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Commandant's Corner

Fellow Marines

It has been a very long three years and I have truly enjoyed it. I want to thank each one of the officers that served with me thru thick and thin.

I want to thank every who attended all of our functions and made them successful. I can not tell you how much your loyalty has meant to me.

Remember May the 17th we will have installation of the new officers. Dinner will be at 5:30 PM. Please sent your RSVP asap to Adjutant Del Williams at his email salemcop@yahoo.com or call him at 864-903-2160. We need a count for the caterer on how many meals to prepare. Look for your invitation in the mail.

Our family picnic will be August the 20th at South Cove Park. Don't forget to Renew your Park Pass. Start time will be announced later.

I want to thank "Skip" for having a very successful Belk's Charity Day Sale this Spring.

May 21, 2022, starting at 8:00 AM Detachment #1131 will place American flags at Marine gravesites in Oconee Memorial Park Cemetery.

Semper Fi, *Robert Walker*

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 5:30 pm: Detachment #1131 Business Meeting. American Legion Hall, 575 N. Fairplay St., Seneca, SC 29678. Catered Dinner at 5:30 PM then Awards Ceremony and Installation of New Officers at 6:30 PM.

Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 8:00 am: Place American Flags at each Marine's gravesite in the Oconee Memorial Park Cemetery.

Saturday, May 28, 2023 at 8:00 AM: Monthly Family Breakfast location will be announce later by email or at next business meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2023 Time Announced later. Detachment Trustee's Meeting at American Legion Hall, 575 N. Fairplay Street, Seneca, SC 29678

Tuesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM; Detachment #1131 Business Meeting, American Legion Hall, 575 N. Fairplay Street, Seneca, SC 29678.



Steve Slagle
Senior Vice-Commandant
Detachment Board Of Trustees
for 2022-23 Elected at April 19,
2022, Meeting

Detachment Board of Trustees for 2022-23 were presented to the members for an election at the April 19, 2022, Business Meeting, at which time additional nominations were sought 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 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 new Board of Trustees will make those appointments.

The following members were unanimously elected during the meeting:

Elected Officers (New Board of Trustees)

- Commandant: Steve Slagle
- Senior Vice Commandant: Todd Alexander
- Junior Vice Commandant: Len Rock
- Judge Advocate: Don Alexander

The New Board of Trustees have appointed the following members to the designated Appointed Officers:

Appointed Officer Positions:

- Adjutant: James Day
- Paymaster: David Wessinger
- Sergeant at Arms: Charlie Brickett
- Champlain: Leon Davis

Slagle thanked the elected and appointed members for agreeing to serve for the next year and thanked the Detachment members for entrusting the Detachment’s business to these officers.

Detachment Awards to be Presented at the May 17, 2022, Business Meeting

Each year there are opportunities to provide recognition to those who either support our Detachment or are supported by our Detachment. Several rec-

ommendations were received by the Awards Committee, chaired by Senior Vice Commandant Slagle, and included Dan Thompson and Morris Carver. The committee validated the information provided and voted to approve the recommendations. Those recommendations have been forwarded to the Detachment Commandant and/or Board of Trustees for final consideration and approval.

The following awards will be presented during the May 17, 2022, Business meeting:

The Marine of the Year Award is voted on solely by past Detachment recipients of the Marine of the Year Award, and Len Rock chaired that selection committee.

The Associate Member of the Year is given to the Associate member who is actively 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 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, performed a task, duty or service to the U.S. Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, and the Detachment. Senior Vice-Commandant, *Steve Slagle*



“Skip” Wakeman
Junior Vice-Commandant

I want to thank all those members who manned the doors at Belk's Store and sold the Belk's Charity Day Sale Tickets. Our fundraising goal was \$2,000.00. We exceeded our goal with an extra \$23.74. That would not have happened, if we did not have members willing to give up their time and effort to sell the tickets.

Keep in mind, we will have another chance to raise some money this fall, when Belk's will have a Fall Charity Day Sale. Save some time on your calendar to sale tickets.



Three Eagle Scouts Honored

On Saturday, May 1, 2022 Commandant Robert Walker presented Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Awards to three Eagle Scouts of Troop 125 in Salem, SC.

The Good Citizenship Awards were presented to:

John Nicholas Vatis,
Thomas Anthony Andrews, and
Christian Ellis

During their Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the Salem Methodist Church.



Bill Thompson
Judge Advocate

Greetings from the Judge Advocate's "bench". The newly elected Officers will be sworn in May, 17, 2022 and this will be my last "opining" in the Tip of the Spear! I want to Thank You for the assistance, friendship, and support you have provided while I served as your Judge Advocate. I am confident you will continue that counsel with the new Officers.

The "Appeal" you supported concerning the mandate from the SC Department of the MCL has been received at National Headquarters and is being investigated. We shall persevere and clearly show all that Lewis G. Watkins Det. 1131 can not be intimidated. Also, as I post my final remarks, please do not forget the National Convention being held in Daytona Beach, August 15-19, 2022.

For your reading pleasure, on the National MCL website, mclnational.org under Convention are 27 proposed changes to the National Bylaws and/or Administrative Procedures. I know you will look forward to seeing the latest possible changes.

Remember, "WE THE PEOPLE", are the most powerful force on Earth today. May GOD continue to Bless America and may the United States Constitution reign forever!

Semper Fi, *Bill Thompson*

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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