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See pg 25 for more Officers.
For more information visit mcleaguesc.org.

February 13th

The Marine Corps Women's Reserve was established on this day, in February 1943. June 12th, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps. In 1950, the Women Reserves were mobilized for the Korean War and 2,787 women served proudly.

<https://www.womenmarines.org/wm-history>



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NOTE: Please submit items in jpeg or png.





Department Commandant

Helen Breen commandant@mcleaguesc.org

Happy New Year Department of South Carolina! This past year was a heck of a ride and I hope that 2024 brings us continued positive momentum! I don't know about you, but I am very excited to see what this year brings us! I think we put some things in place in 2023 that will start building some amazing progress in 2024!

It's been a few months since we have sent out a newsletter, there has been a lot of goings on! We have elected and installed a new a new National Staff, we have elected 3 new Trustees and appointed 4 new District Vice Commandants and a new Compliance Officer. These new officers are helping move our Department forward. Forward motion must happen for us to continue to grow as an organization!

With the kickoff to the new year, our Detachments are in the midst of elections and the installation of their new Officers for 2024-2025. One of the biggest challenges I hear each year is the struggle to find members willing to step up to fill the Officer Billets. Those billets can be scary, trust me, I know from experience! It is easy to form an opinion about what is required about a position based on what you see from the outside, but I encourage each of you to take a moment to ASK what the requirements are, so you have a TRUE understanding of the expectations of the office.

When I became a Detachment Officer, I never wanted to become a Detachment Commandant! I mistakenly thought I had to attend all the National events because that is what I saw our Detachment Commandant do. When I finally asked him what was truly required, he explained that all I had to attend are the four Quarterlies and the Department Convention. A big difference from what I saw him doing and a much more reasonable expectation that I could fit into my life (and honestly, my budget!).

We NEED members to step up to fill elected and appointed positions in our Detachments and the Department. Sadly, it is sometimes not a lack of membership, but a lack of those willing to LEAD a Detachment that causes that Detachment to fold. Some Detachments have the same officers in the same positions year after year simply because "no one else will take the job". If you want to see a Detachment die a slow, painful death, this is how it happens. We elect new officers so that there is new blood, new energy, new ideas, new vibrancy, new excitement. The same thought process is in place with "running the chairs" – the idea is that you learn a little more with each of the offices you hold so that by the time you become the Detachment Commandant, you have a good handle on the overall operations of the Detachment.

Yes, some Billets in the Detachment are more challenging than others, some take a little more time commitment than others. The Department Staff Officers are more than willing to assist any Detachment with training a new officer in learning the ropes of their office. The Paymaster role can be especially daunting for some, but our Department Paymaster has lots of information that can make that role much less intimidating.

We are all busy, we all lead crazy lives, we all have other commitments, we all have other obligations. Many of us have jobs, some of us have children, some have grandchildren, some take care of loved ones, some of us run businesses, but we are each a piece of the puzzle that is the Department of South Carolina. I encourage each of you to look at how YOUR piece is part of the big picture that is the success of our Department.

I am proud, as always, to serve as your Commandant. Thank you for allowing me to represent you!

Semper Fi,
Helen Breen

Dept. Sr. Vice Commandant

Jim Powell *usmc80@comcast.net*



Boy, does time fly, before you know it our Department Convention will be upon us. As we head towards that Convention there are a few things we should keep in mind. First is the Department Raffle. This is the main fund raiser for the Department and each Detachment gets to profit from it too. The Department depends on this fundraiser for the bulk of its revenue it. So, it is imperative that each Detachment do what it can to support this endeavor for the good of us all. If you can sell all the tickets you have and can sell more, please don't hesitate to reach out to me to get more.

Next, we have awards. It is never too early to think about awards. Everyone should understand that if they see members that are going above and beyond or doing stellar work for the Detachment, Department, or the League they should recommend these members to their chain of command for awards. Detachments should also be discussing who they can submit for Department Marine and Associate of the Year. Please don't wait until the last minute as it normally takes some time to get everything in order to submit the recommendation.

And finally, the Department needs members to step up and help fill vacant positions on the Department Staff. If you have the desire to lead or feel you can help in some way, please talk to a current staff member, and let them know what you are interested in doing. The Department will do whatever it can to accommodate your interests.

Hoping to see you at the next Quarterly Meeting in April.

