



Department of South Carolina Convention Meeting Minutes

14 & 15 June 2024

Embassy Suites, 200 Stoneridge Dr, Columbia

Opening Ceremony – Friday Session

Commandant Helen Breen gaveled the meeting open at 1400. Sgt. At Arms Jimmy Fogle secured the Quarters and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Kevan Waiters opened the Bible and led the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers – Adjutant Deborah Stone

Commandant Helen Breen	Present
Sr. Vice Jim Powell	Present
Jr. Vice Frank Faulkner	Present
Judge Advocate Jim Breen, filling in for Claude Davis III	Present
Adjutant Deborah Stone	Present
Paymaster Jerry Holt	Present
Chaplain Kevan Waiters	Present
Past Dept. Commandant Jim Stone	Present
Sgt. At Arms Jimmy Fogle	Present
1 st Year Trustee Jim Breen	Present
2 nd Year Trustee Todd Alexander	Present
3 rd Year Trustee Dan Hoffman	Not Present

Roll Call of Detachments

Det 410/Julian Dusenbury	Charles Caldwell
Det 803/Low Country	Kevin Patton
Det 829/Palmetto Marines	Keith Martin
Det 873/Grand Strand	Greg Price
Det 939/James Hammons	Absent – Illness
Det 1105/Owens Kennemore	John Rossello
Det 1106/Upstate Marines	Hadji Harper, Det. Jr. Past Cmdt.
Det 1112/Lakeland Marines	Absent
Det 1123/Olde English Leathernecks	Adrien Tucker
Det 1131/Lewis G Watkins	Bob Walker
Det 1132/Riverfront Marines	Shawn Neal
Det 1134/Hutchings-Caldwell	Chuck Davis
Det 1141/Speedy Wilson	Beulah Scott
Det 1145/James Howe-Luke Cisson	Absent
Det 1146/Kershaw County Leathernecks	Wayne Farmer
Det 1154/Yellow Footprints	Steve Curless, Jr. Vice Cmdt.
Det 1169/Lancaster County Leathernecks	Kevan Waiters
Det 1194/Broad River Leathernecks	Absent
Det 1202/Sumter	Harry Thompson, Chaplain
Det 1219/Great Pee Dee Devil Dogs	Frank Faulkner, Jr. Past Cmdt.
Det 1227/Barnwell County Leathernecks	Jimmy Fogle, Sr. Vice Cmdt.
Det 1259/Greater Orangeburg Leathernecks	Willie Dash
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Report of Standing Committees

Toys for Tots – Tim Callahan

- Getting ready to start back up for the season.

Young Marines – James Roberts

Roberts is the Marine Corps League (MCL) Young Marines (YM) Liaison Officer for all South Carolina YM Units and the Southeast Regiment Regional Support Officer (RSO).

- Reported all four (4) South Carolina YM Units have been very busy over the past year. Units participated in Toys for Tots, Wreaths Across America, Veterans parades, Christmas parades, flag retirement ceremonies, Glock events, Marine Corps League spaghetti dinners, and many other community service events.
- YM Sgt Layton Wright received a plaque from Det. 1105, The Navy League Upper Council of SC and the (DAR) Daughter's of America revolution for her outstanding performance with upstate YMs. Two YMs attending ALS in RI, (one SLS and two JLS in TN).
- **Electric City YMs** will be merging with Upstate YMs as of 6/1/2024.
- Below are the community service hours per unit and the total for our South Carolina units.
 - **Upstate:** Community Service hours: **2,717**
 - **Electric City, Andersen** Community Service hours: **30 CSRA, Aiken** Community Service hours: **425**
 - **Parris Island** Community Service hours: **1,260 Grand Total: 4,432**
- Roberts said please be sure to visit the Young Marines units in your area and reach out to their Unit Commander to find out how their Young Marines can support your detachment. Thanked you for your continued support of the Young Marines program.
- Jerry Holt/1169 Asked if the retention issue is with the adults or the children? Roberts: More the children. Conflicts with sports, jobs, church, etc.

