossed paths with in a while. Our annual Department Raffle tickets are printed and Paymaster Holt is applying for our permit. Your part will start on 17 September when your Detachment's allotment will be given to your representative at the Department Quarterly. The drawing will be at our Convention in Charleston in June. Thinking about the Quarterly, Commandants please send me your best estimate of how many of your Detachment will be eating lunch by 7 September. Our caterer serves a very good meal for about \$10-12 dollars a plate depending on his cost for the meal. We have been ordering 50 meals but the last 2 Quarterlies have averaged only 40 buying tickets. We want to have adequate food for all who wish to eat but don't need to pay for 10 extra meals.

Until next time,

Buddy Ferguson

Senior Vice Commandant Department of South Carolina.



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We must be proactive in changing our culture and create an inviting environment of communicating to align with our recruiting and retention goals. When you see a member not attending meetings, it's because no one has called them. Although the communication tools have updated over the years, the message is still the same.

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides official estimates and projections of the Veteran population using the Veteran Population Projection Model (VetPop). Based on the available information through September 30, 2018, the latest model VetPop2018 projected a steady decrease in the Veteran population over the next 30 years. The "Percent Change in Veteran Population" data table shows the change in the Veteran population from 2000 to 2020 by state. During this period, the average decrease in the Veteran population is 25% at the state level. We have a opportunity in South Carolina due to we are tie for second place with Alaska in the nation with only a 6% decrease which means state like New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and other northern states have decreases in excess of 40%. Therefore, we have a greater opportunity! We can reach our goals, because of potential Members that are moving south.

THE TOM PERRONE AWARD

- To be awarded to the Department with the greatest increase of membership for the preceding year ending with the second quarter, December 31.
- The Southeast Assistant National Vice Commandant will be responsible for the determination of the award winner and presentation.
- In the event of a tie, tying Departments will be awarded the Tom Perrone Award

Embrace the tribe and assign recruiting teams in your Detachment, and market the MCL as a place to find help; Toys for Tots, Funeral/Color guard Details, and being an essential part of the community. Partner with the local Marine recruiters and reserve prior service recruiters in your area to further drive the recruiting mission.

If you have any questions or new ideas that's working for your Detachment; please share so we all succeed. "Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success" Let's GET SOME!!!!!!

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP as of July 14, 2022

	PLM	PAID	TOTAL PD	UNPAID
REGULAR	684	236	920	164
ASSOCIATE	69	80	149	48
MULTI	15	0	15	1
TOTAL	768	316	1084	213

Dept. Judge Advocate

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As this article is being written we are just beginning to reach the knee-deep stage of the Political season. Every two to four years the same problems arise with the same questions being asked. So, to start out let's clear the air. All members of the Marine Corps League are encouraged to support the candidate and/or party of your choice. The Marine Corps League, however, is a 501c4 exempt under the IRS Code and may not support any Political Candidate or Political Party. As such when you go to your rallies and political meetings leave your MCL uniform items at home. The same goes for MCL meetings, don't bring political items to the meeting to pass out. This just keeps everything cleaner. Many of you are members of other Veterans Service Organizations that do not fall under these restrictions. As the old saying goes; when in Rome conduct your selves as other Romans do...

BIRTHDAY BALL INVITATION



Come join us as we celebrate the 247 th birthday of our Marine Corps.

The guest speaker is Lt General H Stacy Clary III a graduate of the University of South Carolina.

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File Your 990 Tax Form Now

It's time to file the tax form 990 for your Detachment and Pound. The 990-N for the Department has just been filed. The fiscal year for all Detachments and Pounds (and the Department and Pack) ended on June 30. Although the IRS won't suspend your non-profit status if you skip a year, the League's National Bylaws require that you file every year. While it is normally the Paymaster who files the return, it's the Commandant's responsibility to ensure that it has been completed. Please file it this month, and send a copy of the confirmation to me, at jerryholt813@gmail.com.