Semper Fi,

Jim Powell



Jr. Vice Commandant

Frank Faulkner *jr_vice@mcleaguesc.org*

I hope everyone have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years. Each and every year, a special form (See Enclosure Four (4) on MCLNAT website) must be filled out by the individual member and signed by the Detachment Commandant and Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster, then mailed/emailed to the National Junior Vice Commandant. Recruiting Awards will be issued as follows:

- (a) A Citation will be given to those members who have recruited 5-24 members during the year.
- (b) A National Recruiters Medal-Bronze and a Distinguished Service Award Citation (signifying the accomplishment) will be presented to those members who recruited 25-49 members during the year.
- (c) A National Recruiters Medal-Silver and a Distinguished Service Award Citation (signifying the accomplishment) and a plaque will be presented to those members who recruited 50 plus members during the year.
- (d) The top Recruiter of the Year, the one individual member that has recruited the most members through his/her individual efforts will be presented the National Recruiters Medal-Gold (appropriately engraved), and a plaque in the shape of the United States with his/her name engraved thereon and the Distinguished Service Award Certificate (signifying the accomplishment).

Please send forms to tmorgan@mcleague.org and copy to jr_vice@mcleaguesc.org

Awards

National Recruiter Medal: Gold – Silver - Bronze Ribbon: Green, white and gold Awarded By: National Jr. Vice-Commandant Awarded to National Recruiter of the Year.

Department Recruiter Medal-Silver Medal-Silver Ribbon-Green, Gold, Green Awarded By: Department Commandant Awarded to Department Recruiter(s) of the Year

a. Department Recruiter Medal – Silver, Awarded to members of the Department having the highest number of new members, over five, recruited during the period 1 July – 31 June. The May report will be used, since the last Department convention was April and the Convention is June 22nd. The award is Recommended by Detachment Commandant. And approved and Awarded by Department Commandant.

b. All recommendations for Department level awards shall be submitted no less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Department Convention.

Detachment Recruiter Medal-Bronze Medal: Bronze Ribbon: Gold, Green, Gold Awarded By: Detachment Commandant Awarded to: Detachment Recruiter(s) of the Year Can be issued to all members recruiting 5 or more new members in a single year.

Dept. Judge Advocate

Claude Davis, III *judge_advocate@mcleaguesc.org*



It is that time of the year when Detachments start the election process for the coming year. National and Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures mandate that each Detachment must hold their annual elections between October 1 and May 15. Both National and Department have reporting requirements that must be followed. I have listed information below that will help your Detachment with the process. Installing Officer — The Officers below are the only officers that can install your Detachment: National Commandant, Elected National Officer, Past National Commandant, Department Commandant, Elected Department Officer, Past Department Commandant, Detachment Commandant, Past Detachment Commandant Note: If you are requesting the Department Commandant or an Elected Department Officer. Required reports: Report of Officer Installation — This form is available by going to the National Headquarters website, www.mclnational.org. Type in "forms" in the search box and then "click" on Officer Installation. This will bring up the Report of Officer Installation form. Type in all the appropriate information required. Then print the completed form for your files. Obtain the signature of the Installing Officer and the individual completing the form and mail or email the completed form to the Department Adjutant within 10 days of the installation.

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP as of February 2024

	PLM	PAID	TOTAL PD	UNPAID
REGULAR	696	223	919	49
ASSOCIATE	69	76	145	16
MULTI	12	0	12	0
TOTAL	777	299	1076	65

Voting strength 919



Dept. Paymaster

Jerry Holt jerryholt813@gmail.com

Paymasters: There is an easier, faster and cheaper way to submit dues transmittals. You should be using it.

A few months ago, Jim Breen replicated the system that many of the Departments have been using to submit dues and transmittals to National. Our Detachments are now able to use it to submit dues payments and transmittals. This system eliminates mailing delays and lost mail pieces by sending both the documents and payments electronically. Not only that – it's cheaper. If you mail a transmittal and a check, the first class postage is 66 cents. If you use the dreaded long-form transmittal, which consists of several wasted pages, it costs a minimum of \$1.06, plus the envelope. If you use this new system, it only cost 25 cents, regardless of how many pages or dues payments are involved.

Here's how to use it: 1) Go to the Department web site (www.mcleaguesc.org); 2) Click on the red bar "Online Dues Transmittal"; 3) After you have completed your transmittal form (typewritten, not handwritten, hopefully) enter your contact info, then use the drop-down boxes to select the number of renewals, new members, Associate renewals, etc. This will automatically calculate the amount due – including the \$5 fee which goes to the Department. 4) Below the drop-down boxes, click on the box "Choose File", that will upload your transmittal and other supporting documents (such as a New Member Application). 5) After you click on the "Continue Registration" you will be taken to the next page which allows you to select your method of payment.

