

Department of South Carolina Convention Meeting Minutes

June 19-21, 2025

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Verdae Blvd, Greenville



Opening Ceremony – Friday Session

Commandant Helen Breen gaveled the meeting open at 1310.

Sgt. At Arms Baretta Splawn 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. Jimmy Fogle	Present
Judge Advocate Jim Breen	Present
Adjutant Deborah Stone	Present
Paymaster Jerry Holt	Present
Chaplain Kevan Waiters	Present
Past Dept. Commandant Jim Stone	In Auction Room
Sgt. At Arms Baretta Splawn	Present
1 st Year Trustee Todd Alexander	Excused
2 nd Year Trustee Dan Hoffman	Excused in lobby
3 rd Year Trustee Kevin Patton	Excused in lobby
District 1 Vice Commandant Hadji Harper	Present
District 2 Vice Commandant Gary Jackson	excused
District 1 Vice Commandant	vacant
District 1 Vice Commandant Jimmy Fogle	Present

Roll Call of Detachments

Det 410/Julian Dusenbury	Charles Caldwell
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Det 829/Palmetto Marines	Keith Martin
Det 873/Grand Strand	Greg Price
Det 939/James Hammons	Jeremy Washburn
Det 1105/Owens Kennemore	Baretta Splawn - Trustee
Det 1106/Upstate Marines	Julie Harper- Past Cmdt.
Det 1112/Lakeland Marines	Absent
Det 1123/Olde English Leathernecks	Tommy Ayers-Paymaster
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	Jerry Egger
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Det 1259/Greater Orangeburg Leathernecks
Det 1432/Little River

Willie Dash
Jim Powell-Paymaster

*** Per Department Bylaws, a quorum is present.

I & I Staff/Columbia - Major Jay White

- Help out when they need it per the I & I commander (pall bearers, rifle detail)
- I & I , along with MCL try to make it special for the Marine's family
- We will Fold the Flag and present to next of kin and play Taps

Reports of Standing Committees

Toys for Tots – Tim Callahan- no report given

Young Marines – James Roberts

- Stated motto and mission statement
- Started in 1959 in Waterbury, CT. Chartered in 1965 by MCL.
- 501(c)3 educational and service program for boys/girls aged 8 to high school
- Promotes mental and physical development of all members, focuses on character building, leadership, self-confidence, academic achievement, honoring our Veterans, good citizenship through community service and promoting a drug free lifestyle that is conducted to being a positive and productive member of society
- Loves to take them on trips, Arlington, Parris Island, etc.
- Keep track of volunteer hours of YM's and volunteers yearly, goes to MCL National
- Thanked SC Department and Detachments for their support

JROTC – John Marcucci

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

*Bob Borka stated it is an official MCL award

Scouting America -Claude Davis II

- No longer Boy Scouts, Scouting America. The troops are all female or all male.
- Been in Scouting for 50 years and am an Eagle Scout. Use the planning process I learned as a Scout in teaching my JROTC students
- 198 Good Citizenship Awards presented by 23 Detachments
- There is a Sea Scout Award and a Venturing Scout Award. The Girl Scout Gold Award is given by the MCLA

*Cathy Stump/Det 1154. Certificates I have are for males?

*Bob Borka- Certs ordered online from ship store are generic. Probably had old certs

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VAVS – Michael Cortright

- Volunteer at out patient clinics or medical centers, Soldier's Angels. Each Det should have a VAVS Officer to report member volunteer hours to me. Need to send the report in every Feb. to National

Commandant Helen Breen

1. Cake Cutting for the 250th Birthday at the State House Nov 10th @ 10am
2. Governor's Office will take over the Coordination

Credential Chair-Deborah Stone

Voting Delegates:

Detachment	Voting Members	Delegates
410	54	6
803	62	7
829	42	5
873	60	6
939	45	5
1105	54	6
1106	41	5
1112	0	0
1123	59	6
1131	32	4
1132	32	4
1134	36	4
1141	47	5
1145	0	0
1146	37	4
1154	63	7
1169	36	4
1194	0	0
1202	36	4
1219	0	0
1227	27	3
1259	12	2
1432	40	4
		Total Votes 911

Nominations for Department Officers

Commandant Helen Breen/803 is not running again and ran the nominations.

- Helen Breen called for Nominations for Department Commandant.
 - Jim Powell/1432 nominated Jim Breen/803. Helen asked 3 x for any other nominations. Jim accepted the nomination.

