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### Department of South Carolina



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Happy March Members,

I can't believe we are already into the 3rd month of 2021. I know 2020 was kind of crazy. We've lost family and friends due to Covid. We had to wear masks, 6ft social distance, wash our hands constantly and use hand sanitizer. Liquor companies helped make sanitizer, but for some of us, we already were using Bath & Body Works sanitizer! Face Masks were being made by underwear companies, small businesses, and anyone who could sew. I even saw one made of a Crown Royal bag. Many were donated. Toilet paper was in high demand! A lot of folks were out of work, while others were deemed essential like Nurses, EMT's, doctors, & other front line workers. At first almost everything was closed, restaurants, bars and even schools. Parents were home with kids, some trying to work while teaching children.

I will be 50 in August, wow, a half century! As I reflect on my life, I take inventory of my blessings. Beloved family & friends, past and present, whom were not lost to Covid; my husband; 7 children, the youngest, who is a 15 year old growing boy, came to live with us last year; 6 grandchildren; and even a great grandson! I have been a part of so many wonderful organizations; JROTC, The Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, AWANAs to name the few. I have cherished memories of the people I have met, and experiences I may have never have had. I met a USMC 4 Star General, saw Mt. Rushmore & Niagara Falls, splunked in TN, have been out of the country (shh only to Canada), met a US President and even have pet a plethora of animals; buffalo, snake, penguin, dolphin, and giraffe. My bucket list is getting shorter.

But my most special memory was witnessing a full Military Honors funeral in Arlington. It was for my grandfather, USAF Lt. Col. Clement Lee Currey. I know, Chair Force, There was a caisson, an Honor Guard and Bugler playing Taps in the distance, which brought me to tears. I noticed a few older women standing off to the side. My mom said they were a group that go to every funeral to make sure that someone is at the burial. What a huge service they are doing!

Which brings me to the Marine Corps League. What can we do to be a service to Marines & their families? This includes our members. How many Detachments attend funerals even if you do not do an Honor Guard? Offer a Bugler. That is a good way to be seen in the community & great recruiting tool. Call inactive and sick members to see if they need anything. If you do not have a Young Marine Unit, see if you can dust off your boots. For the wives who do not want to join the League, let's start another MCLA Unit in SC. Find out what parades are in your area for your color guard or make a float! Toys For Tots, Newsletters, and Americanism books can be worked on all year. And don't forget there are pistol and rifle matches for all members. Commandants, you have all the information you need on National's website to run the Detachment and Reward your hard working Marines and Associates. So let's get out this year, increase in our membership, take care of our Marines & their families AND let Detachments across National know that SC, where it all begun, means business!

Semper Fi, Deborah



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# Department Commandant

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Well, we're three months into the new year, and I haven't seen the effects of the silver bullet yet. Our COVID numbers in the state are still climbing and we're still seeing friends and family members affected by the pandemic – whether it's their health, social activity or financial impacts. On the positive side, the vaccine is finally starting to roll out. My wife and I just got our shot today. The sign-up process through our health care network and the process of actually getting the shots while still in our car, then waiting the 15 minutes to see if there was any adverse reaction, went very smooth. Later that day we both had a slight ache that felt like a bruise in our upper arm, but no other after effects. The next day there were no lingering effects. As soon as you can get scheduled, I highly recommend you go for it. We need to get this mess behind us.

One of my concerns about what we've been going through for the past several months is that we're getting complacent about our involvement in the League. It's understandable, and perhaps prudent that we're not meeting in large groups, but let's not let our camaraderie suffer. Keep in touch with other members.

## **Convention Status**

We have just decided to reschedule the Department Convention in Greenville from June to September 9-12. (That info is now reflected on the Department website on the *Meetings and Events* page). In a recent poll of the Detachments, we found that expected attendance for a June event was too low for the Convention to be feasible since we need to guarantee a minimum number of room nights at the hotel. By June, hopefully we will have seen a significant reduction in the risks due to Covid and members will feel more comfortable meeting in groups. We'll take another survey sometime in June to assess how many would plan to attend in September. If the number of attendees are up and the risk has diminished, we'll go with that date. Otherwise, we may cancel altogether for this year and plan on a June date at the same location in 2022.