Caution: if you select Credit or Debit card as your method of payment, your card will be charged an additional fee of about 3%. **Your best bet is to select ACH.** That will bring up boxes that allow you to enter your checking account number and the routing number. That transaction will add only a 25 cent fee to the amount of the dues payments. You'll see a confirmation of the total amount to be charged and the date the funds will be charged to your bank account. (*It may be a few days later before you actually see those charges reflected on your bank statement*). After reviewing the confirmation, you click the button to submit and you're done. You'll receive another confirmation and receipt indicating that the transaction has been submitted.

The Department paymaster receives these transactions instantly. I follow the same process to submit payments to National. Altogether, this process eliminates at least a week in delays in regular mail. You have hardcopy confirmation that your payment was submitted, and we all have a better audit trail.

We currently have four Detachments that have adopted this new process. You should try it.... I think you'll find that it's a much better process. If you have questions, or want assistance to walk thru the process, contact me. Jerry Holt, (973) 897-9251, or jerryholt813@gmail.com.

VSO Stipend for Honor Guard Funeral Services

In June 2022, South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster signed legislation (Act No. 225) entitled Veterans Service Organization Burial Honor Guard Support Fund, which provides a stipend to congressionally chartered veterans service organizations that provided an honor guard burial detail at the funeral of a qualifying South Carolina veteran. The minimum stipend is fifty dollars (\$50) per funeral detail, but may not exceed the per funeral cap established by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. (The current cap is \$100 per funeral).

To claim the stipend, you must download and submit a Request for Reimbursement to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs no later than the 15th of the month following the date the funeral was conducted. You can find the form on the SC Department of Veterans Affairs website, www.scdva.sc.gov. In the search box, type the word "documents" then look for "STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE. Veteran Service Organization (VSO) Burial Honor Guard Support fund."

Prior to submitting the first request for reimbursement, you'll need to obtain a State Vendor Number for the Honor Guard unit. A link to the instructions for this process is included in the form downloaded previously. As you go through that process, you may find it worthwhile to also sign up for direct deposit into the Honor Guard's bank account.

Once you've registered as a vendor and prepared your reimbursement request form, you should submit the form electronically to VSOHonors@scdva.sc.gov. (This is not the address that is indicated on the form, but it is the one that will ensure that the form reaches someone who will take action on it).

If you have an issue, the best point of contact at the Department of Veterans Affairs is

Timothy R. Frambes; Director, Veteran Services;
South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs
1800 St. Julian Place, Suite 305 Columbia, SC 29204
tim.frambes@scdva.sc.gov
TEL: 803-734-4065

If you would like to contact an Honor Guard member who has been through this process, you may contact Jerry Holt, American Legion Post 34 Honor Guard, at jerryholt813@gmail.com, or phone (973) 897-9251.

USMC HISTORY

Marines in Korea

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| 10 Feb 1951 | The 24th Division recaptures Inchon and Kimpo Airfield. |
| 12 Feb 1951 | The 1st Marine Division move into Chungju, part of Operation Killer. |
| 24 Feb 1951 | With the commanding general of the IX Corps dies, Major Gen. Smith moves up .
Brigadier General Chesty Puller temporary commands the 1st Division. |

* information from the USMC Complete History, page 451

Dept. Adjutant

Deborah Stone adjutant@mcleaguesc.org



TACOM webinar

Army Ceremonial Rifle Program and Static Displays Customer Interactive Web Session. Please feel free to share the link with anyone you feel should attend.

Please join the Army Donations Program Office on 21 February 2024 at 1pm EST we will have a question-and-answer session for customers to ask questions about the program and learn how to use the new online certification system. We look forward to your attendance.

Copy this to get on:

https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/l/meetup-join/19%3adod%3ameeting_fc03a73b4fd44ffea448e9298d25d974%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fae6d70f-954b-4811-92b6-0530d6f84c43%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2215bc9c8e-ec2f-4f4b-aed7-896f68a2b0b7%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3a%22true%22%7d

For questions email: Jamie @ Jaime.t.albers.civ@army.mil

If you can't make it or get on, email me and I will send you an email with the code. There will also be recorded, so we can get on that.