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- Helen Breen called for Nominations for Department Senior Vice Commandant.
 - Jim Powell/1432 nominated Jimmy Fogle/1202. Helen asked 3 x for any other nominations. Jimmy accepted the nomination.
- Helen Breen called for Nominations for Department Junior Vice Commandant.
 - Jim Powell/1432 nominated Baretta Splawn/1105. Helen asked 3 x for any other nominations. Baretta accepted the nomination.
- Helen Breen called for Nominations for Department Judge Advocate.
 - Jim Powell/1432 nominated Claude Davis II/939 for Judge Advocate. Helen asked 3 x for any other nominations. Claude accepted the nomination.
- Helen Breen called for nominations for 1st Year Trustee.
 - Jim Powell/1432 nominated Shawn Neal/939. Helen asked 3 x for any other nominations. Shawn accepted the nomination.
- All nominations are closed with elections on Saturday, June 21, 2025.

Announcements

Commandant Breen – Reminders

- Elections are last order of business
- 50/50 tickets are being sold in the Silent auction room. Will only be the one Sat at banquet
- Ladies Tea @ 10 am \$5/ea-only 3 left. Not sure of the place yet but will announce soon
- Be back in the Palmetto Club Room tomorrow am
- Growl at 1700. If going up for pup/dd, meet the mad dog at 1630 in front of Carolina room 61st Chief DD Jones, VCDD Jim Stone and myself will be stamping passports after the Growl
- Uniform for Memorial Service @ 0900 Saturday is Casual Dress, the Red Blazer and black pants, but only required uniform is the cover.

*Jimmy Smith/1105 When is the nominations DOY?

Helen- There were @ 1300 Fri. See Pack Leader and he'll let you vote.

*Chaplain Waiters/1169-What is uniform for Sat. business?

Helen- undress or red polo and cover, only required item

At 1420, Commandant Breen instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to declare the meeting in recess until the Saturday Memorial Service at 0900.

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Saturday June 21, 2025 Morning Session

At 0900 Chaplain Kevan Waiters begins the Memorial Service with a letter from his friend. He read the names of the fallen since the last Convention as Asst. Sgt at Arms Matzinger rang the bell.

The ones with old dates were reported in this time frame.

Name	Detachment	NOD Date	Reported date
DANIEL THOMAS SR.	1106	09/03/2024	10/03/2024
WARRREN LUTZ	1106	10/03/2024	10/06/2024
LEONARD ZAWACKI	1134	10/09/2024	10/14/2024
CHARLES HARDY	1141	10/25/2024	10/25/2024
WILLIAM BAILEY	1123	11/11/2024	11/14/2024
JAMES CLICK SR	939	10/22/2022	01/07/2025
JOHN WILSON	939	01/06/2025	01/07/2025
WILLIAM ADKINS	1123	01/04/2025	01/14/2025
DANNY BRADY	1132	01/14/2025	01/17/2025
CHARLES SULLIVAN	1141	02/28/2025	03/01/2025
JAMES A BLACK	1131	12/06/2018	03/10/2025
RICHARD H IMDORF	873	03/17/2025	03/21/2025
DERSTON KOONTZ JR	1432	02/24/2025	03/28/2025
ROBERT L SARGENT	1141	03/15/2025	03/31/2025
WILLIAM GARCHER	1146	03/12/2025	03/24/2025
WAYNE LACKEY	1227	02/25/2025	05/23/2025
JAMES BAUGHMAN	1227	04/30/2025	05/22/2025
EUGENE PERISOL	410	05/26/2025	06/03/2025
RUSS MILLER	1219	06/17/2025	06/19/2025
WILLIAM RODGERS	1112	06/01/2025	06/05/2025
PAUL GOODE SR	1169	2021	06/21/2025
JIM CRUMPLER	1169	06/17/2025	06/21/2025
DOUG JAQUYS	1154	2024	06/21/2025
DONALD PRESTON	1141	2024	06/21/2025

Chaplain Waiters finished up with a prayer.

Commandant Breen reminded the members we will be right back here at 1000.

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Opening Ceremony

- Commandant Helen Breen opened the business session at 1005.
- Colors were presented by Upstate Young Marines Color Guard.
- Cmdt. Breen instructed Sgt at Arms Splawn to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Anthem sung by Det. 1105's Ryan Underwood.
- Commandant Breen presented Mr. Underwood and the Young Marines with Certificates of Appreciation.

