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HAPPY 246TH BIRTHDAY!!



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Department Commandant

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Happy Birthday, Marines! You look great for 246 years old. Hope you had a fantastic ball or cake cutting, however you celebrated.

The insurance letters have been mailed out to everyone in the Department. I have had 33 returned so far, many with wrong addresses. If you haven't received your letter yet, please tell your Detachment Commandant and give him/her your address so that they can give it to me and I will send one to you.

This year as your Commandant, and Jerry the last two years, we face the same situation when we send emails out requesting Detachment Commandant's input or recommendations. There are only 9-11 Commandants who respond. We have 23 Detachments in the state and each one is a member of the Department Board of Trustees. Your vote is valuable and necessary for the Department to succeed. You are not only expected to respond but, by By-Law, you are required to respond.

The only logical conclusion that can be drawn from this, is that you don't care. That begs the question, why are you Commandant? If you don't care about the League and it's business, why did you run? If you do not want to represent yourself and your Detachment, why act as if you do?

Recently, I have been remembering boot camp, and what we learned while there. I broke out my "Guidebook for Marines" and began reading.

In Chapter 5. Leadership, I read the 14 character traits of a Marine NCO. They are: Integrity, Knowledge, Courage, Decisiveness, Dependability, Initiative, Tact, Justice, Enthusiasm, Bearing, Endurance, Unselfishness, Loyalty, and Judgement. These are characteristics you should still have. We are still Marines and we need to act like it. If your Detachment elected you as their Commandant, they expected you to have these characteristics and to represent them to the best of your ability.

Unless you can live up to these traits and fully represent your Detachment, you should find someone who wants to work for your members and step down. It is that simple.

In the Corps, we had laws known as the UCMJ. Perhaps, we didn't like them, but we followed them or we got in trouble. In the League, we have By-Laws. Here, if we don't like them, we can write them, submit your rewrite to the National Judge Advocate and have them voted on at the National Convention. If the majority of those present agree with you, it will be changed, If they do not agree, it will stay the same.

You as Commandant, are expected to follow the ML By-Laws and enforce them. You swore an oath to do it. Perhaps you need to read the By-Laws, then your oath, then consider if you have been a Commandant who represents the MCL and your members.

I realize I have been hard on Commandants, but it is time for Commandants to realize what their role entails and to act like a Commandant who wants to be a real Commandant or just another "good old boy" who doesn't represent your Detachment members.

Now that we have that out of the way, let's look at the principles of leadership. 1) Take responsibility for your actions and the actions of your Marines, know yourself and seek self improvement, set the example, develop your subordinates, ensure that a job is understood, then supervise it and carry it through to completion, know your members and look after their welfare, keep everyone informed, set goals you can reach, make sound and timely decisions.

Where do you fit in with this? Are you ready to take up the mantel and be a leader of Marines, or do you want to continue to just get by?

As Commandant, you are required to lead. Department By-Laws direct that you attend 3 Quarterly meetings and the Department Convention, or have a representative there when you can not be there. As a member of the Department Board of Trustees, you are required to respond to e-mails, phone calls and assist in the business of the Department.

As Department Commandant, I am only asking you to do the job you swore an oath to do, to represent your Detachment and its members with honor and integrity and obey By-Laws. Help your members to be successful, train those who wish to hold offices and appoint qualified, willing members to serve your Detachment in all things that you do.

Please be a Commandant to your members and the MCL. Represent them proudly, so it can be said at the close of your term of office that you have been a honorable and just Commandant and have done and admirable job.

I hope you all will be safe and have a really Happy Thanksgiving!

Semper Fi

Jim

Marine Corps League member and Medal of Honor recipient Woody Williams, had a bad fall recently. He requested that his MCL family send him cards.

Let's show him some South Carolina love.

Send cards and letters to:

Woody Williams Foundation
c/o Woody Williams
12123 Shelbyville Rd., Suite 100
Louisville, KY 40243



Dept. Sr. Vice Commandant

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We're moving into the final quarter of 2021, but things are not slowing down! I am excited to see that National has approved a National Associate Member of the Year award, though it will be a while before the actual medallions are available for ordering, so please be patient. This will allow us to forward our deserving Associates for potential National recognition. We have some INCREDIBLE Associate members and it's well past due that we have this recognition.

