* Helen introduced Andrew Lewis – Veteran’s Last Patrol. Andre spoke to their mission.

**Opening Ceremony-**

Commandant Helen Breen opened the meeting at 1000.

Sgt. At Arms Tracy Talley led the Pledge of Allegiance and Marine Hymn.

Chaplain Kevan Waiters led the opening prayer.

**Introduction of Dignitaries- Commandant Breen**

NVC-SE Division and Past Dept. Cmdt., and Dept. Paymaster, Jerry Holt

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

Past National Vice Cmdt., SE Division, Jim Smith

National Vice Chief Devil Dog, Past Dept. Commandant and Past Pack Leader Jim Stone

Sergeant-at-Arms, SE Division, Michael Cortright

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

**Roll Call of Officers- Adjutant Stone**

Commandant Helen Breen present

Sr. Vice Jim Powell present

Jr. Vice Frank Faulkner excused- sick

Judge Advocate Claude Davis III present

Adjutant Deborah Stone present

Paymaster Jerry Holt present

Chaplain Kevan Waiters present

Sgt. At Arms Jimmy Fogle present

Past Dept. Commandant Jim Stone present

Web Sergeant/3rd Year Trustee Jim Breen present

2nd Year Trustee Todd Alexander excused- sick

1st Year Trustee Dan Hoffman present

District 1 Vice Cmdt. Hadji Harper present

District 2 Vice Cmdt. Gary Jackson present

District 3 Vice Cmdt Tracey Talley present

District 4 Vice Cmdt Jimmy Fogle excused- sick

**Roll Call of Detachments**

Det 410/Julian Dusenbury Robert Morgan/Adjutant

Det 803/Low Country Kevin Patton

Det 829/Palmetto Marines Keith Martin

Det 873/Grand Strand Greg Price

Det 939/James Hammons Robert Neal

Det 1105/Owens Kennemore Jeff Crouch/Det. Sr. Vice Cmdt.

Det 1106/Upstate Marines Julie Harper

Det 1112/Lakeland Marines Sammy Lewis

Det 1123/Olde English Leathernecks Richard O’Connell

Det 1131/Lewis G Watkins Tim Alexander-absent-sick

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

Det 1146/Kershaw Cty Leathernecks Wayne Farmer

Det 1154/Yellow Footprints John Stump

Det 1169/Lancaster Cty Leathernecks Kevan Waiters

Det 1194/Broad River Leathernecks Frank Sossaman-absent

Det 1202/Sumter Harry Thompson-Chaplain

Det 1219/Great Pee Dee Devil Dogs Lixander Henry

Det 1227/Barnwell Cty Leathernecks Nigel Abner-absent

Det 1259/Greater Orangeburg Leathernecks Willie Dash

Det 1432/Little River Tracy Talley

Adjutant Stone reported there is a **quorum present required by Dept. Bylaws**.

**Report of Adjutant -Deborah Stone**

* + - * Please use the [adjutant@mcleaguesc.org](mailto:adjutant@mcleaguesc.org) for ROI’s
* Minutes from the last meeting were emailed out.
* *Motion to accept* 1st Tracy Talley/1432 2nd Rich O’Connell/1123 *Discussion:* none *Vote:* Motion Passed

**Report of Paymaster – Jerry Holt**

* **Financial Report-** Beg Balance 12/1- $5,9116.55, End Balance- $6,427.05

Income - $770.75, Expenses - $260.25

Eagle Coins- Have MCL Log and BSA Eagle on back. $6.50 each

100th Anniversary Coins - $10.00, 100th Anniversary Ribbons - $6.00

License SF plates income- $20 for new, $25 for renewal

Received $500 from Pound 340 and SC Pack.

* **Marine Corps Mobile App** – Need Profile # from your paymaster. \*
* **TACOM Inventory**- it no longer needs notarized. Can now do online. (link on Dept. page) or you can call them, and they will email the link to you. Must report to police if they have been stolen/missing, then report to Tacom. Email: [usarmy.detroit.tacom.mbx.ilsc-donations@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.detroit.tacom.mbx.ilsc-donations@army.mil) . Phone # 586-282-9861
* **Member Portal –** Det. Paymaster’s give out the profile number to members and they can change name, add or phone/emails on the app. Please do not send in a transmittal for these items.
* **Delinquent Members -**To keep number/yrs of service, must collect back dues. If want to start over, they must fill out a new app, and show dd-214 again and will receive a new number.
* **Online dues submission**- 6/23 Dets. are using the online SC Dues Transmittal. To use Ach transfer is .25 per transmittal. If you use a debit card, the fee is 3-4%. Make sure to print out confirmation. If ready to use, please contact Jerry. \*\*
* *Motion to accept* 1st Jim Powell/1432 2nd Tracy Talley/1432 *Discussion:* none *Vote*: Motion passed pending audit.