Introduction of Dignitaries

NED/COO of the Marine Corps League
Natl Vice Cmdt of SE Div. & Past Dept. Cmdt
Natl Chairman, VSO Com/Worthy Pack leader
Past NVC NE Div & Past Dept Cmdt of PA
Past NVC NE Div & Past Dept Cmdt of NJ
Past Dept Cmdt., NVCDD/SED, Jr Past Pack
Leader, SC Pack

Bob Borka
Jerry Holt
Michael Cortright
Jim Powell
Mike Waluk

Jr. Vice Cmdt., Dept of GA
Judge Advocate, Department of GA
Honorable 61st Chief Devil Dog
Honorable Deputy Bytes & Bytes Dog
Recognized any other Past Department Commandants
Recognized Past Department Marines of the Year
Recognized Past Department Associate Members of the Year

PDD Jim Stone
Alton "Doc" Coleman
Getzie Lamar
PDD Jeffery Jones, Dept of NC
PDD Jim Breen

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*** Per Department Bylaws, a quorum is present.

Commandant – Helen Breen

- Give feedback on training sessions. Will be on the website. What else would you like to see/learn?
- Presented Meritorious Unit Commendation to Detachment 1105 for the Department 2025 Convention
- Dept. Of NJ and Dept. of Ga Conventions and received streamers.

Sr. Vice Commandant – Jim Powell

- Need better participation with raffle tickets. Several Dets sold zero tickets
- Cmdts Council 17/23 Dets present and 2 from GA. Get meeting minutes on website faster
- Leadership School will continue
- Lunch and Learns
- Thankyou for letting me serve
- Thanked Helen
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- 25 year Membership Plaques
 - Neil Thigpen/410
 - Phil Curran/803
 - James Wilson/829
 - Cleb McClary/873
 - James Pickett, *David Smith, Patrick Tolton, John Wilson/939
 - Harry Burke/1154

*Only member present

Junior Vice Commandant – Jim Breen

- No one took up the challenge from last year
- Thank you for the support

Judge Advocate – Jim Breen

- QR Code to fill out for Officer Reports Quarterly
- New newsletter Editor, please participate
- Bylaw changes- been on website for 6 months

1. Bylaw voting –Article 400, Section 400

- Ask for a Motion to accept
- Dan Hoffman/829
- Mike Cortright/803
- Discussion None
- Vote- Motion passed

2. Credential Committee- just add the word Department to Credential Committee

- Ask for a Motion to accept
- Jeremiah Palmer/1106
- Baretta Splawn/1105
- Discussion None
- Vote- Motion passed

3. Add First Year Trustee to Dept. Officer List

- Ask for Motion to accept
- Jimmy Fogle/1219
- Jim Powell/1432
- Discussion- John Rosello/1105- Will this follow down to
- Detachment? No Dept Officer.
- Vote- Motion passed

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4. Quorum Changes. Took 30% of Detachments to have a Quorum. Adding back.
 - Ask for Motion to accept
 - Ernest Matzinger/1141
 - Jimmy Fogle/1219
 - Disc none
 - **Vote- motion passed**
 5. Robert's Rules states that there does not need to be a 2nd for Officer nominations. I am author of this Bylaw. I am going to amend that this be in effect for this Convention.
 - Ask for Motion to accept
 - Hadji Harper/1106
 - Ernest Matzinger/1141
 - Disc – CDD Jones- technically the nominations should be redone from Fri. because your bylaws are written to have a 2nd. J Breen. That's what the amendment is for.
 - **Vote- motion passed**
- The Dept. Google Drive is set up for your Detachment to upload your Bylaws. Scan them and upload them. If it hasn't been done in the last 3 years, you're probably not in compliance. FMF Chaplain and Corpsman has been changed to FMF Navy personnel. I will work with new JA to work with Det. JAs.
 - Been an Honor to be your Judge Advocate

Web Sgt- Jim Breen

- Forms are not ours. They are National forms. Let me know if you have a problem with a form.
- Detachments change the recall rosters on the Department page. Let me know if you need help. You can also use the calendar
- Lunch/Learn-quarterly reports will be on the website so there's more time to do this