As you may know by now, the Southeast Division Convention that was scheduled to be held in Baton Rouge in March has been cancelled. It is being rescheduled for March 2022 at the same location.

The next major event scheduled in the Mid-Winter Conference to be held in Norfolk, VA. Currently, Virginia has a cap of 10 people in a meeting. The governor will be announcing any revisions to that cap around the first of February. If the revised cap remains under 50, the Mid-Winter will probably be cancelled. As of now, the National Convention in Springfield, IL in August is still expected to be held.

When the pandemic first hit us last March, National issued new guidelines for the election and installation of Detachment Officers. Since the problem hasn't gone away, those same rules are still in effect. National will soon be issuing new guidelines that will address the proper procedures for the nomination, election and installation of Division and Department Officers. We'll get that information to you as soon as it becomes available.

## **Ceremonial Rifles**

First, a couple of tales. (Actually, they're not tales because I heard them from a National Officer, so they must be true. They are incidents).

1. A Detachment in the Northeast had been issued ceremonial rifles for their Honor Guard Detail. Over time, members got old and their Honor Guard members stopped participating so the Detachment gave the rifles to a museum of sorts. Not long ago, the Detachment was required to submit the inventory report for the rifles. When they reported that they were no longer in their possession, it became a significant problem. The museum does not want to give up the rifles so now the Detachment is entangled in a legal matter because they were not authorized to lend or dispose of the rifles.
2. A Detachment in the Southwest had been issued ceremonial rifles for their Honor Guard Detail. Years passed; the Honor Guard stopped participating; officers changed. The Detachment, having no further use for the rifles, gave them to members, including the son of a deceased Commandant. When they were pressed for an inventory, they had to retrieve the rifles. The son of the Commandant was either no longer reachable, or he refused to return the rifle. The matter has now been turned over to the FBI since the rifles are government property (and firearms, to boot).
3. The point made with these two incidents is that National Headquarters has been notified that we have a problem in the League. All Detachments that have the ceremonial rifles (whether the '03s or the M-1s) must submit an inventory report every three years. If your Detachment currently has, or was ever issued rifles and have not turned them in, you must submit the inventory report. At this point, neither MCL National HQ nor the Department has records indicating which Detachments have been issued ceremonial rifles.

However, because of the problems mentioned above, and our League-wide non-compliance with submitting the required inventory reports, that is likely to change. If you have ceremonial rifles, but no longer have an active Honor Guard detail, you might want to consider turning them back into TACOM.

Here is a link to TACOM, the organization that manages the ceremonial rifle program for VSO's and other organizations. <https://www.tacom.army.mil/ilsc/donations/rifles> You can download the inventory form, find info on ordering ammo, and review the FAQ's regarding the program. This would be a good time to take your inventory and submit the form to TACOM.

### **Congratulations due**

I want to conclude by offering congratulations to both Tim Callahan and John Marcucci. During our virtual Department meeting last week, they were both recognized with Distinguished Citizen – Silver awards. Tim is instrumental in coordinating our participation in the Toys for Tots program in the state, and John continues to do an excellent job in managing our support for the various JROTC programs throughout the state. Both programs are highly successful because of their active involvement and oversight. Thanks, Marines!

Let's all hope for the best in 2021. Keep in touch with one another, but be prudent and be safe.



*Semper Fi, Jerry Holt*



## Dept. Sr. Vice Commandant

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Where the heck did January go?!?!? WOW! Time flies!! Here we are already into February! I would normally use this space to talk about Awards stuff as your new Sr. Vice Commandant, that'll come in the next newsletter article, but this month, I want to talk about another important aspect of our Department.

This past year (the year that shall not be named, LOL, for my Harry Potter fans!) was certainly a challenging one! We had to adjust and start looking at new ways to make an impact in our community and our membership. But of course, as Marines, we never give up, we continue to push forward!

Over this last year, we have had some wonderful people who shared a wealth of knowledge and experience with their Detachments and our Department. Their loss highlights the need for ALL of us to continue to mentor new members and I encourage ALL members of our Department to remain involved, no matter what manner fits your lifestyle best – whether it be attending monthly meetings, stepping up as an elected or appointed officer, becoming a chairperson or committee member, or volunteering as a “day of” assistant.

