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### Department of South Carolina



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## D-Day Landings—6/6/1944

On this day in history, we remember American troops that lost their lives during an amphibious invasion at Omaha Beach, in Normandy. I watched the History Channel's program D-DAY:FOLLOW THE DRAMA AND HEROISM OF THE NORMANDY INVASION IN THIS MULTIMEDIA JOURNEY. There is black and white footage and interviews with men who stormed the beaches that day, as they recount their time in our nations history. I decided to do some research. With that, I learned that there is a National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA., to honor the Americans who lost their lives on the beach, or never made it out of the water.

The memorial was dedicated on June 6, 2001 by President George W. Bush. Their website says that they receive 60k visitors a year to their 50 + acres. They have various programs for school children, and even some virtually. Visit [dday.org/the-memorial](http://dday.org/the-memorial), to learn more about D-Day or support the Memorial.

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NOTE: Please submit items in jpeg or png.





# Department Commandant

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**Reminder!** Our Department's Quarterly Meeting is this Saturday, June 12, at the American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens Street, in Columbia. Coffee and donuts will be available at 0900; the meeting will begin at 10:00. Bring money for lunch! It will be catered by Mike Morrow. Mike has catered our previous meetings, and he puts out a fantastic spread. Cost will probably be \$10 per person for the main course, sides, drinks and dessert. We've ordered meals for 50, so if you plan to eat, you can pay at the door when you arrive. After lunch, we'll be holding a Pack Growl, so all you Dogs consider bringing some pet food for donations to the pounds housing the four-legged critters in the area.

Among the other business items on Saturday's agenda, we will be conducting elections of officers to serve during the 2021-22 term. I will not be running for a third term as Department Commandant. Although nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting, those who have expressed a desire to serve are: Jim Stone, as Department Commandant; Helen Breen, as Senior Vice; Wade Rhoney as Junior Vice; and Buddy Ferguson, as Judge Advocate. Past Commandant John Tharp has agreed to run the election process for us. I personally support all these candidates for those positions.

By now, you've probably seen the emails announcing the other election that is currently underway. There are two candidates for the position of National Vice Commandant – Southeast Division, and two candidates for the position of Assistant Division Vice Commandant – Southeast Division (a position that I currently hold). Al Yates, Past Commandant for the Dept of Georgia, and I are each vying for the NVC position, and Ronnie Broussard, Commandant for the Dept of Louisiana and Bill Miller, Senior Vice for the Dept of Georgia are running for the ADVC position. I've worked with Ronnie, and I've seen his compassion and leadership in coordinating support for his League members and their communities when they were hit with back-to-back hurricanes last year. Ronnie has my support for the position, and I hope to have yours for the NVC role. Those Detachment Commandants who are present at the Quarterly meeting will be able to cast the votes for their Detachment's authorized voting strength at the meeting. If they prefer, they can cast their Detachment's votes via email no later than June 17. The emailed votes are to be sent to the Department Adjutant, Jim Hill. The Department must submit its votes to the SE Division Election Committee prior to June 19.

Back to regular news.....

Last week, (May 27 at 7pm, to be exact) a Commandant's Corner session was held on Zoom. The event was announced ahead of time on Facebook, but unfortunately the word didn't get widespread. We've got 60,000 League members; the capacity for the Zoom session was 100; but there were only about two dozen participants on the call, including the National Commandant and the Jr. and Sr. Vice Commandants. This wasn't a "tell" session from the top, but it was a great of ideas and success stories from Detachment members from all over the country. Discussion topics included recruiting, retention, programs to assist other members and activities to keep both new and old members interested and engaged. A great feature of

these sessions is that they are informal, have no agenda, and you can walk away from your computer when you want. They also offer exposure to folks from all across the country so you can gain a broad perspective of issues and successful approaches. Sometimes you can just sit back and listen to how funny some people talk. These sessions are expected to become a regular event every month, or so. We'll do a better job of getting the word out for future sessions. You don't need to be a Zoom master to participate. We'll provide some instructions on how you can connect on a session.

South Carolina is a very good Department in the Marine Corps League. Like other Departments, we've had some significant challenges due to the pandemic, but we have good leaders in our Detachments and members who have the desire to get back to our normal levels of activities. Now that we're getting to the point where we can hold real meetings again, we can regain that sense of personal camaraderie we gained as Marines.