I am currently working on the details for the Department's annual raffle and will have everything set for our Quarterly Meeting on January 8. This annual raffle helps fund raise, not only for the Department, but for your individual Detachments as well. I hope many Detachments and our members will support the raffle so we can continue to do what we do as a Department. Through the fundraising we've done in the past, we've been able to recently support the Disaster Relief efforts of other Departments and given \$3,000 to the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League Units.

I wanted to say THANK YOU to Detachment #873 for hosting our 2022 Department of South Carolina Convention in April 2022. I know Commandant Chris and his team will put together an amazing event for us in Myrtle Beach!! I hope that everyone will support their hard work and participate this coming year! Yes, hosting a Convention is a lot of work, but it can also be a great fundraiser for the hosting Detachment.

I have been very fortunate to speak with officers from other states to see what I can learn from them to bring back to our Department to improve what we do in South Carolina. I hope that in the coming months I can speak with the various Detachment Sr. Vice Commandants and see how I can work with each of them to recognize their members. Some may not be aware of some recognition that we can bestow on our members for the work they do for their community and the League.

As always, if I can be assistance in any way, please reach out to me – I am available via email (hbreen.mcl@gmail.com), Facebook (Helen Breen), or by phone – 843-532-8387. I am here to help!

Semper Fi!



Dept. Paymaster

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We are getting near the end of the year, and the clock is running out for the Detachments to submit the audit report for their Paid Life Members. It's not hard..... it only requires that the Paymaster and/or the Commandant review the report and certify that the members listed still belong on your roster. If not, make note of the corrections on the form, then both the Commandant and the Paymaster sign the report and submit to me, the Department Paymaster. You can email it to me at jerryholt813@gmail.com or send by regular mail to 3207 Kendall Trace, Indian Land, SC 29707.

As simple as this is, we still have 48% of our Detachments who have not yet submitted their report. Failure to submit the report not only means that you won't receive the payment for your Paid Life Members, it's also a poor reflection on the Detachment.

An even more significant problem is that we currently have nine Detachments (38%) who are delinquent in filing with the Secretary of State for their registration exemption as a non-profit organization. This isn't just an administrative concern within the Marine Corps League, it could lead to significant fines and penalties for the Detachment. The Detachment's elected officers and their Board of Trustees have the fiduciary responsibility to ensure this registration is properly completed. It's an annual requirement from the State. If you're not sure how to do the filing, you can contact me for assistance, but for those nine Detachments, you need to get this done. If members of the Detachment are soliciting funds in any manner, and the Detachment is not registered or hasn't filed for the exemption from registration, you've put the members and the Detachment at risk.

As we settle into the routines with the new member database, some new solutions were required for the issues the database presented. In the past, all members and Associate Members were assigned a regular member number. If they became a Life Member, they received a separate Paid Life Member number. With the implementation of the new database last year, a third number (the Profile ID) was introduced. Headquarters has developed a new approach to reduce this congestion of numbers.

When a member is entered in the new database, a number generator assigns the next Profile ID automatically. Going forward, National will use the Profile ID as the Member Number (and PLM Number). **We are not going backward and changing old numbers, so current members will not see this change.** The National staff will use the Profile ID as the base for the number for new members. For example,

R123456 = Regular Member's Number

L123456 = Paid Life Member's Number

X123456 = Associate Member's Number

XL123456 = Associate Life Member's Number

Again, current members (both Regular and Associates) will not see a change in their member number or their PLM number. New members will have a single membership number, which is also their profile ID number. If they become a Life Member, only the letter prefix of their member number will change.



Chaplain's Corner

Jeremiah Palmer *jeremiahepalmer32@gmail.com*

Joe Everett Brown. Detachment #1194. September 21, 2021

James B Reese. Detachment #1132. October 4, 2021

Richard Karp. Detachment #1154. June 24, 2001

Joe Minshew. Detachment #1432. September 10, 2021

Leo Passmore. Detachment #939. January 7, 2016

Please remember their family in your prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.



