



Department of South Carolina Convention Meeting Minutes

23 June 2023

Hilton Garden Inn, N. Charleston, SC



Opening Ceremony-

Commandant Helen Breen gaveled the meeting open at 1300.

Sgt. At Arms Jimmy Fogle secured the Quarters.

Dan Hoffman, a charter member, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain Jeremiah Palmer opened the Bible and led the opening prayer.

There were no colors due to the rain.

Introduction of Dignitaries

National Vice Commandant-Southeast Division and Past SC Dept. Cmdt. Jerry Holt

National Vice Commandant- Northeast Division and NJ Dept Cmdt, - Michael Waluk

Sgt. At Arms, Southeast Division- Michael Cortright

Chief of Staff for Ntl. Cmdt. Johnny Baker, Past Cmdt. of PA, Past NVC NE Div. Jim Powell

Vice Chief Devil Dog Southeast Division, Past SC Dept. Cmdt, and Pack Leader Jim Stone

Past Ntl. Vice Cmdt.- Jimmy Smith

Past Vice Chief Devil Dog, SE Division and Past Pack Leader Dan Hoffman

Asst. Sgt AT Arms SE Division Jimmy Fogle

Roll Call of Officers

Commandant Helen Breen

Sr. Vice Buddy Ferguson

Jr. Vice Frank Faulkner

Judge Advocate Claude Davis III

Adjutant Deborah Stone

Paymaster Jerry Holt

Chaplain Jeremiah Palmer

Chief of Staff Jim Powell

Past Dept. Commandant Jim Stone

Web Sergeant Jim Breen



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Roll Call of Detachments

Det 410/Julian Dusenbury	Charles Caldwell
Det 803/Low Country	Helen Breen
Det 829/Palmetto Marines	Keith Martin
Det 873/Grand Strand	Greg Price
Det 939/James Hammons	Robert Neal
Det 1105/Owens Kennemore	Jim Stone, Det. JA.
Det 1106/Upstate Marines	Lloyd Cornelius, Paymaster
Det 1112/Lakeland Marines	Sammy Lewis-absent/unexcused
Det 1123/Olde English Leathernecks	Don Hicks, Quartermaster
Det 1131/Lewis G Watkins	Steve Slagle
Det 1132/Riverfront Marines	Linda Roach
Det 1134/Hutchings-Caldwells	Chuck Davis
Det 1141/Speedy Wilson	Beulah Scott
Det 1145/James Howe-Luke Cisson	Craig Bayliff-absent/unexcused
Det 1146/Kershaw Cty Leathernecks	Wayne Farmer
Det 1154/Yellow Footprints	John Stump
Det 1169/Lancaster Cty Learthernecks	Kevan Waiters
Det 1194/Broad River Leathernecks	Frank Sossaman-absent/unexcused
Det 1202/Sumter	Harry Thompson, Chaplain
Det 1219/Great Pee Dee Devil Dogs	Frank Faulkner, Past Cmdt
Det 1227/Barnwell Cty Leathernecks	Jimmy Fogle, Sr. Vice Cmdt.
Det 1259/Greater Orangeburg Leathernecks	Willie Dash-absent-excused surgery
Det 1432/Little River	Jim Powell/Paymaster

*Per Department Bylaws, a quorum is present.

Proclamation from Governor of SC. Read by Helen Breen.



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State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Marine Corps League was founded by Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune in 1923 and was Congressionally chartered as a Veteran Service Organization on August 4, 1947; and

WHEREAS, through a variety of programs and services, members support the organization's mission to promote and preserve the history and traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines and FMF Navy Personnel, and foster Americanism and patriotic volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, established in 1993, the Marine Corps League Department of South Carolina has been supporting the mission and programs of the national organization for three decades; and

WHEREAS, during the 2023 Annual Convention, the Marine Corps League Department of South Carolina will be celebrating its 30th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of the Marine Corps League.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 22 - 25, 2023, as the

CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

and the

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the organizations of the organizations and their members for their good works and good will that benefit Marine Corp and Navy FMF Personnel and Veterans, their families, and communities across the state and nation.



HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



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Chaplain-Memorial Service

Fallen Marines July 2022 To June 2023

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| 1. Larry Heaton | 12. George Ziegler |
| 2. Richard Gordon | 13. Harold Schumacher |
| 3. Herman Bailey | 14. Jack Hill |
| 4. Alfred Dancho | 15. Clarence Williams |
| 5. William Moore | 16. Michael Pollard |
| 6. Danny Williams | 17. Dewey Jones |
| 7. Denver Hoffman | 18. William Brown |
| 8. Argyle Wakeman | 19. Robert Sweet |
| 9. Jack Vicory | 20. Thomas Ballard |
| 10. Dennis Brennan | 21. Ronald Drake |
| 11. Robert Heacock | 22. Robert Nichols |
| | 23. Jack Douglass |

Frank Faulkner's mother is in Hospice.

Richard O'Connell's younger brother passed. Traveling for funeral.

Please remember their families and friends in your prayers.

Correspondence- none

Report of Officers

Judge Advocate – Claude Davis. Bylaw changes. Have been posted on the website for the last 30 days. Doing today because he must leave right after.

1. *Article Four, Section 400.* Jerry Holt/1169 made a motion to accept, 2nd by Dan Hoffman/829. No Discussion. **Vote – motion passes.**
2. *Section 230 Voting.* Jerry Holt/1169 made the motion to accept, 2nd by Tim Alexander/1131. Discussion-none **Vote: motion passes**
Article 2, Section 210-Duties-Board Members. Jerry Holt/1169 made a motion to accept, 2nd by Jim Powell/1432. **Vote: motion passes**
3. *Article 3, Section 310 -Duties -Addition of District Vices.* Jerry Holt/1169 made a motion to accept, 2nd by Jim Breen. Discussion-Tim Alexander/1131- Members are angry with this change. How many Districts? Helen Breen/Dept. Cmdt.- 4, that will be geographically organized. Dan Hoffman/829 When will these DVC be starting? Helen Breen- end of the Convention. Jerry/1169-they can be elected and installed at the next Quarterly-Jan 2024. Jim Powell/1432 said that Districts work in bigger Departments. Helen Breen, author was asked if adding they



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will be elected and installed in Sept @ the Quarterly Meeting. She agreed to it being amended.

Motion by Jerry Holt/1169 to accept with amendment, 2nd by Tim Alexander/1131. **Vote-motion passes.** Comment: Linda Roach/1132 agrees with Det 1131 Members.

4. *Section 220 – Board meetings.* Jerry Holt/1169 made a motion to accept, 2nd by Tim Alexander/1131. **Vote- motion passes.**
5. *Article 4, Section 400- Detachment Commandant Attendance.* Tim Alexander/1131 Motion to accept, 2nd by Jim Stone/1105. Helen Breen/Commandant to make an amend to proposed change- replace required with should. Jim Powell/1432 made motion to accept amendment, 2nd by Jim Breen/803. **Vote: motion passes.**
6. *Section 235- Travel expenses.* To reimburse commandant or designee for economy airfare for a trip over 12 hours. Jerry Holt/1169 made motion to accept, 2nd by Jim Powell. Discussion- Mike Cortright/803-add uber, taxi, etc as reimbursable to and from airport. Jerry Holt/1169 made motion to accept with amendment to proposed bylaw, 2nd by Jeremiah Palmer/1106. **Vote: motion passes.**
7. *Article 1, Section 105. Committees- add duties of committees to refer to National Administrative Procedures.* Jim Powell made motion to accept, 2nd by Tim Alexander/1131. **Vote -motion passes.**
8. *Section 200-Composition of Board of Trustees to include 3 Department Trustees.* Jerry Holt/1169 made motion to accept, 2nd by Jim Stone 1106. Discussion: Dan Hoffman/829- will these be appointed or elected? What qualifications? Jerry Holt/1169- they will be Elected by the Detachments. Make amendment “make nominations and elections at the next Quarterly-Sept 2023. Tim Alexander/1131- Members think that these Trustees are a layer between Detachment Cmdts. And Dept. Officers and removing power from the Commandants. Linda Roach/1132- comments echo Det 1131. Jim Powell/1432- Detachments are subordinate to Dept. Officers. Jerry Holt/1169 Delegates from the Detachments vote on business at Convention and Quarterlies, not the Trustees. Jerry Holt/1169 make an amendment to proposed bylaw - Qualifications are Regular member in good standing, nominated and elected by Delegates at Department Convention. Helen Breen /Cmdt. called vote to call the question and Cease discussion. Jim Powell/1432 made motion to accept, 2nd by Tim Alexander/1131.
Section 120-Elective Officers, add 3 Trustees. Jeremiah Palmer/1106 made motion to accept, 2nd by Jim Stone/1105. **Vote: motion passes.**
Section 135-Term of Office for 3-year Trustees. Tim Alexander/1131 made motion to accept, 2nd by Jerry Holt/1169. **Vote: Motion passes.**
Article 2, Section 210- Remove Detachment Commandants as Board members. Jim Powell/1432 made a motion to accept, 2nd by Jim Stone/1105. **Vote: motion passes.**