Like you, I'm proud to be a Marine; I'm proud to be a member of the Marine Corps League. I enjoy my role in the League, and most of all, I value the friendships and the friends I've made here in South Carolina. Thanks for your support and your accomplishments during these past two years.

*Semper Fi,*

*Jerry*

## **Dept. Jr. Vice Commandant**

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ALL Registrations are due in before August 1st.

There is talk that the LIFE member dues will also be increasing after the National Convention.



## Dept. Sr. Vice Commandant

Helen Breen *hbreen1227@gmail.com*

**TO: Detachment Commandants**

**FROM: Helen Breen, Sr. Vice Commandant, Department of South Carolina**

**RE: Marine of the Year (MOY) / Associate of the Year (AOY) Guidelines**

**Date: April 24, 2021**

1. Due to the change of date for the Department of South Carolina Annual Convention, the submission date for MOY / AOY will be **August 1, 2021**. This change affects ONLY the 2021 MOY / AOY submissions.
2. Per Department of SC Guidelines, the award submission should cover the time frame from 1 June to May 30 but may use up to five years of details to show continuity.
3. MOY can only be awarded to a member once; AOY can be awarded to a member twice, but there must be a five-year gap between nominations.
4. Detachments may only submit ONE candidate MOY and AOY each year.
5. The Nomination Cover Sheet must be signed by the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant. In the event the nominee is the Commandant or Adjutant, the letter will be signed by the Detachment Sr. Vice Commandant in place of the Commandant or Adjutant, as needed.
6. Nomination letters must be placed in a separate sealed envelope and marked "**ATTN: Marine of the Year Chair**" or "**Associate of the Year Chair**" and mailed to the Department Commandant. Envelopes must be mailed PRIORITY MAIL.
7. The member must be in good standing to be eligible for MOY / AOY.
8. All nomination letters will remain sealed until opened by the MOY / AOY Chairpersons.
9. Nomination letters must be typewritten and should detail the MOY / AOY Nominees contributions, activities, and achievements over the past year. Up to five years of supporting detail may be included for continuity. The letter should not refer to the nominee by name but will be assigned a number upon opening by the MOY / AOY Chairperson.
10. Nominee Cover Sheet and Score Sheet (for reference) are available on the Department website: <https://mcleaguesc.org> – click on "Forms & Downloads" at the top right; then click on "Dept MOY & AOY Guidelines" to download.

## WHAT IS MEMORIAL DAY?

At Memorial Day, like many of you, I seem to reflect more on the past. Maybe that's because I am retired and getting older, I am not sure. Maybe it's because I see our country not embracing the ideals I was brought up to believe. I don't possess the ability to resolve our nation's problems, but I participate in the process that helps us change direction from time to time. I see it as important to my attitude in life and always have the hope and faith that life will get better.

Memorial Day is a time to remember the fallen. Armed conflict always brings death and our nation has been involved in many conflicts. As a consequence of that conflict families are normally notified by a service messenger. During those times of conflict, when a government vehicle enters a small housing development, there was usually one reason, they were bringing bad news to a local family. I experienced the unfortunate in 1976 while assigned as the messenger of death in Orange Texas. I drove the unit Chaplain to inform a retired Colonel, his wife and the deceased's pregnant wife that the son and husband they knew and loved was no longer alive. An unborn child would never know his father. There is a sickening feeling in your gut when you have to do a casualty call for any reason and families sometimes take out their resentment on the messenger.

In 1967 I attended a funeral of a Marine who was killed in Vietnam. He was a school mate and the same age as my younger sister. Out of respect for his service and being a Marine I wore my uniform. I moved through the line to offer my condolences to the family. As I approached the grieving mother who was sobbing uncontrollably, she looked me in the eyes and said "Why couldn't it have been you?" I sometimes ask myself the same question, why not me? I helped train that Marine before he went to Vietnam. Some of those were horrible times in Vietnam and I still suffer from unpleasant memories.

In January of 1966 I helped wrap friends in ponchos in the middle of a rice paddy and load them on board a waiting helicopter to head to grave registration. I wondered what their families would be told and who would do it; I was 18 at the time. I can still hear the rotors of that H-34 today. Every time I hear a helicopter I think of Vietnam. In conversation with others I am often asked where I grew up or where I was raised. To me they are separate, I was raised in Northern Indiana but I grew up in South Vietnam.

