**Opening Ceremony-**

Commandant Helen Breen opened the meeting at 1002.

 Sgt. At Arms Jimmy Fogle led the Pledge of Allegiance and Marine Hymn.

 Chaplain Jeremiah Palmer led the opening prayer.

**Introduction of Dignitaries- Commandant Breen**

Sergeant-at-Arms, SE Division, Michael Cortright

 Web Sergeant SE Division, Jim Breen

 Commandant. of PA, Past NVC NE Div. Jim Powell

 Past National Vice Commandant., SE Division, Jim Smith

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

 Kennel Lucky Dog, Reggie Sawyer, NC

**Roll Call of Officers- Adjutant Stone**

 Commandant Helen Breen present

 Sr. Vice Jim Powell present

 Jr. Vice Frank Faulkner present

 Judge Advocate Claude Davis III excused, Jim Breen acting

 Adjutant Deborah Stone present

 Paymaster Jerry Holt excused

 Chaplain Kevan Waiters excused

 Sgt. At Arms Jimmy Fogle present

 Past Dept. Commandant Jim Stone excused

 Web Sergeant/3rd Year Trustee Jim Breen present

 2nd Year Trustee Todd Alexander present

 1st Year Trustee Dan Hoffman present

 District 1 Vice Cmdt. Hadji Harper present

 District 2 Vice Cmdt. Gary Jackson present

 District 3 Vice Cmdt vacant

District 4 Vice Cmdt Jimmy Fogle present

**Roll Call of Detachments**

 Det 410/Julian Dusenbury Robert Morgan/Adjutant

 Det 803/Low Country Mike Cortright

 Det 829/Palmetto Marines Keith Martin

 Det 873/Grand Strand Greg Price

 Det 939/James Hammons Robert Neal

 Det 1105/Owens Kennemore John Rossello

 Det 1106/Upstate Marines Julie Harper

 Det 1112/Lakeland Marines Larry Walters

 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-Caldwell 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 Billy Helms, Adjutant

 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 Jerry Fogle

 Det 1259/Greater Orangeburg Leathernecks Willie Dash

 Det 1432/Little River Mike Herbert

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

**Report of Adjutant -Deborah Stone**

Please use the adjutant@mcleaguesc.org for ROI’s, fill out completely

* Minutes from the last meeting were emailed out in March.
* *Motion to accept* 1st Jim Powell/1432 2nd Jimmy Fogle/1227
* *Discussion:* none *Vote:* Motion Passed

**Report of Paymaster – Helen Breen**

* **Financial Report-** Checking-9,608.91, Savings 12,968.83 Total 22,577.74
* Audit Annually- outside the Commandant and Paymaster
* Discussion:
	+ Jim Breen/803 Paymaster and Commandant should not be in the same family
	+ Dan Hoffman/829- Same for Devil Dogs, H. Breen-yes
	+ Curtis Matzinger/1141 what if we don’t have a budget? Get a budget, put monthly expenses in it, vote on it, then do not have to vote every month
	+ Larry Walters/1112-Do we have a ledger? H. Breen -yes, Jerry Holt keeps it.
	+ Mike Cortright- Paymaster and Commandant are bonded by National per your ROI. If Detachment has 50k in funds, should get supplemental insurance

Commandant will have training on Paymaster/bonding at Convention

* *Motion to accept* 1st Jim Powell/1432 2nd Dan Hoffman/829
* *Vote*: Motion passed pending audit.

**Chaplain- Jeremiah Palmer-** 1432 Tracey Talley has been moved home

**Report of Officers**

 **Commandant Helen Breen**

* **Convention Update-** Guest Speaker will be the Sgt Major of PI, gender training.
	+ Detachment Host will receive Silent auction and ad fees
	+ Department will receive the banquet, conv fees and delegate, will cover most expenses
* **3 night stay raffle for Convention** – will draw on May 15, not enough tickets have been sold. See Sgt at Arms.
* **Mid-Winter Conference** – T4T programs going on
* **Southeast Division Recap-**
	+ Jim Stone/Jim Breen nominees for SE Div MOY
	+ Division Streamer. Dan Hoffman/803 Where is our flag?
		- Sgt at Arms Fogle said the Legion already had colors posted.
* **National Convention -**will vote on Flag code American Legion does not say pledge while covered. Jim Breen/803 Ntl will clarify with Congress @code
* Russ Miller will be running for Ntl Jr Vice.