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Convention Date

Marine Corps League
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21 July 2022

To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III
From: Helen Breen, Commandant, Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800, Amendments, of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Article Four, Section 400:

Current Bylaw:

Section 400 - Meetings

(b) The Department shall hold an Annual Convention each year between 1 April and 31 July.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 400 - Meetings

REVISED (b) The Department shall hold an annual Convention each year between 1 April and 30 June.

Rationale:

Per National Bylaws, Section 830, "Each Department shall hold one convention each year between April 1 and prior to the National Convention but no later than June 30th." This amendment will ensure we are adhering to National Bylaws.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Voting

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23 March 2023

To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III
From: Helen Breen, Commandant, Low Country Detachment #803 / Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800 of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Section 230 – Voting

Current Bylaw:

Section 230 – Voting

(a) Between the Department Annual Convention and Department Quarterly Meetings, the Department Board of Trustees is empowered to conduct business at any regular or special meeting, or by mail, fax, or e-mail.

(b) All business by mail requiring a yes or no vote shall be handled routinely by the Department Adjutant who shall mail to every Board Member an identical copy of the question on a printed ballot containing spaces for yes or no vote, a space for the voter's signature, and a space for entry date.

(c) Upon receipt of a mail ballot forwarded by certified mail return receipt requested, each Board of Trustees Member shall cast his/her vote and complete as indicated. The ballot shall be returned to the Department Adjutant within 1 week. A Board of Trustee member failing to return his/her ballot within the allotted time, will be recorded as not voting.

(d) The Adjutant shall keep a record of all ballots mailed / e-mailed with the date of mailing, a record of the date of return ballot, and shall mail to each Board Member identical tallies reflecting results of the balloting by showing the vote of each Board Member and the total of yes and no votes.

(e) The results of each mail balloting shall be made available to the Department Board of Trustees within five (5) business days after compiling the vote. Following each balloting by the Department Board of Trustees, the results of such vote, in detail for the information of the membership, shall be sent to Detachment Commandants in a letter for release.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 230 – Voting

REVISED (a) Between the Department Annual Convention and Department Quarterly Meetings, the Department Board of Trustees is empowered to conduct business at any regular or special meeting, or by mail, fax, or email or virtual (online) meeting.

REVISED (b) All business by email requiring a yes or no vote shall be handled routinely by the Department Adjutant who shall email to every Board Member an identical copy of the question on a printed ballot containing spaces for yes or no vote, a space for the voter's signature, and a space for entry date. a copy of the question and a vote submission deadline date.

REVISED (c) Upon receipt of an email ballot forwarded by certified mail return receipt requested, each



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Board of Trustees Member shall cast his/her vote and complete as indicated. The email ballot shall be returned to the Department Adjutant within no more than one (1) week. A Board of Trustee member failing to return his/her ballot within the allotted time, will be recorded as not voting.

REVISED (d) The Adjutant shall keep a record of all ballots mailed / emailed with the date of emailing, a record of the date of return ballot, and shall email to each Board Member identical tallies reflecting results of the balloting by showing the vote of each Board Member and the total of yes and no votes.

REVISED (e) The results of each email balloting shall be made available to the Department Board of Trustees within five (5) business days after compiling the vote. Following each balloting by the Department Board of Trustees, the results of such vote, in detail for the information of the membership, shall be sent to Detachment Commandants in a letter for release.

Rationale: With the current technology available, should the need for an emergency / immediate vote arise, a virtual meeting or an email vote is a much more efficient and cost-effective way to facilitate the completion of the vote versus using the US Postal Service with Return Receipt Requested.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Dept Commandant Duties

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23 March 2023

To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III
From: Helen Breen, Commandant, Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800, Amendments, of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Article Two, Section 210: Duties – Board Members

Current Bylaw:

Section 210 Duties – Board Members

(a) **Department Commandant** shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Department of South Carolina and shall preside at all sessions of the Department Quarterly Meetings, Convention and at all meetings of the Department Board of Trustees. The Department Commandant together with the Department Board of Trustees shall have direction and control of the executive and administrative affairs of the Department of South Carolina between Department Quarterly Meetings and Conventions. In addition, the Department Commandant shall:

(1) Observe and enforce the... (no changes to any of the current bylaws under this particular section)

Proposed Amendment:

Section 210: Duties – Board Members

ADD (11) Represent, or appoint an appropriate designee (optimally another Board of Trustees Member as outlined in Section 200) to represent, the Department of South Carolina, at the following National and Division Events: MidWinter Conference, Southeast Division Conference, MCL National Convention. Designee should chosen in order of precedence: (1) Department Sr. Vice Commandant; (2) Department Junior Vice Commandant; (3) Department Judge Advocate; (4) Department Jr. Past Commandant; (5) Department Paymaster; (6) Department Adjutant; (7) Other Department Appointed Officer. Designee shall be authorized to submit an expense report for hotel and travel as outlined in Section 235 – Travel Expenses.

Rationale:

This addition further outlines the specific meeting attendance requirements for the Department Commandant as the CEO of the Department and outlines who can be appointed as a representative should the Commandant be unable to attend.

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23 March 2023

To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III

From: Helen Breen, Commandant, Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800, Amendments, of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Article Three, Section 310: Duties – Staff Officers

Current Bylaw:

Section 310 Duties – Board Members

As currently published

Proposed Amendment:

Section 310: Duties – Board Members

ADDITION

(h) **DISTRICT VICE COMMANDANTS** shall:

- (1) be appointed by the Department Commandant, with the advice and consent of the Department Board of Trustees
- (2) be held accountable to the Department Board of Trustees for the care and proper administration of their respective District; arrange for, convene, and supervise not less than one (1) District Meeting each year for the purpose of discussing District challenges, planning, and executing means and methods of strengthening and increasing the effectiveness of the District;
- (3) make every continuing effort to establish new Detachments within their District.
- (4) The operations of the District Vice Commandants shall be overseen by the Department Senior Vice Commandant.

Rationale:

The addition of District Vice Commandants gives the various regions of the State another POC familiar with their part of the state to promote the League in their specific Division, give the local Commandants another POC to discuss challenges with and a more local POC when issues arise that they could use an "on-hand" presence for. These District Vice Commandants can also be an "ear to the ground" to keep the Board of Trustees abreast of potential issues that need to be addressed above the District level.

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District Vice Commandant

Marine Corps League
Department of South Carolina

23 March 2023

To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III

From: Helen Breen, Commandant, Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800, Amendments, of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Article Three, Section 310: Duties – Staff Officers

Current Bylaw:

Section 310 Duties – Board Members

As currently published

Proposed Amendment:

Section 310: Duties – Board Members

ADDITION

(h) **DISTRICT VICE COMMANDANTS** shall:

- (1) be appointed by the Department Commandant, with the advice and consent of the Department Board of Trustees
- (2) be held accountable to the Department Board of Trustees for the care and proper administration of their respective District; arrange for, convene, and supervise not less than one (1) District Meeting each year for the purpose of discussing District challenges, planning, and executing means and methods of strengthening and increasing the effectiveness of the District;
- (3) make every continuing effort to establish new Detachments within their District.
- (4) The operations of the District Vice Commandants shall be overseen by the Department Senior Vice Commandant.

