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From the Commandant

To kick off our inaugural issue of "The Dispatch" I would like to start by saying everyone please have a safe and happy Fourth of July!

With that said I would like to talk about the growth of the detachment over the last six months. Our membership is staying steady at around 70 members. That's GOOD. We are staying steady because we are getting new members to replace our members who have not renewed their membership. That's BAD. Please get vocal with me and your elected officers if we are not doing or trying something that would interest you in attending a meeting. Don't get me wrong, we have several members who renew every year who have not attended any or only one meeting. These members stated that up front and I'm OK with that. They know that we will use their dues to support worthwhile projects. I'm talking about the folks who saw something after being a guest, joined up, attended a few meetings and then quit coming.

There are many reasons to join the detachment; Commodarie, Community projects, Marines Helping Marines, and so on. Let me tell you why I'm a member of this detachment. I was invited and attended two meetings as a guest. At those meetings the Riverwalk cleanup

was just getting off the ground and I wanted to be a part of that. Once I joined I saw that there were other things that we could be doing but we were still getting a handle on conducting a meeting and requesting input from the membership as to where they would like to go and what they would like to do. I wanted to support the community that I have lived in for almost 30 years and, due to my work schedule, was unable to get involved during that time. As the detachment matured other projects started to immerge; hosting the State Convention, getting the word out about the Battle Color Ceremony, helping a wounded Marine in Fitzgerald, GA get to a VA hospital for assistance and many more. I think this is a worthy organization to belong to. I'm not a member of the American Legion or other civic organizations. I want to help my fellow Marines and our Community through the Marine Corps League.

For what it's worth I have taken that a little farther and initiated some of the projects that were being discussed that I thought would bring more members to a meeting. What I seem to have done is fired up those who attend regularly to step up to provide even more support.

We are resurrecting the Phone Tree so many of you will be getting a call from one of your fellow members to, first of all, see how you are, is everything OK?

Second, to remind you that a meeting is coming up and we would like to have you attend, if you can. Third, ask what you would like to see or hear at a detachment meeting.

I have had the opportunity to put a face to many names that I had heard of while working aboard the base. I have met many Marines that I didn't know "from a can of paint." That's what keeps me coming to the meetings. I just hope we can make a spark in those who thought they saw something but lost it.

The Dispatch is one of those ways we as an organization are going to try to reach out to those of you who thought they saw something they wanted to be a part of. Again, this will be at your own pace.

OK, I've run on here for quite a bit of space. I know Bobbie has a lot of info she has collected that she wants to pass on so I'll close for now. Thanks for letting me be a part of an organization that has a lot of possibilities to support our fellow Marines and our community. You are a GREAT group of Marines and Associate members and I enjoy working with each of you.
Semper Fi,
Tom

Chaplain's Corner

"The lions may roar and growl, yet the teeth of the great lions are broken." Job 4:10
In the advertising business it is often said that "perception is reality for the person who views the advertising message." It does not matter whether the audience believes the message to be true, only that they perceive it to be true. Their actions will be the

same, whether they believe it or only perceive it. The enemy of our souls is very good at this game. He may bring on us what we perceive to be true when it is a lie. It may appear that there is no way around a situation. He may bring great fear on us. When we buy into his lie, we believe only what we have chosen to perceive to be true. It usually has no basis of truth. Such was the case when Peter looked on the waters during a night boat journey with the other disciples

At first glance, he and the disciples screamed with fear, thinking that what they saw was a ghost. It was actually Jesus.

Satan's name means "accuser." He travels to and fro to accuse the brethren. He brings an impressive front to all he does, yet behind that front is a weak, toothless lion with a destination that has already been prepared in the great abyss. He knows his destination, but he wants to bring as many with him as possible, so he often has a big roar, but little bite.

The next time some event comes into your life that creates fear and trembling, first determine the source. Look past the emotions and evaluate the situation in light of God's Word. Perception is not always reality.
Chaplain Ernie

Remember to contact Chaplain Ernie Elmore to report sickness, injury or spiritual needs. He can be reached at 229-435-2283 or ernieelmore@att.net

Paymaster's Report

Status of Funds 16 June 2010

Beginning Balance: 5/16/10
\$444.86
Total Credits: \$341.37
Total Debits: \$150.00
Ending Balance: \$636.23

Upcoming Events

July 2 - Base event
July 6 - Staff Meeting
July 20 - Detachment Muster

Every Wednesday 0900 breakfast
at Roosters - all hands

Muster Minutes

Meeting Minutes of 15 June 2010
Meeting was called to order at 1835 by Commandant Newton.

Roll call of officers was taken.
Present were: Commandant Newton, Sr. Vice Commandant Kirstatter, Sgt at Arms Fisk, Paymaster Adams, and Chaplain Elmore.

14 members were present.
There were no new membership applications. No visitors/guests attended the meeting.

Correspondence:

Letter from National Sr. Vice Commandant regarding Delinquent Members.

Old Business:

1. Adjutant's Report: none
2. May minutes posted; accepted: Marine Aldrich/Marine Adams
3. Paymaster's Report read and accepted (Marine Elmore/Marine Askey)
4. Chaplain's Report

Marine JoAnn Krauss is doing better but still has migraines. Card has been sent. Jon Brandon, son of Marine Veteran Virgil Brandon passed away last week. Card has been sent..

5. Report of the Officers:

a. Commandant: Marine Newton reported we have 14 delinquent members, 5 have transferred or moved. Nine others need to receive calls and asked why they are not coming. Commandant said that members need to contact Marines they sponsored into membership. Bob Adams volunteered that he would set up a phone tree and assign each officer a list to phone on a regular basis.

- b. Sr. Vice: Pass until Old Business
c. Jr. Vice: Absent
d. Judge Advocate: Marine Krause discussed the detachment using National By-Laws for the Detachment or creating our own.

Staff Officers to bring recommendation to membership at next muster.

e. Adjutant: absent

f. Sgt at Arms: no report

g. PIO: Marine B. Elmore revealed that the name of our new newsletter would be *The DesJardines Dispatch*, decided by membership vote. Generically it will be referred to as "*The Dispatch*." Articles must be received by the last day of the month. The newsletter should be in the mail to the membership by the last day of the first week of each new month. For the first two months each member and some special recipients such as the Base Commander and Base SgtMaj will be receiving copies. After that members can opt out and simply receive the newsletter via our Website. The PIO asked for members to help support the newsletter by sending in items of interest to our membership, including such things as personal "war stories", personal data (i.e. members on sick list, weddings etc.), detachment photos, and articles by Committee Chairs.

h. Eagle Scout Rep. Marine Gillan stated that his goal is to coordinate with the local Chehaw Council. We want to be faithful to giving recognition to local Courts of Honor for our Eagle Scouts.

i. Det. Marines Helping Marines: no report.

6. Standing Committee Report.

a. River Walk Committee: We had 4 turn out for the Thursday Clean Up, however there was a no-show on Saturday. We were reminded that the 1st Saturday in June each year is the National Trails Day and we want to be involved with that clean-up. We hope to gather for

another clean-up in August. Details TBA.