Maybe you just can't squeak out time to participate in person, trust me, I know we all have VERY busy lives – jobs, families, other volunteer work, but here are a few ways you can help that don't take much (or any) time:

**MANY  
HANDS  
MAKE  
LIGHT  
WORK**

- Donate a few dollars to a Detachment or Department project.
- Donate a few toys for Toys for Tots.
- Make a few calls to members of your Detachment.
- Share new fundraising ideas – even if you can't coordinate the fundraiser yourself.
- [Get your Marine Corps League license plate – every plate sends \\$\\$ to our Department!](#)
- Volunteer as a presenter at an Eagle Scout or JROTC Award presentation – it only takes an hour or two and means a lot to the students who receive these recognitions!
- Share ideas – what ideas do you have to help spread the word about the Marine Corps League and our mission? Share them with your Detachment or Department Officers!

President Franklin D. Roosevelt said it perfectly “...[Since 1775 the United States Marines have upheld a fine tradition of service to their country. They are doing so today. I am confident they will continue to do so.](#)” We continue to serve through our Marine Corps League. The old adage “Many hands make light work” is true more now than ever! It starts with each and every one of us doing one small piece. It's the impact of ALL of us working together that will make a difference in our Department and our Community.



## Dept. Jr. Vice Commandant

BY NOW, EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW THAT OUR SR. VICE LARRY FRELIN PASSED ON JAN. 22, 2021 AFTER BEING IN THE HOSPITAL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THIS POSITION, CONTACT JERRY HOLT.

### NOV/20– JAN 2021

#### DEATHS

James S Dew	Detachment #410.	11/11/2020
Thomas Perrone.	Detachment #1432.	12/26/2020
Aubrey James Kline	Detachment #939.	12/26/2020
Philip Novotny.	Detachment #939.	12/30/2020
Richard K Shreck	Detachment #939.	1/9/2021
Robert Becker.	Detachment #939.	1/20/2021
Larry Frelin.	Detachment #939.	1/22/2021



When you do nothing you feel  
overwhelmed and powerless. But  
when you get involved you feel the  
sense of hope and accomplishment  
that comes from knowing you are  
working to make things better.

— Maya Angelou —

AZ QUOTES

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# Chaplain's Corner

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## Fallen Marines & Associates FROM Jan 2020 – Dec 2020

1. John Heiting 1/12/20
  2. Dan Mackey 1/12/20
  3. Robert Novinger 1/19/20
  4. George Schwarz 1/23/20
  5. Glen Shaffer 2/11/20
  6. Alan Britton. 2/23/20
  7. William Hemlepp 2/29/20
  8. Carolyn Lewis 3/11/20
  9. Kenneth Donahue 3/20/20
  10. Charles Van Demark 3/21/20
  11. James Campbell 3/23/20
  12. Associate Member Richard Williams 3/14/20
  13. Maxie Davis 11 4/25/20
  14. Bill Dempsey. 5/19/20
  15. Norman Bremer. 6/30/20
  16. Archie Sweet. 7/6/20
  17. Associate Member Ronald Jakubec 7/19/20
  18. " " Leon Boyd. 8/10/20
  19. " " John Burhalter 8/16/20
  20. Leslie Gregg Sr. 8/29/20
  21. Joseph Jones 9/4/20
  22. Arthur (Art) Blenk 9/14/20
  23. Thomas Boyd III 10/6/20
  24. Fred Cliff. 10/20/20
  25. Jim P Griffith. 10/21/20
  26. Fred Schiffbauer 10/27/20
  27. Associate Margaret Blizzard 11/7/2020
  28. Kenneth Rappart. 11/27/2020
  29. Philip Novotny. 12/20/2020
  30. Aubrey Kline. 12/21/2020
  31. Tom Perrone. 12/26/2020
- One Marine Member at Large Thomas H Lawing May 1998

Please remember our Department members and families in your prayers. When a member passes don't forget to notify me by filling out the "Notice of Death" form and send it to me by email or mail.