I will be attending so that if anyone has questions, I should be able to answer them.

To Adjutants:

Report of Officer Installation

The ROI is on the National website. The newest edition is July 2023. Please make sure that you are using this edition.

They are due within 7 days of the installation. The Installing Officer must sign.

Please send to my new email address: adjutant@mcleaguesc.org.

Please DO NOT SEND these to National.

If you have any questions, please email me or call me 864-884-6856.

Thank you for all you do!

Deborah Stone

Chaplain's Corner

Kevan Waiters b2b.klwaiters@gmail.com

Prayers for:

Tracey Talley—motorcycle accident, Det 1432

Mildred Davis—fell, concussion and fractures Det 1134

Notice of Death

Marion Croft February 3, 2024 Det 1227

James Watkins January 17, 2023 Det 410

Remember to send the NOD to your Paymaster as well!. They need to send in the NOD with a transmittal to National.

From the Paymaster

Eagle Scout Challenge Coins



Unique award to present at an
Honor Court Ceremony

*Presentation script provided which describes history
and tradition of challenge coins.*

Coins are \$6.50 / each, plus actual shipping costs.

Checks payable to MCL—Dept of SC

To order, contact Jerry Holt, Dept Paymaster.

jerryholt813@gmail.com



Do you have your League License Plate?

You can order yours through your local DMV,
or order online.

(Go to scdmvonline.com/forms-and-manuals) Scroll
down to License Plate Forms, then select MV-37.

Page 2 of this form allows you to select the
Marine Corps League license plate.

You must present a Marine Corps League membership card to
apply for this license plate. The fee for this plate is \$30 every
two years in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee.



SC Pack Leader

Helen Breen *commandant@mcleaguesc.org*

Pack Leader Barkings



WOOF WOOF Dogs of the SC Pack! Remember, don't eat Valentine's Chocolate – it's not good for us Dogs!

It was great seeing many of you at the Pack Growl a couple of weeks ago, but I want to see MORE of you at our Pack Growls!!!! Let's PACK the DOG HOUSE in April! Remember, the more Dogs we have at our Growls, the more BIG BONES we raise!!!

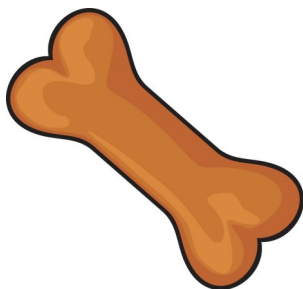
There has been a lot of goings on at the Kennel level and I have been passing that information down to the Pound Keepers and the Dog Robbers, be sure to bark at them to ensure you are getting the latest scratchings! The latest update on the Ritual has been posted, so if you haven't seen it, make sure to head over and download it – there is a BIG change to the opening of the Growl!!

Did you know we have a Facebook Doghouse with information about the Pack? The link is www.facebook.com/groups/scpack/ - head on over and get the hottest Scratchings from the Kennel and the Pack! You will often see postings from our Kennel Smart Dog Mike Francis and others across the Kennel.

The Pack Barking Dog is working on an updated Pack Website for us, more updates to come! It's looking pretty awesome and will have some pretty neat features that will come in pretty handy for everyone!

A reminder to all Dogs – if you have any updates to your information – address / email / telephone, etc. you need to update it on the MCL side AND on the MODD side, so please be sure to let your Dog Robber know so they can update the Kennel. Remember, while the MODD is part of the MCL, they are two separate organization and do not “talk” to one another, so you have to update both.

We need to work on more fundraising efforts – we are the FUN and HONOR Society of the Marine Corps League, but we also have a big focus on fundraising, both for Children's Hospitals and Operation Chow Hound. A large chunk of the bones that are collected at our Growls are donated to the Childrens Hospitals funds. Dog Food is collected at each of our Growls to be donated to a Shelter for Operation Chow Hound. We NEED all our Pounds to support these efforts. I am a wee bit competitive and would love to give the Missouri Pack a run for their money in the fundraising realm – they've been the top fundraising Pack for the last few years, it'd be great to at least make it a little challenging for them!



Speaking of fundraising, I want to give a shout out to Tideland River Dogs Pound #246 for their success with their recent Gun Safe Raffle – they ended raising just over \$900 for the Children's Hospital! This is the first big fundraiser they've done and it was a big success!! WOOF WOOF!!!