To file your 990-N on line (for Detachments with less than \$50K income), use this link:

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>

then scroll down and click on the blue box. It only takes a few minutes to file.

MCL License Plate

Do you have a Marine Corps League license plate? The Department derives some its funds from the sale of these plates. Those funds are used to support Young Marines, disaster assistance and other veteran-related support efforts. You can get the plates at your local DMV office or submit an Application for Military License Plate (Form MV-37). You can download this form at <https://scdmvonline.com/Forms-And-Manuals>. You'll normally need to show proof of MCL membership to qualify for the plates.



Dues Renewal

As of July 5, we have 528 members who pay their dues annually. Within that number, 214 (almost 41%) are delinquent. It is important that the Detachments take action in July to get these members caught up on their dues. The new dues period begins September 1. Members

who are delinquent a considered to be “not in good standing”, and as such are not eligible to hold an elected or appointed office in the League.

Nearly all the transmittals are currently being processed by National within two weeks after submission. Be sure to submit your transmittals to me immediately after collecting payment for the dues. Commandants and Paymasters can request a current roster from me at any time.

If you want to avoid the hassle of collecting / paying dues every year, consider converting to a Life Membership. Current Life Member dues are:

L (35 and under)	500.00
L (36-50)	400.00
L (51-64)	300.00
L (65 and over)	200.00

And they are likely to increase after this year’s convention. If the member’s dues are not current, they must pay the annual dues first, so they become current, then they can submit the Life Member dues payment.

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Semper Fi



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FALLEN MARINES AND ASSOCATES JUNE 2021-APRIL 2022

1. Michael McDaniel
2. Larry Shunkwiler
3. Richard Karp
4. Howard Register
5. Joe Minshew
6. Joe Brown
7. Carl Gullledge
8. James Reese
9. Mary Perrone
10. Ronald Short
11. Bernard Nichols
12. Richard Porter
13. Edward Westbrook
14. Charles Simpson
15. William Jones
16. John Keller
17. Raymond Hickey
18. Jeffery Eriean
19. Clifford Christy
20. Jim Mazur
21. William Yesberg
22. Mary Illes



DETACHMENT ROLL CALL

DETACHMENT #803 Low Country

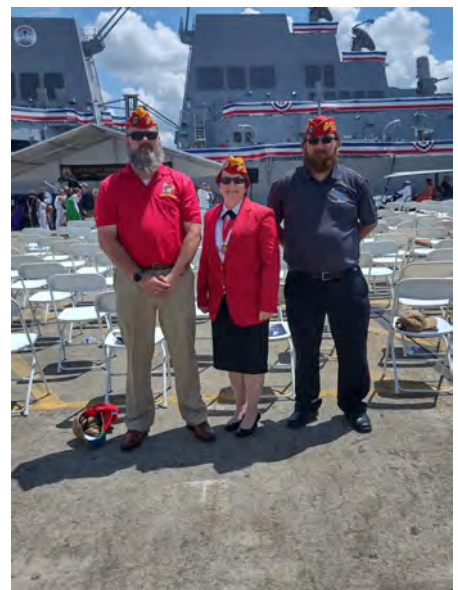


Left) Scholarship winner, Madeline Causey with the Detachment and family. She is going to Lander, majoring in nursing.

Below) John and Marilyn Tharp attending the ceremony for Woody Williams.



Helen Breen and Kevin Patton along with Det. 1105's Baretta Splawn attended the commissioning of MGen. Franklin E. Peterson Jr. DDG121 in Charleston. Left is MGen Peterson.



DETACHMENT ROLL CALL

DETACHMENT #1105 Owens Kennemore



The Detachment held its July meeting at HomeTeam BBQ in Greenville. Great Food and Great Fellowship.