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Paymaster(s) IRS 990N

PLM (Paid Life Members)

The following is from Administrative Procedures:

## **CHAPTER EIGHT**

### Subsidiaries and Subordinates

#### Section 8000. IRS Reports

a. IRS Forms 990 and 990-EZ - Each Detachment, Department or other entity, including the National subsidiary organizations and National subordinate groups, identified in the below sections of Chapter Eight, which directly or indirectly operates under the Congressional Charter and/or the name of the Marine Corps League must annually file with National Headquarters, via their Department, if such exists, a true and complete copy of the front page of its IRS Form 990 or 990-EZ (whichever is required to be filed with the IRS) no later than the due date of filing by IRS rules and regulations, normally by November 15 following the end of the fiscal year of June 30, unless an extension has been requested.

b. IRS Form 990-N - Those Detachments, Departments or other entities which qualify under the IRS regulations may elect to file an IRS Form 990-N, an e-postcard on-line filing. Since there is no printed copy of this filing, these entities will file a copy of the E-Mail Acceptance Receipt that is returned from the IRS. The submission will be via their Department Paymaster. The Department Paymaster will forward the Acceptance Receipts to National Headquarters or may consolidate these receipts into a single document showing the name of the organization, the EIN, the Submission ID Number, and the date the submission was accepted by the IRS. If a consolidated single report is submitted, the document will be certified by the Department Commandant and the Department Paymaster as true and correct and then submitted to National Headquarters. Where there is no jurisdictional Department, the copy of the Acceptance Receipt will be submitted directly to the National Chief Operating Officer. c. The IRS Form 990 reports will be utilized by National Headquarters to update the annual report required by our Group Exemption filing requirements to the IRS. Failure to file the appropriate 990 reports to the IRS and updating of our annual filing will subject the subordinate or subsidiary entity to the loss of its exempt non-profit status.

### **PLM**

Section 7050. Life Members. Regular or Associate Members of the Marine Corps League who are in good standing (as defined in the National Administrative Procedures, Section 7030 – GOOD STANDING - All members shall be considered in good standing in the Marine Corps League, (a) except when:

(1) Required dues are not paid, and transmitted, on or before expiration date as is shown on the member's card, may become a LIFE MEMBER, upon proper payment of the fee, as is required herein. A LIFE MEMBER shall be subject to the payment of NO further dues to that Detachment, Department, or National. Such member shall have all the privileges, rights, and benefits enjoyed as a member so long as that LIFE MEMBER shall live. Should a Marine Corps League member choose to become a member in multiple Detachments, they must become a member in good standing by paying Annual dues and then Life Membership dues in each additional Detachment, if they so desire. The Life Membership fee shall be as established by the National Convention.

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a. The full Life Membership fee shall be paid to National Headquarters with no discounts, no rebates, and no installment plan, whether such fee is paid by the individual or awarded b. National Headquarters shall retain fifty percent (50%) of the LIFE MEMBER fees received, which will be designated for the General Fund. The remaining sum shall be placed in investments that are secure and are intended to produce maximum income with minimum risk. c. An amount of four and one-half percent (4.5%) of the average Fiscal Year ending balance of the Life Member Fund for the trailing three-year period ending 30 June shall be distributed as follows:

(1) Commencing with the beginning of the fiscal year of the second anniversary year, and each subsequent July 1st anniversary year of all participating LIFE MEMBERS on the active rolls of the Marine Corps League, the LIFE MEMBER'S Detachment, Department, and National Headquarters will share proceeds derived above based on the ratio of 1/3 to Detachment, 1/3 to Department, and 1/3 to National Headquarters (General Fund). In a case where the LIFE MEMBER does not belong to a Detachment or a Department, the proceeds which would be due to the Detachment or the Department will accrue in its entirety to National Headquarters (General Fund).

(2) Prior to above stated second anniversary year of a LIFE MEMBER'S participation, no interest will be distributed for that LIFE MEMBER.

(3) Using 1 and 2 above as a firm base for departure, if at any time the ratio of interest realized from this fund should exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00) per annum, per participant, the portion over that thirty dollars (\$30.00) shall be returned to the blocked fund to further augment the growth of the principal.