Finally, I will be making my way around the Pack visiting the various Pounds to see how you do what you do and meeting more of our Pack members, we have approximately 180 members in our Pack and I've probably met only about 50 of you! I want to remedy that! I look forward to seeing you all in the coming months!

WOOF WOOF!
PDD Helen Breen, 18-305
Worthy Pack Leader
South Carolina Pack

DID SOMEONE SAY A
GATHERING OF THE DOGS??
DETAILS COMING SOON!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
OCTOBER 10 - 13, 2024
CHARLESTON, SC

DETACHMENT ROLL CALL

DETACHMENT #803 Low Country

We had a great time at the hockey game last night!! Thanks to Clint Bittock and his wife, Elizabeth Baker, Bo, and her kids, Gary Dobson & Dorothy, Commandant Kevin & Stretch for joining Jim and I at the game! We signed up at least FIVE new members with at least one more I have to follow up with!



Commandant Breen at the 4th Battalion Retirement Ceremony.



DETACHMENT #939 James L. Hammons



The first 3 pictures are the Birthday Ball. Commandant Robert Neal presents the guest speaker with a gift.

Above is the warehouse ready for toy-pickup. Middle left a toy drive.

Left is Past Commandant Claude Davis



DETACHMENT #1141 Speedy Wilson





DETACHMENT #1105 Owens Kennmore

Proud to present a check to
The Marine Reserve Unit in Greenville
SC. The \$2,000 was given by The Flat
in Greenville and was collected by
them at their toy drive events.



Happy 20th Anniversary



February 9th the detachment attended graduation aboard **Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.** We also celebrate the 20 year anniversary of the yellow Footprints Detachment charter.



Young Marines

James Roberts trainingyoungmarines@ymail.com



Upstate Young Marines have been very busy with our adopted the road project, we have 11 new Young Marines recruits for class 2024. One our YMs receive an award for his essay during the Voice of Democracy contest.



DEPARTMENT CONVENTION



Marine Corps League Advertisement Form 2024 Department of South Carolina Convention June 13 – 16, 2024 Columbia, South Carolina

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**Harold E. "Speedy" Wilson Detachment 1141
(ATTN: Department of South Carolina Convention Program Book)
209 Clubhouse Drive
West Columbia, SC 29172-2584**

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For _____ ad in the Department of SC MCL Convention Program Book

(The Marine Corps League is a not-for-profit organization within the provisions of the Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c) (4), with a special group exemption letter which allows for contributions to the Marine Corps League, its Auxiliary and subsidiary units, to be tax deductible by the donor. A copy of this receipt for your tax-deductible donation may be kept for your records.)

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



For your free ticket visit:

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VETERAN AFFAIRS

The Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program (SSG Fox SPGP) is preparing to enter its third year. VA published the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the SSG Fox SPGP on January 26, 2024. The NOFO can be viewed at the Federal Register and at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). The NOFO provides information about the program, eligibility, and the award process.

Existing SSG Fox SPGP grantees must submit an application for grant renewal. Eligible organizations with a concept to help prevent Veteran suicide may apply as new applicants.

The SSG Fox SPGP, part of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act, is a community-based grant program that gives financial assistance to eligible entities to provide or coordinate the provision of suicide prevention services for certain Veterans and their families. The SSG Fox SPGP advances VA's mission of using a public health model that combines partnerships with the community to implement tailored, local suicide prevention plans while also focusing on evidence-based clinical strategies for intervention.

In 2023, the SSG Fox SPGP awarded \$52.5 million to 80 awardees in all 43 states, Washington, D.C., Guam, and American Samoa. In FY24, \$52.5 million will be available for SSG Fox SPGP grants for FY25 services.

The SSG Fox SPGP NOFO has two funding priorities. Under Priority 1, VA provides opportunity for funding to those entities with existing SSG Fox SPGP awards. Those entities may apply for an amount equal to or less than its current award. Under Priority 2, new organizations can apply for grants worth up to \$750,000. Following the selection of existing grantee applicants (Priority 1), should any funds remain, new applicants will be scored, ranked, and awarded according to NOFO Priority 2.

SSG Fox SPGP applications are due on April 26, 2024. In advance of this deadline, VA will provide a recorded webinar and host a subsequent live webinar to address questions for both renewing and new applicants. For more information on the grant program and application process, visit MentalHealth.VA.gov/ssgfox-grants.

Bronwyn Emmet/Director/Veterans Affairs

AROUND THE SOUTHEAST DIV.