VAVS – Mike Cortright

- Det 803 Did a joint baby shower with the VA. Gave away car seats, moms were thankful.

Marine 4 Life - Vacant

- The Breen's met with the Charleston area Marine 4 Life.

Marksmanship Coordinator – Todd Alexander

- Shooting matches are not covered under the umbrella policy. The program may be going away, we are looking at local options for coverage.

JROTC – John Marcucci

- Had a situation where a member picked up for Detachment and did not give to Commandant. If you sign for them, please make sure they make it to the Detachment.



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- Most AF JROTC will accept the medal and ribbon, knowing the students cannot wear it on uniform

Boy Scouts – Vacant

Commandant Helen Breen

- There is a suggestion box out in front of registration.
- Jim Powell, Jim Stone, Jim Breen, Jerry Holt and Mike Waluk are teaching classes at the Convention.

Nominations for Department Officers

Past Dept. Commandant Jim Stone/1105 ran the nominations.

- Jim Stone called for Nominations for Department Commandant.
 - Tim Callahan/1141 nominated Helen Breen/803. 2nd by Frank Faulkner.
- Jim Stone called for Nominations for Department Senior Vice Commandant.
 - Helen Breen/803 nominated Jim Powell/1432.
- Jim Stone called for Nominations for Department Junior Vice Commandant.
 - Jim Breen/803 nominated Jimmy Fogle/1227. 2nd by Ernest Matzinger.
 - Hadji Harper/1106 nominated John Rossello/1105
- Jim Stone called for Nominations for Department Judge Advocate.
 - Jimmy Fogle/1227 nominated Jim Breen/803 for Judge Advocate.
- Jim Stone called for nominations for 3rd Year Trustee.
 - Jim Breen/803 nominated Kevin Patton/803.
- All nominations are closed with elections on Saturday, June 15, 2024.

Announcements

Commandant Breen – Reminders

- Elections are last order of business
- 50/50 tickets are being sold by Ernest Matzinger, announced at 1600 today. With another one on Saturday.
- Grawl at 1700 today.
- Mike Cortright- PACT claims deadline 8/14/24, can file an intent to file online with or without a VSO. Gives you 365 days to file a claim, with it being backdated to 8/10/2022.
- Uniform for Memorial Service @ 0900 Saturday is Casual Dress, the Red Blazer and black pants, but only required uniform is the cover.
- Voting Delegates:

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1227	24	3
1259	15	2
1432	32	4

- Cmdt Breen reminded the members the calculation is 1 delegate per 10 voting members or portion thereof. She also said a BIG thank you to Dets 1141 and 829 for this weekend.
- Hospitality Suite will open at 1600, or when Dan Hoffman is ready.

Don Alexander/1131

- 1131 has raffle tickets for over/under shotgun and a tower shoot at a nearby Georgia hunting preserve.

Closing

At 1420, Commandant Breen instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to declare the meeting in recess until the Saturday Memorial Service.

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Saturday June 15, 2024 Morning Session

At 0900 Chaplain Kevan Waiters started the Memorial Service. These are the names of the fallen since the last Convention.

Name	Detachment	NOD Date
WILLIAM GARNER	410	08/30/2023
ODIA LEE DAVIS	410	12/02/2023
JOSEPH CLYDE ROSS	410	03/04/2024
DAVID NELSON	410	05/26/2024
LETTY WHITEHEAD	803	01/15/2024
LEO THOMAS BUTLER	873	01/13/2024
JOSEPH COLWELL	873	10/07/2023
CHARLES E. GAGNON	873	07/11/2023
JAMES G. STRISS	1106	12/25/2023
RONALD AUGUST BODE	1131	09/07/2023
PAMELA G. DOWD	1131	03/31/2024
CHARLES KOSS	1132	04/27/2024
DAVID MORRIS	1141	06/06/2024
GEORGE G. PALMER	1141	11/29/2023
WILLIAM D. SMITH	1141	08/15/2023
FREDRICK J. FLORIAN	1146	07/02/2023
JACKIE LYLES	1146	05/14/2024
JIMMY MILLER	1146	11/03/2023
MICHAEL S. SHAW	1146	12/03/2023
JAMES WILDER	1146	12/16/2023
EDWARD RUSSELL JR.	1154	09/28/2023
WANDA H. SWEET	1169	11/07/2023
LAWRENCE ROBERT JONES	1169	03/30/2024
JIMMIE SURRETTE	1194	01/25/2024
MARION CROFT	1227	02/03/2024

