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From the Editor,

At the Convention , the Board of Trustees decided to do the newsletter every other month due to the lack of participation from Officers and Committee Chairs.

Still send in anything you wish to share.

If you are a newly elected or appointed Department Officer, please send me a headshot with your Dept. cover on.

I also want to share that I am the Department adjutant now. I have a separate email for that, and it is listed to the left. When elections come around again, I will be reminding everyone that we are going to use the new email for the ROI's.

One last thing, Congratulations to the new Department Officers. Let's give all our support to them so we can have a successful year.

Semper Fi,
Deborah

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NOTE: Please submit items in jpeg or png.





Department Commandant

Helen Breen *commandant@mcleaguesc.org*

Well, we've finished another convention and I hope everyone had a good time! Thanks to the Grand Strand Detachment #873 for being our hosts in beautiful Myrtle Beach for the weekend. I have to admit I am kind of a "Convention Junkie", I love traveling, I love seeing familiar friends and meeting new ones! Even though I am always worn out afterward, it's in the best way possible!

One of my favorite things about Convention is the banquet, where we get to hear a motivating guest speaker, which we had in spades with MGen. Michael Regner, and we get to recognize some of our Department's amazing members! Congratulations to our Marine of the Year Jim Hill, Associate of the Year Norma Frelin, and Pack Dog of the Year Dan Hoffman! It has truly been an honor as your Sr. Vice to recognize some amazing MCL members the last 2 years!

I am truly honored to have been elected to serve as the 18th Commandant of the Department of South Carolina!

I swore when I joined the League in 2014 that I would never seek office, I was just going to be a "red hat" member forever, yet here I am! I can credit that to some amazing mentors in the League who have supported me and given me guidance. I would not be here without any of them and without all of YOU! I am excited to do some great things this coming year! I look forward to traveling across the state this year and visiting with more members!

Remember that the officers of our Department work for YOU! Put us to work! If you have events that you need a hand at or just want an officer to attend, let us know!

Semper Fi,

Helen Breen

Department Commandant

Dept. Sr. Vice Commandant

Buddy Ferguson *buddyf22@gmail.com*



As we begin a new year with some new Detachment Officers, please be sure that your Installation Report is submitted with correct contact information for all Officers to the Department Adjutant. Just like the Corps, the ability to communicate information so that it reaches each member is essential to keeping everyone involved and have a successful Department. When something is sent out, forward it to all your Detachment members. Receiving it twice is much better than not at all. Deborah Stone is now the Department Adjutant. If every Detachment Officer will review the latest Recall Roster and send her correct updated information for any of your Detachment Officers it will be a great help. The members of Grand Strand Detachment 873 led by Commandant Chris Williams did a great job hosting this year's convention. Thanks to all involved in putting on our convention. Congratulations to our new Commandant Helen Breen, Junior Vice Commandant Frank Faulkner and Judge Advocate Claude Davis III on their elections. Working together with the additional staff, Commandant Breen has appointed, we have a good team to lead our Department in the coming year. I can not adequately express my gratitude for the honor of being elected Senior Vice Commandant. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me and I will do everything within my ability to help our Department to grow and improve.

Semper Fi,

Buddy Ferguson



Jr. Vice Commandant

Frank Faulkner *jr_vice@mcleaguesc.org*

I look forward to serving as your Junior Vice Commandant, and offering opportunities for programs, organization development, and advocacy within our Department. By the next convention our “20, 20, 20” plan to increase membership, convert members in good standing to Life members, and reduce unpaid fees will have been obtained. It’s going to take all hands on deck to accomplish these goals.

Recruiting and Retention is a challenge; however, the proven methods of both are all about communication, you don’t go or stay where you are not welcome. There are a few things in life you get a second chance at and first impression is not one of them. Constant communication is critical in recruiting and retaining members to let them know they matter. If a member is not at the meeting; call, text, email, or stop by their house. If they are unable to attend a meeting, offer them the opportunity for online meetings.