Dept. Jr. Vice Commandant

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Nothing to report at this time.

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Bob Burns *difrompi@*



THE ROAD IS PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS

The political season is upon us, (seems like 24/7 now,) and good intentions can lead us down the wrong path. I am not a political person per say but I support the candidate of my choice and hope you do also. I have found that most running for political office will promise anything but the people in low places, like me, don't see the promises come to fruition.

I encourage you to support the candidate of your choice but within reason. So, what can we do to support a candidate running for office, invite him or her to a meeting to discuss their platform?

Well, if the invite is informal and one-on-one, outside or inside the MCL Detachment meeting place. In other words, don't have everyone come into the regular Detachment meeting room, sit down, and then introduce the candidate or his spokesperson for a political speech. During a break in the meeting everyone has things to talk about so this would be an acceptable time for one on one conversation, again not as a group.

Even if you say, "This is not a MCL meeting.", it is, in fact a MCL meeting, and opens the MCL to criticism. Especially if that supposed "non-meeting" happens at exactly the same time, and in the same place that the regular MCL Detachment meeting is supposed to start.

Since the candidate desires to speak to a detachment they can visit any detachment they desire, and before the meeting or after the meeting, they can talk to other members about any topic a member wishes to discuss, but they cannot appear as a speaker in front of the assembled members.

If you attend a rally for a candidate you cannot attend while wearing ANY Marine Corps League uniform items. You can wear a USMC shirt or cover but NOT MCL or USMC uniform.

The large retiree population in South Carolina, makes this area a prime target for local political organizations' requests for support. Retirees should keep in mind that these rules apply to them also. This is because, even though retired, they are still bound by the same rules as active duty members.

Perhaps one of the biggest issues being debated is the Global War on Terrorism, (Since the disaster in Afghanistan,) making the presence of service members and retirees a highly sought-after asset at a political function. Political parties might disguise one of their events as a military appreciation night so service members will attend in their uniform.

Then the next thing you know, there's a picture of service members sitting under a political sign. These are the kinds of things we would like to avoid.

Again, though military members are encouraged to take advantage of their right to vote and be politically active, showing up to any one of these functions in MCL or USMC uniform could mean facing steep consequences from the Department of Defense or National MCL.

The secretary of defense prohibits all military personnel, including National Guard and reserve forces from wearing military uniforms at political campaign or election events, according to DoD Instruction 1334.1.

The road is paved with good intentions, don't make the wrong turn!

Any questions I can be reached at DIfromPI@aol.com.

Bob

DETACHMENT ROLL CALL

DETACHMENT #873 GRAND STRAND



Grand Strand Detachment 873 - October 2021 Meeting

Commandant Chris Williams presenting a donation check of \$500.00 to SgtMaj James Dalgarn, Jr., USMC (ret) for the NJROTC Program at the Myrtle Beach High School. Jim is the Naval Science Instructor at Myrtle Beach HS and a member of the Marine Corps League Grand Strand Detachment 873.

SgtMaj Dalgarn subsequently addressed the Grand Strand Detachment and expressed his heart-felt gratitude for the donations and support that the Detachment has furnished over the years in support of the NJROTC Program at Myrtle Beach HS.



Grand Strand Detachment 873 – November 2021 Meeting

Judge Advocate Lee Morton, captain of the Det873 Golf Team, accepting a Certificate of Appreciation received by Commandant Chris Williams from the Knights of Columbus – St. Michael's Council 8980 for the Grand Strand Detachment's outstanding support to, and participation in, the KOC Charity Golf Tournament held on June 18, 2021 at the Wachesaw Plantation Golf Course, Murrells Inlet, SC.

Lee is surrounded by members of the Det873 Golf Team: Ken Laukhuff, Chris Williams, and Sgt-at-Arms Jayce Madden. Honorable mention was given to Ken's nephew, Sean Laukhuff, a PA National Guardsman who played with the Det873 team in the KOC Charity Golf Tournament.

DETACHMENT #1105 OWENS-KENNEMORE



Members celebrate Veteran's Day at University Ridge, Greenville with the Veteran Affairs Office. Sgt. Major Bob Burns gave the Invocation and Closing Prayer.