Chapel of Four Chaplains Ceremony -- Jim Breen was presented the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor award by Department Commandant.



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Opening Ceremony

- Commandant Helen Breen opened the business session at 1005.
- Colors were presented by Eastover's I&I Staff and Levon Stack sang the National Anthem.
- Commandant Breen presented Levon Stack and the I & I Color Guard with Certificates of Appreciation.

Introduction of Dignitaries

National Vice Cmdt of SE Div.
National Vice Cmdt of NE Division
Web Sgt. For Southeast Division
Past Dept Cmdt of PA
National Vice Chief Devil Dog/SED,
Past Dept Cmdt. and Past Pack Leader
MODD Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog
Honorable Lucky Dog
Jr. Vice Cmdt. of Dept GA
Paymaster for Dept of NC

Jerry Holt
Mike Waluk, Dept of NJ
Jim Breen
Jim Powell
Jim Stone

PDD Jeffery Jones, Dept of NC
PDD Reggie Sawyer, Dept of NC
Alton "Doc" Coleman
Kevin Ashton

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Tim Callahan/1141 read the Proclamation from the SC Governor.

Sr. Vice Commandant – Jim Powell

Awards

- Award plaques for 25 to 30+ years
 - Frank James 1141
 - Tracey Talley 1432
- Thanks to Jim Breen/803 for donating the plaques and the engraving.
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
 - Det 829 Keith Martin/Commandant
 - Det 1141 Beulah Scott/Commandant
- Individual Meritorious Commendation
 - Cheri Fish Det 1141
 - Butch Jacobs Det 1141
- Distinguished Service
 - Tim Callahan Det 1141

Junior Vice Commandant – Frank Faulkner

- Focused on retention and recruiting this past year.
- Esprit de Corps- it's been a pleasure serving the Dept for the last 2 years.
- Dept. Recruiter of the Year – Helen Breen : up 260% from last year.

Adjutant – Deborah Stone

- Minutes were posted on website and emailed out.
- Jim Powell/1432 made a motion to accept the minutes. 2nd by Kevan Waiters. There were no questions or corrections
- **Vote: Motion passes.**

Judge Advocate – Jim Breen

- Sec 410 conflicts with the National By-Laws – will strike this, no vote needed.
- Sec 840 National Bylaws says elected Board of Trustees and Past Jr. Cmdt. cannot serve in more than 1 position.

Paymaster – Jerry Holt

- An envelope for each Detachment is upfront with copies of today's report.
- Jim Breen/803, Bob Walker/1131 and Mike Cortright/803 conducted the annual audit. No issues found.
- Helen Breen/803 made a motion to the proposed budget with recommendations. 2nd by Jim Powell/1432. No discussion. **Vote: motion passes.**
- A few Detachments did not receive their PLM money. Dept. receives a matching amount.
- Eagle Scout Challenge coins are now available \$6.50 each
- Dept. paying the difference on the food for Quarterly meetings.