7. Special Committee Report

a. Dual flag Stand: A Certificate of appreciation is to be given to Kenny Wade for making our Flag Stand and donating it to the Detachment. A photo of all present standing in front of the Flag Stand was taken to give to him and for the record.

b. Status of Shadow Box: not yet ready.

c. MCLB 4th of July Celebration: Sr. Vice Kirstatter is chairing this event which will take place on the Base on July 2nd. We will be under a tent in our usual place and will have a jersey to raffle. Several have signed up to man the booth.

d. Faith Community Outreach: Project on hold due to paper work involved. Marine Newton said he will give them two weeks to give a report back to us to see if they want to move forward.

e. Yard Sale: Sr. Vice Kirstatter reported that we made \$405.25 at our 4 hour yard sale. He felt it was very worthwhile and recommended that we repeat it in cooler weather.

8. Sponsor Hole for Birthday Ball Tournament was discussed. A vote was taken and passed that we will sponsor a hole for \$100-\$150, whichever they are asking for. Two dissented. Ken Berggren made the motion and Bob Adams seconded it.

New Business:

1.. Marine Berggren recommended that we invite Debbie Blatton, of the Agency on Aging, to come and speak to us in August regarding a Memorial Day participation idea. Basically it would involve cutting crosses, each with a deceased veterans name on it, placed along a major road for Memorial Day weekend. The expense would be borne by the deceased family. Marine Aldrich mentioned that we are involved in a very good 9/11 Project with the 1000 Flags and it does a lot of good for a lot of People and organizations. He questioned if we would be spreading ourselves too thin with a related project. It was decided that we would invite Ms. Blatton to speak

in August and make a decision at that time.

2. Chaplain Ernie Elmore discussed the wisdom of continuing the Fallen Marine Program as we are currently applying it in consideration of the expense involved and the large number of local Marines passing away. We currently have 7 Fallen Marines whose families we still haven't visited from June. It was decided to bring this up for further discussion at the upcoming Staff Meeting.

3. Marine Aldrich made a report of his participation of replacing American Flags on businesses whose flags are tattered. He and Marine Elmore have replaced 10 flags since last Muster. He said that he gives the tattered flags to American Legion Post 30 who, along with Boy Scouts, properly burn the old flags. He also presented a letter from Mrs. Mary DesJardines who felt that this program would have been something that her husband would have approved of and she enclosed \$25 toward the program. A letter of appreciation will be sent to her by the Adjutant.

4. Marines Newton and E. Elmore visited "Under the Moon Graphics" to see if they could handle our embroidery needs. They are able to provide polo shirts for us and the template is already made as the Sgt at Arms had a MCL shirt made. Marine Adams asked that we talk to the head of the PX to see if they can get us the royal blue polo shirts for us. If they can we will be taking orders for shirts to "Under the Moon" for a trial run.

5. Good of the League: Commandant Newton reminded us of the upcoming National Convention in Greensboro, August 8-14. He expects the 2011 Convention to be held in Boise, ID and the 2012 Convention to possibly be held in Mobile, AL.

6. Sgt at Arms drew Andrea Gillan's name as the 50/50 drawing winner.

The next regular Muster will be held on 20 July 2010.

The meeting was closed by Commandant Newton at 2050.

Good Of The League

The American Flag should be displayed on all days.

Short Rounds

Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced that he recommended General James F. Amos, an Iraq war veteran with an aviation background, to succeed General James Conway as Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps when Conway retires later this year. A Defense Department statement said Gates recommended that President Barack Obama nominate Amos for the top Marine post, as well as Lt.Gen Joseph F. Dunford to succeed Amos as Deputy Commandant. If confirmed, Amos would be the first aviator to head the Marine Corps.

Sea Stories

Our first Sea Story comes from Marine Nick Retza regarding an incident that happened while serving in Korea with SERCO, 1st ENGR BN.

"After the Incheon-Seoul, Chosin and operations through the spring of 1951 and after the division moved into North Korea again, my company moved into a valley near Inje (N.Korea). Captain Hunter (EXO Service Company, 1st EngrBn) and I were assigned as Company Defense Officer and Defense NCO. With some company members we set up outposts, machine gun positions on ridge lines, trip flares etc. in defense of the company bivouac.

An event happened in the Inje sector that I recall very well. After rounding up the company of Marines for outpost duty that night I started up a hill where we had dug in listening posts on a ridge line with booby traps, fields of fire, etc to post the night watch and relieve the day watch. As we started out I noticed one of the new replacements that joined us had something under his jacket that was moving. I asked what he had in his jacket and he pulled out a little puppy. I told him to get rid of the dog and get his butt right back so that I could post the night watch. I was dropping off Marines at our various positions when at one I was hooking up a trip wire across a trail to a "Bouncing Betty" booby trap. (these devices, when tripped, pop a grenade three feet up and they explode.) I had just tied up the trip wire to the device and was about to arm it when the wire bounced in my hand. I think that was the most I was shook during my time in Korea. A second later and the grenade would have jumped and my head would be gone.

When I looked around it was the puppy that ran loose and tripped the wire. I pulled my pistol, cocked it and told the replacement Marine he was a dead b----- . Some of the Marines with us grabbed me to cool me off. I told the replacement "if I ever see that dog again, I will shoot you both." I never saw the dog again and I do not recall seeing the Marine either!!

COMMENT: Send in your Sea Story. We want to hear from you. Don't make me send Retza after you. Ed.

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll still get run over if you just sit there."

Will Rogers

This Month in Marine History

4 July 1801: President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows.

6 July 1990: One of the oldest and most versatile attack aircraft in Marine Corps history, the A-4 Skyhawk, retired from the Corps' active aviation structure after over 30 years of service.

7 July 1941: The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW) was activated at Quantico, VA. Within a year it would participate in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal.

11 July 1798: President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps" and it became law. The next day the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps.

14 July 1993: The USS Iwo Jima was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. It was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

18 July 1918: The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

24 July 1944: The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands.

26 July 1947: The National Security Act of 1947 became effective reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy.

28 July 1918: Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2nd Division, U.S. Army in France and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized.

He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany.

Rethinking Amphibious Assaults

During an amphibious assault exercise at Camp Pendleton, Marines appear rusty. They haven't made such a landing since the Korean War - and some leaders wonder whether they will ever do it again.

On a stretch of clean, white California beach, thousands of young Marines this month charged forward from the sea, leaping from helicopters and landing craft, echoing the exercises conducted decades before when Marines trained for Iwo Jima and Inchon. It was the largest and most complex amphibious exercise since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. It also could be one of the last.

In a speech last month, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said rogue nations and nonstate movements such as Hezbollah now possessed sophisticated guided missiles that could destroy naval ships, forcing them to stay

well away from shore and making any sort of beach landing by Marines extremely dangerous.