Adjutant – Deborah Stone

- Jim Stone- Auction room open til 3. Make bids, buy tickets, etc. He will be open thru lunch. Items will be picked up by 4pm
- ROIS missing-adjutant@mcleaguesc.org. Don't send them to Jerry, Helen, Jim Breen. They will go to Cheri Fish next year at that adjutant email. ROIs need to be filled out by the Adjutant and signed by them and the installing officer. About 10 days to get it in.
- Have a dear friend who is fighting bladder cancer. Couldn't join us this weekend bc he is in the hospital. Please keep him and his wife in your prayers.
- Minutes from the 2024 Convention were posted on website and emailed out last year to all the Commandants

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- Dan Hoffman/829 made a motion to accept the minutes. 2nd by John Marcucci/829.
- Disc -none
- **Vote: Motion passes.**

Paymaster – Jerry Holt

- 8 Dets that did not buy any tickets. Did make profit this year!
- MCL license plates. Revenue has declined. Member can have 2 plates
- A not-audit- a review because there are no CPAs in group was conducted. Thankyou for those members who participated – 4 members
- Financial Report 2024-2025. Exceeded budget
- Will put savings in High Yield savings account or CD's -TD or Morgan Stanley

*Dan Hoffman/829- Do we need a motion to do this?

*Jerry-No voted on last Convention

- American Legion is charging us a \$125 cleaning fee for each Quarterly in 2025/2026
- VetPro for VSO License for a Dept. VSO in addition to Mike C.
- Dept. Flag embroidered MCL flag @ \$400
- No more catered lunches after quarterlies-Dept. has been eating the cost. Host Det has been providing snacks/drinks. Lunch & Learn will have to add back \$300-400 for lunch
- JROTC medals/certs reorder
- Young Marines – 3 Units @ \$1000 each

*Doc Coleman/Dept-Ga-our host Det is reimbursed up to \$200 for lunch

*Jim Breen working on 2nd Dept. fundraiser for upcoming year

- Unpaid dues for Dept. 82 x \$5.00 = \$400
- Proposed Budget 2025-2026
 - Dan Hoffman/829 made motion to accept budget. 2nd by Jimmy Fogle.
 - Disc-none.
 - **Vote-motion passes**

- Collect dues now for August. If those 82 don't pay in Aug. they will fall off. Send in electronically to me.
- Det. Paymaster should be able to pull their own rosters now, please let me know if you have a problem

• Department Foundation

- 501 c3 is set up - Articles of Inc have been filed, recognized as a non profit, checking acct is setup, 990
- Why Participate? We will be giving you reports that you can tell people this how much we donate to T4T, YM, Etc
- Soliciting- Walmart outsources-can use our ein #. Keep cash- send report to Jerry so he can file I990
- Grants- check comes to Foundation we keep \$500 for expenses. Send the remaining to your Det. Capped @ \$500.
- Will send Bylaws and Adm Procedures out to Dets.

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*Bob Borka/NED- For YMs will you send that money to the Foundation? And then send the YM Units their checks from there?

- Yes, to show a flow of money

*Bob Borka/NED- will you fundraise to the Foundation?

- Yes, eventually. Have been on webinars to see how others run their fundraising
- 5 Directors: 3 will be Dept Officers- Cmdt/Sr Vice/Paymaster
- Participating Detachments will \$50/yearly-gives the Det. Right to vote, collectively
- Unrestricted funds- under \$50 we just it
- Restricted funds- over \$50 that we hold for your Det and tell us when you want it sent

*Jimmy Fogle/1202- smaller Dets who receive \$50 at a standup should we send to Foundation? No, really use the Foundation for big checks and Grant money

- If you use Foundation letterhead check needs to come to Foundation

*Michael Cortright/803 Can make a donation from IRA- Directed donation to avoid taxes

- It is the Marine Corps League Foundation of South Carolina

*Ernest Matzinger/1141 – Will you provide W-9 & proposed budget?

- W-9, Yes. Budget- not until we get some participation under our belt. Then at the annual conventions we'll let everyone know about the budget, expenses etc.

Commandant Breen instructed Sgt at Arms Matzinger to put us in a 10 minute recess.

Commandant Breen instructed Sgt at Arms Matzinger to put us back in session.