(4) Progressively, should at any time the ratio of interest realized from this fund exceed forty-five dollars (\$45.00) per annum, per participating Life Member, that portion over the forty-five dollars (\$45.00) shall be distributed through the General Fund as follows: Twenty-five percent to the General Fund to offset increased costs of operations and seventy-five percent to support the Scholarship Fund.

(5) Should a participating LIFE MEMBER die, resign his/her membership or be expelled from the Marine Corps League, the members quota of interest division shall terminate. Age Category MCL 2014

0-35 \$500.00

36 40 \$400.00

41-50 \$400.00

51-64 \$300.00

65- over \$200.00

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d. When a participating LIFE MEMBER dies, resigns his/her membership or is expelled from the Marine Corps League, the "unused" portion of the member's original investment in Life Membership shall remain in the blocked fund. NO REFUND shall be made to the survivors, the former member, nor to his/her Department or Detachment.

e. When a Department or Detachment which awards a Life Membership or wishes for the Awardee to become a National LIFE MEMBER, it is necessary for the Detachment or Department to pay to National Headquarters the participating fee stated herein, and the LIFE MEMBER and the Detachment or Department would be participants.

f. National Headquarters shall keep, in a separate non-participating file, all those present LIFE MEMBERS who have received such Life Membership as an Award as well as all future National Awardees.

g. All Past National Commandants, all Past National Adjutant/Paymasters and all Medal of Honor recipients who are members of the Marine Corps League, shall be carried on the rolls on the National, Department, and Detachment as paid up LIFE MEMBERS of the Marine Corps League (nonparticipating).

h. LIFE MEMBER Interest:

(1) Determine the number of GROSS PLM PARTICIPANTS: (GPLM = Last PLM # issued - #173 and prior)



- (2) Determine the number of DECEASED PLM PARTICIPANTS: DPLM (3) Determine the number of NEW PLM PARTICIPANTS: NPLMP  
(4) Determine the GROSS ANNUAL INTEREST AVAILABLE from total blocked fund: GAIE  
(5) Formula for computations:  
GLMP-DPLM-NPLM = ED Eligible for Distribution  
GAIE/ED = GD (Gross Distribution per PLM)  
GAIE/ED\*.334 =NATS  
GAIE/ED\*.333 =DPTS  
GAIE/ED\*.333 =DETS  
(NOTE: + for addition, - for subtraction, \* for multiplication, / for division)

**\*\* Please get this done ASAP and send your corrections to the Department Paymaster. \*\***

Section 7055. Certification of Life Members. Each Detachment will annually audit its participating Life Members as shown on the Quarterly Member Listing of 30 June each year. Following the audit, the Detachment will annotate a copy of the Quarterly Member Listing with appropriate remarks to show additions, deletions and other adjustments. Each adjustment will include the reason, and whenever possible, will cite supporting documentation (i.e. Dues Transmittals, Transfer Forms, etc.) to assist in correcting the records in National Headquarters.

If you have questions concerning this request, please call me or email me.

**Charles Hardy, paymaster**

**FROM NATIONAL**

The Database is up and running, with some kinks to be worked out. However, all Detachment paymasters can get in and look at your members only and verify contact info. It is very easy to get in, the library on our website has a class on how to get in and utilize the database. It's called database 101. There is also a video of a class COO Bob Borka put together.

Please do not tell your members it's a waste of time to contact National, is not a waste of time. COO Bob Borka will assist you in getting into the database and what you can do once you are in. You can email him [bborka@mcleague.org](mailto:bborka@mcleague.org) or you can call him at headquarters and he will walk you through it. It's very easy once you have all the tools in place.

The current problem with the rosters and the database is not because of something National did, it is a technical issue that has to be fixed by the company. We are currently working on some other avenues to put in place to make use of the database more efficient for everyone at all levels.

Thank You for your patience and support.

Dennis Tobin  
National Commandant

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

## ***There oughta be a Law.....***

The Department of South Carolina has recently joined a newly formed group whose primary purpose is to advocate for legislation that will benefit active duty military personnel and veterans in the state. The group, presently known as **South Carolina Veterans Coalition (SCVC)**, is comprised of senior officers from the American Legion, DAV, Marine Corps League, Military Officers Association of America, Navy League and VFW. Collectively, those organizations represent about 61,000 members in the state.