Rationale:

The addition of District Vice Commandants gives the various regions of the State another POC familiar with their part of the state to promote the League in their specific Division, give the local Commandants another POC to discuss challenges with and a more local POC when issues arise that they could use an "on-hand" presence for. These District Vice Commandants can also be an "ear to the ground" to keep the Board of Trustees abreast of potential issues that need to be addressed above the District level.

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Commandants Council

Marine Corps League
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23 March 2023

To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III
From: Helen Breen, Commandant, Low Country Detachment #803 / Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800 of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Section 220 – Board Meetings

Current Bylaw:

Section 220 – Board Meetings

(a) The Department Board shall meet:

- (1) Annually prior to the Department Convention to close out the executive administration of the Department Board of Trustees from the fiscal year, to finalize preparation for the ensuing convention; and to identify pending or unaccomplished executive actions warranting further action by the Convention or by the Department Board of Trustees during the ensuing fiscal year. This shall include a Commandants Council during which all Detachment Commandants (or appointed representatives) shall prepare a Detachment report and present copies to the Department Commandant and Board of Trustees and Department Adjutant.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 220 – Board Meetings

REVISED / ADDITION (a) The Department Board shall meet:

- (1) Annually prior to the Department Convention to close out the executive administration of the Department Board of Trustees from the fiscal year, to finalize preparation for the ensuing convention; and to identify pending or unaccomplished executive actions warranting further action by the Convention or by the Department Board of Trustees during the ensuing fiscal year. **This shall include a Commandants Council during which all Detachment Commandants (or appointed representatives) shall prepare a Detachment report and present copies to the Department Commandant and Board of Trustees and Department Adjutant.**

Rationale:

This edit is in addition to the proposed revision of Section 220 (c) to change the Commandants Council from a required meeting prior to the business session to a required meeting to be held prior to the end of the business sessions during Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
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To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III
From: Helen Breen, Commandant, Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800, Amendments, of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Article Two, Section 220: Board Meetings

Current Bylaw:

Section 220 Board Meetings

(c) In addition to regular business meetings at the Department Convention, a Department Commandants Council meeting **must** be scheduled normally one day before the regular business meeting. The Department Commandants Council, an integral part of the Department Staff, composed of all Detachment Commandants (or their representative) shall prepare a Detachment report and present a copy of their report to the Department Senior Vice Commandant, who shall chair the Commandants Council meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 220: Board Meetings

REVISED (c) In addition to regular business meetings at the Department Convention, a Department Commandants Council meeting **must be held prior to the close of the final business session**. The Department Commandants Council, an integral part of the Department Staff, composed of all Detachment Commandants (or their representative) shall prepare a Detachment report and present a copy of their report to the Department Senior Vice Commandant, who shall chair the Commandants Council meeting.

Rationale:

Previously the Commandants Council has been held the Thursday night prior to any business sessions of Convention. Changing the requirement for the Commandants Council to simply be held prior to the close of the business sessions will potentially eliminate one night of expenses for the Commandant or his/her representative.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Detachment Commandant Attendance

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2 March 2023

To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III
From: Helen Breen, Commandant, Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800, Amendments, of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Article Four, Section 400:

Current Bylaw:

Section 400 Meetings

(f) Regular meetings of the Department shall be held quarterly. One of the four meetings will be the Department Convention. All Department meetings for the year following the Department Convention will be scheduled at the convention. **All Detachment Commandants are required to make these four meetings.** In the event changes or additions to the schedule become necessary, such changes shall be communicated by mail, telephone, or e-mail to the Detachment Commandants by the Department Commandant or his designee, at least two (2) weeks prior to such meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 400 Meetings

REVISED (f) Regular meetings of the Department shall be held quarterly. One of the four meetings will be the Department Convention. All Department meetings for the year following the Department Convention will be scheduled at the convention. **All Detachment Commandants, or his/her designee, are required to attend these four meetings.** This designee should be (in order of precedence) an elected officer from the Detachment, appointed officer from the Detachment, or general member of the Detachment. In the event changes or additions to the schedule become necessary, such changes shall be communicated by mail, telephone or e-mail to the Detachment Commandants by the Department Commandant or his/her designee, at least two (2) weeks prior to such meeting.

Rationale:

It is sometimes not feasible for a Commandant to attend a Quarterly meeting. Currently the bylaw gives no leeway in the Commandant's attendance, though the Department has been flexible in allowing a representative of the Detachment to stand in. The key to this part of the Bylaw is to ensure that all Detachments have a representative at the Department Meetings for the transaction of official business. This also deletes the requirement for notifications of changes be done by mail, which is no longer necessary, given the technology we currently have available.

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Rationale:

(c) It is not always feasible for the Commandant to take additional travel time to drive to events that he/she is required to attend. Allowing the reimbursement of a standard air fare may encourage Marines currently in the work force or those with a more limited budget to potentially move up to the Commandant role and fulfil those duties as required. It will be a slightly higher cost to the Department but would only be required if/when MidWinter or National Conventions are held in the Western and more distant states in the Southern, Central and Eastern Quadrants. Most of the travel within the Southeast Division is within a 12-hour drive, with the exception of the farthest east of South Carolina to the farthest west of Louisiana.

Overall, outlining the reimbursed travel for the Department Commandant allows potential leadership to understand the outlay they have as Department Commandant and what requirements are expected of them.

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23 March 2023

To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III
From: Helen Breen, Commandant, Low Country Detachment #803 / Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800 of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Section 235 – Travel Expenses

Current Bylaw:

Section 235 – Travel Expenses

- (a) Department Officers may be reimbursed for auto travel expenses at the current published IRS rate for charity travel, when such expense is incurred in the performance of official scheduled Department Training, official visitations, and Board Meetings and service on a Grievance Hearing Board, providing such expenses are requested and approved by the Department Board of Trustees.
- (b) Department reimbursement vouchers are to be obtained from the Department Paymaster and submitted with receipts within thirty (30) days of the expenditure, providing said expenditures do not exceed the amount in the Department budget.
- (c) Expenses for Air travel or food are not reimbursable.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 235 – Travel Expenses

(a) no change

(b) no change

REVISED / ADDITION (c) Should the Department Commandant be required, in the performance of his/her duties, to attend a Marine Corps League Conference / Convention at a location more than a 12-hour drive from his/her home, air fare for a coach or economy ticket may be reimbursed versus auto travel expenses.

REVISED (d) Expenses for meals or rental vehicles are not reimbursable.

REVISED / ADDITION (e) Additionally, the Commandant or his/her authorized designated representative is authorized reimbursement, as appropriated in the annual budget, for hotel expenses to the Division / National Events listed below, when satisfactory proof of expense is presented to the Paymaster. Payment shall not exceed amount approved detailed in the Department budget approved by the membership at Annual Department Convention.

- 1) Southeast Division Conference
- 2) National Mid-Winter Conference
- 3) Department Annual Convention

4) National Convention Annual

* Uber/taxi



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Committees
Marine Corps League
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2 March 2023

To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III

From: Helen Breen, Commandant, Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800, Amendments, of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Article One, Section 105:

Current Bylaw:

Section 105 Committees – Department Convention

The South Carolina Department Convention Administrative Committees shall be: Credentials, Resolutions, Rules, and Standing Committees.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 105 Committees – Department Convention

REVISED The South Carolina Department Convention Administrative Committees shall be: Credentials, Resolutions, Rules, and Standing Committees. The specific duties of the Credentials, Resolutions, and Rules committees are specified under "Conventions Administrative Committees" in the Marine Corps League National Administrative Procedures.