Southeast Division Marine and Associate of the Year 2024

REMINDER! Due by February 28th!

The newly revised Awards section of the Division SOP, approved by the SEDIV Marine of the Year Society at the 2023 Conference is now available. (note from the Dept Commandant, this info can be found on the Department website - mcleaguesc.org/forms - look for SE Div Awards Procedures and SE Div Awards Recommendation Form) This revision provides details for the nomination and selection process for the Southeast Division MOY and AMOY awards.

A Detachment may submit no more than one nomination for each of MOY and AMOY awards. Each nomination must be based on performance and contributions for the prior three (3) calendar years.

Nominations must be submitted electronically by email no later than midnight 28 February 2024 to Assistant National Vice Commandant Ronnie Broussard at MCL-Acadiana@outlook.com. Receipt will be confirmed by return email.

Forwarding from Bob Borka @ National:

I tend to be very conservative when it comes to putting out fundraising information from other organizations. However, I would be remiss if I did not forward this to the team. The National Marine Corps Council has received a briefing (in person) from the people trying build "The Tun" about 250 feet away from the original location of Tun Tavern. The Tun Tavern Legacy Foundation (EIN: 86-2185994) is a 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to construct, own, and operate the 16th century colonial Philadelphia mariner's tavern, and to donate all profits to charitable and veteran organizations.



Visit thetun.org for more info or to donate

SOUTHEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE

The 2024 Southeast Division Conference will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton Chattanooga Downtown.

Start Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024
End Date: Sunday, March 17, 2024

Double Tree by Hilton Chattanooga Downtown, 407 Chestnut Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402.

NOTE: There is a daily parking fee of \$5.00 (discounted from \$20.00) for those driving to the conference. It will be added to your bill at checkout.

Room rate is \$124/night plus tax.

Reservation name is MARINE!

Rate will be honored 2 days before and 2 days after conference dates.

No complimentary breakfast.

Starbucks is in lobby and Full Service Restaurant is on the 2nd floor.
Visit sediv.org for registration

Marine Corps League Ad Form 2024 Southeast Division Conference

March 14-17, 2024 Chattanooga, TN 37402

Advertiser's Name: _____

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Marine Corps League SgtMaj Ernest Seagle Det. 518

ATTN: SE Division Conference 2024

3712 Ringgold Road #137 Chattanooga, TN 37412

AROUND THE USMC

Deactivation Ceremony of 4th Battalion MCRD, Parris Island

Marines and guests gathered at the All Weather Training Facility for the deactivation ceremony of Fourth Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, on Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., June 15, 2023. The deactivation of the unit will standardize recruit training for men and women and will allow the Marine Corps to reorganize its recruit training personnel structure to facilitating a closer organizational structure



2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Monday, 8/12– Friday 8/16

HOTEL RESERVATION PHONE: (888) 627-7086

You may book two (2) rooms with your name. 30 days prior to the convention, you must provide the hotel with the second name. **CUTOFF FOR RESERVATIONS IS JULY 8, 2024.** Reservations after that will be at the prevailing rate on space available.

RESERVATION CODE: “MCL” or “Marine Corps League”

Dates: Monday August 12, 2024 to Friday, August 16, 2024

Rates are **\$159 single** (one person in room) & include breakfast Monday through Saturday for one (1) and are inclusive of taxes, resort fee, and parking.

Rates are **\$169 double** (two persons in room) & include breakfast Monday through Saturday for two (2) and are inclusive of taxes, resort fee, and parking.



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DATES TO REMEMBER



Feb. 22-24, 2024

**National Mid-Winter Conference
Sheraton Pentagon City
900S Orme Street 22204
Arlington, VA
\$129/ + tax a night**

Mar 14-17 2024

**Southeast Division 77th Conference
Doubletree by Hilton, Chattanooga Downtown
407 Chestnut Street
Chattanooga TN
\$124/ + tax night
Visit sediv.org to register or buy an ad**

April 2024

**Quarterly Meeting @ 1000
American Legion Post #6
200 Pickens ST
Columbia SC 29205
Coffee & Donuts available at 900**

June 2024

**Department Convention June 13-16
Embassy Suites by Hilton
200 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia SC 29210
\$112/night + tax
Visit mcleaguesc for registration. You will need your profile # from your paymaster.**

August 12-16 2024

**National MCL Convention
Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort and Spa
71333 Dinah Shore Drive
Rancho Mirage, CA
\$169/night + tax and resort fees**

December 14 2024

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