I served my country for most of my life and did not create the policies that we in the military implemented, we just carried them out. I sometimes feel, because we were the instrument used to carry out policy, our generation somehow became responsible for all the wrong done by those policy makers. Somehow, I and my fellow service members, upon our return, were seemingly denied the recognition of serving honorably. Our generation has also been great and we continue to make a positive difference in society.

Memorial Day originated as **Decoration Day** after the American Civil War when the Grand Army of the Republic established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. By the 20th century, Memorial Day was eventually extended to honor all Americans who died while in the military service. We seem to have somehow lost the original meaning of MEMORIAL DAY, a time to reflect on our history and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The millions of souls floating overhead not physically with us today but have been the glue that has held the fabric of this nation together for centuries. Let not their memory be forgotten on this or any other day.

Those who are serving or have served and still with us today, let us remember their sacrifice as well as their families in support of this nation we call America.

*In honor of Corporal Peni Ueli, Lance Corporal Ray Brown and Corporal Don Slack.*

**Submitted by Robert Burns**





# Americanism Committee

## Cherri Sterling

The format has changed. The Americanism book shall be divided into Six {6} Sections as follows:

### Section 1 - Your Detachment

You members Your events held and planned. Installations and ceremonies. VAVS activities, MC Ball, Memorial Day, Holiday parties, or other detachment activities that the public is invited to attend. Visits to Veterans at Nursing homes. Marine of the year. Supports an Auxiliary unit.

### Section 2 -Promotions,

Marine for life Program, Marine Helping Marines Program, Detachment Foundations. Honor guard, Firing Squad, Bugler, Color Guard.

### Section 3 - Attendance

League Functions Department conventions your detachment attended, National Convention your detachment attended and Division conferences your detachment attended. Or hosted any of these And if any of your members are on the staff of such.

### Section 4 - Programs

Recruiting programs your detachment held, Membership events, BBQ's, picnics, Rose Programs. Assisted in change of command for a reserve unit or any other branch of the service. Supported them in any way, a welcome home event, or other. Activities with other veteran groups. Support of a Devil Dog Pound. Volunteered at State Fairs or Military Expos. Supports Veteran Children or has candidates for the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

### Section 5 - Community events or support

Toy for Tots, Town BBQ, Parades, Ceremonies or any other civic events your detachment attended

### Section 6 -Youth

Youth programs, Eagle scout honor courts, Scholarship programs, Student awards, Young Marines, JROTC, respect for the flag classes, school visits to meet with students about being in the service or your veterans' group. In all cases you are not limited to what is shown on this list nor is any one a requirement. These are only suggestions. You must have at least one section in your book and number your section (s) No detachment needs to have all five sections.

**Hints:** Don't be too wordy talking about the event and all photographs should be in focus and the subject centered. Only include one or two photos per event. Filling you section with tons of repeat photos will not better your chance of winning. Everything should be dated and include location, the people in the photo and what is going on in the photo. Include copies of any documentation of the event if possible.

The 12-month period to be covered is from one National Convention (August) to the following National Convention (August). You do NOT need to cover every month.

**Note** - These rules apply to Departments as well as detachments.

Visit [MCLNATIONAL.ORG](http://MCLNATIONAL.ORG) to print the forms for the book. Be sure to sign the sheet in front of book.



# Protocol Officer

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## 21 GUN SALUTE

Most military funerals mistake firing three volleys from rifles for a 21-gun salute. This tradition comes from traditional battle cease fires where each side would clear the dead. The firing of three volleys indicated the dead were cleared and properly cared for.

All military services use the firing party for memorials and funerals. Law enforcement agencies also use the firing party to render honors. Only Army and Navy cannons fire the 21-Gun salute. **A firing party does not fire 21 guns, they have rifles and fire the Three-Volley Salute.**

The use of gun salutes for military occasions is traced to early warriors who demonstrated their peaceful intentions by placing their weapons in a position that rendered them ineffective. Apparently, this custom was universal, with the specific act varying with time and place, depending on the weapons being used. A North African tribe, for example, trailed the points of their spears on the ground to indicate that they did not mean to be hostile.