Rationale:

There is no current explanation in the bylaws for the duties of these committees. Stating where they can be found in the National Bylaws prevents continual updates when changes are made.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board Composition

Marine Corps League
Department of South Carolina

23 March 2023

To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III

From: Jerry Holt, Paymaster, Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800 of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Section 200 – Composition

Current Bylaw:

Section 200 – Composition

The Department Board of Trustees shall be composed of the following:

- Department Commandant
- Department Senior Vice Commandant
- Department Junior Vice Commandant
- Department Judge Advocate
- Detachment Commandants
- Department Junior Past Commandant

~Amendment To~
State Taking Effect Immediately

Proposed Amendment:

Section 200 – Composition

REVISED The Department Board of Trustees shall be composed of the following:

- Department Commandant
- Department Senior Vice Commandant
- Department Junior Vice Commandant
- Department Judge Advocate
- Department Junior Past Commandant
- 1st Year Department Trustee
- 2nd Year Department Trustee
- 3rd Year Department Trustee

Rationale: The 2022 National Administrative Procedures; Chapter Nine, Grievance and Discipline. Under Section 9000 – Definitions;

a. Petitioner. States that "If the Petitioner is a Detachment or Department, each member of the Board of Trustees shall sign the disciplinary charge and state his office."

If the Department is the petitioner in a Chapter Nine filing, it is impractical to obtain the signatures of all of the Detachment Commandants in a timely fashion, so the Detachment Commandants will be represented by the three Department Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Holt
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To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III
From: Jerry Holt, Paymaster, Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800 of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Section 120 – Elective Officers

Current Bylaw:

Section 120 – Elective Officers

The Department Officers to be elected by each Department Convention shall be Department Commandant, Department Senior Vice Commandant, Department Junior Vice commandant, Department Judge Advocate as hereinafter provided.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 120 – Elective Officers

REVISED The Department Officers to be elected by each Department Convention shall be: Department Commandant, Department Senior Vice Commandant, Department Junior Vice Commandant, Department Judge Advocate as hereinafter provided, and a Department Trustee.

"Amendment"

- (a) During the first year of implementing the Department Trustee position, one Trustee will be elected as 1st Year Trustee, and will serve an initial term of three years. Another Trustee will be elected as a 2nd Year Trustee and will serve an initial term of two years. Another Trustee will be elected as a 3rd Year Trustee and will serve an initial term of one year.
- (b) After the initial implementation year, the term of the 3rd Year Trustee will expire, and the 2nd Year Trustee will become the 3rd Year Trustee and the 1st Year Trustee will become the 2nd Year Trustee. The Convention Delegates will elect a new 1st Year Trustee.
- (c) If any of the Trustee positions shall become vacant, the Department vacancy shall appoint a new member to the position, with the concurrence of a majority of the Board of Trustees.

Rationale: This update is required if the composition of the Department Board of Trustees is changed as proposed to replace all Detachment Commandants as members with three representative Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted,
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*Sect 9,000 Change Detachment
Chapter 9*



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In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800 of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Section 135 – Term of Office

Current Bylaw:

Section 135 – Term of Office

The Department Commandant, Department Senior Vice Commandant, Department Junior Vice Commandant, shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and may be elected to only two (2) subsequent consecutive one (1) year terms in the same office. The Department Judge Advocate may stand for as many years as he/she deems necessary.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 135 – Term of Office

REVISED The Department Commandant, Department Senior Vice Commandant, Department Junior Vice Commandant, shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and may be elected to only two (2) subsequent consecutive one (1) year terms in the same office. The Department Judge Advocate may stand for as many years as he/she deems necessary. **The Department Trustees terms are described in Section 120.**

Rationale: This update is required if the composition of the Department Board of Trustees is changed as proposed to replace all Detachment Commandants as members with three representative Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted,
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2 March 2023

To: Department of South Carolina Judge Advocate Claude Davis III
From: Helen Breen, Commandant, Department of SC

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800, Amendments, of the Department of South Carolina Bylaws, I respectfully propose the following amendment to Article Two, Section 210:

Current Bylaw:

Section 210 Duties – Board Members

(e) Detachment Commandants – Shall be full voting member of the Department Board of Trustees, contributing generously and impartially on behalf of their Detachment and to the best interest of the Marine Corps League

Proposed Amendment:

Section 210 Duties – Board Members

REVISED (e) Detachment Commandants – Shall be full voting member of the Department Board of Trustees, contributing generously and impartially on behalf of their Detachment and to the best interest of the Marine Corps League

Rationale:

This update is required if the composition of the Department Board of Trustees is changed as proposed to replace all Detachment Commandants as members with three representative Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen Breen
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Commandant Breen instructed Sgt. At Arms to put us in a 10 minute recess.

Sgt at Arms led the Hand Salute.

10 Minutes Break-----

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

Sgt. At Arms Fogle led hand salute.

Guest Speaker- Tom Mundell from the Medal of Honor Leadership and Education Center, Charleston, SC.

Standing Committees

Toys for Tots/Tim Callahan (absent read by Helen Breen).

The Department of South Carolina now has 12 Toys For Tots Foundation authorized programs, having added two new Detachment sponsored programs in 2022, one in Gaffney and one in Spartanburg. Two other programs saw individuals advance to the lead coordinator role in their programs while coordinators in two other counties were replaced.

Our Detachment programs distributed 101,885 toys to 21,709 children, accounting for 24.1% of the toys distributed and 29.4% of the children who received toys in South Carolina.

Those Detachment programs collected 67,823 toys, 2,516 books, and 13,737 stocking stuffers. (The difference between collection numbers and distribution numbers are toys carried forward from a previous year as well as toys sent to programs directly from the TFT Foundation or toy manufacturers).

Our largest program is Detachment 1123, Olde English Leathernecks, which distributed 22,838 toys to 6,010 children.

When you look at the percentage changes from the 2021 program year to the 2022 program year there are three Detachments whose programs showed the largest change year over year, Lancaster Det 1169, Pee Dee Det 1219, and Rock Hill Det 1123.

Rock Hill showed the largest overall growth at a 75.5% growth in toys distributed and a corresponding 5% growth in the number of children served.

Congratulations to Jeff Tanguay from Rock Hill, April Silvia from Lancaster, and Greg Ohanasian from Pee Dee for their accomplishments.

Our Detachment programs and their coordinators that are approved by the Toys For Tots Foundation are:



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*410, Robert Morgan * 939 Joel Williams *1106, Buddy Ferguson *1123, Jeff Tanguay
*1131, Bob Walker *1134, Rick Renna *1145, Cynthia Sexton *1169, April Silvia
*1194, Keith Johnson *1202, Richard Nelson *1219, Greg Ohanasian *1259, Willie Dash

Young Marines – James Roberts (at YM Leadership Training) read by Deborah Stone/Adjutant.

As the Marine Corps League (MCL) Young Marines Liaison Officer for all South Carolina YM Units and the Southeast Regiment Regional Support Officer (RSO), Sorry I can't be present today, I'm in TN directing the leadership schools. I'm pleased to report that all four (4) South Carolina YM Units have been very busy over the past 4 months. Our units participated in Glock Events, Memorial Day Events, Parades, flag retirement ceremonies, and many other communities service events within their areas. Below are the community service hours per unit and a grand total of your South Carolina units.

Special Recognitions: 2 former Young Marines are headed to Parris Island to begin training. One arrived on the 11th of June and the other will check in on the 5th of July. Upstate took 17 Young Marines and 6 adult volunteers to Parris Island from 12 to 15 June, the unit was able to attend the deactivation ceremony of 4th Battalion. The Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps stopped by dining hall and spoke to our Young Marines, what a great time the kids had.

As you all may know congress has not approve on passing a budget to fund the Young Marine program again this year. Most of the units are continuing to raise funds on their own. This helps to continue the vision of the program which is to (Earn and preserve a reputation as the premier leaders in the youth development and drug demand reduction).

FUND REQUEST: If funds are available, I would like for the department to make a donation to each one of the South Carolina units.

Community Service hours: Upstate 1,256, Electric City, Andersen 31.50, CSRA Aiken 70, Parris Island: 572,

Please be sure to visit the Young Marine units in your area and reach out to their Unit Commander to find out how their Young Marines can support your detachment.

Thank you for your continued support of the Young Marine program.

Nominations for Department Officers- Jim Stone/1105 ran the nominations.

Jim Stone called for Nominations for Department Commandant.

Tracey Talley/1432 nominated Helen Breen/803 for Commandant.

Jim Stone asked if elected will she serve? Helen Breen/803-Yes.



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Jim Stone asked 2 more times for nominations.

Jim Stone closed Nominations for Commandant.

Jim Stone called for Nominations for Department Senior Vice Commandant.