Awards- Commandant Breen

- Distinguished Silver: Jim Powell-/1432- Sr Vice Cmdt.
Tim Callahan/1141- Toys for Tots Coordinator will be new
Legislative Liaison
Deborah Stone/1105 – Dept. Adjutant will be new Americanism.
Chair
- Americanism- Speedy Wilson Dept. 1141- Calvin Fish
- Victor T Fischer – Jim Breen/803- Judge Advocate & Plaque maker

New Business – Commandant Breen

- Dates for 2025/2026 Quarterly meetings: 20 Sept 2025 and 17 Jan, 2026 and 18 April 2026
@ American Legion 1000
- Leadership School – March 7, 2026 TBA @ American Legion
- Convention Dates- Hilton Garden Inn I77 & Farrow Rd. Watch for details
 - 2026 & 2027 hosts Detachment 1141
 - Columbia June 11-14, 2026
- Deborah has the streamers for pickup. Only 1 person and they will sign for it.

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NED/COO - Bob Borka

- Member Library- PW dd4, training video on database dd4.
- Member id card- on smartphone
- The Marines Hymn – it's not we will, it we fight
- NASCAR #3 – MCL \$5,000 sponsorship on car- can get you name on it for \$25 7/1-09/30 for Bristol Motor Speedway- go to website to register
- Paid Life Member Distribution- new policy approved out July due by Dec 31
 - Need to be complaint with 1990, Secy of State, current ROI and signed PLM
- jfoster@mcleague.org – jdfoster@mcleague is not a real email- made it to forward to his
- Profile #- used to log in app, V by member #, X for Associate members, VX for assoc. members who are veterans -let Det PM know who & what branch-75% or more must be Veterans-97.5 % must be veterans or lineage ancestors. IRS says 90% Must be war era vets- but we are federally chartered by Congress so we are exempt
- Mike C is the Chair of the Ntl. Committee VSO. Ntl. had 4 credited, now 21 in 1 yr. Just hired a National Director VS- Raquel- starts July. Name has changed from VAVS to CDCE. Associate members can now be a VSO when approved by Bob Borka. Licensed as a credited VSO- working 35 cases right now. By 2033 want to have a VSO in every state
- American Legion Riders -\$ 930,000 for kids
- Community Service Hours-conventions, dog food, meetings, Honor Guards, color guards, T4T. Ntl uses report sent up from Dets, to Depts, thru Divs, to Ntl to create a report to send to the Marine Corps. We do a 1/3 of T4T in the US - don't double dip
- MCL Foundation Scholarships
- Generate roster anytime, Need profile #. Has emails listed now #
- Semper Fi- red satin jacket- went out of business, found new producer. Wants us to order 1 time of year – placed \$55,000 order, Grunt wanted to order from us, but decide not to sell to them bc they were bought by China
- White shirts –same thing, large orders, no female shirts only sell 3 a year. Links on website for them and reb blazer
- Trademark EGA logo – put MCL with it, don't use the one with the cut out wings (current one), they will file suit. If you have a question, call Bob! Put in tiny print on your website *The Eagle, Globe and Anchor emblem and the name Marine Corps® are registered trademarks of the USMC. The Marine Corps League supports the USMC and its veterans; however, it is not officially connected to or endorsed by the USMC, and the name and emblem are used with permission.*

Announcements Commandant Breen

- Col Schrader- had hip surgery and was not cleared for travel. Carolina Museum of the Marine/Plank Holder or Memorial Brick in ad book. 2 Detachments in SC have already bought bricks. \$35 for plank holder
- *Kevin Patton/803 What's the deadline? July 1st
- Auction room will close at 1500, pickup by 1400
- *Ernest Marzinger/1141. I have the 250th MC Birthday stamps for auction- Breen let's due at the banquet tonight

Election of Officers- Commandant Breen

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- Commandant Jim Breen
- Sr. Vice Cmdt. Jimmy Fogle
- Jr. Vice Baretta Splawn
- Judge Advocate Claude Davis II
- 1st Year Trustee Shawn Neal
- Adjutant please cast 1 unanimous vote by acclimation for the slate of officers.
- Adjutant Stone Aye ma'am
- The slate of Officers are elected.

Announcements

- Cocktail hour @ 1800, but no bar in room, Manager's special Bar
- Banquet @ 1900 with presentation by We the People
- No Covers

At 1530 Commandant Breen instructed the Sgt. At Arms to put into recess until 1800 when the cocktail hour begins. The Chaplain closed the Bible and Sgt. At Arms Matzinger led the hand salute.