The tradition of rendering a salute by cannon originated in the 14th century as firearms and cannons came into use. Since these early devices contained only one projectile, discharging them once rendered them ineffective. Originally warships fired seven-gun salutes—the number seven probably selected because of its astrological and Biblical significance. Seven planets had been identified and the phases of the moon changed every seven days. The Bible states that God rested on the seventh day after Creation, that every seventh year was sabbatical and that the seven times seventh year ushered in the Jubilee year.

Land batteries, having a greater supply of gunpowder, were able to fire three guns for every shot fired afloat, hence the salute by shore batteries was 21 guns. The multiple of three probably was chosen because of the mystical significance of the number three in many ancient civilizations. Early gunpowder, composed mainly of sodium nitrate, spoiled easily at sea, but could be kept cooler and drier in land magazines. When potassium nitrate improved the quality of gunpowder, ships at sea adopted the salute of 21 guns.

The 21-gun salute became the highest honor a nation rendered. Varying customs among the maritime powers led to confusion in saluting and return of salutes. Great Britain, the world's preeminent sea power in the 18th and 19th centuries, compelled weaker nations to salute first, and for a time monarchies received more guns than did republics. Eventually, by agreement, the international salute was established at 21 guns, although the United States did not agree on this procedure until August 1875.

The gun salute system of the United States has changed considerably over the years. In 1810, the “national salute” was defined by the War Department as equal to the number of states in the Union—at that time 17. This salute was fired by all U.S. military installations at 1:00 p.m. (later at noon) on Independence Day. The President also received a salute equal to the number of states whenever he visited a military installation.

In 1842, the Presidential salute was formally established at 21 guns. In 1890, regulations designated the “national salute” as 21 guns and redesignated the traditional Independence Day salute, the “Salute to the Union,” equal to the number of states. Fifty guns are also fired on all military installations equipped to do so at the close of the day of the funeral of a President, ex-President, or President-elect.

Today the national salute of 21 guns is fired in honor of a national flag, the sovereign or chief of state of a foreign nation, a member of a reigning royal family, and the President, ex-President and President-elect of the United States. It is also fired at noon of the day of the funeral of a President, ex-President, or President-elect.

Gun salutes are also rendered to other military and civilian leaders of this and other nations. The number of guns is based on their protocol rank. These salutes are always in odd numbers.

“But...”, I hear you say, “there are seven members of the firing party and they fire three times;  $7 \times 3 = 21$ .” True! However, not all firing parties are made up of seven members (plus a commander). The minimum number of members who fire on a firing party is three (plus the commander). The three members still fire three times, not seven times.

Bob

"We sleep safely in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm." - Orwell

## Chaplain's Corner

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### FALLEN MARINES MAY-JUNE 2021

James Wheeler	Detachment #1123.	5/7/21
Louis Ewanitsko.	Detachment #1432.	5/8/21
Timothy Ray.	Detachment #1227	4/14/21
Weston Malone	Detachment #1106.	5/14/21
Michael McDaniel	Detachment #1132.	5/6/21
Larry Shunkwiler	Detachment #1141	6/8/21

Please remember our Department members and families in your prayers.



BE PREPARED TO VOTE  
At the Department Quarterly in June,  
Regular members and Associates  
can vote on this.



Original

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## Toys for Tots

**Tim Callahan** *Callahan.timothy@yahoo.com*

Although it is June, it is not too early to think about the upcoming Toys For Tots programs.

Have you thought about a mid year, or halfway to Christmas, standup at a local store? It would be one way of keeping interest in our programs going.

Also, there are two counties in South Carolina that do not have any Toys For Tots coverage – Bamberg and Barnwell.

If anyone is interested in taking these on application to the Foundation should be made now. Let me know if it is a possibility.

Tim Callahan  
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## Daymaster

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**GOT YOURS?**

**If not, then**

**"go to the Dept website– [mcleaguesc.org](http://mcleaguesc.org)**

**under "Forms & Downloads" to get the application"**

**The Dept. gets a percentage for each  
new tag & renewal**



## Low Country Det. 803

The American Legion Post 147 renaming to the Ralph H. Johnson American Legion Post.



Major General Livingston (Medal of Honor recipient) speaking at the Medal of Honor Day in Mt Pleasant on March 25



Bill Neira was sworn in to the Devil Dogs by 47th Chief Devil Dog Mike English.





# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

## James L. Hammonds Detachment 939

### Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Certificate Awarded

Marine Corps League's James L. Hammonds Detachment Commandant Claude Davis presents the Good Citizenship Award to Eagle Scouts Phillip Perea and Alex Hanna at their Court of Honor on June 5, 2021.



# James Hammonds Det. 939

## Participated In Annual Memorial Day Parade



## Marines of Det. 939 Commemorate Memorial Day

The members of Marine Corps League Detachment 939 recently sponsored a Memorial Day Commemoration for the city of Aiken. The keynote speaker was the Honorable Rick Osborn mayor of Aiken. According to Commandant Claude Davis the event was attended by approximately 150 people and was a great success.



## Awarded Governor's Proclamation For Support of Memorial Day Activities



The Marines of Marine Corps Detachment 939 were recently awarded a proclamation signed by South Carolina's House of Representatives for their continued support of Aiken Memorial Day Commemorations and their significant service to their community through its many valuable civic activities.



## Marines of Detachment 939 Award

### Annual Corporal Matthew Dillon Scholarships

The Marines of Marine Corps League 939 recently awarded the Corporal Matthew Dillon Scholarship to four local graduating JROTC seniors. The scholarship is named in honor of Corporal Matthew Dillon son of 939 members Neal and Lucy Dillon.





# Owens Kennemore Detachment 1105



At the June meeting, everyone was smiling, enjoying company and Apple Spice Catering. Cmdt. Sandy Thompson swore in new member Duane Kelley (Middle) and Assoc. Member, Alan Dabney who works at the VA. (Above). Left she swore in her elected and appointed Officers for the new year.

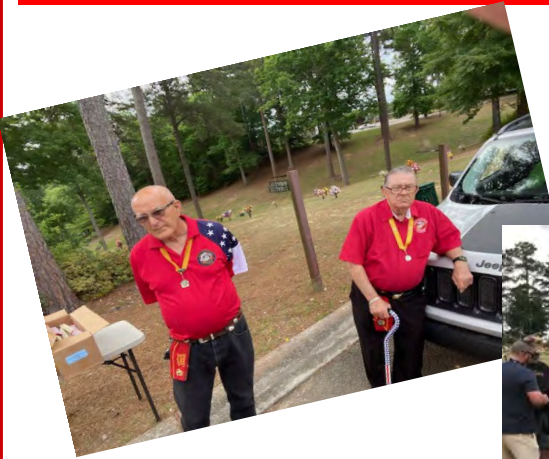


## Lewis G. Watkins Detachment 1131



Lyn Rock (Bottom Right) is the Detachment’s “Marine of the Year” . Commandant Bob Walker (L) and Skip Wakeman presented this Marine with his award. Lyn’s wife is pictured with him.

## Speedy Wilson Detachment 1141



On 29 May, Speedy Wilson members and Palmetto Marines placed flags on Woodridge Park vet graves .



# Lewis G. Watkins Auxiliary Unit

Joyce Brickett [joymaeb@aol.com](mailto:joymaeb@aol.com)



Hello every one,

The Lewis G. Watkins Unit of the MCLA did not officially meet in May. However, many members attended the detachment installation ceremony as guests. Members also provided desserts for the meal served afterwards.

The South Carolina Department Convention will be held in Greenville September 9-12. Several members will be representing our unit. Members will also be attending the MCL/MCLA National Convention being held August 9-13 in Springfield, IL.

Because of the high temperatures the week before Memorial Day, some members were not able to get their flags placed. However, Nancy Walker had the help of several detachment members and their wives. Nancy, along with the rest of us, would like to express our sincere appreciation for their help. Those helping Nancy were her husband Commandant Bob, Bill and Nancy Thompson, and David Wessinger. Please see photos posted below. Oconee County has over 72 U.S. Marines buried in various cemeteries with Oconee Memorial having over 25. Flags are placed and picked up after both Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Member Doris Carver was able to place flags at 3 sites at Corinth Cemetery.

Please stay safe and healthy as you enjoy the next summer months. Our next unit meeting will be June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hut at 6:30. We hope to see everyone there.