Andrew Krepinevich, president of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments said, "Where are we going to use this? Can the effect justify the rather high cost we are paying for this?"

Many officers concede that Gates has a point. The development of defensive technology means the Marines must rethink how they come ashore and avoid fortified beaches or landing zones.

But many Marines believe the ability to conduct amphibious landings is what makes them different. Take away their unique characteristic, and you take away the Marine's reason for being.

"There is a paranoia bred into every Marine, that the Marine Corps will be made to look like the Army, and then in lean times something will get cut - the "extra Army" said Emerson "Emo" Gardner, a retired LtGen who served as a close advisor to Gates.

Given the unwavering support for the Marines in Congress, there is little chance the service would be eliminated. Nonetheless, when Gates observed last month that the Army was becoming more like the Marines, and the Marines more like the Army, the Corps began to worry.

Even if such amphibious landings are eliminated, the Marines still have a different approach to warfare. In

counter-insurgency campaigns, for example, Marines often try to degrade militant groups while the Army focuses on protecting the civilian population.

"Our nation has the right to expect us to go in any clime, any place and do anything," Lt.Gen Joseph Dunford, Commander of the 1st MEF said. "We are not a one-trick pony."

Condensed from the LA Times

S.O.S Recipe

You will need:

1 lb of ground beef

1 T of Worcestershire sauce

2 beef bouillon cubes (dissolved in 1 C of water

1 1/2 C of flour

2-3 C milk

1 C chopped onion

garlic

black pepper

Brown the ground beef and chopped onion; then drain well AWAY from the heat. Gradually add flour until the beef pieces resemble peas. Add the bouillon mixture and mix slowly and stir as you do so. Return mixture to medium heat. Add the Worcestershire sauce. Stir until the mixture thickens and it boils. Add black pepper and garlic to taste. When you remove from heat, it will thicken some more. Serve over burnt toast and you'll feel like you're back in the Corps!!



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From the Commandant

We have made it to August and school is about to start. Please be mindful of the school zones as our children and grandchildren will be making their way to their new classrooms.

At July Muster I brought the attendees up to speed on the pavilion for the Faith Community Outreach Program. I anticipate us finally breaking ground sometime in September.

My thanks to MGySgt Randolph Scott, of the Young Marines on Base, for talking to us this month. In his 30 minute presentation he brought us up to date on what the Young Marines have been up to and where we might best be able to assist them. For those who have been wanting to get more involved with the Young Marines, we now have two phone numbers and points of contact. We now know they meet every Saturday at the base. If this has been one of those projects you wished you knew more about and want to participate in, now is the time. Our detachment will be donating \$160 to help with costs for transporting Young Marines

to and from their training sessions. My thanks to Marines Richard Chaffin, Nick Nicholson, and Kelly Fisk for donating an additional \$40 to make our contribution an even \$200. I will keep MGySgt Scott and MSgt Lowman apprised of our projects so that they can assist when they can. I would also like for us to consider some joint fund raising opportunities. Let's work together to keep this connection going.

Finally, by the time you receive this newsletter, Ernie Elmore, Ron and Sheila Kirstatter, and I will be attending the National Convention in Greensboro, NC. I would also encourage you to join Ernie, Ron and I at the Department Staff meeting in Marietta, Georgia on August 28th. This is a GREAT opportunity for you to see what is going on in other detachments first hand and meet members from all over the State. The Atlanta Braves are hosting a Marine Corps League night for their game against the Marlins to be played August 28th at 1600. The last day to get tickets is August 14th. I still have flyers available with ordering info from the July muster.

Also, it has come to my attention that a home in Vienna, GA, has 30

grave markers being used as paving stones (3) in the lawn and part of a cinderblock (27) sea wall. The home was being looked at by retired 1st Sgt Doug Hamblen as a possible purchase. Out of curiosity, he flipped one of the stones (Markers) over and it was in fact a **military headstone** engraved with "Unknown US Soldier". The Markers appear to be in tact and unbroken. This particular Marker was undated.

1st Sgt Hamblen has contacted the realtor and she was upset as well and found more information. It seems a previous owner, who worked at **Andersonville**, had obtained the Markers as they had been "replaced." It has been discovered that some of the Markers have names on them. He is contacting Andersonville to see what their representatives have to say.

I will attempt to contact the Georgia Department of Veterans Affairs to see if Georgia has a policy in place regarding "replaced Markers." The DVA in Washington says the gravestones are always government property and that they **"cannot be used for any purpose other than to mark the grave of a veteran."** Like an American Flag, the weighty memorials must have an honorable destruction, ensuring that none of them can be seen in the wrong light, not from the sky or from a backyard.

The Andersonville Cemetery, Prison, and POW Museum are under the control of the National Park Service. I have received a call from the Andersonville Cemetery Superintendent, Brad Bennett. He was able to contact the realtor for the homeowner's information and the current home owner has agreed to have the Markers disposed of properly. Mr. Bennett has contacted his maintenance department and they are going to retrieve the Markers and they, along with several others stored there at Andersonville, will be disposed of properly. I asked if our detachment could be of any assistance and he graciously declined my offer. He further stated that he greatly appreciated both Marine Doug Hamblen's and our concern over the Markers and if we find any other Markers please let him know at once. Mr. Bennett is still looking into who owned the house previously and if in fact, they had or still work for the Andersonville National Park.

Semper Fi,
Tom

Chaplain's Corner

How many of us have listened to the global or national news and wondered, what in the world is going on? Without a firm foundation of biblical truth, we can easily be overcome with fear and despair. Despite the upheaval in political and financial realms, Christians can find peace in the knowledge that our God is sovereign over every nation and ruler on earth.

Though the future of a nation appears to be in the hands of its rulers and lawmakers, an omnipotent hand is orchestrating a good and

glorious plan; the Lord is the one who "removes kings and establishes kings" (Dan. 2:20). Ultimately, every governmental leader is put into office, not by volunteers, political campaigns, or personal abilities, but by the hand of God.

Nothing that the Lord does is carried out in isolation. He's working all things according to His divine plan. We tend to think that a ruler has to be righteous for God to use him, but Proverbs 21:1 tells us that the Lord can direct the heart of any national leader wherever He wishes. In fact, He describes two pagan kings - Nebuchadnezzar and Cyrus - as "My servant" (Jer 25:9) and "My shepherd" (Isa. 44:28). Unbeknownst to them, God guided their paths to fulfill His purposes for Israel.

When the news threatens to dislodge your peace or cause despair, remember who holds the nations in His hand. God's plans for this world are moving along according to His divine purposes, and no unrighteous ruler can thwart Him. Just keep singing, "He's got the whole world in His hands."