Our goal this year will be a focus on our recruiting plans and how to guide. The Welcome aboard pamphlets for new members were passed out during our convention. I cannot emphasize enough, just Imagine belonging to an organization and having only a vague idea of its goals, programs, history or traditions. Would you feel like you belonged? Would you be motivated and committed to help them reach its goals!? Of course not! You would most likely be wondering why you joined. This pamphlet is intended to help orientate new members and act as a Guide for orientation. It will also explain the “What’s in it for me?”

Did you know Marine Corps League Members can use Veterans Holiday! Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) www.vacationsholidays.com. It is a vacation planner that offer discounts from 5-35%, for popular destinations around the world. Look at the National website for more details about the benefits our league has to offer.

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”.

Dept. Judge Advocate

Claude Davis, III *judge_advocate@mcleaguesc.org*



Greetings I am Claude Davis and I am honored to serve as your Judge Advocate for the coming year. My major task for this year is to update our by-Laws to reflect modifications previously approved. If you have recommendations for additional updates please ensure they are submitted via your Detachment Commandants for processing.

Young Marines

James Roberts *trainingyoungmarines@ymail.com*

South Carolina Young Marines' Report

The 3 Units are staying busy with events and community service projects. Our 4th unit in Aiken SC is just coming on board; their first new recruit class is scheduled for April 30th.

Upstate just completed their 2022 new recruit class with 11 new Young Marines.

Parris Island YMs have a new Unit Commander and they're getting back to holding their regular meetings on the base.

Electric City YMs are doing well; they just started recruiting for their new class.

Since October 2021, the 3 units have a total of 1,315 community service hours.

Please continue to support the program, the YMs are always available for color guard and other events. Thanks again for your continuing support.

James Roberts, Jr.
Sgt.Maj. USMC (ret)
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Dept. Paymaster

Jerry Holt jerryholt813@gmail.com

Paymasters - I am still receiving Transmittal forms for the purpose of adding or updating member addresses. While the COAO / COAN transmittal codes are still valid for Change of Address Old and Change of Address New, you should stop using the transmittal for these changes and begin using the new process with the *Database Portal*.

If you're not familiar with this new procedure, visit the Member Library to view the steps. In the Member Library, under *Training*, look for the *101_Detachment Database Procedures*. (There is also a video tutorial located next to this file. It will give a more detailed overview of the procedure). To get to the Member Library, go to www.mclnational.org, scroll down and select *Member Library*. No user name is required to get into the Library, but you will need a password. The password is the same for all users. If you don't have it, ask your Detachment Commandant, or contact me at jerryholt813@gmail.com.

Using this database, you can add, or change, a member's address, phone number or email address. A great feature of this process is that the changes are reflected in the database and on your roster within a day. In order to access a member's record to make the change, you'll need the member's *Profile Number*, which you can find on the current member roster.

You won't be able to change a member's name in the database. If the name on the roster is misspelled, send me an email indicating both the incorrect spelling (as shown on the roster), and the correct spelling. (Be sure to include the member's profile number). I can submit those changes, but they are subject to review by the National staff before they will become effective.

We have all recognized the need for improvements in our member data management and reports. Granting access and the ability to update member data at the Detachment level is one of the first steps. We currently no longer need to wait until the end of the Quarter to receive a new member roster. A roster report can now be generated on demand by the Department Paymaster when requested by the Detachment. Hopefully, in the near future Detachment Paymasters will be able to run their own roster reports when needed. In the meantime, let's get accustomed to accessing the database and performing these simple updates.

Department Raffle: The drawing for the Department Raffle was held at the Convention on April 23. The lucky winners were: Nick Russell (1st prize of \$1,000); Will Sherwood (2nd prize of \$500); Julie Harper (3rd prize of \$250).

In total, we sold 1,245 tickets. The Detachments received a collective profit \$2,490. After the costs for printing, postage and prizes, the Department had a net profit of \$1,795.09. Thanks to all those who sold (and bought) tickets.



Past Dept. Commandant

Jim Stone *jimsn4@yahoo.com*

Hello and Semper Fi.

These past few weeks have been extremely busy and educational for me.

At Modern Day Marine, I met a number of Marine Officers and had many conversations about both active duty and Marine Corps League. We discussed leadership with the Past National Commandant, Dennis Tobin and the 59th Chief Devil Dog, Tom Hazlett, as well as a few Generals, both and active and retired. This will be reflected in the training manual I am working on for the Department.