DETACHMENT #939



Aiken Memorial Day Parade



Aiken Memorial Day Program



Recipients of this year's Cpl Matthew Dillon Scholarships

DETACHMENT #1134 Hutchings-Caldwell



Detachment Commandant Chuck Davis, SC Past Department Commandant PDD Jim Stone and PDD Jim Smith of Owens-Kennmore Det 1105 Greenville, answered a request from the family of Floyd Guest, 93 to honor him and his service on Memorial Day at their family reunion. They gave him a quilt and an Honorary Membership in the Marine Corps League. Not pictured John Rossello, Det 1105 and Mildred Davis Det 1134 (photographer).

DETACHMENT #1141 Speedy Wilson

The members of Speedy Wilson 1141 had a great turn out to replace flags, and toast Speedys grave with a beer. Charles and I sat and advised all the troops in placing the flags [meaning we showed up with enthusiasm but lacked mobility]..



At our June 9 th meeting, David Rummel was awarded Marine of the year. Toys for tots awards were given out to our members, we had the honor of being visited by ww2 veteran Mac Chapple 5th Marine's Iwo veteran.

DETACHMENT #1141 Speedy Wilson

Detachment 1141 celebrated the fourth together as a sales machine unit! Six members plus one cheerleading wife got together to recruit and bring dollars into the detachment checkbook. The event was the Lexington County Peach Festival. With the fine work of getting donations Chaplin Matzinger [got 7 cases 40 bottles of water] and the midway of member Callahan selling cooling towels like a mad man. Supported by member Johnson running the cash drawer [she kept one) had wet passing n other dry passing water and collecting the dollars. Doc Church kept the ice water iced and the cooling towels chilled. Led by Commandant Scott, we had a very successful event. Folks if you really want to enjoy an event on the fourth do it with your detachment brothers and sisters, it's uplifting and very bonding.



DETACHMENT #1146 Kershaw County



Arthur Delperdang gets wrapped by his family.



DETACHMENT #1154 YELLOW FOOTPRINTS



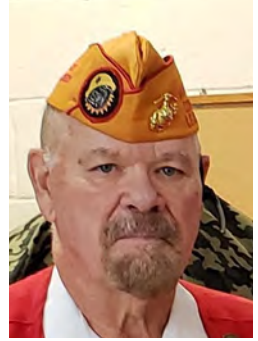
Above: Recieptents of their
Scholarships Awards.

Right: Awards were giving out to
their members at the Family picnic.



SC Pack Leader

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Woof, Woof, you magnificent dogs of the SC Pack!

It is time to travel to the Supreme Growl in Daytona Beach, Florida.

We have many dogs going up for their gold collar this year. I look forward to seeing in the Kennel Doghouse. DO not forget to bring a copy of your paperwork with you to avoid possible disappointment. Make sure you have registered on the Kennel website to avoid the long line. You must register with the League before you register with the Devil Dogs. Do not forget to bring many bones with you for your collar, Kennel registration and donation (\$6.00) of 6 big bones and 50 big bones for your advancement paraphernalia, and bones to purchase your gold collar and for fines along the way, as well fines during the Supreme Growl!!!

I hope all have signed up for the baseball game on Tuesday where the 59th Chief Devil Dog, Tom Hazlett will present the big check of 83,000 big bones to the children's hospital in Daytona. There will be a Devil Dog Dinner Cruise, if you wish to go, and a Devil Dog reception on Wednesday at 1800 at the Daytona Bandshell. You must register in advance for your free ticket.

There are many activities planned and a great time will be had by all.

Don't forget that all Dues are due in by the 31 August. Be sure you have them in to your Pound Dog Robber so as not to be late.

Pound Keepers and Dog Robbers, be sure you are completing your 990's and registering with the Secretary of State this year. The Kennel is watching this very closely now.

Last, but not least, be sure to attend the September Quarterly on the 17th in Columbia. Information passed from the Supreme Growl will be shared and we can officially welcome our new PDD's to the Pack. When you see how many these are, you will quickly see the need to recruit more PUPS. Recruiting is every dog's job and we need to be sniffing out new curs to fill our diminishing ranks.

