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Commandant's Corner

Fellow Marines,

Spring will soon be upon us and that means election of new officers is fast approaching. If you would like to serve, please call and talk to any board member about the office you would like to hold.

Awards will soon be here in May also. If you would like to nominate someone for associate of the year, please contact me. For the Marine of the year or any other award please contact Skip Wakeman.

The state, convention will soon be here. April 21-24, 2022 in Myrtle beach, SC. It's not too late to sign up to go. See the web site for further details.

We need members. Please let the board know if you need help recruiting anyone.

We are looking for a different place for a family breakfast. If you know of a place please let me know.

Semper Fi,

Robert Walker. Commandant

Upcoming Events

Military Funeral Honors

Friday, March 11, 2022 at 3:15 PM. Davenport Funeral Home, 311 SC-11 West Union, SC Full Military Honors for Andrew Wyatt Little, USMC.

Next Business meeting.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:30 PM: Detachment Business Meeting at American Legion Hall, 575 N. Fairplay St., Seneca, SC

Medal of Honor Day.

Friday, March 25, 2022 at 9:30 AM: Walhalla Court House, 205 W. Main Street, Walhalla, SC. Ceremony at 10:00 AM.

Next Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 8:00 AM: Detachment Trustees Meeting at American Legion Hall, 575 N. Fairplay St., Seneca, SC



Steve Slagle
Senior Vice-Commandant
Detachment Nominating
Committee Seeks Nomi-
nees for Board Officer Posi-
tions in 2022

The Detachment #1131 Nominating Committee of Steve Slagle, Len Rock and Don Alexander met on March 3, 2022, to begin the process of identifying nominees and candidates for Board of Trustee elected officer positions for 2022-2023. The committee is tasked with nominating individuals to serve as Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate to one-year terms beginning in May 2022.

The committee is currently seeking Detachment members to self-nominate or to nominate other members for the Board positions. At the Detachment Business meeting on March 15, 2022, the Nominating Committee will present a report and nominations from the floor will be accepted. A slate of nominees will be presented to the members for election at the April 19, 2022, Business Meeting, at which time additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. An installation ceremony for the new officers, both elected and appointed, will be conducted at the May 17, 2022, Business Meeting. Nominations are being solicited from the membership for individuals believed to be qualified to serve in these 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.

We need and welcome any member to volunteer to serve in one of these positions. The identification and election of new officers each year is critical to the success of Detachment #1131, so please give thought to how you might help with this process.

Semper Fi
Steve Slagle, Senior Vice Commandant

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“Skip” Wakeman
Jr. Vice-Commandant

Membership, Membership, Membership

This is a hard topic to write about, but here we go. During the last 4 or 5 meetings we have had a small number in attendance. This is not good news, but rather a good way to lose our Charter. We need new members to: 1) add strength to the Detachment and 2) to get volunteers to support our unit activities.

Activities we need support are: Toys for Tots, Belk's Ticket sales, 6 Christmas parades and a number of Veteran funerals. For a funeral we need to provide a firing detail of 7 rifleman, 1 Team NCO, 1 Bugler, a flag folding detail of 2 and a 4 man color guard.

Belk Ticket sales takes 2 people for 14 days. The last Belk's sale was manned by 9 volunteers and made \$2,500. Think how much more we would have made had we had more volunteers.

Semper Fi, *“Skip” Wakeman*





Bill Thompson
Judge Advocate

Salutations and observations from the Judge Advocate's bench. I hope our Members and their Families are well and looking forward to Spring.

With Lewis G. Watkins' election of Officers coming soon, I wish everyone would seriously consider running for Office or express your interest in one of the appointed positions such as Chaplain, Sergeant of Arms, Marine4Life Representative, Quartermaster, etc. Associate Members are eligible for these jobs and others such as Adjutant and Paymaster. Regular Members are the only ones that can fill Elected Positions per our National ByLaws. Duties/ Responsibilities are defined in the ByLaws, Standard Operating Policies, Procedures and Practices as well as the Guidebook For Detachment Officers.

Very little activity in the Judge Advocate arena, so I suggest in the new Fiscal Year for our Detachment we remember the Oaths we have taken in the past, review the Constitution of the United States of America, and Pray for our Country!

May GOD Bless America, its legal Citizens, and Friends.

Semper Fi,



Cpl. Foster Doyle Mitchell, USMC

Zaina Nait Omar, a Clemson University History student discovered some information of a Seneca resident and former Clemson University student that was in the Battle for Iwo Jima. In her research of Corporal Foster Doyle Mitchell, USMC she discovered that he has no living decedents.

Zaina wanted everyone to know about Foster Doyle Mitchell's service to this country in the Battle of Iwo Jima, so she contacted Jeff Duncan, Congressman 3rd District, SC and requested that a U.S. Flag be flown over the U.S. Capital in honor of Corporal Foster Doyle Mitchell, USMC. Congressman Duncan did that and forwarded the flag to Zaina Nait Omar.

Ms. Omar thought the flag should be presented to and maintained by a Marine Corps organization for the public to see. Ms. Omar presented the flag to the Marine Corps League, Detachment 1131, Seneca, SC at its February 15, 2022 business meeting.



Foster Doyle Mitchell graduated from Seneca High School as a member of the class of 1940. He attended Clemson College for two years, and his mother, Susan Selma, passed away on January 14, 1941, leaving Foster without his parents at around twenty years old. He left Clemson as a Sophomore to enlist in the Marine Corps, and was assigned to the 25th Regiment of the 4 Marine Division. He was engaged in the Battle for Iwo Jima. He landed on the Northern Sector on the Yellow and Blue beaches under the command of Col. John R. Lanigan, USMC.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

| <u>Time & Date</u> | <u>Event/Activity</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Coordinator</u> | <u>Uniform</u> |
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| 3:15 pm Friday March 11, 2022 | Military Funeral Hon- ors | Davenport Funeral Home, 311 SC-11 West Union, SC | Robert Walker | Red Blazer |
| 6:30 pm Tuesday March 15, 2022 | Detachment Business Meeting | American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678 | Robert Walker | Basic |
| 9:30 am Friday March ,25 2022 | Medal of Honor Day | Walhalla Court House 205 W. Main Street, Walhalla, SC | Robert Walker | Red Blazer |
| 8:00 am Tuesday April 5, 2022 | Detachment Trustees Meeting | American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678 | Robert Walker | None |

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