Jerry Holt/1169 nominated Jim Powell/1432 for Sr. Vice Commandant.

Jim Stone asked if elected, will he serve? Jim Powell/1432-yes.

Jeremiah Palmer/1106 nominated Buddy Ferguson/1106 for Senior Vice Commandant.

Jim Stone asked 2 more times for nominations.

Jim Stone closed nominations for Senior Vice Commandant.

Jim Stone called for Nominations for Department Junior Vice Commandant.

Jerry Holt/1169 nominated Frank Faulkner/1219 for Jr. Vice Commandant.

Jim Stone asked if elected, will he serve? Frank Faulkner/1219-yes.

Jim Stone asked 2 more times for nominations.

Jim Stone closed nominations for Junior Vice Commandant.

Jim Stone called for Nominations for Department Judge Advocate.

Robert Neal/939 nominated Claude Davis III/939 for Judge Advocate.

Jim Stone asked if elected, will he serve? Claude Davis III/939-yes.

Jim Stone asked 2 more times for nominations.

Jim Stone closed nominations for Judge Advocate.

All nominations are closed with elections on Saturday, June 24, 2024.

Detachment 803 K9 Service Project- Cherri Sterling/Bob Doshier

Has become a certified Dog Trainer for therapy and service dogs. Accepting Applications all weekend until 12 pm on Saturday June 24, 2024 to give 1 Veteran a dog named Harry donated by Dan Hoffman/829. There are paintings to purchase from Cherri or accepting donations. She gives 100% of the proceeds to the project. They will procure another dog for another Veteran.

Announcements

Daily 50/50 Winner Marilyn Tharp- Yellow tickets. \$112



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Mike Cortright-Clean up your used tickets.

Closing

At 1505, Commandant Breen instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to declare the meeting in recess.

Sgt-at-Arms Fogle declared the meeting in recess until 900 on June 24, 2023 when we will reopen at Hilton Garden Inn.

Hand Salute, bible closed.

Saturday Opening Session

At 0900 Commandant Breen gaveled the meeting open and instructed the Sgt. At Arms to secure the Quarters and render hand salute.

Colors were presented by American Legion 166 Color Corps.

Brea Fields sang the National Anthem.

Commandant presented Brea Fields a Certificate of Appreciation.

Commandant presented the Ruth Anne Miller, Color Corps Commander of American Legion Post 166 a Certificate of Appreciation.

Commandant presented Kevin Patton, 803's Commandant with a Meritorious Unit Commendation for the work on the they did on the SE Division Conference and this Convention.

Commandant said she'll send out an email for feedback on the classes from yesterday, for those who attended.

Sr. Vice Commandant -Buddy Ferguson

Thanks to those who were at the Commandant's Council on Friday.

1 Commandant filled his form out correctly and his Detachment did a lot thru the year. Have copies on the table for anyone who wants one.

Quarterly lunches

- Need to do better on estimating for Caterer who does a great job for us.
- We guarantee a number to him and we have to pay for that number.
- Charlie Caldwell/410-Who do we RSVP to? Buddy Ferguson-email him_sr_vice@mcleaguesc.org.

Awards- Award plaques for 25 to 30+ years.



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25 Years

Det 1105 – David Stevenson
Det 1106 – Robert Budihas
Det 1132 - Jesse L Goldman
Det 1141 – David W Morris
George G Palmer
Det 1154 - Gerald D Hollenbeck
Walter A Shalvoy
Det 1202 - Robert J Ziankoski
Det 803 - Thomas J Dillon
John T Gleason
Det 829 - David A Bell
Ralph W Cooper
Jack G Douglas
Andrew L. Hall
John R Marcucci
Thomas M Mattson
George C McCaw
Benjamin C McGraw
George J Schwarz
Harold F Slawson
James C Campbell
Jim Vinyard
Det 873 - Joseph Colwell
Eleanor Conmy
John J Gravina
David M. Michaux III
Dorothy E Sovich
Raymond E Bellamy
Det 939 Glen D Flory
William B Harris

Det 1123 – Linda Scott
Det 1154 – Edward Stern
Det 1169 – Robert W. Paul* 30 years
Det 1432 – Daniel Failla
Robert J Olsen
Det 803 - John Tharp* 30 years
Ralph “Stoney” Bates
Det 829 - Daniel J Hoffman



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Det 873 - Claude D Howard
Michael J Tucker
Thomas G Hyland
Richard H Imdorf
William E Turnage

3 on floor this weekend.

25 years John Marcucci/829 and Dan Hoffman/829

30 years John Tharp/803

Thanks to Jim Breen/803 for donating the plaques and the engraving. Det. Cmdts can come pick up after the session their member's plaques.

Jerry Holt/1169

Oldest Detachment	410	1977
	803	December 1993
	829	1993

PI had a Detachment in 1925.

Junior Vice Commandant- Frank Faulkner

Thanks for the Prayer and thoughts for my mom.

Excited about Recruiting and Retention. Looking forward to great #'s this year. Call or email me.

1 Award for Recruiting. Baretta Splawn/1105 recruited 6 members last year (22-23). He will receive the medal and ribbon.

Adjutant-Deborah Stone

Minutes were emailed out on 4/17/23. Any questions or corrections? None

Tracey Talley/1432 made a motion to accept the minutes. 2nd by Buddy Ferguson. Motion passes.



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Paymaster- Jerry Holt

Envelope for each Detachment on table in back of copies of today's report.

Slides from Paymaster class will be added to Department website.

Compliance of ROI, 990 and Secy of State are due every year by each Detachment.

Detachment and Department minute need to reflect that a Quorum is present per bylaws. If you are not meeting that amend bylaws. If no Quorum is present, you cannot collect dues, elect Officers or hold meetings.

Can pull on demand roster for your Detachment.

If a member is more than 1 year delinquent, will fall off roster.

Can look up payment history so that the member can catch up dues to be in good standing. If not can do a new application.

Balance Sheet Checking \$10,413, Charity Fund \$12,963. Total assets \$23,376

Secretary of State fines up to \$2,000 for being delinquent. If you call them they will work with you.

IRS Filing fiscal year ending in June 30th yearly. File 990 in July every year so its done.

Transmittals are electronically sent to National with in 1-2 days of being received.

136 Transmittals for fiscal year. 110 unpaid members. These cannot hold appointed or elected office. Send a SASE and letter asking for dues thru mail, or risk losing them.

We are testing an EFT program with 803. Detachment can scan and email transmittal with signatures and pay with debit or credit card with a 3.5% charge or use checking account Ach and the charge is .25 per.

Department Paymaster, when submitting transmittals only send 1 check for the Department and National monies. I will send the money to National.

For 2022-2023 ytd – Income 27,749 and expenses 28,737

For 2021-2022 ytd Income 18,434 and expenses 14,607

Showed Budget for a 12 month cycle.

Proposed budget is balanced.



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Compliance Status by Detachment - 6/18/23