The vision of the group is to be a productive advocate of State and Federal legislation and public policy for South Carolina veterans, active duty service members, National Guard, the Reserves, and their families.

The mission is to activate and represent its member organizations, speaking with one unified effective voice in South Carolina; to work with public policy makers to ensure proper support for veteran issues and concerns; and to inform/educate South Carolina citizens about the needs and the high value contributions of veterans, active duty service members, National Guard, the Reserves, and their families.

What does that mean? The **SCVC** is a grassroots, multi-organizational, inclusive body. Representing 61,000 members, we have the real opportunity to advocate for legislation benefiting veterans with the strength of one united voice. As a statewide organization focusing on legislative matters, we have the opportunity to meet with legislators, not only in Columbia, but throughout the state in their own communities, which adds to our strength because they will be dealing with their direct constituents.

It's not quite pure to say that we're not a political lobbying organization, but we are apolitical – not affiliated with any political party, and we are not paid lobbyists. Therefore, we are considered to be an advocacy group, soon to be incorporated as a 501(c) (4) organization.

Now, how does this affect us Marines, and how can you be involved? There are currently more than two dozen bills that have been introduced, or pre-filed in the South Carolina Legislature that deal with veterans' issues. Our legislature is only in regular session from January until mid-May. To have an influence in shaping this legislation, or aiding in its adoption or defeat, advocates need to be informed, proactive and focused.

Since the **SCVC** is just forming, we're running a little behind where we would like to be in meeting with legislators to advocate for selected bills during this session, but we're still going to select three to five of these proposed bills and meet with legislators to gain their support.

To aid in your involvement and to solicit your input, the Department will be creating a **Legislation** page on our Department website ([www.mcleaguesc.org](http://www.mcleaguesc.org)). That page will list the bills currently being considered by the House and the Senate, and provide a brief summary of the proposed legislation. You can help in two ways: you can provide your input by ranking these items in order of importance to you and other veterans, and you can use the summary information and contact your state senator & house representative by phone, email, or in person. In addition to receiving input from a group representing 61,000 members, your personal input to these representatives is extremely important.

There are over 400,000 veterans in South Carolina who have stood up for democracy in the past. This is an opportunity to become more active participants, and to have our voices heard. Certainly, we won't get all we ask for, but at least by banding together to form a larger group, and prioritizing our focus areas, we can help legislators address the areas that are most important to us.

Look for the legislative information on the Department website sometime around mid-February. In the meantime, here are the current bills pending in the legislature.