Look forward to seeing all you dawgs in Daytona!!!

Woof, Woof

Jim

Do your summer travel plans include a stop at one of our nation's National Parks?

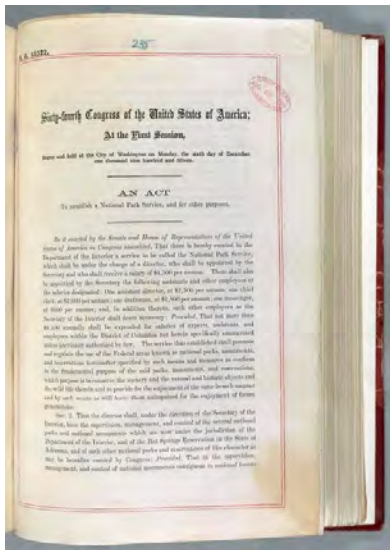
We hope you can visit one of the many parks, monuments, battlefields, lakeshores, recreation areas, trails and more in the care of the National Park Service. Can't visit in person? You can always join the National Archives online to celebrate the records of the National Park Service and take a virtual tour of the parks in the [National Archives Catalog](#).



Establishment of the National Park Service

On August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed legislation that created the National Park Service. This legislation, also known as “The Organic Act,” brought most of the nation’s parkland under a single authority.

According to the law, the mandate is to preserve the “scenery and the natural and historic objects and wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same” and to “leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”



AROUND THE STATE

Start thinking about the Department Convention in June 2023.

We will be in Low Country, North Charleston hosted by Detachment 803.

More information will be passed down at the September Quarterly. Commandants remember, if you can not make it , please send someone, preferable another Officer in your place.

Go to the department website to nominate your Detachment of the Year or Associate of the Year for Department of the Year. There are instructions on the procedure to do this. Also, you can contact Buddy Ferguson, Sr Vice for other awards that you may think about for your outstanding hardworking members.

Did you know that the Department will be 30 years old in 2023?

For the 25th Anniversary we did ribbons and coins.

So if you were in the your Detachment before the date of June 2018, you are authorized to wear that ribbon. See Doc Wilson/Ship store or Jerry Holt at the Quarterly to purchase your ribbon and or coin?

From Public Relations:

Please take time to send a pic or two of the outstanding work your Detachment is doing in your community. Only a few lines are needed to explain what is going on. Are you having a Ball in Nov? Doing something special for Veterans? Email deborahstone2017@gmail.com

AROUND THE SOUTHEAST DIV.

The SE Division Conference is coming to
South Carolina in

March 2023

Hosted by our own

Detachment 803

In North Charleston.

Be on the lookout

For more information

To come.

Hope to see you there

To support them and see

The beauty of the

Low Country!

2022 NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 15th—19th
Hilton Daytona Beach
Oceanfront Hotel
100 North Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach

Hotel available 8/11-8/20/22

Room Rates: 142.88/night (taxes included)

Parking: \$21.30 per night (taxes included)

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DATES TO REMEMBER



August 15-19, 2022	National Convention 100 North Atlantic Avenue Daytona, Fl
September 17, 2022	Quarterly Meeting at 1000 American Legion #6 at 200 Pickens St/Columbia Coffee and donuts served at 0900 Growl to follow A limited number of meals will be available for purchase.
January 21, 2023	Quarterly Meeting at 1000 American Legion #6 at 200 Pickens St/Columbia Coffee and donuts served at 0900 Growl to follow A limited number of meals will be available for purchase.
March 2023	SE Division Convention 2023 @ Hilton Garden Inn, N Charleston Hosted by Detachment 803. More info to follow
April 15, 2023	Quarterly Meeting at 1000 American Legion #6 at 200 Pickens St/Columbia Coffee and donuts served at 0900 Growl to follow A limited number of meals will be available for purchase.
June 22-25, 2023	Department Convention 2023 @ Hilton Garden Inn, N Charleston Hosted by Detachment 803. More info to follow