Det #	Det Name	Paid	Unpaid	EIN	Profile ID	Charity ID	Sec'y State Charity	990-N	ROI	Life Audit
#410	Julian D. Dusenbury	44	5	90-0284458	44374	C12389	Exempt 2/14/23	6/30/2022	5/11/2023	9/10/2022
#803	Low Country	63	12	57-1054160	44375	P29796	Registered	6/30/2022	4/28/2023	9/10/2022
#829	Palmetto Marines	60	1	57-1003476	44376	P13088	Registered	6/30/2022	3/11/2023	9/10/2022
#873	Grand Strand	53	25	57-1001666	44377	P4892	Exempt 1/18/23	6/30/2022	4/17/2023	9/10/2022
#939	James Hammons	65	12	57-1037083	44378	P13087	4/11/2023	6/30/2022	4/17/2023	8/31/2022
#1105	Owens/Kennemore	79	7	82-0556477	44379	P37707	Exempt 1/18/23	6/30/2022	5/4/2023	7/26/2022
#1106	Upstate Marines	44	3	55-0795092	44380	P14535	Exempt 1/18/23	6/30/2022	4/19/2023	8/15/2022
#1112	Lakelands Marines	37	7	75-3111041	44381	P14535	Exempt 4/11/2023	6/30/2022	2/17/2022	10/6/2022
#1123	Olde English Leathernecks	66	3	57-1159091	44382	P13200	Registered	6/30/2022	4/11/2023	8/22/2022
#1131	Lewis G. Watkins	39	1	56-2369941	44383	P11254	Exempt 1/18/23	6/30/2022	6/21/2022	8/10/2022
#1132	Riverfront Marines	43	2	27-0056294	44384	P13086	Exempt 1/18/23	6/30/2022	4/13/2023	9/17/2022
#1134	Hutchings/Caldwell	47	0	77-0598015	44385	P13187	Exempt 1/18/23	6/30/2022	5/9/2023	9/19/2022
#1141	H. E. "Speedy" Wilson	57	5	41-2103127	44386	P11122	Exempt 1/18/23	6/30/2022	2/2/2023	8/23/2022
#1145	James Howe-Luke Cisson	17	0	56-2392663	44387	P13117	Exempt 1/18/23	6/30/2022	3/6/2023	9/10/2022
#1146	Kershaw County Leathernecks	42	0	20-0339313	44388	P13066	Exempt 1/18/23	6/30/2022	3/10/2023	8/23/2022
#1154	Yellow Footprints	71	9	13-4270690	44389	P13024	Exempt 1/18/23	6/30/2022	3/10/2023	10/1/2022
1169	Lancaster County Leathernecks	35	2	42-1633052	44391	P12493	Exempt 1/18/23	6/30/2022	4/26/2023	7/28/2022
#1194	Broad River Leathernecks	49	1	20-2556910	44392	C13120	Exempt 1/18/23	6/30/2022	3/12/2022	9/10/2022
#1202	Sumter	44	8	71-0980837	44393	P13118	Expired 4/11/23	12/31/2021	4/4/2022	9/3/2022
#1219	Greater Pee Dee Devil Dogs	24	4	42-1683786	44394	P39036	Exempt 1/18/23	12/31/2022	3/27/2023	8/1/2022
#1227	Barnwell County Leathernecks	27	0	20-4250042	44395	P70311	Exempt 4/11/2023	6/30/2022	3/24/2023	8/5/2022
#1259	Greater Orangeburg Leathernecks	11	0	01-0880428	44396	P14488	Registered 1/18/23	6/30/2022	3/8/2018	8/2/2022
#1432	Little River Detachment	32	3	81-1542797	44397	P34566	Registered 1/18/23	6/30/2022	4/18/2023	10/14/2022
	Dept of SC	1049	110	57-1003494	44248	P6755	Exempt 6/18/23	6/30/2022	4/23/2022	N/A



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Department Summary

July 2022 - June 2023 Transmittals

1/18/2023 3/31/2023 6/20/2023

Detachment	R	N	RAM	NAM	L	# Transmittals
410	10	11	6	3	6	5
803	26	6	3	1	4	9
829	9	1	4	0	0	2
873	6	0	0	0	4	2
939	7	4	4	1	1	8
1105	18	11	14	2	6	13
1106	4	3	2	0	3	6
1112	10	3	1	0	1	4
1123	13	3	7	1	6	8
1131	6	2	1	2	0	5
1132	12	3	5	0	0	7
1134	8	1	0	0	3	4
1141	7	1	5	0	2	12
1145	1	0	0	0	0	1
1146	14	3	0	0	2	5
1154	13	11	7	2	6	9
1169	4	2	2	0	2	9
1194	12	1	2	1	1	3
1202	9	5	6	1	3	9
1219	0	1	0	0	3	4
1227	4	0	0	0	2	5
1259	2	2	0	0	2	3
1432	4	0	1	0	1	3
Dept	199	74	70	14	58	136

Unpaid			Total Members	% Unpaid
5	5	5	49	10%
21	15	12	75	16%
6	1	1	61	2%
25	25	25	78	32%
18	15	12	77	16%
10	7	7	86	8%
3	3	3	47	6%
7	7	7	44	16%
4	3	3	69	4%
5	1	1	40	3%
2	2	2	45	4%
0	0	0	47	0%
6	7	5	62	8%
0	0	0	17	0%
0	0	0	42	0%
15	11	9	80	11%
3	3	2	37	5%
1	1	1	50	2%
8	8	8	52	15%
4	4	4	28	14%
2	2	0	27	0%
0	0	0	11	0%
8	4	3	35	9%
153	124	110		

Department Membership Status

	PLM	Paid	Unpaid	Total	% Unpaid	% Life
6/1/2022	762	316	217	1295	17%	59%
9/1/2022	772	62	411	1245	33%	62%
10/25/2022	775	141	334	1250	27%	62%
11/13/2022	775	145	331	1251	26%	62%
12/1/2022	770	172	308	1250	25%	62%
1/18/2023	775	223	153	1151	13%	67%
3/31/2023	771	264	124	1159	11%	67%
6/20/2023	776	273	110	1159	9%	67%



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Accrual Basis

Department of South Carolina, Marine Corps League, Inc. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2022 through June 2023

	Jul '22 - Jun 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Department Income				
25th Coin	0	50	-50	0%
50/50-Patch-Coin Income	573	0	573	100%
Dept Conv Registration Fees	0	500	-500	0%
Dues-Membership	20,268	25,740	-5,472	79%
Dues-PLM	1,957	1,900	57	103%
License Plate Revenue	3,109	6,000	-2,891	52%
Raffle - Current Year	105			
Total Department Income	26,013	34,190	-8,177	76%
Non Budgeted Income	1,732	0	1,732	100%
Savings-Charity Fund	4	3	1	144%
Total Income	27,749	34,193	-6,444	81%
Gross Profit	27,749	34,193	-6,444	81%
Expense				
Department Expenses				
Administrative Expenses				
Bank Service Charges	20			
Copy Expense/Printing	0	100	-100	0%
Gifts	0	100	-100	0%
GoToMeeting	207	210	-3	99%
Office Supplies	0	50	-50	0%
One Drive Storing Device	70			
Postage and Delivery	18	150	-132	12%
Stationery and Supplies	0	150	-150	0%
Website Services	211			
Total Administrative Expenses	526	760	-234	69%
Advertising				
Dept Convention Program Ad	0	100	-100	0%
Mid Winter Conference Ad	0	125	-125	0%
National Convention Ad	0	150	-150	0%
SE Div Convention Program Ad	150	125	25	120%
Total Advertising	150	500	-350	30%
Benevolent / Fallen Marine	0	150	-150	0%
Department Awards	101	350	-249	29%
Dept Convention Donation	3,835	200	3,635	1,918%
Dept. Officers Travel Expenses	3,126	2,400	726	130%
Dues Payment to National	20,237	22,380	-2,143	90%
Eagle Scout Awards	0	100	-100	0%
JROTC Award and Medal	410	850	-440	48%
MCJROTC Program Expenses	0	150	-150	0%
Miscellaneous Expenses				
American Legion Post 6	100	200	-100	50%
Dept of SC Web Site	0	150	-150	0%
Newsletter Expenses	0	125	-125	0%
Quarterly Meeting Food	1,715	250	1,465	686%
Scottish Rite Center	0	100	-100	0%
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	1,815	825	990	220%
Raffle Expenses Current Year	152	50	102	304%
Total Department Expenses	30,353	28,715	1,638	106%
Non Recurring Expenses				
Donations				
Disaster Relief Contribution	0	500	-500	0%
Marines Helping Marines	0	1,000	-1,000	0%
SE Division Disaster Relief Fun	0	1,000	-1,000	0%
Young Marines - Electric City	0	0	0	0%
Young Marines - Parris Island	0	0	0	0%
Young Marines - Upstate	0	0	0	0%
Total Donations	0	2,500	-2,500	0%
Meal Expense - Dept meetings	0			
Total Non Recurring Expenses	0	2,500	-2,500	0%
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0			
Total Expense	30,353	31,215	-862	97%
Net Ordinary Income	-2,604	2,978	-5,582	-87%
Net Income	-2,604	2,978	-5,582	-87%



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Accrual Basis

Department of South Carolina, Marine Corps League, Inc.

