

"Once a Marine, Always a Marine!"

15 Jan 2009

- * HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Marines, 2009 promises to be a year of growth for our detachment. The upcoming State Convention that we are honored to host will bring a lot of attention our way, and with that, there will be many people looking to us for charitable support. We need members to stay active and decisively engaged!! If it's been a while since you've been to a meeting, come on out, grab a beer, chew the fat and tell some stories!!
- NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 20 January @ 1830 at <u>River Pointe Golf Course</u>, 801 River Pointe Dr. Albany, GA 31701. All members are encouraged to attend.
- PROGRAM ADS FOR 2009 STATE CONVENTION- Marines, we need to start beating the streets and selling ads for the program. This is a huge money maker for the Det, and will help to make this a memorable convention for our fellow Marines from across the state. Contact Tom Newton (newt1644@bellsouth.net) or any officer.
- DETACHMENT WEB SITE The direct link to the Albany Det. Website is http://home.mclalbanyga.org. Here you will find past meeting minutes, newsletters, photos, etc.
- WINIFORM ITEMS: The only required uniform item is the Marine Corps League Detachment cover with the large *enlisted* Eagle, Globe and Anchor for Regular members. Associate Members are authorized to wear the gold MCL cover insignia. All are available online at the MCL "Ships Store" http://www.mcleague.com/shipsstore or by calling 1-800-MCL-1775. Total cost: \$23.50. Blue Marine Corps Polo shirts are available at the Exchange.

**** Red Blazers – although not a required uniform item for regular monthly meetings, Red Blazers should be worn when attending the 2009 Convention that we are hosting.

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3 April 2009

- NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 21 April @ 1830 at <u>River Pointe Golf Course</u>, 801 River Pointe Dr. Albany, GA 31701. All members are encouraged to attend. Elections will be held.
- STASH-THE-TRASH DAY, Saturday April 17th. With the recent rain, you can bet the River Walk will need some attention, too!
- NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS During the March meeting, nominations for officers were solicited. We will open the floor at the beginning of this months meeting for any additional nominations, and then will hold the election. AT THIS TIME, NOMINATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL NOMINEES WILL BE CONTACTED BY THE COMMANDANT PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING Any REGULAR Member in good standing is eligible to become an officer of the League. The process is included again this month and is as follows:
 - The floor will open for nominations. Any Member can nominate another Member, but not his/herself. The nomination must then be seconded by another Member. After which, the Commandant will ask the nominee "if elected, will you serve?" If the answer is affirmative, the nomination will be placed on the ballot.
 - Upon completion of the nomination process, the Membership will then conduct an election by secret ballot. All nominations will be considered, and the results will be determined by a simple majority of members present.
 - The elected positions that will be voted upon are Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate. The positions of Adjutant, Sgt at Arms, Paymaster, and Chaplain are APPOINTED POSITIONS, selected by the newly elected/reelected Commandant.
 - ALL VOTES MUST BE CAST IN PERSON.
- CURRENT NOMINATIONS The following Marines were nominated to the positions listed below. Each nomination was seconded by a regular member in good standing, and all have agreed to serve if elected:
 - For Commandant Rob McCarty
 - For Senior Vice Tom Newton
 - ♣ For Junior Vice Ron Kirstatter
 - For Judge Advocate J.J. Kraus



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- CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Registration forms can be found on the website. EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS 15 APRIL. All members are encouraged to attend. Total cost is \$40. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!
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- CONVENTION UNIFORM Marines, the uniform required for the convention is again, nothing more then your cover. Khakis and blue polo shirt are encouraged, but not are mandatory. While a shirt MUST be worn, we don't care what color it is as long as we can see you there!! Formal uniform (Red Blazer) is not required for the banquest, but again, is highly encouraged.
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11 July 2009

- NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 21 July @ 1830 at <u>River Pointe Golf Course</u>, 801 River Pointe Dr. Albany, GA 31701. All members are encouraged to attend.
- Returning Marines We have two Civilian Marines returning from Iraq: Bryan Finley will be returning 14 July arriving at the Albany Airport at 1734. Kenneth Henderson will be returning 23 July arriving at the Albany Airport 1734. Tom Newton will be there starting 1700.
- **Departing Marines** Marine Newton will be at the Albany Airport on Monday June 22nd at 0830 to wish two civilian Marines well on their trip to Iraq in support of the Marine War fighters.
- **Blood Drive** The Detachment will be partnering with the VFW at their location hosting the Blood Drive that is being organized by the granddaughter of Hal Golden. She needs to have at least 35pints of blood donated to receive the college credit she is working toward with this volunteer event. The event will be held on Saturday July 25th starting at 1000.
- New Member Please welcome new members Marine George E. Palaima & Marine Ronald Johns.
- National Convention Paymaster Bob Adams has applications for the National Convention in Minnesota on August $1^{st} 8^{th}$ if anyone is interested.

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