Banquet – Saturday Evening

At 1700 Commandant Breen instructed Sgt. At Arms to put us in session. She led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commandant Breen instructed acting Chaplain, to open the Bible and say the blessing. Tim Callahan described the meaning of the POW/MIA table.

We the People performed their presentation.

Tables were then dismissed to eat.

- Commandant Breen recognized the Food and Beverage staff.
- The Commandant recognized the Dignitaries present.
 - NED/COO MCL Bob Borka
 - NVC, SE Division & Past Dept Cmdt. Jerry Holt
 - National VSO Chairman Micael Cortright
 - Past NVC NE Div & Past Dept Cmdt of PA Jim Powell
 - Past NVC NE Div & Past Dept Cmdt of NJ Mike Waluk
 - Past Dept Cmdt., NVCDD/SED, Jr Past Pack Leader, SC Pack PDD Jim Stone
 - Jr. Vice Cmdt. Dept of GA Alton "Doc" Coleman
 - Judge Advocate, Department of GA Getzie Lamar
 - Honorable 61st Chief Devil DD PDD Jeffery Jones, Dept of NC
 - Honorable Deputy Bytes & Bytes Dog PDD Jim Breen
 - SC Past Pack Leader, Asst NVC, SE Division Dan Hoffman
 - Recognized any other Past Department Commandants
 - Recognized Past Department Marines of the Year
 - Recognized Past Department Associate Members of the Year
 - MCLA National Judge Advocate Lynn Cortright

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Awards/Installation of Officers

- **Pack Dog of the Year** – Cmdt. Breen called up last year's Pack Dog of the Year Michael Cortright and Past Pack Dogs of the Year to honor this year's Pack Dog Jim Breen/803.
- **Associate of the Year** – Cmdt. Breen called up any Past Associates of the Year. There were 2 nominees. Deborah Stone & Lynn Cortright came forward to honor this year's Associate Lisa Hartwell/1123. She was not present and will get to her Detachment to present. Calvin Fish/1141 received a Certificate of recognition.
- **Marine of the Year** – Cmdt. Breen was the Past Marine of the Year. She called up all Past Marines of the Year to join her to honor this year's MOY Ed Egan/1123. He was not present, and they will make sure that they go to Detachment to present. Other nominees received a Certificate of Recognition: Wayne Farmer/1146, Jeremy Washburn/939, Cheri Fish/1141, and Victor Coachman/803.

Would like to see more nominees in both categories.

Final remarks from Commandant Helen Breen. Thankyou for the support and good luck to Jim Breen.

- **Installation of Officers** – 61st Chief DD Jeff Jones/NC swore in the new slate of Elected and Appointed Officers with Mike Waluk as the Sgt At Arms. Sgt at Arms declared the Officers as installed. Commandant Helen Breen passed the MC Flag to new Commandant Jim Breen.

Announcements

- Deborah Stone- if you left your streamer in the auction room, come see me. If not will be at the Quarterly.
- Raffle after close of business
- Ernest Matzinger has 250th anniversary stamps available after banquet
- Thanked everyone
- Not have a meeting tomorrow. Will have a zoom, but stop by and give me your information

Closing

Commandant Jim Breen instructed the Sgt at Arms to retire the colors. Jimm Fogle led the closing prayer. Cmdt. J. Breen instructed Jr. Past H. Breen to start The Marines Hymn. Cmdt. J Breen instructed Sr. Vice Cmdt Jimmy Fogle to perform the last duties of his office. Sgt. At Arms Ernest Matzinger closed the meeting until Jan 11, 2026 when we will reconvene at the American Legion Post 6, at 1000 in Columbia.

The 50/50 Drawing was drawn by Leigh Ann, CDD's wife. Winner was Mike Cortright/803. Amount \$257.00. He donated it all to the SC Pack for the Childres's Hospital Fund.