Profit & Loss

July 1, 2022 through June 20, 2023

	Jul 1, '22 - Jun 20, 23	Jul 1, '21 - Jun 20, 22	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Department Income				
50/50-Patch-Coin Income	573	414	159	38%
Dept Conv Registration Fees	0	460	-460	-100%
Dues-Membership	20,268	5,742	14,526	253%
Dues-PLM	1,957	1,882	75	4%
License Plate Revenue	3,109	5,274	-2,165	-41%
Miscellaneous Income	0	172	-172	-100%
Raffle - Current Year	105	3,858	-3,753	-97%
Total Department Income	26,013	17,812	8,200	46%
Non Budgeted Income				
Disaster Contribution Rcv	0	213	-213	-100%
Meal Income - Dept Meetings	1,732	407	1,325	326%
Total Non Budgeted Income	1,732	620	1,112	179%
Savings-Charity Fund	4	2	3	160%
Total Income	27,749	18,434	9,315	51%
Gross Profit	27,749	18,434	9,315	51%
Expense				
Department Expenses				
Administrative Expenses				
Bank Service Charges	19	69	-50	-73%
Gilfs	0	100	-100	-100%
GoToMeeting	207	207	0	0%
Office Supplies	0	86	-86	-100%
One Drive Storing Device	70	0	70	100%
Postage and Delivery	18	240	-222	-93%
Website Services	211	0	211	100%
Administrative Expenses - Other	0	10	-10	-100%
Total Administrative Expenses	525	713	-188	-26%
Advertising				
SE Div Convention Program Ad	150	110	40	36%
Total Advertising	150	110	40	36%
Department Awards	101	698	-597	-86%
Dept Convention Donation	3,835	0	3,835	100%
Dept. Officers Travel Expenses	3,126	1,719	1,407	82%
Dues Payment to National	18,622	4,615	14,007	304%
JROTC Award and Medal	410	69	341	493%
Miscellaneous Expenses				
American Legion Post 6	100	0	100	100%
Quarterly Meeting Food	1,715	600	1,115	186%
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	1,815	600	1,215	203%
Raffle Expenses Current Year	152	2,050	-1,898	-93%
Total Department Expenses	28,737	10,574	18,163	172%
Non Recurring Expenses				
Donations				
Disaster Relief Contribution	0	213	-213	-100%
Marines Helping Marines	0	1,600	-1,600	-100%
MCL Foundation Scholarship Fund	0	200	-200	-100%
Meal Donation - Dept meetings	0	594	-594	-100%
SE Division Disaster Relief Fun	0	5,000	-5,000	-100%
Young Marines - CSRA	0	1,000	-1,000	-100%
Young Marines - Electric City	0	2,000	-2,000	-100%
Young Marines - Parris Island	0	2,000	-2,000	-100%
Young Marines - Upstate	0	2,000	-2,000	-100%
Total Donations	0	14,607	-14,607	-100%
Meal Expense - Dept meetings	0	0	0	0%
Total Non Recurring Expenses	0	14,607	-14,607	-100%
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0	0	0	0%
Total Expense	28,737	25,181	3,556	14%
Net Ordinary Income	-988	-6,747	5,759	85%
Net Income	-988	-6,747	5,759	85%



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06/17/23
Actuals Basis

Profit & Loss June 2022 through May 2023

2023 - 24 Budget Proposal															Budget	
	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	TOTAL	Proposed	Change	
Income																
50/50-Patch-Coin Income	0	121	0	130	0	20	0	187	0	0	105	0	573	975	402	
Dues-Membership	1,125	1,895	2,449	3,405	516	1,797	416	160	839	755	1,215	2,763	17,367	8,750	8,617	
Direct Deposit - PLM Dues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,967	2,200	243	
Total Dues-PLM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,967	3,500	391	
License Plate Revenue	0	1,217	0	353	278	0	0	252	151	177	681	0	3,109	5,000	4,895	
Raffle - Current Year	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	1,000	895	
Total Department Income	1,125	3,338	2,449	3,888	796	1,817	416	609	990	932	2,001	4,750	23,111	1,800	68	
Meal Income - Dept Meetings	0	456	0	408	0	0	0	462	0	0	406	0	1,732	10	3	
Total Non Budgeted Income	0	456	0	408	0	0	0	462	0	0	406	0	1,732			
Savings-Investment Earned	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	7			
Total Savings-Charity Fund	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	7			
Total Savings-Charity Fund	1,126	3,794	2,449	4,296	796	1,817	418	1,071	990	934	2,408	4,751	24,850	22,235	(2,615)	
Gross Profit	1,126	3,794	2,449	4,296	796	1,817	418	1,071	990	934	2,408	4,751	24,850			
Expense																
Administrative Expenses																
Bank Service Charges	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	0	2	3	2	3	19	20	1	
GotMeeting	0	0	207	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	207	250	43	
One Drive Storing Device	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	70	-	
Postage and Delivery	0	0	0	0	24	-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	50	32	
Website Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	201	0	10	211	500	289	
Total Administrative Expenses	0	70	207	2	25	-2	2	0	2	204	2	13	525		includes EFT services	
Advertising																
SE Div Convention Program Ad	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	150	300	150	
Total Advertising	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	150			
Department Awards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	0	101	150	49	
Dept Convention Donation	0	0	0	3,835	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,835	1,000	(2,835)	
Dept. Officers Travel Expenses	0	196	0	1,187	0	0	0	0	0	1,542	0	202	3,127	5,000	1,873	
Dues Payment to National	1,095	1,610	2,850	3,317	430	1,605	385	50	735	660	1,180	2,515	16,432	7,000	(9,432)	
JROTC Award and Medal	0	0	0	338	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	410	195	(215)	
Miscellaneous Expenses																
Eagle Scout Coins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	100	675	575	
American Legion Post 6	0	0	0	610	0	0	0	530	0	0	575	0	1,715	300	200	
Quarterly Meeting Food	0	0	0	610	0	0	0	630	0	0	575	0	1,815	1,800	85	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	0	0	0	610	0	0	0	630	0	0	575	0	1,815			
Raffle Expenses Current Year																
Raffle Items	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	1,750	1,690	
Raffle Legal Fees	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	50	2	
Raffle Tickets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	104	125	21	
Total Raffle Expenses Current Year	60	0	0	48	0	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	212			
Total Department Expenses	1,155	1,676	4,244	8,150	455	1,675	537	784	737	2,567	1,757	2,730	20,607			
Donations																
Young Marines - CSRA	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	750	(250)	
Young Marines - Electric City	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	750	(250)	
Young Marines - Parris Island	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	750	(250)	
Young Marines - Upstate	4,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,000	750	(250)	
Total Donations	594	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	594			
Meal Expense - Dept meetings	4,594	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,594			
Total Non Recurring Expenses	5,749	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,594			
Total Expense	4,623	1,676	4,244	8,150	455	1,675	537	784	737	2,567	1,757	2,730	20,607	22,235	(8,966)	

6 donate \$300 to

5 add \$200 to

MCL Foundation

4 raise to \$1K/ea

3 raise to \$400

350 members * \$20

150 coins @ \$4.50

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2

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8. donate \$300 to
Chapel of
4 Chaplains

7. donate \$200 to
therapy
dog training

5 add \$200 to
MCL Foundation
6 donate \$300 to
Nat'l MOH
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VFW comes with eagle trophy, American Legion has letters from President and 2 US Senators

MCL a red folder with certificate.

Proposal for coins

Cost to produce \$4

Sell for \$6.50

Detachments and other Departments may want to purchase from us for \$975 income.

Department Dues increase from current \$2 to \$5 for each renewal

JROTC Medals - \$400/year

Young Marines increase from \$750 each to \$1000/year for four units.

National Commandant challenged each Detachment and Department to donate \$100 to Young Marines and Marine Corps Foundation - \$100/yr

MOH Leadership and Education \$600/yr

803 Therapy Dog Program 200/year

Need a motion for the proposed budget and recommendations.

Mike Cortright/803. Will this bring us close to a balanced budget? Jerry answered Yes.

Jim Powell made a motion to the proposed budget with recommendations. 2nd by Michael Cortright. **Vote: motion passes**

Commandant Breen- get your MCL license plate. We get 25 for each renewal. This income was down from last year by half.