**Chaplain- Kevan Waiters**

* Notice of Death **-**Det.Chaplainssend to Dept Chaplain and Det. Paymasters send to Dept Paymaster on a transmittal. National website has the form -Member Library password is not public -dd4
* Deaths since Dept Convention.
  + Fredrick Florian 1146 William D Smith 1141
  + William Garner 410 Ronald Bode 1131
  + Ray Honeycutt 1105 Ed Russell Jr 1154
  + Joseph Colwell 873 Jimmy Miller 1146
  + Wanda Sweet 1169 George Palmer 1141
  + Michael Shaw 1146 James Wilder 1146
  + James Striss 1106
* Recognize your Veterans, keep everyone in Prayers, visit them/call them

**Report of Officers**

**Commandant Helen Breen**

* + Dept. Convention Update- Ntl. Cmdt. Warren Griffin has accepted the invitation.
  + Update your Detachment’s meeting times on the website.
  + Voting Strength - Date on 3/31 roll for Delegates. (last page)
  + Raffle tickets are still available for a 3-night stay and are $5 each. See Sgt at Arms for tickets. Drawing will be held at the end of the April quarterly.
  + Mid-Winter Feb 22-24 @ Pentagon Sheraton
  + Southeast Division Chattanooga, TN. Mar 15-17. Link on Dept website.
  + SE Div. MOY/AOY are on the website. See details. Each Detachment should submit for these.

**Sr. Vice Jim Powell**

* National Jr. Vice Cmdt. Citation with Ribbon: Det 1112-105.7%, Det 1154 – 101.32% & Dept. of SC \*\*\*
* Distinguished Service- Buddy Ferguson
* Raffle Fundraiser Tickets- $5/each. $3 to Dept/$2 for Detachment. If you need more tickets call me.
* AOY/MOY Submissions- National website info for theirs. Dept website has info for Department. Send nominations to me for Department.
* Mid-Year Reports due. 14/23 has participated so far. Need ASAP for Mid-Winter.
* National Awards are available for Detachments/Members. (unit awards)

**Jr Vice Frank Faulkner- absent**

**Judge Advocate Claude Davis III –**

* Election time- Caution when you are wearing MCL attire. Can wear Marine covers/shirts to rallies, just not MCL. Could put your Charter/Dept. in jeopardy.
* Bylaw changes due by March 15th to Adjutant. Then email to Det. JA
* Dept. SOP- Hosting Detachment will get the $10.00 registration fee, $5 if up to 2 weeks early, late is $15.

**Sergeant at Arms** 10 minute recess

**Reports of District Vice Commandants**

**District 1 Hadji Harper -**Members need covers-only uniform item. Have visited 3 of the 7. Need info for the remaining 4. 1145 is struggling with recruiting. 1106 T4T, fundraising and Memorial Day. 1105 T4T and community service

**District 2 Gary Jackson-**Will start as soon as swore in

**District 3 Tracey Talley –** 3 out of 4. 410 has MOH member and 4 Corpsman on Charter, 1432 has done Belk sale 2 times.

**District 4 Jimmy Fogle -**absent

**Correspondence-** None

**Reports of Standing Committees**

**JROTC Awards**- John Marcucci

* They select the student to receive the award, you fill out certificate. There is a template.
* AF JROTC- will not allow them to wear Award but will take the certificate.
* If you need any medals, call him.

**Young Marines**- **James Roberts** absent

* His Unit has 1st day of training. Jeff Crouch/Det 1105 Sr Vice- Participated in many events in their community. Grand Total hours for all 4 Units - 4,611 up from 4,310 last year

**Convention Report**- **Tim Callahan**

* Link has gone out for the hotel and registration.
* Ad form copy passed out and is online.
* Delegate form end of April.

**Web Sergeant** – **Jim Breen**

* Det. Paymaster/Adjutant-Update Officer emails. Contact me if you need to get on.
* Past MOY will get with me at Convention to judge the MOY/AOY submissions. Send your submissions 30 days prior to the Convention. Only 5 submissions last year.

**Unfinished Business**

* Cmdt. Breen swore in DVC 1 Hadji Harper, DVC 2 Gary Morgan

**Good of the League-**

* Ernest Matzinger/1141 - DOD Get Blue Card-no expiration. All others will expire in 2026. Go to any DOD installation or base. The card belongs to the US Govt. Will not have ss# anymore, but 2 pics and no signature. Appts are booked out a year but do take walk-ins. In Columbia on FT Jackson at Gate 2/Strom Bldg 5450. Will run background if your spouse gets theirs and will be good for 3 years.
* Cathy Stump/1154 – Feb 9 20 yr Det. Celebration- Grad, Recruit Chapel, Colors and Reception at AMVETS. 1st Cmdt – Don Garland will be speaker. Send RSVP attendee information to ([cmstump1024@gmail.com](mailto:cmstump1024@gmail.com))
* Kevan waiters/1169- was the Guest Speaker @ 410. Kevan was DI Instructor for their 1st Sgt. He was also Speaker @1169’s Birthday as well.
* Sammy Lewis/1112- Brag on their MC Ball.

**Announcements**

* Todd Alexander volunteered to be Marksmanship Program Coordinator

**Closing-1219**

Commandant Breen instructed Sgt-At-Arms Talley to Retire the Colors. Hand salute.

Chaplain Waiters led us in prayer.

Senior Vice Powell performed the last duties of his post.

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

Sgt. At Arms Fogle, by authority of the Commandant, closed the meeting until April 20, 2024 at the American Legion, 200 Pickens St., Columbia @ 1000

50/50 Drawing Lanzie Brown $ 91 Dept/90 Lanzie

\* Marine Corps League Mobile APP

\*\* Paymasters Presentation (attached as a pdf)

\*\*\* National Jr. Vice Commandant Unit Citation – Dept. of SC and ribbon.

\*\*\*\* Meeting Financials

*Income*

Meals $378 (27 \* $14/ea)

50/50 91

Eagle Coins 129

Powell 500 Contributions for Shriners reimbursement

SC Pack 500

Total $1598

*Expense*

Cost of Meal $540

Rent to Post 6 100

\*\*\*\*\* Sign in sheets.

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