Jim Powell drew Department raffle 3 tickets

\$ 1000 -Brent Tabor \$500 – Curt Larsen \$250- Katy

E. Matzinger sold the stamps for \$130.00 for his Detachment.

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1	KEITH CONWAY	803	JR. Vice
2	Bob Duke	1105	Photographer
3	Claude H. Davis III	939	Past Commandant
4	Robert Neal	939	Past Commandant
5	SHAWN NEAL	1132	JR. VICE
6	Amanda Neal	1132	Quartermaster
7	Jeremy Washburn	939	Commandant
8	Linda Roach	1132	Commandant
9	Willie A. Dash	1259	Commandant
10	Harry L. Thompson	1202	Commandant
11	Charles S. Caldwell	410	Commandant
12	Bruce M. Scott	1141	Commandant
13	CLINTON A. Birtide	803	
14	Cathy Strung	1154	Commandant
15	Pat	1154	Past CMDT
16	Jim Smith Jr	1131	Past J.E.DIV. A.N. V. COMPT.
17	TIM DAY	1131	ADJUTANT
18	Tommy Byus	1123	PAYMASTER
19	Linda Scott	1123	Judge Advocate
20	Jerry Egger	1146	Commandant
21	NP Jones	1106	61ST CHIEF DEPUTY

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22	Julie Harper	1106	Past Commandant
23	HAOJI HARPER	1106	DISTRICT VICE #1 COMMANDANT
24	James Roberts	1105	MA Rep
25	JEREMIAH PALMER	1106	CHAPLAIN
26	GETZIE LAMAR	GA 647/1070	DEPT OF RA JUDGE ADVOCATE
27	Tammy Coleman	Georgia #783	Adj/Paymaster
28	Allen "Doc" Coleman	Dept. of SA JVC	JVC
29	JERRY HOLT	1169	NVC
30	BOB WALKER	113 /	COMMANDANT
31	JOHN R MARCUGGI	829	MEMBER
32	Keith Martin	829	Commandant
33	JAY WHITE	Co F, 4th LAR	Inspector - Instructor
34	Cheri Fish	1141	Adjutant/ Web Sgt.
35	Calvin Fish	1141	Historian/Service Officer
36	Chuck Davis	1134	Commandant
37	Mildred Davis	1134	Adj/Paymaster
38	Rick Renna	1134	SR. Vice Commandant
39	David Nettles	1134	Judge Advocate
40	WAYNE Eubanks	1169	paymaster
41	Billy R. Helms	1169	Judge Advocate
42	Kevin Patton	803	COMMANDANT
43	Tim Cuccarone	1141	J.A.
44	Nadia Coccaro	1141	Member/Past Commandant
45	Jim Power	1432	Det PM/Dept SrVC
46	Helen Breen	803	Dept Cndt

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5	Jim Stone	1105	Vice Chief DD/SE Div
6	Cathy Stump	1154	CMT
7	John Stump	1154	TR Past CMT
8	John R MARUCCI	829	ROTC/JROTC
9	Jimmy Fogle	1227	SVC / Dist 4 V Com
10	DAVID ELLIS	1154	SVC
11	Beulah Scott	1141	Commandant
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15	Steve Curless	1154	Jr Vice
16	RON WEST	1154	Chaplain
17	Amelia Fohn	1154	Member
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24	Tammy Coleman	GA 783	Adj / Paymaster
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26	KEVIN L WATERS	1169	Commandant
27	Baxley Spaulding	1105	Sgt. Ad Arms
28	Tim Coleman	1141	JA
29	JO DOWNS	1186	61st Air Defense Det
30	Keith Martin	829	Commandant
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32	Cheryl Fish	1141	Adj / Web Sgt
33	Colin E. Fish	1141	RSD / Historian
34	Tom Fowler	1105	Chaplain
35	MICHAEL CORTRIGHT	803	VSO
36	Ed BRASCIA	1105	JA
37	Keith Conway	803	JR Vice
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39	Billy Helms	1169	Judge Adv
40	BOB WALKER	1131	COM.
41	Michael Waluk	868 NJ	Post NED NVC
42	HARVEY HARPER	1106	DVC #1
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49	Bob Duke	1105	Photos
50	SHAWN NEAL	1132	JR. VICE
51	Herman Green	803	Toys For Tots
52	Bob Borka	155	NATIONAL EXEC DIRECTOR
53	Wayne Eubanks	1169	
54	James Roberts	1102	YMA Rep
55	Mildred Davis	1134	Adi / paymaster
56	Chuck Davis	1134	Commandant
57	Larry Walters	1112	Cudt
58	Jim Powner	1432	DEPT SR VICE/Det PM
59	Linda Scott	1123	Judge Advocate
60	Johna Sutton	1123	
61	Lisa Howell	1123	cust
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Respectfully submitted by Adjutant Deborah Stone