Web Sergeant- Jim Breen

Pilot program with the Transmittals using the fillable ones.

Each Commandant or Adjutant needs to update the Officers for Detachment.

Member Portal to update Officers- username is ie 803_commandant, 1105_adjutant.

These are the only 2 that Web Sgt gave permission to use.

Add your events. Only you can change your Detachments event. Went to 1202 for pancake breakfast. Commandant wants to join in your events.



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Buddy Ferguson/1106- can I have as Judge Advocate? See Jim after meeting.

If you have problems logging in, see Jim after session.

Jerry Holt/1169 Can pictures be added. Yes use the chain link.

Any other items? None

I working on youtube videos showing how to do things on website.

Tim Alexander/1132- Can we see other Officers from other Detachments? Yes. The Officer Roster mimics Deborah Stones recall roster. She won't have to do because each Detachment is responsible for changing their Officer information.

If you get error message, email me what you were doing.

Announcements-

Mike Cortright/Convention Chair

Silent Auction ends at 1600

Red Cup Auction ends at 1400

Sell rest of Green ticket roll for \$200 for tonight's 50/50.

Continue to purchase or donate to Cherri's program

Get your Detachment excited to do a Convention

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

Sgt at Arms led the Hand Salute.

10 minute break-----

Commandant Breen instructed Sgt. At Arms Fogle to put is back in session.

Sgt at Arms led the hand Salute.

JROTC Chairman – John Marcucci

Thank you to everyone who participates in the JROTC Program. The Air Force JROTC took the certificates and medals this year. Will hold the medal until the end of school. The Dept. of TN emailed and asked where we got the medals.



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Awards – Helen Breen

Department Newsletter Competition – Requires 3 different newsletters to bring to Convention for judging. Winner -Det 1154 Yellow Footprints

Americanism –Winner- Detachment 803, Can use as marketing material

Unfinished Business-

Chief of Staff and I working on Convention SOP, where the Department Officers meet with hotel in Columbia, SC

The Detachments will do the Hospitality and the auctions.

New Business

Adjutant Stone read the votes for each Detachment.

Det	Vote
410	4
803	6
829	6
873	6
939	5
1105	7
1106	4
1112	0 not present
1123	5
1131	3
1132	4
1134	4
1141	5
1145	0 not present
1146	5
1154	7
1169	3
1194	0 not present
1202	4
1219	2
1227	3
1259	0 not present
1432	3



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Motion to approve. Tracey Talley/1432, 2nd by Jim Stone. Vote: motion passes.

Sr. Vice Commandant Buddy Ferguson.

Make sure to turn in the Annual Detachment Report gets turned in today

Commandant Helen Breen

Shirt Order

Will put in a 2nd order for 20th anniversary shirts.

Will mail for \$7.00 or bring to Sept Quarterly.

Give orders to Deborah Stone.

Next 2 Quarterly dates: Sept 16, 2023 and Jan 20, 2024. Will put on website.

At 1130 Commandant instructed Sgt. At arms to put in recess until 1430.

Sgt. At Arms led the hand salute.

Chaplain closed the Bible.

Commandant Breen gave the meeting to order at 1430.

She instructed the Sgt. At Arms to lead the hand salute.

Guest Speaker Gerry Healy, a Marine attorney with Military Justice Attorneys.

PACT Act is not a scam, and is law for Marines and dependents.

Does not affect VA benefits

Goes from 8/2022 to 8/2024 to file. It will go away.

Covers pain and suffering as well.

VA may offset. Ie \$500,00 claim minus \$60,000 off set

Charging 40%

NO risk, no charge if they don't recover for you

Jerry Holt/1169- Do you recommend getting an attorney to file claim. Yes. Not like a VSO claim, it is hard.

8 Conditions covered from 2012 water study. Those will be paid 1st

Our attorneys will file for 17-18 conditions

Frank Faulkner/1219-Are neuro conditions covered? Whatever the 17-18 that are covered

National Navy JA says this is not a class action

Tracey Talley/1432-any lawsuits from other bases? No

Dan Hoffman/829- What if symptoms aren't showing now, but later? Deadline is 8/2024



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Cherri Sterling and Bob Doshier

The Veteran selected is Helen Breen

Dan Hoffman/829- Cherri deserves praise for training Harry.

Keep applications and donations coming.

Adjutant

Read corrected # of votes for Detachments. Read the Delegate counts instead the 1st time.

Det	Vote
410	38
803	52
829	56
873	49
939	20
1105	64
1106	40
1112	0 not present
1123	50
1131	10
1132	30
1134	40
1141	30
1145	0 not present
1146	42
1154	40
1169	29
1194	0 not present
1202	20
1219	19
1227	0 not present
1259	0 not present
1432	25

Elections- Jim Stone

Tellers Tracey Talley, John Tharp, Michael Cortright

Sgt At Arms escorted Jim Powell and Buddy Ferguson outside.

Commandant-

Jim Stone instructed Adjutant to record 1 Unanimous vote for Helen Breen.

Sr. Vice Commandant

Dan Hoffman requested 3 minutes for a caucus.



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Jim Stone granted request.

Detachments voted. Count Jim Powell 425, Buddy Ferguson 232.

Stone instructed Adjutant to record Jim Powell is the new Sr. Vice Commandant.

Jr. Vice Commandant

Jim Stone instructed Adjutant to record 1 Unanimous vote for Frank Faulkner.

Judge Advocate

Jim Stone instructed Adjutant to record 1 Unanimous vote for Claude Davis III.

Jim Stone instructed Sgt. At Arms to bring in Buddy Ferguson and Jim Powell.

Good of the League

Jerry Holt/1169. I make a motion to amend the proposed budget by \$300 for Chapel of Four Chaplains donation.

Vote: motion passes

Dan Hoffman- The party bus (RV) is leaving Columbia and driving straight thru to Oklahoma City. Contact him if you need a ride.

Helen Breen

I challenge each Detachment to donate \$100/each to the Young Marines and MCL Foundation. Mail check to Helen and will present a big check at National.

Banquet tickets are limited. GO online and purchase your ticket.

Red cup tickets are posted.

Deborah Closed bible.

At 1535 Commandant Breen instructed the Sgt. At Arms to put in to recess until 1830 when the cocktail hour begins.

Sgt. At Arms Tracey Talley lead the hand salute.

At 1900 Commandant Breen introduced Sheila from My Little Fertile Mind, the vendor this weekend. She had a puzzle. The winner is Sharneka Steveson, She found 105 words and 5 hidden words. She picked a gift. 2nd winner was Martha Marcucci. She picked a gift.



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At 1920 Commandant Breen instructed Sgt at Arms Talley open the meeting and to led the Pledge.

POW/MIA table- Victor Coachman

Prayer- Michael Cortright

Dinner

Guest Speaker – Major General Mike Regner

Marine of the Year Chair Dan Hoffman. Nominees: Jim Breen, Linda Roach, Claude Davis III, William Roger, Robert Walker. Winner: Jim Breen

Pack Dog of the Year nominees: Scott Slater/328 and Helen Breen, Winner Helen Breen.

Associate of the Year Chair Deborah Stone. Nominees: April Tiller/939 and James Copeland Day/1131. Winner: James Copeland Day

National Vice Commandant SE Div Jerry Holt- presented Helen Breen with a Distinguished Citizen Silver.

Installation of Officers- Mike Waluk, National Vice Commandant Northeast Division
Elected and Appointed Officers. Missing Claude Davis III/JA and Jimmy Fogle/Sgt at Arms.
Will be sworn in at the Sept. Quarterly.

Toast to 30 Years- Helen Breen

Commandant Breen instructed the Sgt at Arms to close the meeting.

Sgt. At Arms Talley closed the meeting until Sept. 26, 2024 when we will meet at the American Legion Post 6, at 1000. Talley led the hand salute.

Helen Breen led the Marines Hymn.

Mike Cortright- Base Flag auctioned off. Jack Matthews won for \$250
50/50 - Winner Charlene Ferguson

Buddy Ferguson – Jim Breen drew 3 tickets
\$250 – James Roberts/1105
\$500 – James Roberts/1105
\$1,000 – Kent Williams/410



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