Chaplain Ernie

Paymaster's Report

Checking Account:

Begin: \$1104.07

Deposits: \$282.61

Expenditures: \$379.99

Balance: \$1007.32

Savings Account

Begin: \$3851.77

Dividend: \$1.27

Balance: \$3863.04

Upcoming Events

August 3rd - Detachment Staff

Officers Meeting

August 5th - Meeting with City Historical Society on Faith Community Outreach Project

August 8-14 - MCL National Convention In Greensboro NC

August 17th - Detachment Monthly meeting, River Pointe Golf Course 1830

August 19th - Golfers Riverwalk cleanup Detail 0800 Veterans Park

August 20th - Meeting with City Commission on Faith Community Outreach Project

August 21st - Detachment and Friends Riverwalk Cleanup 0830 starting at Third Avenue

August 28th - Department Staff Meeting Delkwood Grill, Marietta, GA 1100

August 28th - Marine Corps League Day at the Georgia Dome Braves vs Marlins 1600

Good Of The League

Combat Engineer Reunion, October 11-13, Quantico. There is a Marine Corps League meeting place just outside the main gate.

Short Rounds

Position of National Commandant of The Marine Corps League to be challenged!

On July 16th Peter (Pete) T. Meletis, one of the "Chosen Frozen" and highly respected past Commandant of the Department of North Carolina announced his intent to nominate Stephen Wilson as the next Commandant of the Marine Corps League. Peter explained that the time has come for us to move the League forward in respect to the ideals of all members Nationwide.

Peter adamantly recalled Steve Wilson's total dedication to the members of the League not only in management but in leadership with his total commitment to the many honorable efforts of its members. Meletis says: "Steve's track record as a Marine in Vietnam and as a Marine Corps League member speaks not of himself but for all that served." Steve's two year record for the League will soon be posted on the Internet at www.mcleague4u.org The election will be held at the 87th National Convention in Greensboro, NC..

Congratulations to Detachment member GySgt Kevin Stanley on his final muster, July 22nd.

August Birthdays

August 6: Roger Paulin

August 18: Alex Hart

August 21: Ron Kirstatter

August: Kent Morrison

Please send your birth day & month to Bobbie at ernieelmore@att.net

Sea Stories

This month's Sea Story is a true one submitted by our Adjutant, Jim Rodgers.

A couple of days before Desert Storm, a Marine Capt (LDO) and his team were in Bahrain waiting transport to the USS Nassau as soon as they got within helo range.

Figuring the ASU (American Support Unit) couldn't be that far away or hard to find, the six of them tromped off at 0700 to catch a 0900 flight. After an hour of circling up and down streets lined with vendors, massive embassies and very unhelpful road signs in Farsi, the Captain told his MSgt, "Stand fast here. I'm gonna ask directions at that Embassy on the corner."

Walking briskly up the gated walkway, he marched straight up to two Arab guards who were nervously fingering their weapons and speaking rapidly in Arabic. "Do either of you speak English?" One of the guards nodded. "I'm Capt Rodgers, US Marines. Where is the ASU located from here?" The guards chattered rapidly again, and then the English speaking one gave precise directions, indicating it was only a couple blocks away. The Capt thanked them, but before turning away said, "Don't you salute foreign officers in your part of the world?" More chatter, then two quite acceptable salutes were rendered and returned.

Returning to his team, Top Napier stood there just shaking his head and smiling. "Skipper, when did you realize that was the Iraqi Embassy?" "About 10 steps up the walk." "Nice game face Capt, but what was the whole "salute" thing about?" "Well," the Capt said, "I figured that after

surprising them, acting civil, ignoring their weapons and thanking them for the directions, why not? Now, when the fighting starts who knows how many of their troops will have heard of the Marine who walked up unarmed and unafraid and then made them salute when he left. Should make them think twice about what to do when ARMED Marines are coming toward them who KNOW where they're going." "So that was the plan, huh?" the Top replied. "Hell no, but that's the story if anyone asks. I need a drink!"

"The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines. LORD, how they could fight!" ---MajGen Frank Lowe, US Army

"It occurred to me that the Services could maybe be characterized by different breeds of dogs - you know - like people often say "people look like their pets." Now, I don't want to offend anybody, and I'm sure each of you will have his own opinions, but these were my favorite.

For me, the Air Force was pretty clear. They reminded me of a French Poodle. A poodle always looks perfect, like it just came from the hairdresser. It sometimes seems a bit pampered. It always travels first class. But ever forget, the poodle was bred as a first-class hunting dog and in a fight it's very dangerous.

The Army is kind of like a Saint Bernard. It's big, and heavy and sometimes a bit clumsy. But it's very powerful and has lots of

stamina. So you want it for the long haul.

The Navy, god bless us, is a Golden Retriever. They're good natured and great around the house. Kids love 'em. Sometimes their hair is a bit long and it tends to shed a little. They go wandering off for a long period of time, and they love the water.

The Marines are a bit of a problem. I don't see the Marines as an English Bulldog, like Chesty the Marine Corps mascot. In fact, I actually see the Marines as two different breeds, either Rottweillers or Dobermans, because Marines come in two varieties--big and mean, and skinny and mean, both very territorial. They're aggressive on the attack, and tenacious on defense. They've both got really short hair, and they always go for the throat. That sounds like a Marine to me!"

RAdmiral James R. Stark USN

Young Marines of Albany, Georgia

"The mission of the Young Marines is to positively impact America's future by providing quality youth development programs for boys and girls that nurtures and develops its members into responsible citizens who enjoy, and promote, a healthy, drug-free lifestyle." "An applicant for the Young Marines must be at least 8 years old and he/she must be enrolled in school. The program is a chartered non-profit organization that relies on fundraisers and donations from the surrounding community. The Young Marine program is run like the Marine Corps. Young Marines have a chain of command, Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Company Gunnery Sergeant, and the list goes on. Young Marine recruits undergo intense physical training; he/she is taught military knowledge, drill movements and common courtesy at all

levels that need our support. Leaders do school visits, home visits (if requested), and any type of distinguished honor award ceremonies. They learn they are part of an organizational family. In this process, the parents/guardians must also put forth an effort so that there will not be a communication breakdown. If a Young Marine has a "C" average or lower in any class the parents are asked to bring that to the attention of the YM Staff. They have a tutoring program that can provide assistance to the child.

Our detachment wants to strongly back this worthy program in an effort to promote the task of raising up future American citizens of integrity, pride and patriotism.

Chuckles

At DaNang a tough, experienced Marine Lt. was indoctrinating a group of men fresh in for service in his platoon. "Don't ever sell these boys out there short! They're rough, tough, real blitzers. Never mind what you've learned in training, forget all that jazz. Remember they're battle-tough. Don't let them out of your sight. If they jump for cover, you jump too. Don't ever take your eyes off of them."

One Marine popped up, "Just how near to the Viet Cong are we, Lt.?"

"Who the hell said anything about the VC?" the officer shouted. "I'm talking about my own gunnies!"

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From the Commandant

I wish that more members could have attended the National Convention. It was really an experience.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ernie Elmore (ed.note Tom Newton as well) for completing his initiation and becoming a Pedigree Devil Dog!

My thanks to everyone for the fast approval of our Bylaws. Please look them over and become familiar with them.