I am also working on updating the ByLaws for the Department and will be working with Department Judge Advocate, Claude Davis, III to have it ready prior to September 17th Quarterly.

I have had a number of discussions a great many people, including the National Judge Advocate, Phil Zamora about Detachments who have Officers who do not follow the By-laws and Administrative Procedures. We discussed everything from suspending the Charter of Detachments whose Officers do not follow the Bylaws and AP to suspending voting rights of those Detachments. We have found that the punishments are legal, but we will decide how we, the Department, will do this.

Detachment Commandants, you need to read and follow the Bylaws and AP. You are REQUIRED to attend three (3) Quarterly meetings and the Department Convention every year, or to send a representative (preferable an elected Officer) to these events. This is where much of the business of the Department is conducted and should be passed on to your members. You should never forget you were elected by your members to represent them.

Don't forget the Quarterly meeting on June 18 in Columbia at the American Legion. See you there!

Semper Fi,

Jim

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If you are looking for anything, please contact me. Female covers in stock now!



USMC HISTORY

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| 6 January 1971 | The AV-8A Harrier makes its debut for the Marine Corps |
| 16 February | The Staff NCO Academy is opened at Quantico |
| 9 July | The 1st reunion of the WWII Navajo Code Talkers is held in AZ |
| 11 October | General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller dies at the age of 73. |
| 31 December | General Robert E. Cushman becomes the 25th Commandant of the Marine Corps. |



* info gathered from USMC A Complete History, by Marine Corps Association, published by Hugh Lauter Levin Assoc., Inc. (C) 2002

DETACHMENT ROLL CALL

DETACHMENT #803 Low Country



Det. 803 held their Installation in April.

DETACHMENT #1105 Owens Kennmore



Above. Sgt. Major Bob Burns ran the Detachment elections. Far right. Brad Rustin brings the Detachment's Ship Store to make sure members can get items they need.



Thom Wood brings his Key board and plays the Marine Hymn and other music during chow.

DETACHMENT #1106 Upstate Marines



Upstate Marines Detachment 1106 new officers, left to right, Sgt at Arms Jerry Munn, Jr Vice Cmdt Jacquie Myers, Sr Vice Cmdt Boomer Bright, Commandant Hadji Harper, Judge Advocate Buddy Ferguson, Adjutant Julie Harper, and Paymaster Lloyd Cornelius

Aspen Dental is offering FREE...yes FREE dental care on June 11th.
This is a nationwide offering. Please disseminate to your networks.



Day of Service 2022

"On June 11, 2022, hundreds of Aspen Dental practices across the country open their doors exclusively to veterans and provide dental care at no cost. If you are or know a veteran or military family in need of dental care, call to book your free appointment at a participating location near you. For additional Day of Service resources, please visit [HHS.gov](https://www.aspendental.com/about/healthy-mouth-movement) or US Dental Service."

For more information check out this link: <https://www.aspendental.com/about/healthy-mouth-movement>

DETACHMENT #1134 Hutchings-Caldwell

On April 12, 2022, the newly elected officers for the detachment were sworn in:

Commandant
Sr. Vice Comdt.
Jr. Vice Comdt.
Judge Advocate
Chaplain
Adjutant/Paymaster
Sgt-at-Arms
Web Sgt

Chuck Davis
Rick Renna
Gary Swistak
DeGrant Stevenson, III
Dale Fox
Mildred Davis
Mike Owensby
Felice Vigil



DETACHMENT #1141 Speedy Wilson

Detachment 1141 held its monthly meeting Thursday 10 March at 123 Gibson Road Lexington Sc. We welcomed a new member Britania Johnson. Ernest Matzinger presented the group with a check from his fundraising efforts. Beulah Scott was named Marine of the Year.



Department Convention 2022

Hospitality Suite



Big Thanks goes to Brigid Gore and her staff for managing the Hospitality Suite



Meeting and Election

Admonishing the new Commandant



Officer reports





Left. Jim Stone presented his Elected staff with Board of Trustees Award. Below. Commandant presented the Appointed staff with the Distinguished Service Award.