# Riverfront Marines 1132

## RIVERFRONT MARINES, NORTH AUGUSTA PARTICIPATE IN MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Every year, Riverfront Marines, Detachment #1132 of North Augusta participate in laying a wreath at the American Legion Post 71's Memorial Day Ceremony. This year, the guest speaker was CWO Army Retired Dennis DuPuis, a highly decorated Vietnam Veteran, who at age 19 conducted helicopter missions during Vietnam, logging in 1,155 combat flight hours. His personal story helped us "Remember" those who put on the uniform and did not come home. Photographer credit goes to Bill Bengtson.



American Legion Post 71  
Ceremonial Corps



Dennis DePuis, CWO, USA, Retired



Riverfront Marines Linda Roach,  
Commandant, David Jimmerson,  
Jr-Vice Commandant



Linda Roach, Norman Thibodeau, Ralph Wainright, Kevin Joy, Ted Walker



# Yellow Footprintings Det. 1154



Denckoff's Court of Honor.



Presentation of Good Citizen to Eagle Scout Denckoff.

Past Commandant Cathy Stump conducting our Installation



The second photo is of (l to r) Fred Channels installed as Sr. Vice, Jean Jones -recipient of the Distinguished Citizens award, "Doc" Morley installed as our newest member, Marine of the Year Dale Bennett, and Commandant John Stump.



Right DAV cooks preparing our vittles.



Above: Young Marines 'Present Arms' for the Pledge of Allegiance.



Golfers listening to 'The Plan of the Day'.



Waiting for "Gentlemen, Start Your Engines".



# Little River Det. 1432

Det. Members provided a Color Guard, a 3 volley salute and Taps during Memorial Day Services at the North Myrtle Beach Memorial Garden.







## SC Pack

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Newest pups in the South Carolina pack the Murphy brothers In front .(left to right On back row )DD Milt Smith Dog robber, pound keeper PDD Bob Paul of pound 340 Catawba River dogs, police dog PDD Rick Hinson . The Catawba River dogs met in Camden South Carolina at the American Legion they are made up from the following counties York, Chester, Lancaster, Spartanburg, and Kershaw. Thanks to all the Kershaw dogs for the good time and great meal.

Looking forward to seeing all Dogs of the order at the next pack growl to be held Saturday, June 12, 2021 at the American Legion 200 Pickens St. Columbia South Carolina it will follow the department quarterly meeting (approximately 1 o'clock) we will be selecting the pack dog of the year and will be electing new officers for 2021 /2022 be there for a howling good time. Don't forget to bring dog food and dog biscuits cat food it has now become our tradition.

Don't forget we have a facebook page "SC PACK Doghouse-MODD" Thanks to our Junior Vice Pack Leader Helen Breen for getting this up and running. Please continue to advise when your Pound will have a growl the Pack Leader and other Dogs may show up for a good time.

Woof woof

PDD Jim Hill, Pack Leader  
South Carolina Pack





# 2021 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

## WELCOME TO HILTON GREENVILLE Marine Corps League SC Annual Convention 2021 SEPTEMBER 9-12, 2021

We are delighted to host you for your 2021 Convention at Hilton Greenville! Our property offers dynamic views from every angle – close enough to see the skyline of downtown and take part in the rich culture of our community while enjoying a green view from your guest rooms overlooking the Carolina Foothills. Our property and staff are sure to delight you with our warm hospitality while you focus in on meetings & socializing, while savoring Southern cuisine with the quality of service only a Hilton can offer. We look forward to hosting you soon!



Visit [greenvillesc.hilton.com](http://greenvillesc.hilton.com) and use code 'MCL21' to receive the exclusive discounted group rate of \$129+/night. Book by 8/10/2021

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# 2021 DEPT. CONV. CHAIRMAN

Please send in your individual registration as soon as possible.

We must meet the contract on Hotel room registrations to have the convention. If we do not meet this contracted amount of rooms, We can not be holding a convention.



Ad money and the physical ad need to be sent in to Deborah Stone before the deadline of July 31st.  
Only paid attendees receive a Convention Journal.

Each member, Regular and Associate, attending the Dept. Business meetings must 1. be a member in good standing,

2. registered at the convention by July 15th.
3. have paid the registration fee of \$10.00, before the day of the start of the convention.
4. Wear the red cover in the business meetings

Check with your Detachment to see if they pay this fee.

If not registered prior to the start of the convention, at the door, there will be an additional late fee as applicable per by-law.

This fee is required if you are entering any business meetings.

The “Uniform of the day” is the red cover.

Banquet and BBQ are August 10th deadlines. There will be limited tickets that will be available at the door.