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Comments

- Del Tingley/1154: Can we still give each Young Marine \$1000? Jerry Holt - Yes
- Del Tingley made the motion that the \$4,000 be spread amongst the 3 Units left. 2nd By Don Alexander. **Vote: Motion passes.**
- Steve Curless/1154 Made a Motion to accept the Paymaster Report. 2nd by Bob Walker/1131. No discussion. **Vote: Motion passes.**

Web Sergeant – Jim Breen

- Communications from Staff
 - 2400 emails have gone out this month
 - Updated the Website with Change of Officers
- Spam complaint
 - If you forward an email, and a member marks as spam, it will block. Call or message me and I have to unblock. Make sure your members want to receive emails.
- Not getting scammed
 - Dept. Staff will NEVER ask for gift certificates or money
 - Contact the sender's number
 - Don't open links or images, just delete
- MCL app is available for download
 - Need profile ID from Adjutant/Paymaster
 - National Convention schedule will be posted
 - Membership card will be in the app
- Gold life plastic card, if haven't received get with Primary Det. Adjutant

District 1 Vice Cmdt – Hadji Harper/1106

- All 7 Detachments are doing well

District 2 Vice Cmdt/Gary Jackson/1169-absent but sent report.

- Visited Kershaw's cookout, 1169's 20th anniversary dinner.

District 3 Vice Cmdt – Vacant

District 4 Vice Cmdt – Jimmy Fogle/1227

- Haven't visited N. Augusta yet, but all are doing well.

Commandant Breen thanked them for their service as District Vices.

Correspondence – Adjutant Deborah Stone

- Nothing to report

Unfinished Business – Commandant Breen

- Chief of Staff is working on Convention SOP, where the Department Officers meet with hotel in Columbia, SC and the Detachments will do the Hospitality, Registration and the auctions if they choose.
- Will have a new Convention SOP after this Convention



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New Business – Commandant Breen

- Dates for 2024/2025 Quarterly meetings: 21 Sept and 18 Jan, 2024 and 19 April 2025. They are on website.
- Convention Dates
 - 2025 Det 1105 – Greenville
 - 2026 Detachment 1141 – Columbia

Jerry Holt – Paymaster

- The Devil Dogs have adopted the Ritual like the American Legion. They salute the Flag, remove cover, then recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- At National, there will be a member vote to choose the historic process or follow the Devil Dogs. Communicate with your members. If no one is going from your Detachment, let Helen know your vote.
- **Ron West/1154:** Can Detachment Commandants submit their decision to Cmdt Breen? Yes.

Jim Powell – Sr. Vice Commandant

- Commandant's Council went great. There is an interest in a 1-day Leadership School to cover things like the mobile app, general info on grant writing.

Commandant Breen

- Proposed Bylaws are on National's website; email Cmdt Breen with questions or concerns
- National Cmdt Warren Griffin is not running.
- TJ Morgan is running for National Commandant unopposed
- Russ Miller is running for Sr. Vice and Dave Porter is running for Jr. Vice.
- Judge Advocate currently has 2 nominees. Bruce Rakfeldt and Bob Ziltz.
- Email Helen Breen to let her know how to vote; she will split votes as needed.
- Are you emailing your members? Are you receiving Department and National emails as Cmdt? We are filtering a lot of emails that come from National.

Adjutant Deborah Stone reported the updated Delegate Count. If you believe that is wrong, please see her after the meeting adjourns. There is one Delegate per 10 members. If you have 66 voting strength and then can have registered 7 Delegates. Even if you have 1 person on the floor, they will carry the 66 votes.

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Jim Stone/1105 needs 2 tellers and 2 counters that have been past Detachment Commandants for the election.

Cmdt. Breen stated the Breens attended NC's Spring Conference and received a streamer. They have been visiting other Departments to see how they do things. Our training sessions came out of Jim Stone and Jerry Holt visiting TN.

At 1141 Commandant instructed Sgt. at Arms to put the session in recess until 1300.

Opening Ceremony – Saturday, 2nd Session

Commandant Breen gaveled the meeting to order at 1305.

Awards

- There were Newsletter: 2 entrants 1131 and 1154. Winner: 1154
- Americanism: Det 1141 Calvin Fish. He is a new member.
- See Cmdt. Breen after the session to retrieve your newsletters/Americanism books.