 **Sr. Vice Jim Powell**

* Year end reports due June 1 for all Detachments
* MOY/AMOY due by May 14. In digital only. Jim Smith/1105 Can Detachments have more than 1 MOY? J Powell per SOP only 1 per year.
* Dept. Raffle-Tickets have been handed back in. Need a Detachment to step up and sell. $ is due by Convention. Drawing at Banquet

 **Jr Vice Frank Faulkner-**

* Recruiting Awards. Last year was Baretta Splawn- SC Top Recruiter of the Year
* SE Division Model- Each one recruit one
* SC was recognized for recruiting even during Covid
* Veterans Service Officer- 2 certified at National because of grants. Would love to have all the way to Detachment Level
* How do we find Young Marines? Physical Fitness, Boy Scouts, YM’s in community

**Judge Advocate- Jim Breen (acting)**

* Delegate Credentialing**-**have been mailed to Det. Commandants
* ROI’s must be signed and sent to Dept. Adjutant with in 10 days of installation
* Dan Hoffman/829-You can not install yourself, must have a past Commandant install you. So, 2 ROI’s are needed.

 **Sergeant at Arms put us in 10 minutes recess.**

**Reports of District Vice Commandants**

**District 1 Hadji Harper -**Visited 1105- 4/4 elections, 1106, 4/13- elections, 1112 – 3/21 great meeting, 1131- 3/19 Fundraising, 1145 3 new members, 1194 3/17 elections, 1134 haven’t visited yet

**District 2 Gary Jackson-** 829-Fairgrounds, 1141 T4T children, guests, 1123 recruiting events, guests, 1146 chili cook off, guests 1169 Anniversary in May dinner and Belk Sale, 1202 Pancake breaskfast/yard sale

**District 3 vacant –** 410, 803-873, 1432

**District 4 Jimmy Fogle –** have visited 4 of 7

**Correspondence-** None

**Reports of Standing Committees**

**Convention Report**- Tim Callahan/1141

* **Detachment Ads**- only 8 have paid
* **$100 to Detachment**-
* **Delegate Credential Forms**-will post on line in May

**Young Marines**- **James Roberts** –

* all 4 units doing well. Losing Seniors with Graduation. Help them with their fundraising.
* YM has a 6 page spread in May Leatherneck.
* I received the Greenville Cty’s Educator of the Year, as well as the SC State Educator of the Year 2024.

**Web Sergeant** – **Jim Breen**

* National PR Committee put out SOP in Member Library
* Marine Corps League App- get profile number from Paymaster
* Trainings are on Dept. website, transmittal form

**VAVS-Mike Cortright**

* Send name if you want to serve as Dept. VAVS. Linda Roach is going to help get back started. Training is on website.
* PACT Act- adding more disabilities -backdated to 2022

**Marksmanship Committee – Todd Alexander**

* A person can only be on 1 Team
* Member Library has the instructions/rules
* Would like the Dept. to be involved

**Unfinished Business-none**

**Good of the League-**

* Ron Neal/939. Past Det Commandant’s Larry Frelin’s widow had boxes of Final Salute. Wanted to donate them to the Dept. members
* Ernest Matzinger/1141- Harold Grant raised 5k for cancer research

**Announcements**

* MODD- last day to purchase tickets- Pistol Drawing
* Get registered on line for COnvention

**Closing-1206**

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

 Chaplain Palmer 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 June 14, 2024 at the Department Convention @ Embassy Suites, 200 Stoneridge Dr, Columbia @ 1000

 \* Sign in sheets.