As you can see from the calendar, we are going to have yet another busy month. I wish to thank everyone who comes and participates in all of our events. By attending these types of events, we get visibility with the community, the base, and our fellow League members.

The SW Georgia Exchange club wants us to be a regular part of their September 11th celebration by assisting with setup and tear down, and with the Flag Folding Ceremony. We are making it happen.

The Marines in Waycross have been struggling for over a year to get their Detachment up and running. When Nick Retza, Ron and I went to see them in April they were extremely appreciative of our assistance. We can and have been helping them with their struggles, both from the Detachment and Department

levels. It will be a late night but, the more of us who can make their September meeting the better they will feel about the League. As stated, they are hoping to get new officers elected and more enthusiasm from their members.

Let's use the upcoming Detachment picnic as a setting for keeping existing members and gaining new members to the detachment. I hope to have the Department Commandant and the MODD Pack Leader make a visit to our meeting in this month or next. I'll let you know after the Staff meeting.

Please remember that this is your detachment and we want to continue to do things within the National and Department Bylaws, that will have you looking forward to coming to the meetings and participating. It is an honor for me to serve as your Commandant and represent you at the Department, Division and National levels.
Semper Fi,
Tom

Chaplain's Corner

God's Recruitment Strategy for Leaders

When God calls one of His servants into service, there is often much travail. There are many examples where God makes

His presence known through
circumstances that tax the
individual to his very soul

Consider Paul, who was
stricken blind on the Damascus
Road.

Consider Peter, when he
denied Jesus after the
crucifixion, he was in total
despair.

Consider Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego, who were
thrown into the fiery furnace.

Consider Daniel, who was
thrown into the lions' den.

Consider David, who was
forced to flee his former
employer for many years and
lived as a fugitive.
It may seem strange to us that
God uses such incredible
adversity to prepare His
servants for greater service, but
this is God's way.

God knows that the human
heart is incapable of voluntarily
stepping into situations that take
us beyond our comfort zone. He
intentionally brings us into hard
places to prove us and to drive
us deeper into the soil of His
grace.

Marine, God may take you
through times when you will
question His love for you. In
such times, you must cling to
His coattail so that you see His
purposes in it. Do not throw
away your confidence; it will be
richly rewarded.

*"You need to persevere so that
when you have done the will of
God, you will receive what He
has promised"*

(Hebrews 10:36)

Chaplain Ernie

Mrs. Mary DesJardines

passed along to us the following
poem which Major DesJardines
asked his pastor to send to him
as he was about to embark on
his second tour to Viet Nam.

Let them in, Peter, they are very
tired;

Give them the couches where
the angels sleep.

Let them wake whole again to
new dawns fired

With sun, not war. And may their
peace be deep.

Remember where the broken
bodies lie...

And give them things they like.
Let them make noise.

God knows how young they were
to have to die!

Give swing bands, not gold
harps, to these our boys.

Let them love, Peter,--they have
had no time--

Girls sweet as meadow wind,
with flowering hair...

They should have trees and bird
song, hills to climb--

The taste of summer in a ripened
pear.

Tell them how they are missed.
Say not to fear;

It's going to be all right with us
down here.

--Elma Dean.

Paymaster's Report

CHECKING

Beginning Ledger Balance

\$1,007.32

Credits 234.16

Debits 311.99

Ending Ledger Balance

\$929.49

Plus Outstanding Checks

\$105.00

Ending Balance \$1,034.49

SAVINGS

Beginning Ledger Balance

\$3,853.04

Credits \$1.31

Debits \$0.00

Ending Ledger Balance

\$3,854.35

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Sept 1: Retirees Breakfast
on Base 0650. Also we will be welcoming
two Civilian Marines from Kuwait at the
Albany Airport at 1630. Wear your cover.

Saturday Sept 4: 0800 Filed of Flags
setup

Friday Sept 10: MCLB Albany hosts its
24th annual POW/MIA Recognition
Breakfast at the Base Conference
Center. Buffet line opens at 0700,
ceremony at 0745. Purchase \$8 tickets
at the MCCA Main Office, Bldg 7520.
Tickets: 229-639-5234.

Saturday Sept 11: 1100 SW GA
Exchange 9/11 Remembrance
Ceremony flag Folding Ceremony by our
Detachment.

Tuesday Sept 21: 1830 Detachment
Meeting at River Pointe golf Club

Thursday Sept 23: Waycross
Detachment meeting - Elections and
Officer Installation 1900. Anyone wishing
to participate, please contact Tom
Newton.

Saturday Sept 25: Eat at 1300
Detachment Picnic & Pool Party!!!

Ron Kirstatter's home
206 W. Doublegate Dr.
Albany 31721
446-4436

Bar-B-Que pulled pork
Call and coordinate a complementary
side dish and drinks.
Members, bring your non-member
Marine friends for a chance to win BIG!

Breakfast at Roosters: Every
Wednesday 0900. Hope to see you
there.

Muster Minutes

17 August 2010

Meeting was called to order at 1835 by Commandant Newton

Roll Call of Officers was taken, present were:

Commandant Newton, Jr Vice
Rodgers, Sgt at Arms Fisk,
Adjutant Rodgers

19 Members present

There were no new membership applications.

Guests: Members of MC Ball Committee

Old Business

1. Adjutant's Report: None

2. July minutes posted; accepted: (Marine's Murphy/Adams)). The budget will be sent out soon via email.

3. Paymaster's Report read and accepted (Marine's G. Rodgers/Chaffin)

4. Chaplain's Report: a Marine Kraus has been home with stomach virus

b. Five Fallen Marine Certificates left to award

c. Mailed six Sympathy Cards

Correspondence

5. Request from Mike Berry for support of a local "Wounded Warrior Support" Program for Fish and Hunt season. No details were provided. Marine Fisk will obtain more details in order to vote on assistance.

6. request for local support to provide "Care Packages" to 5 Women Marines presently stationed in Afghanistan. There are 50 Women Marines deployed with 1 MCF and five have been designated to us.

Marines G. Rodgers, B. Elmore and Assoc. Member A. Gillan, volunteered to provide assistance by taking either monetary or physical donations of items and mailing to the individual Marines. Cost of

mailing will come from detachment funds. Marine G. Rodgers will forward all member email requesting donations.

7. There will be Civilian Marines returning from Kuwait at 1635 on 1 September.

Report of Officers:

8. Commandant - Highlighted on National Convention.

a. The Khaki shirt is NOT an authorized Marine Corps League Uniform item. Do not press the issue any further.

b. All new National Officer Staff

C. Vote approved to increase annual dues by \$2

d. 2011 National Convention will be in Boise, ID and 2012 in Mobile, AL

9. Sr. Vice - TAD

10. Jr. Vice - NR

11. Judge Advocate - Sick

12. Sgt at Arms - The detachment donated \$200 to the Young Marine leadership program.

13. Americanism/Patriotism Project - Marine Aldrich reported that he issued 25 flags to local establishments/need funding for more.