Chris Williams was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for his work on the Convention.



Above. Lynn Cortright and Deborah Stone present the Associate of the Year , Norma Frelin. She was not in attendance, but her Cmdt. Claude Davis the III accepted on her behalf.

Right. Jr. Vice Chief Devil, Pdd Jeff Jones, presented Buddy Ferguson with Chief Devil Dog Individual Commendation Award.



Above. Last year's recipient, Dan Hoffman presented this year's Dept. Marine of the Year to Jim Hill.



Awards

Above. New Cmdt Helen Breen with 2 of the 3 winners of the Raffle. Julie Haper- \$250, Will Sherwood, \$500 and not in attendance , Nick Russell- \$1,000.



Major General Mike Regner was the Guest Speaker. It is always great to hear him speak.

Banquet

Maj Gen Regner asked that Chris Williams find another way to honor him than a plaque or other trinket. Veterans Welcome Resource Center's Director, Scott Dulebom, was presented a check for the amount of \$500 from the Department.

Det. 1105 also gave an additional \$100.00. They have 2 acres where they plan to build a Tiny home neighborhood. 25 have been approved and the 1st 10 will begin construction with a few weeks.



Above. New Cmdt Helen Breen with 2 of the 3 winners of the Raffle. Julie Haper- \$250, Will Sherwood, \$500 and not in attendance , Nick Russell- \$1,000.



Above. Cmdt Helen Breen closes the Convention until next year in Charleston. Left. Past Commandant , and New Commandant, with Maj. Gen. Regner and his wife, Mary.



SC Pack Leader

Jim Stone jimsn4@yahoo.com



Pack Dog of the Year, Dan Hoffman, presented by Pack Leader Jim Hill.



AROUND THE SOUTHEAST DIV.

The Se Division Conference was held in Baton Rouge, LA. (L) Commandant Jim Stone, Sr Vice Helen Breen and Det 829 Cmdt. Dan Hoffman. Below, Southeast Div. NV President, Lynn Cortright held a Paint Party for the ladies. Bottom. (L-R) NVC of Se Div., Jerry Holt, Chief Devil Dog, Tom Hazlett, John Tharp, Mike Cortright, Helen Breen, Jim Stone and Dan Hoffman.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Scholarship Program In conjunction with Delta Dental



PURPOSE: To grant Scholarships to Qualified Applicants who are pursuing a full-time degree program or certification/license of technical training at a full-time recognized institution.

ELIGIBILITY: *Only the following 'Relationships' shall be considered:*
Active Duty, Reserve Duty, Honorably Discharged Veteran of the United States Military who served during the War on Terror Era (9/1/2001 to present time).
In addition, the Veteran's Spouse, Child, Stepchild, Sibling is also qualified.

DEFINITIONS:

New Applicant: The applicant has never been awarded a Marine Corps League Scholarship that meets the criteria of Eligibility.

Renewal Applicant: The applicant is a prior recipient of a Marine Corps League (Delta Dental) Scholarship.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Certified Transcript with Cumulative Grade Point Average and Guidance Counselor's signature. Must have a Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or Better.
2. Attach a Copy of the Service Members Proof of Service.
3. DD214, Discharge Certificate,
4. Please provide a 500 Word Essay description of your program of study, your need and relationship to the Veteran. Please include community service and goals after school.
5. Ensure that the information provided is correct, accurate, and legible.
6. Only completed Applications / Packages as defined will be considered.
7. Qualified Applicants will be evaluated by a Selection Committee appointed by the Commandant and CEO of the Marine Corps League.
8. All decisions made by the Selection Committee are final and will not be subject to review.
9. All applications will be the property of the Marine Corps League and will not be returned to the applicant.
10. The Marine Corps League may request to present an awarded scholarship to the recipient at any awards ceremony that may be scheduled at the current institution.

Please E-mail or Mail the Application, Essay, Copy of Service Members Proof of Service, and Certified Transcript

Please visit our Department website mcleaguesc.org for the Application, and other information needed to apply for this scholarship.

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



June 18, 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.
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.
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.
August 2023	100th National Convention Oklahoma City, Oklahoma TBA