Voting Members/Delegate Count

Adjutant Deborah Stone read the Voting Members and Delegate count.

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Elections

- Jim Stone announced that once he starts there is no leaving or entering the room.
 - Tellers: Jerry Holt/1169 and Bob Morgan/410
 - Counters: Mike Herbert and Rich O'Connell
- *Commandant* – Jim Stone instructed Adjutant to record 1 Unanimous ballot of acclamation for Helen Breen.
- *Sr. Vice Commandant* – Jim Stone instructed Adjutant to record 1 Unanimous ballot of acclamation for Jim Powell.
- *Jr. Vice Commandant*
 - Jim Stone instructed Asst. Sgt At Arms to escort John Rossello and Jimmy Fogle outside.
 - Jimmy Fogle was elected as Jr. Vice Commandant.
- *Judge Advocate* – Jim Stone instructed Adjutant to record 1 Unanimous ballot of acclamation for Jim Breen.
- *1st Year Trustee* – Jim Stone instructed Adjutant to record 1 Unanimous ballot of acclamation for Kevin Patton.

Announcements

- Commandant Breen
 - Ernest Matzinger/1141 is appointed as Asst. Sgt at Arms.
 - Installation will be at Banquet this evening
 - No covers for the Banquet.
- Cheri Fish
 - The silent auction ends at 1600.
 - Red solo cup auction tickets will be posted at 1445.
 - Bring blue tickets to Banquet where the Grand Price will be announced.
 - The 50/50 drawing will be at 1600; pick up the winning share by 1700.

Closing

At 1530 Commandant Breen instructed the Sgt. At Arms to put into recess until 1830 when the cocktail hour begins. The Chaplain closed the Bible and Sgt. At Arms Jimmy Fogle led the hand salute.



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Banquet – Saturday Evening

At 1900 Commandant Breen instructed Sgt. At Arms to put us in session. She led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commandant Breen instructed Ron West, acting Chaplain, to open the Bible and say the blessing. Tim Callahan described the meaning of the POW/MIA table. Tables were then dismissed to eat.

- Commandant Breen recognized the Food and Beverage staff and presented the Embassy Suites with a certificate of Appreciation.
- The blue ticket was pulled for the grand prize, a pinata filled with 40 mini-bottles. Don Alexander/1131 won. He auctioned it off for \$70 to Jim Stone.
- The Commandant recognized the Dignitaries present.
 - USMC Col. Christopher McArthur, Parris Island Recruit Training Regiment Commanding Officer and his wife April.
 - Major Jay White, CO at 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion
 - Jerry Holt, National Vice Commandant, SE Division
 - Mike Waluk, National Vice Commandant, NE Division/Dept of NJ Commandant
 - Jeffery Jones, Sr Vice Chief Devil Dog
 - Jim Stone, Dept. Jr Past Cmdt, Past Pack Leader and Vice Chief Devil Dog of the SE Division
 - Reggie Sawyer, Honorable Lucky Dog
 - Alton “Doc” Coleman, Jr Vice Commandant, Dept of GA
 - Kevin Ashton, Paymaster, Dept of NC
 - Dan Hoffman, SC Past Pack Leader, Asst National Vice Commandant, SE Division
 - Mrs. Ila, My Fertile Little Mind, owner and vendor
 - She created a puzzle for folks to do at the Convention. We had nine winners. They all got to choose a prize.
- Introduction of Guest Speaker – Col. Christopher McArthur. In Lieu of a plaque, he asked that a donation be made in the names of the Col. McArthur and his wife to the Parris Island Scholarship Fund.