14. Eagle Scout Representative - On Business; Marine E. Elmore on hand to award one Eagle Scout Award.

15. Marine for Life Representative - NR

Report of Committees and Projects

16. River Walk Committee: Planned for Aug 21st at 0830. Will meet at Third Ave. and work our way to the Nature Trail.

Inviting Young Marines/JROTC. Golfers will go 19th at Veteran's Park 0800.

17. Dual flag Stand: Picture was taken of members present to be given to Kenny Wade.

18. Status of shadow box for flag presented to detachment by CLR-47 in Iraq; NR

19. Faith community Outreach Project; Approved by the Historical Society and the City Commission. Looking at starting late September. Marine Newton will meet with FCO and city rep. and go to Home Depot to request donating materials. Need 26x16 cover big enough for 6 tables.

20. Invitation to participate at Annual International Festival - NR

New Business

22. 1st Sgt Watson and another member of the MC Ball Committee offered the detachment the opportunity to earn money by setting up four bars and selling alcohol and sodas during the "All Base" Marine Corps Ball with a projected attendance of 900 people. After careful scrutiny of the details and lack of planning time, a motion was made by Marines (Fisk/Adams) and a vote taken to forgo this year. The Ball will be held at Darton College which does not allow any sales of alcohol on the premises. Tickets for drinks would have to be done at time of ball ticket purchase and according to National we have to collect all funds that would be coming to us. We would also have to purchase our own liability insurance for the night.

22. We will provide a flag folding ceremony on September 11, at the Field of Flags Ceremony. Marines Aldrich, B. Elmore, E. Elmore, Adams, White, Chaffin all volunteered to assist.

Good of the League

a. Department Staff meeting in Marietta, GA 28 August

Announcements

Then next regular meeting will be held on 21 September 2010. The meeting was closed by Commandant Newton at 1945.

Good of the League

Andersonville National Historic Site will host the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall from Friday, September 17, through Saturday, September 25th.

Opening ceremonies for the Wall will be held on National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 17, 2010 at 1000.

Weekend ceremonies including a Missing in Action (MIA) remembrance at 1400 on September 17th.

There will also be a candlelight Ceremony on the 17th at 2000 and on Sept 18 at 1000 there will be a Prisoner of War ceremony at 1000.

Closing ceremonies will be held Saturday, September 25 at 1700.

Short Rounds

The Thirteen Folds of Our Flag

Have you ever wondered why the Flag of the United States of America is folded 13 times when it is lowered or when it is folded and handed to the widow or family member at the burial of a Veteran? Here is why!

The **FIRST** fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The **SECOND** fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The **THIRD** fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The **FOURTH** fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The **FIFTH** fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The **SIXTH** fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The **SEVENTH** fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The **EIGHTH** fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day and honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The **NINTH** fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The **TENTH** fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for defense of our country since they were first born.

The **ELEVENTH** fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The **TWELFTH** fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy spirit.

The **THIRTEENTH** fold. When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our nations' motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who under General George Washington, and the sailors and Marines serving under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

Our Detachment has a Flag Folding Detail and any member who wishes to join that detail is welcome to join. See Marine Dave Aldrich. Our next Flag Folding will be presented at the Labor Day Field of 1000 Flags across from Dillards on September ?

Sea Stories

From Marine Gale Rodgers.....

"As a drill instructor there are plenty of rules and regulations that we are suppose to follow. One such rule is that depending upon the phase of training we're in determines how long you can give a recruit (IPT) incentive physical training and what type. There are rules that determine who can IPT what type of recruit, i.e. a drill instructor can only IPT up to 10 recruits of her own platoon, a Sr. DI can IPT her entire platoon and the Series GySgt can IPT the entire series. OK, one Sunday during phase II which is out at the firing ranges, we had the afternoon to do as we wished (training wise) so this Sr. DI decided to drill since final drill was fast approaching and she was not about to lose. That day the recruits just weren't performing to her expectations so I told the DI's to take them to the pit (sand pit that is) across the street. And since they weren't moving fast enough (none of them could out run me in those days) I decided rules can be bent, just a little! I was standing in front of them pretty tall (all 5'3" that's how I stood anyway) with both hands on my hips throwing out commands of all sorts of exercises while the DI's kept vigilant watch for the Depot spies!! Not that I would go against the rules or anything. Anyway, along comes a platoon of male recruits thinking their stuff didn't stink when the one in the rear decided he wanted a better look at those females covered in sand and sweat. BIG mistake as this Sr. DI saw him and commenced to give him a verbal lashing that I'm sure took him by "huge" surprise, to which his DI only egged on. I politely (right) asked that the recruit to join my ladies so he could get a much better look. After a certain amount of time went by I sent him back to his own platoon and what a site he was. I'm pretty certain he never wanted to look at another female again, at least not until graduation day...After that, my ladies snapped and popped like they were proud mama's strutting ahead of their little chicks! Boy did we get a good laugh that night. Don't have to be big and tall to gitter done!"

Boy Scouts

What does a Marine and an Eagle Scout have in common? A US Marine has the Corps' "Core Values" of honor, courage and commitment. An Eagle Scout has the Scout Law consisting of very similar values such as being "Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friend, courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent." For Boy scout Troop 3 of Albany, GA they have added a 13th point to their Scout Law which is "and uses good judgment." It is with this understanding that the Lawrence DesJardine Detachment 1260 of the Marine Corps League took on the privilege of recognizing young men who attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Much like earning the title "US Marine" these young men earned the rank of "Eagle" through demonstrating the traits and values expressed in the Scout Law and Scout Oath.

We recognize these scouts by presenting them with a Eagle Scout good Citizenship Award certificate. In a similar way the title "US Marine" makes most people think of all the good our country stands for likewise "Eagle Scout" carries similar attributes. We feel it is only fitting that we recognize these young Scouts as they attain such a significant milestone in their lives.

We have recognized several scouts over the last year and half and we continue to do so. We have many members of our detachment who dedicate their time to appropriately recognize these young Americans. We

recently not only recognized Scout Landon Butler from Troop 23 but we also recognized Scout Master Mike Johnson of Troop 3 for his over 25 years of dedicated and selfless service to scouting.

For additional information on this worthy initiative please contact Marine Dan Gillan at 229-878-2842.

This Month in History

2 September 1945: The Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship Missouri. The senior Marine Corps representative was LtGen Roy S. Geiger.

8 September 1942: On Guadalcanal, the 1st Raider Battle lion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, supported by planes of MAG-23 landed east of Tasimboko, advanced west into the rear of Japanese positions, and carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base.

15 September 1950: The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines landed on Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor and secured it prior to the main landing. The 1st Marine Division under the command of MajGen Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.

16 September 1814: A detachment of Marines under Major Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment ,destroyed a pirate stronghold at Barataria, on the island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.

