

**LEWIS G
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DETACHMENT**



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Tip of the Spear

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Commandant's Corner

Fellow Marines,

Spring is upon us and the air is full of pollen. We had a very good turn out for Medal of Honor Day this year. Senator Thomas Alexander was our guest speaker. He did a great job. I want to thank everyone who showed up and helped with this event.

Our annual Family Picnic will be on August the 20th at South Cove park again this year, please mark your calendars. The time will be announced later.

Elections will be held at the next meeting, so please plan on being there and vote for the Marine of your choice or if you want to run for office. We will be taking nominations from the floor.

Installation of officers will be held May the 17th at our regular membership meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Semper Fi,

Robert Walker,

Commandant



**Junior Vice-
Commandant
"Skip" Wakeman**

It's Belks Time

Belks is having it's Spring Charity Day Sale. As you know this is your opportunity to earn money to support our activities. Sooooo, we need help in manning the sales in Belks and selling tickets to friends and family. The dates and times are below:

4/11, 4/12 @ 1400-1600 = Wakeman and Thompson, ?
4/13 @ 1200 - 1400
4/15, 4/16, 4/18 @ 1400-1600
4/19 @ 1200-1400
4/21 @ 1400-1600
4/23 @ 1200-1400
4/25 @ 1400-1600
4/26 @ 1000=1200
4/27,4/28 1400-1600
4/29 @ 12/00-1400
4/30 @ 1400-1600

At least two (2) people are required on each day to manned the table. Please help! Call me at (678) 300-4272 , **Thanks for your help.**



Steve Slagle
Senior Vice-Commandant
Detachment Nominations
for Officer Positions and
Appointed Positions for
2022-23

The Detachment #1131 Nominating Committee of Steve Slagle, Len Rock and Don Alexander presented a slate of nominees for Board of Trustees officer positions for 2022-23 at the March 15, 2022, Business meeting.

A slate of nominees and ballot will be presented to the members for an election at the April 19, 2022, Business Meeting, at which time additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. Nominations were solicited from the membership for individuals believed to be qualified to serve in the elected and appointed officer positions. The positions of Adjutant, Paymaster, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms are appointed positions and the incumbent Commandant makes those appointments.

To date the following members have agreed to accept a nomination to fill one-year terms for elected or appointed positions for 2022-23:

Elected Positions

Commandant: **Steve Slagle**

Senior Vice Commandant: **Todd Alexander**

Junior Vice Commandant: **Len Rock**

Judge Advocate: **Don Alexander**

Appointed Positions:

Adjutant: **James Day**

Paymaster: **David Wessinger**

Sergeant at Arms: **Charlie Brickett**

Chaplain: **Leon Davis**

We need and welcome any member to volunteer to serve in one of these positions. I encourage all members to attend the April 19, 2022, Business meeting and cast their votes for the nominees of their choice.

Votes will be cast by written ballots for each of the elected offices. There will be space for you to write in a candidate, if you choose to vote for someone not on the list of candidates.

An installation ceremony for the new officers, both elected and appointed, will be conducted at the May 17, 2022, Business Meeting.

Detachment Awards

Each year there are opportunities to provide recognition to those who either support our Detachment or are supported by our Detachment. Copies of the recommendation forms and certificates presented for each award can be found on the Detachment website at ***mcl1131.org***. It should be noted that while the awards are available for recognition purposes there may be instances where an award is not presented each year. With certain exceptions (Marine of the Year, Commandant's Award), any member of the Detachment may submit a recommendation for an award certificate.

All submissions should be detailed on the request form found on the Detachment website or in the Detachment SOP, also available on the website. The submissions will be given to the Awards Committee, chaired by the Senior Vice Commandant, and includes Dan Thompson and Morris Carver. The committee will validate the information provided and select the most qualified potential recipients, and then forward their recommendations to the Detachment Commandant and Board of Trustees for final consideration. Following discussions of the potential recipients it will be the Commandant's final decision as to the awardee.

The awards that we traditionally present include:

The Marine of the Year Award, this award is voted on solely by past Detachment recipients of the Marine of the Year Award. It is our practice that the most recent recipient of the Marine of the Year Award will act as the Chairperson of this committee.

The Associate Member of the Year, this award is given to the Associate member who is active-

ly involved with the Detachment and does the most to promote the Detachment and its programs as well as most exemplifying the spirit of the Marine Corps League.

The Distinguished Citizen Award, which is presented for distinguished service above and beyond what would normally be expected to either the Marine Corps League or the community. Our Detachment places a heavier weight on the service to our community as a whole as opposed to the Marine Corps League, our belief being that the Distinguished Service Award is more fitting for exemplary service to the League.

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Meritorious Commendation (Individual). This award is for individual Regular Members or Associate Members who performed at a high, or above average efficiency in one or more areas, while maintain good performance in all other areas, or to a member who has, through his/her personal effort, performed a task, duty or service to the U.S. Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, and the Detachment.

The Certificate of Appreciation award can be given by the Detachment in acknowledgement of any act or action by an individual, company or organization that either benefitted the Detachment or promoted the Detachment for the good of the League.

The Commandant's Award is a personal recognition certificate that is given at the discretion of the Detachment Commandant.

Awards will be presented at the May 17, 2022, Business meeting.

Steve Slagle, Senior Vice Commandant



Bill Thompson
Judge Advocate

Greetings again from the Judge Advocate's "bench". I hope all of you are enjoying the warmer weather. As you know the next several months will be very busy with Elections, Awards and Swearing-in Ceremony, Budget Preparation, Conventions, Family Picnic, and hopefully a Belk's Charity Day Sale. In addition, at our April Meeting I will be asking you to consider an APPEAL I have prepared to National MCL Headquarters of a 2012 Motion that the South Carolina MCL Department Leadership are trying to enforce. That Motion dictates that every Detachment in South Carolina send \$100 to help with Convention expenses, **and** buy a \$100 AD in the Convention Booklet. I contend that the National By-laws and Administrative Procedures do NOT allow this type of abuse of power!

With so much to do and work on, I encourage each Member to attend monthly Business Meetings and fully participate in all activities of Lewis G. Watkins, Detachment #1131.

Semper Fi,

Bill Thompson, Judge Advocate

Upcoming Meetings and Events

<u>Time & Date</u>	<u>Event/Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Uniform</u>
6:30 pm Tuesday April 19, 2022	Detachment Business Meeting	American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678	Robert Walker	Basic
8:30 am Saturday April 30, 2022	Detachment Family Breakfast	Location announced at Business Meeting	Robert Walker	None
8:00 am Tuesday May 3, 2022	Detachment Trustees Meeting	American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678	Robert Walker	None
6:30 pm Tuesday May 17, 2022	Detachment Business Meeting	American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678	Robert Walker	Basic

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