THERE WILL NOT BE A DELEGATE REGISTRATION THIS YEAR





# 2021 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2020 CONVENTION  
September 9-12, 2021  
Activities and Banquet Registration**

Hilton Greenville ~ 45 W Orchard Park Dr. ~ Greenville, SC 29615 ~ 864-232-4747

Name: _____	Name: _____
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Det/Unit: _____	Det/Unit: _____
Street Address: _____	Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

A program book will be printed. All units of the MCL, MCLA and MODD are all encouraged to support the program book to help offset the cost of the Conference. Ad submission deadline 7/31/21. Program books will be given to paid attendees only that register before July 31, 2021.

A \$10.00 Registration fee is required for all members of the Marine Corps League. Spouses who attend do not pay a fee. Check with your Detachment Commandant, some detachments pay this fee.

# of registration fees \_\_\_\_\_

AD Book            Full Page @ \$100    \_\_\_\_\_    Half Page @ \$50    \_\_\_\_\_    Quarter Page @ \$25    \_\_\_\_\_

Business Card @ \$10    \_\_\_\_\_    Patron Name @ \$2.00    \_\_\_\_\_                      Ad Journal Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night BBQ Dinner with Band 50-70's music                      Qty \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Pulled pork bbq (buffet style) w/ buns & assorted sauces, house salad w/ ranch & Italian dressings, Cole slaw, Baked beans, House chips. Chefs choice of dessert, Tea & water

Banquet @ \$50.00    Quantity \_\_\_\_\_                      Banquet Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet deadline is August 10, 2021**

Buffet style-Chef's choice chicken, fish and Bistro tenderloin, House salad with ranch and Italian dressings, Seasonal vegetables, Mashed or roasted potatoes, Chef's choice of dessert, Vegetarian plate on request, tea, water, and coffee

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

CK/mo # \_\_\_\_\_    Credit/Debit card # \_\_\_\_\_                      Exp date \_\_\_\_\_    CV \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_                      Zip code \_\_\_\_\_    Amount to be charged \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks and money orders payable to MCL Det 1105 Convention 2021.*

*Please mail to: Deborah Stone, 9 Azure Lane, Greer, SC 29651.*

Date Rec'd.	Email Confirmation	Name tag
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# AROUND THE SOUTHEAST DIV.



## 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)



# 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

## **PERSONALIZED RESERVATION PAGE**

**GROUP CODE: MCL**

\$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.

# 2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION

## Regarding the National Convention

The registration for delegates as well as submission for the ad book are both online now.

**You can fill out delegate registration and pay online.**

**You can submit artwork for the ad book and pay online.**

During the process, there is an option to pay by check.

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/>

If you do not wish to participate electronically, the forms are located in the Library to download or can be found in the Semper Fi Magazine.

The convention schedule is in draft mode and will be posted on the library's convention tab when available.

The Local Convention Committee's website is almost ready. You will be able to find a link to it in the library's convention tab. That is the link to the banquet and events in Springfield, Illinois.

Looking forward to seeing you this Summer.

S/F

Bob Borka  
COO/HQMCL  
#EmbraceTheTribe

At the National Convention, each Detachment is authorized one delegate for each 15 voting members - or fraction thereof - (voting members meaning Regular Members who are either Life Members, or their annual dues are current). In order to ensure that your Detachment is entitled to its full voting strength, you should register enough delegates to cover your full voting strength. By doing this, you can vote the full strength even if you only have one member in attendance and on the floor at the time of the voting. These delegates can vote in the election of National Officers as well as proposed bylaw changes. **(Although not required unless stipulated in your Detachment bylaws, it is customary for the Detachment to pay the \$5 registration fee for your delegates).**



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For a complete list of National Officers visit: [mclnational.org](http://mclnational.org)

# DATES TO REMEMBER

June 12, 2021

SC Dept. Quarterly in person  
10 am @ American Legion  
Lunch to follow  
SC Pack Growl after lunch  
Columbia, SC

August 9-13, 2021

National Convention  
Springfield, Illinois  
See page 25

Sept. 9-12, 2021

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
Greenville, SC  
Registration and Hotel info page  
Mail Registration & Call Hotel



Sept. 21-23, 2021

41st Annual Modern Day Marine  
Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA

Feb. 24-26, 2022

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