18 September 1990: A new 40-acre training facility for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) was dedicated at Camp Lejeune by General Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

20 September 1950: Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured by 27 September.

27 September 1944: The American flag was raised over Peleliu, Palau Islands, at the 1st Marine Division Command Post..

30 September 1945: Marines of III Amphibious Corps, commanded by MajGen Keller E. Rockey, began landing in North China to assist the Chinese Nationalist government in accepting the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriating Japanese soldiers and civilians.

"I suppose," said the leathery sergeant to the private, "that when you're discharged from the Corps, you'll wait for me to die, just so you can spit on my grave."

"Not me," said the private. "When I get out of the Marines I never want to stand in line again."

Birthdays!

September 3 – Jim Vaught

September 10 – Bob Adams

September 22 – Andrea Gillan (50!)

September 24 – Jerry Wessels

WM CARE PACKAGES

It was requested by the Department that we support five female Marines with care packages to supplement them during their deployment in Afghanistan.

Marines Gale Rodgers, Bobbie Elmore, Assoc Member Andrea Gillan and Amy Cheshire have all volunteered to lead this initiative by collecting the items needed and mailing them in \$10 flat rate boxes to each Marine. You may contact any of the four of them and set up a place so they can collect your donation.

"The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group of animals I've ever seen." E. Roosevelt



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From the Commandant

My thanks to everyone who attended the detachment picnic and especially to Ron and Sheila Kirstatter who held the picnic at their beautiful home.

As an FYI, by the time you get this Ernie Elmore and I will have attended a "Veterans Coalition Meeting" on September 28th at VFW Post 2785. We met with members of the American Legion, VFW, Vietnam Veterans, DAV, Air Force Sergeant's Association and the Fleet Reserve to discuss joint projects. We will report a summary of the discussion at the October meeting.

October is going to be the month of nominations. At the October meeting we will be asking for nominations for awards to detachment members and friends of the detachment. Senior Vice Ron Kirstatter is the Award Nominations Chairman this year. Please have your backup information ready when you nominate someone for an award. We will be distributing the awards at the December meeting. We will also be nominating an election chairperson for our upcoming elections. In accordance with our newly approved Detachment Bylaws, the Chairperson will present the resulting slate of candidates to the general membership at the regular

meeting in December. Elections will take place at the regular meeting in January at which time nominations for any elected office may be made from the floor.

I am also looking into having a twice a month Tuesday luncheon aboard base. The Wednesday morning breakfasts are starting to gain attendance and I would like to start something similar with a lunch for members and potential members who work on the base. I found out that the Crossroads Restaurant will be closing for five months on October 15th. I will keep you posted

*Semper Fi
Tom*

Chaplain's Corner

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1a

"I have an important business meeting in the morning. Would you please set the alarm for 5:30 a.m.?" Joe said to his wife.

"Oh, that won't be necessary. Just tell the Lord what time you want to wake up. He does it for me all the time," his wife said.

He rolled his eyes in disbelief. "Well, I'd feel more comfortable if we set the alarm."

"OK, ye of little faith, but just to prove my point I am going to ask the Lord to wake us up just before 5:30."

The next morning Joe awoke before the alarm went off. He looked at the clock. It read 5:15. He looked at his wife, who had just awakened at the same time with an I-told-you-so smile.

Sometimes we wrongfully view God as someone we go to for only the "big things." The idea of "bothering God" for such a trivial matter seems foolish and presumptuous. However, when you were a child and had to get up in the morning for school, didn't your mom or dad come wake you up? They were your parents, and you could come to them with the most trivial concerns or requests. Why would our heavenly Father be any less approachable? Perhaps our problem is that we simply have not developed a level of intimacy with God so that we feel the freedom to approach Him at these daily, routine levels. We often operate with an unwritten code that says our needs must have a certain degree of importance or crisis before we come to God with them. This is not God's character towards us.

Does the Lord desire this level of intimacy with you and me? The apostle Paul exhorted us to "pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17). There is never a caution to pray only about matters of greater importance.

Today, go to God with matters that you might view as trivial and would normally avoid.

"We're surrounded. That simplifies the problem!" - Chesty Puller

Paymaster's Report

Checking Account:

Credits	\$1,181.37
Debits	\$1,363.71
Outstanding checks	\$ 664.06
Closing Balance	\$1,411.21

Savings Account:

Opening Balance	\$3,854.35
Credits (Dividend)	\$1.31
Debits	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$3,855.66

Upcoming Events

Our breakfasts at Roosters are really growing. For a good time, meet us there at 0900 each Wednesday.

Muster Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1830, on September 21st 2010 by the Commandant. The Roll Call was taken by the PIO in the absence of the Adjutant. All officers were present except the Jr. Vice, Adjutant, and the Paymaster.

There were 20 members present along with 5 guests. Guests included Captain USN (ret.) Al Schuette, Sgt Major Stephen Thomas, Ronda Retzel, GySgt John Dunn and NJROTC student Kirby Woods daughter of Roger and Amanda Woods.

The commandant introduced Captain Schuette, Commanding Officer of the Leesburg County School Navy JROTC to make his presentation. His main purpose of being with us was to "hook up" with community organizations like ours in the hopes that we can work with them and become better informed of their mission. He pointed out that this particular JROTC was started by two Marines 14 years ago. Today GySgt Bill Cash is still working with them. The group is becoming more and more active in community service. Last year they clocked in 2800 hours of service and

already put in 1399 hours so far this year. They teach competition in such things as the Color Guard, Land Nav and Rifle Team. Wanda Retzel, who heads up their boosters told us that they have a need for a utility trailer, probably larger than 6'x8' to carry their equipment when they go to rifle competitions. The Commandant named Amanda Wood as our Liaison with this NJROTC.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion to approve was made by Nick Nicholson and seconded by Bill Hamby.

The Paymaster's Report was read. Checking Account showed total Credits of \$1,181.37 and Debits totally \$1,363.71, Outstanding Checks of \$664.06 leaving us with an ending balance of \$1,411.23. Our Savings Account showed a balance of \$3,855.66 which included a Dividend of \$1.31. Motion to approve was made by Nick Nicholson and seconded by Billy Stewart.

The Chaplain reported that our Jr. Vice, Gale Rodgers was home sick.

Correspondence received was read by the Commandant.

*National has awarded our detachment a Citation for exceeding the previous year's membership.

* We learned that next year's annual membership dues would increase by \$2.00.

* McDonough Detachment is hosting a 5K Run October 23rd at Heritage Park.

*The National Aide-de-Camp contacted us regarding the Wounded Warrior Regiment and what the MCL could do for them for the period between their active service and medical retirement.

* An email was received from the Griffin Det. about a native American POW-WOW being held in honor of all veterans.

*The Greater (Las Vegas) Detachment #186 is selling red, white and blue die cast banks in the shape of a van. They sell for \$35 apiece and all proceeds go to Toys 4 Tots. To order phone 702-399-3200.