1	Rank your 5 most important ( A-E)					EXAMPLE ONLY					
2	TOPIC	BILL #	LEGION	VFW	DAV	MOAA	MCL	NL	MBTF TRACKER	SPONSOR	SUMMARY TITLE
3	Retirement Pay Exemption	217							x	McEveen	Full Mil Ret Pay Exemption + Limitations + Widows excluded
4	Retirement Pay Exemption	3352				A			x	Gilliam Cox	Full Mil Ret Pay Exemption + Widows included
5	Retirement Pay Exemption	3349								Davis	Full Mil Ret Pay Exemption + 1st Responders+ Widows included
6	Retirement Exemption	194								Hembree	Full Mil Ret Pay Exemption + 1st Responders+ Widows included
7	Retirement Pay Exemption	3247							x	Murrel Smith	Full Mil Ret Pay Exemption +Phased in over 5 years+ Widows excluded
8	SC Guard Increase pension	3398								Murrel Smith	SC National Guard increase pension for certain members
9	Property Tax on Diasability Income	3669								Hart	Exemption from property tax in the year that it occurred
10	SC Vendor Bid Preference for Disabled Vets	3411								DC Moss	Resident vendor preference disabled vets/decrease bidders price by 2%
11	Exempt Vets for SC tax on Veterans Day	166								Scott	Exempt SC tax on Veterans Day
12	Remote School Enrollment for AD Families	3337							x	SM Smith	Remote school enrollment for AD (Active Duty) families
13	Remote School Enrollment for AD Families	459								Alexander	Remote school enrollment for AD families
14	AD family priority school enrollment	3025							x	Huggins	Define Priority school enrollment
15	Remote School Enrollment for AD Families	3026							x	Huggins	AD families stationed in SC pay In-State tuition
16	Schooling Tuition Rates	124				D				Young	Define Military Tuition Rates eliminates 3 yr requirements after discharge
17	Nursing Degree Credit for AD experience	3253				E				Stringer	Credit for AD experience applicable for AS and BS in Nursing
18	Occupational Therapy Licensure	3599								Newton	Occupational Therapy license as part of SC going COMPACT (Reciprocity)
19	Windmill Limitation	3204							x	GM Smith	DOD sitting clearinghouse
20	Windmill Limitation	100							x	Cromer	Revise definition "Major Energy Facility"
21	Eliminate License Plate Fee for Veterans	424				B				Alexander	Eliminate fee for veterans license plate designation
22	Special License Plates Mil + County Vet Affairs 3095	3095								Cox	Revise special military license plates + special plates for County Vet Affairs
23	Special License Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, etc.	3040								Hill	PLATES TO VETS OF OPERATION DESERT STORM-DESERT SHIELD, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM/ Not to pay fee to produce
24	Special License Plates Military Air Medal	3147								GM Smith	Air Medal special license plates
25	Burial Honor Guard Support Funding	3598				C				McGarry	Burial Guard Support Fund for SC qualified VSO groups
26	Unclaimed Veteran Remains to Funeral Homes	3274									Requirement to send unclaimed veteran remains to funeral homes
27	Require Gov to do Legal Review Before Deployment	3528								Jones	Defend the Guard Act . require Gov to do legal review before deployment
28											
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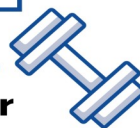
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# AROUND THE SOUTHEAST DIV.



**74TH SOUTHEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE**  
**MARCH 2021**

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**75TH SOUTHEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE**

**The 2022 Southeast Division Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn  
Baton Rouge South in Baton Rouge, LA**

**March 24-27, 2022**

**Start Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022**

**End Date: Sunday, March 27, 2022**

**Room Rate \$105.00 plus tax  
Breakfast included  
USE CODE: MCL**

**[Holiday Inn Baton Rouge-South](#)**

**9990 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA, US, 70816\_**

**ReservationDesk.com: [833-448-1018](tel:833-448-1018)**



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# 2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION



Monday, August 9th—Friday, August 13, 2021

**Wyndham Springfield City Centre**  
700 E. Adams St., Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Room blocks open August 17, 2020.

Reservation Link: <https://bit.ly/mcl2021>  
**Reservations: (217) 789-1530**

**When making reservations, please identify as “MCL CONVENTION” to receive special group rate.**

\$115 per night plus tax. Individuals are responsible for room, tax, and incidentals. Rates include 1 complimentary parking pass per occupied guest room. Rate includes two complimentary breakfasts per room per night.

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**ALTERNATE HOTEL is right across the street**

**PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SPRINGFIELD HILTON**

701 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701

Reservations: (217)-544-8800

Room block opens 8/25/2020

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\$115 per night plus tax. Individuals are responsible for room, tax, and incidentals. Rates include 1 complimentary parking pass per occupied guest room. Rate includes two complimentary breakfasts per room per night.

Monday, 8/9/21 to Friday, 8/13/21 (Banquet Friday evening)  
Board meetings will occur on 8/8/21 and 8/14/21.

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# DATES TO REMEMBER



**April 24, 2021**

**Quarterly @ ON LINE**

**Info TBA**

**\*\*\*Previous date was incorrect**

**June 12, 2021**

**Quarterly—Tentative  
Columbia, SC**

**August 9-13, 2021**

**National Convention  
Springfield, Illinois  
See page 14**

**Sept. 9-12, 2021**

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
Greenville, SC  
See PG 12 FOR DETAILS**

**Feb. 24-26, 2022**

**National Mid-Winter Conference  
Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel  
777 Waterside Dr, Norfolk VA  
800-325-3535/757-622-6664**

**August 2022**

**Proposed Daytona, FL**