Awards/Installation of Officers

- **Pack Dog of the Year** – There 3 nominees. Past Pack Dog of the Year recipients Jim Stone and Dan Hoffman presented the award to this year’s recipient Mike Cortright/803.
- **Marine of the Year** – There were 5 Nominees: Helen Breen/803, Linda Roach/1132, Randall Culler/939, Kim Williford/1105 and Ernest Matzinger/1141, Last year’s recipient Jim Breen presented the award to this year’s recipient Helen Breen.
- **Associate of the Year** – There were 2 Nominees: Shelley Jimmerson/1132 and Linda Williford/1105. Last year’s recipient Jim Day presented the award to Amanda Neal for Shelley Jimmerson / 1132.
- **Installation of Officers** – Mike Waluk, National Vice Commandant Northeast Division swore in Elected and Appointed Officers. Missing Chaplain Kevan Waiters and Baretta Splawn Sgt. At Arms. Will be sworn in at the Sept. Quarterly.



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Announcements

- The Staff meeting for Dept Officers will be at 0900 Sunday morning, Rm 429.
- The 50/50 winning ticket will be drawn after close of business session.
- The Dept raffle winning tickets will be drawn after the close of business session.
- The centerpieces are to be taken

Closing

Commandant Breen instructed the Sgt at Arms to close the meeting. Sgt. At Arms Fogle closed the meeting until Sept. 21, 2024 when we will reconvene at the American Legion Post 6, at 1000.

Jim Powell drew Department raffle 3 tickets

\$250 – Tabor/Mt Pleasant area

\$500 – Austin Davis

\$1,000 – Jim Powell; he donated the \$1000 back to the Department



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***** Governors Proclamation & Columbia Mayor Letter

S. 1320

Introduced by Senator Alexander.

A SENATE RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION AND COMMEND THE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

WHEREAS, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize the Marine Corps League Department of South Carolina as it celebrates this important milestone; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Corps League was founded in 1923 by World War I Veteran of Belleau Wood, Commandant of the Marine Corps, then Major General John A. Lejeune. On August 4, 1937, the U.S. Congress Congressionally Chartered the organization as a Veteran Service Organization. It maintains a 501c4 non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service with special tax exemption; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines and FMF Navy Personnel who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the League is the only federally chartered Marine Corps-related veterans organization in the country. Since its earliest days, the League has enjoyed the support and encouragement of the active duty and reserve establishments of the Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, the League boasts a membership of more than sixty thousand people, officer and enlisted, active duty, reserve Marines, honorably discharged Marine veterans, qualified Navy FMF corpsmen and qualified Navy FMF chaplains. It is one of the few veterans' organizations that experiences annual membership increases; and

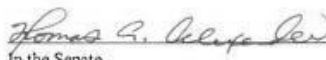
WHEREAS, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment of the Marine Corps League Department of South Carolina to serving the people and the State of South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate:

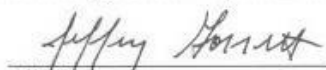
THAT the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the Marine Corps League Department of South Carolina upon the occasion of its annual convention and commend the organization for its many years of dedicated service to the people and the State of South Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the leadership of the Marine Corps League Department of South Carolina.


In the Senate
Columbia, South Carolina
May 2, 2024

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed in the Senate.




Jeffrey S. Gossett
Clerk of the Senate



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CITY OF COLUMBIA
SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear Department of South Carolina Marine Corps League Members:

As Mayor of the City of Columbia, I would like to say how honored we are that the Department of South Carolina has chosen to hold the Marines Corps League here in the Capital City.

I firmly believe that the military is the glue that holds our community together and events like yours are important because they strengthen those bonds, bringing generations together so we may all move forward as one.

Our history in Columbia is a military history and I want to thank you for reminding us of that fact.

As you celebrate, we hope you will take advantage of our year-round great weather by enjoying some of our outdoor activities such as canoeing or kayaking on our rivers, strolling on our waterfront, or visiting the award-winning Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.

Our theaters, museums, and historic homes will entertain while enlightening every visitor about the rich history and culture our state and region have to offer.

We hope you enjoy your stay in Columbia and welcome you to visit again and I appreciate you all for defending this great country.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Rickenmann
Mayor

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