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Commandant's Corner

Fellow Marines

The end of 2021 is fast approaching and with the start of a new year just around the corner. I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I think with everything considered we have had a great year.

We got to have our first Belk's Charity Day sale in quite a while. A big thanks goes out to Skip and his helpers. I want to think all of our Officers for their help this year. Steve has done a great job on the pick up and distributions of the boxes.

The Rocks have out did themselves in the Toy store again. Our detachment is going with new members. Let's make 2022 an even better year. Elections will be here before you know it, so if you want to hold and office, please let us know. Please remember the Carvers in prayers for their upcoming surgery's

Semper Fi, *Robert Walker*

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 8:00 AM: Detachment Trustees Meeting at American Legion Hall, 575 N. Fairplay St., Seneca, SC

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM: Detachment Business Meeting at American Legion Hall, 575 N. Fairplay St., Seneca, SC

Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 8:00 AM: Detachment Family Breakfast at Seneca Family Restaurant, 515 ByPass-123, Seneca, SC

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 8:00 AM: Detachment Trustees Meeting at American Legion Hall, 575 N. Fairplay St., Seneca, SC

Toys For Tots 2021





Steve Slagle
Senior Vice-Commandant

2021 Toys for Tots Campaign
Ending Mid-December

Our Detachment's 2021 Toys for Tots Campaign will conclude with toy shopping and selections by about 15 community organizations December 14-16. Distributions of toys to approved families will be completed before Christmas.

This year's campaign included toy collection boxes at approximately 190 businesses, restaurants and stores throughout Oconee County, the Pickens County towns of Central, Liberty, Six Mile and Clemson and the Anderson County town of Pendleton.

A centrally located Toy Store at 205 Stork Way (corner of Stork Way and Radio Station Road) in Seneca serves as the hub of the campaign. Detachment member, Len Rock, and his wife Carol, manage the immense task of sorting and organizing the toys, and Detachment Associate member Jim Day coordinates the books and Kindles, based on age and gender appropriateness, and prepare them for the community organizations that subsequently deliver the gifts to the families.

We all owe the following volunteers a huge thanks for doing a wonderful job of collecting toys from the locations and delivering them to our Toy Store. From all reports we will have collected more toys and books than last year, and we will serve more families and children than last year, too. A final report will be issued in January.

We also want to recognize the efforts of volunteers Holly Day, Nancy Walker and Pam Dowd for managing the database of the family applications to help us keep track of the ages and gender of all the children who will receive toys and books.

The volunteers who assisted by collecting toys this year are:

Don Alexander
Howard Barefoot
Charles Brickett
Morris Carver
Leon Davis
James Day
Pam Dowd
Ted Edwards
Denise Fontana
Jim Hasick
Perry and Jane Paradise
Steve Slagle
Bill Thompson
Dan Thompson
Skip Wakeman
David Wessinger
Del Williams
Dean Wright

Semper Fi! Steve Slagle
Senior Vice Commandant
MCL Detachment #1131

Merry 
Christmas 

And



To all members of Lewis G. Watkins, Detachment #1131



“Skip” Wakeman
Jr. Vice-Commandant

I would like to thank all of the members who helped during this year's fund raiser. After an awkward start caused by Belk's, we started on the first Wednesday of the month of October. We only worked every Monday, Wednesday and Friday since there were no members to work the other days. The net result of our efforts was less than our goal of \$2000.00; however, we did overall of total of **\$1835.01**.

Semper Fi, “Skip” Wakeman



Bill Thompson
Judge Advocate

Greetings from the Judge Advocate’s “bench”. Since Christmas is fast approaching, I wanted to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year! Looking forward to see everyone at our next Meeting on January 18, 2022.

Semper Fi,
Bill Thompson

2021 Marine Corps Birthday Dinner

On Saturday, November 13, 2021 the Lewis G. Watkins Detachment #1131 celebrated the 246th Marine Corps Birthday at Sole` Grill and Sushi Bar.

Shown below is a photo of the Guest of Honor, Oldest Marine and Youngest Marine sharing a slice of the Birthday cake



Left to right: Bob Brown, Guest of Honor, Charles Brickett, Oldest Marine present, Robert Walker, Detachment Commandant and Perry Paradise, Youngest Marine Present.



2021 Christmas Parades.

The Seneca Christmas Parade was on Monday night, November 29, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Bob Walker pulled the Toys For Tots Train during the Parade. He had lots of help riding with him.



The Toys for Tots Train was full of people. There was a good turnout of Detachment members riding on the Train.



The Salem Christmas Parade was on Sunday afternoon, December 5, 2021 at 4:00 PM. There was a good turnout members to the Salem Parade. In addition to the Toys for Tots Train in the paraded we also had the Toys For Tots Sweetheart, Emma Lust of Salem riding in Jim Williams car.



Keowee Club Toys for Tots Collection.

The Club at Keowee Key asked for Toys for Tots Collection boxes for the first time in 2021. The collection boxes were filled up twice.



Bill Thompson placed the boxes and was responsible for coordinating the pick-up of the toys.



Upcoming Meetings and Events

<u>Time & Date</u>	<u>Event/Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Uniform</u>
8:00 am Tuesday January 4, 2022	Trustees Meeting	American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678	Robert Walker	Casual
6:30 pm Tuesday January 18, 2022	Detachment Business Meeting	American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678	Robert Walker	Basic
8:00 am Saturday January 29, 2022	Detachment Family Breakfast	Seneca Family Restau- rant, 515 Hwy 123 By- Pass, Seneca. SC 29678	Robert Walker	Casual
8:00 am Tuesday February 1, 2022	Trustees Meeting	American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678	Robert Walker	Casual

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