The Detachment held a cake cutting ceremony at their monthly meeting. Oldest member was Jimmie Durham and the youngest Peter Andersen.



Sgt. Major Burns had a vision to serve 200 Veterans BBQ. With Det. 1105 and Sharpshooters Indoor Range, this came alive on November 10th from 11am to 5 pm. A cake cutting ceremony took place at 4pm. 18 pork butts, fixings and paper goods were donated. There were prizes and drawings as well as free range time. The Oldest Marine was member Robert Heacock, 82 and a visiting Marine, aged 25, who happened to show up right before the ceremony.

(Picture Right) Days before, members pulled the butts for Marine Corps Birthday Celebration.



DETACHMENT #1131 LEWIS G. WATKINS



Members gathered at Seneca Family Restaurant for our monthly meal together!



Our Marine Corp birthday party cake held at Sole and Sushi bar, 13 November 2021

DETACHMENT #1132 RIVERFRONT MARINES

RIVERFRONT MARINES, DETACHMENT #1132, CELEBRATE THEIR 246TH BIRTHDAY

On 4 November 2021 in North Augusta, South Carolina, Riverfront Marines celebrated their 246th Marine Corps Birthday with a cake ceremony – the legacy continues. The first piece of cake was given to the Guest of Honor, CWO4 Andre Fervil, USMC Retired. The second piece of cake was given to the oldest Marine present, Charles Stone, born in January 1931 who passed the cake to the youngest Marine present, Shawn Collins born in January 1966, signifying the passing of experience and knowledge from the oldest to the youngest of our Corps.



RIVERFRONT MARINES, DETACHMENT #1132, PARTICIPATE IN VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY

On 11 November 2021, at Wade Hampton's Memorial Park in North Augusta, South Carolina, Riverfront Marines participated in the American Legion's Post 71 Veterans' Day Ceremony by laying a wreath for our fallen comrades. Veterans Day is set aside to honor those who have served – both living and deceased.



DETACHMENT #1134 Hutchins-Caldwell

Detachment 1134 participated in the Spartanburg Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2021. Due to the rain, participation and spectators were lighter than usual. One of our members, **Stanley Moore (94)** was the **Grand Marshall**.



Detachment was also hosted our **Annual Marine Corps Birthday Celebration** on November 12, 2021. The celebration was held at the American Legion Post 28, which provided an atmosphere dedicated to Veterans. We had special guest which included SC Department Commandant **Jim Stone**, Department Public Relations Officer **Deborah Stone** and National Vice Commandant, SE Division **Jerry Holt**.

The oldest Marine present was **Leonard Zawacki** and the youngest was **Rick Renna**.





HAPPY 246TH BIRTHDAY MARINES. SEMPER PAR.

SC Pack - Little River Devil Dogs Pound 328



On Wednesday, October 13, 2021 the Little River Devil Dogs Pound #328, SC Pack made a check presentation of 300 Big Bones to the Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center – 421 Highway 57, Little River, SC 29566 and their Director – Scott Dulebohn.

Pictured left to right – Police Dog Pup Harold Lowman, Dog Trainer PDD Bob Quinn, Dog Robber DD Larry Lipincott, VWHRC Director Scott Dulebohn, Mad Dog PDD Fred Barden and Sr. Vice Pup Ralph Lilley. Absent was Pound Keeper DD Scott Slater due to family matters.

The Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center has been a great relief for struggling veterans and families for quite some time with former Marine and Past VFW Post #10804 Commander Dennis Hutton help create the “Hutton House” giving homeless vets a place to stay.

Detachment 1154 # Yellow Footprints



Members of the Yellow Footprints readying for the City of Beaufort's Veteran's Day parade.

Members of the Yellow Footprints at the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce's Military appreciation Day. They passed out soda donated by Pepsi Co. and helped the AmVets serve lunch.



AROUND SOUTH CAROLINA



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2022 CONVENTION 21 – 24 April, 2022



The ***Grand Strand Detachment 873*** and the **Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel** are pleased to host the 2022 Convention for the Department of South Carolina.

This fine location offers many amenities, including dining, fitness center and indoor heated pool, plus panoramic views of the Grand Strand. It is only two blocks from the Myrtle Beach Boardwalk, and conveniently located to shopping, dining and entertainment at Broadway at the Beach. Additional information regarding the Sheraton is posted at <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/myrsi-sheraton-myrtle-beach/>.

Arrangements have been made for a special group rate of \$129.00 per night. When booking rooms please identify yourself with the Marine Corps League and ensure you are requesting the special group rate for “MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 2022 SC STATE CONVENTION”. Please notify Commandant Chris Williams at (703) 507-6060, or Jr. Vice Greg Price at (843) 360-0333, of any questions or concerns, so that we may address them with the Sheraton Hotel staff.

You may start booking your reservations immediately for the
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION
by utilizing the following web link:

[Book your group rate for MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 2022 SC STATE CONVENTION](#)

Alternatively, you may call the Front Desk and book your reservation by calling: 843-918-5000

Start Date: Thursday, April 21, 2022; End Date: Sunday, April 24, 2022

Last Day to Book: March 21, 2022

- **Event Summary: MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 2022 SC STATE CONVENTION**
Hotel(s) offering your special group rate: Sheraton Myrtle Beach for 129 USD per night



Myrtle Beach
SOUTH CAROLINA

2022 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA – 2022 CONVENTION

21 – 24 APRIL 2022

Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel

MYRTLE BEACH. SOUTH CAROLINA

The Grand Strand Detachment 873 is host to the Department of South Carolina 2022 Convention in one of the most popular seaside resort cities on the East Coast. The members of the Grand Strand Detachment 873 are working hard toward making this Convention memorable, and looking forward to ensuring it is so. The staffs of the Sheraton Myrtle Beach and Convention Center are eager to support this event and make it a success.

Arrangements have been made for a **special group rate of \$129.00 per night**; with a last booking date for this special group rate **deadline of 21 March 2022**. *Please book early, as the room rates will be significantly higher after this date, if there are any rooms that may be available.*

Detachments are requested to make a \$100.00 contribution to the host detachment for costs associated with the Convention. An additional \$100.00 donation will provide the donating Detachment with an Ad in the Convention Program Book. Please mail contributions and donations to the following address:

**Marine Corps League, Grand Strand Detachment 873
(CONVENTION 2022; ATTN: Commandant/Paymaster)
P.O. Box 1104, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina 29576**

Convention details and Registration information will be available at <https://mcleaguesc.org/>

AROUND THE SOUTHEAST DIV.



75TH SOUTHEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE

The 2022 Southeast Division Conference will be held

at the Holiday Inn Baton Rouge South in Baton Rouge, LA

March 24-27, 2022

Start Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022

End Date: Sunday, March 27, 2022

Room Rate \$105.00 plus tax

Breakfast included

USE CODE: MCL

Holiday Inn Baton Rouge-South

9990 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA, US, 70816_

ReservationDesk.com: [833-342-0528](tel:833-342-0528)



Visit sediv.org to register, send in delegate forms, buy an ad; banquet ticket or dinner dance ticket for Fri night.

2022 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Hilton Daytona Beach

Oceanfront Hotel

100 North Atlantic Avenue

Daytona Beach

Hotel available 8/11-8/20/22

Room Rates: 142.88/night (taxes included)

Parking: \$21.30 per night (taxes included)

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DATES TO REMEMBER



Jan. 8, 2022	Quarterly Meeting American Legion on 200 Pickens St/Columbia 10 am Growl to follow
Feb. 24-26, 2022	National Mid-Winter Conference Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel 777 Waterside Dr, Norfolk VA 800-325-3535/757-622-6664
Mar. 24-27, 2022	75th Annual SE Division Conference Visit sediv.org for registration forms See page 18
Apr. 21-24, 2022	Department Convention Myrtle Beach See page 16 & 17
June 11, 2022	Quarterly Meeting American Legion on 200 Pickens St/Columbia 10 am Growl to follow
August 2022	National Convention 100 North Atlantic Avenue Daytona, FL See Page 19
August 2023	100th National Convention Oklahoma City, Oklahoma TBA