**The Woodstock Detachment is sponsoring a Golf Tournament at Town Lake Hills Golf Club beginning at 0900 (Shot Gun Start). For more info call 770-592-9969.*

**The Black Sheep Detachment has invited all Marines to their Birthday Ball, November 10, 1700 at the Crossroads Grill in Suwannee.*

**The VFW has invited all the local veterans groups to meet at the VFW on September 28 for the purpose of forming a Veterans Coalition group.*

The Commandant proceeded to give us highlights of the Department Staff Meeting. The next meeting will take place December 4th in Macon. He encourages our members who can, to attend.

The Senior Vice reported that the Braves Game was a fun event to attend and that the Color Guard performed well.

There were no reports from the Jr. Vice as well as the Judge Advocate, Adjutant and Paymaster, Sgt-at-Arms and Newsletter Editor..

The Chairman of the Patriotism Committee said that Bill Hamby had received a donation to us of 12 American Flags from the Woodman of the World (via Terry Cook).

The Detachment Eagle Scout Representative was absent so there was no report.

Report of Committees and Projects:

**There would be another Riverwalk Cleanup planned for October 23rd at 0830. We will meet at Cox*

Landing entrance and work our way to the Nature Trial. It was suggested that we thrown down a challenge to the Young Marines and NJROTC Leesburg to attend and each start at opposite ends of the Cleanup venue.

**J.J. hopes to have the Shadow Box for our flag from Iraq ready by December.*

**The Faith Community Outreach Project was approved by the Historical Society and the City Commission. We are hoping to get this started in a few weeks. We plan to build a 26'x16' pavilion to cover the outside area where the women and children eat their meals so that they have shelter from rain and sun. We hope to get donations of materials from Home Depot and Lowes.*

**No interest was shown in participating in the Annual International Festival.*

**Bobbie Elmore reported on the five care packages prepared for the five Women Marines we became aware of from the Department who are currently serving in Afghanistan. Several women from our Detachment participated in buying, preparing and mailing of these packages headed up by Gale Rodgers. Thank you to other members who participated with funds.*

**There was a report from the commandant on the Flag Folding Ceremony which we performed in the September 11th Field of flags ceremony. It was well received and now the VFW and a Cub Scout Troop has asked for us to perform it for them. We have also been asked to perform it again at next year's Field of flags.*

Under New Business, Ernie Elmore reported on his visit to the Cyclorama he and Bobbie visited in Atlanta and had the opportunity to ask the City to replace the worn Flags which fly in front of the attraction. He has received a phone call from Atlanta saying that this has been done.

Alex Hart announced that he had with him some tickets for the Thursday, September 30th Albany Symphony

Orchestra Fund Raiser. Call him if you are interested in obtaining any.

Good of the League:

** The Detachment Picnic and Pool Party is Saturday, September 25th, 1300 at the home of Ron and Sheila Kirstatter. Bring a friend.*

**You can see a virtual tour of the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico by visiting www.virtualUSMCmuseum.com.*

**Detachment blue polo shirts are in. Contact the Commandant if you want one.*

The meeting was adjourned at 2007. Next meeting will be October 19th at 1830.

Good of the League

ARE YOUR DUES PAID UP?

Short Rounds

The HBO movie "[Taking Chance](#)" about a Marine LtCol escorting a fallen Marine home is available from The Marine Shop at the Marine Corps Association web site. The item # is 0883929033065. This is a true story and done very well.

*The flag should be displayed on all days. The **Flag Holiday** in October is **Columbus Day** on Monday the 11th of October.*

The original Lone Ranger, Lee B. Powell, was a U.S. Marine. He was "killed in action" with the 18th Regiment on Tinian. "Killed in Action" is not completely accurate, but it serves no real purpose to explain what really killed him, as he was a brave Marine who fought well at Tarawa and Saipan.

Powell appeared as the "Lone Ranger" in a 1938 Republic Studio serial. Because of some bad business

decisions, he was replaced when the sequel, "The Lone Ranger Rides Again" was produced in 1939. In fact, his career in general fell apart after that, which explains in part why he ended up in the Marine Corps.

Powell was a real character. He often gave Shakespearean performances - while drunk. He was also a poet of sorts.

There was a certain irony to Powell's service in the Corps. Early in his Hollywood career he had starred in a 12-episode serial titled "The Fighting Devil Dogs" produced in 1938. Four years later, he became a real Marine.

Powell enlisted in the Corps in the summer of 1942 at the age of 34. He rose to the rank of sergeant in his short tenure. He died on July 30, 1944 and was buried in Tinian Cemetery in March 1949. He was transferred to Section F. Gravesite #1246 at the "Punchbowl" in Honolulu, Hawaii.

To learn more about Lee Powell's career, go to <http://surfnnetinc.com/chuck/trio6.htm>

Article taken from The Chosen Few magazine.

Sea Stories

From Dan Gillan:

I was genuinely excited to begin my first assignment after being commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1984. I was assigned as the Officer in Charge of the Ground Support Equipment Division, Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron (H&MS) 29, MAG 29, New River, NC. I was looking forward to being able to hopefully apply the many

lessons I'd learned over my previous nine years as an F-4 Phantom Aviation Ordnance man. As a mustang officer I felt exceptionally qualified to lead this division of over 80 hard-charging Marines. I also took for granted the understanding our younger Marines had of our officer community as the following vignette portrays.

In addition to getting to know our assignment within the division we were also in the midst of conducting a wall-to-wall inventory of the individual Material Readiness List equipment. This meant that every piece of ground support equipment or "yellow gear" in the squadron as well as the equipment that was checked out to all the squadrons in the MAG had to be inspected and serial numbers verified. In addition to the day-to-day PT, paperwork, visiting the barracks and the chow hall, etc., I was told by the Aircraft Maintenance Officer that I had to conduct a Winter Service Alpha uniform inspection in order to prepare for the upcoming Inspector General inspection.

After much preparation the day of the IG inspection arrived. I'll admit, I was a little anxious as it was my first inspection as the OIC. Well, the anxiety turned out to be for nothing because the inspection went off without a hitch. Our leaders at all levels had done a great job. I carefully looked over every Marine in the division but one thing I'd forgotten was that while I was inspecting the Marines, they were also inspecting me. This became evident following the inspection. As the Top, Gunny and I went into our mobile maintenance facility to compare notes, there was a knock on the hatch. I heard some talking and then the Top told the Marine to "report to the LT." The Lance Corporal reported to me and by the look on his face he was obviously a little concerned. I asked him what he needed and after a bit of "well sir" and "I'm not sure how to ask this" comments he finally blurted out "what did you get busted for sir?" I looked at him and as I wondered if I'd heard him correctly I saw the Top and Gunny looking around the corner with big grins on their faces. It turns out that this

young hard-charger had noticed my ribbons, especially my Good Conduct ribbon with the star. He apparently did the math and assumed that since I was "only a Second Lieutenant" that I must have done something to get busted!

We all had a good laugh at this and not only did the Lance Corporal learn something but I learned a valuable leadership lesson too. I learned that as leaders at any level we are always being observed, the good the bad and the ugly. I never forgot that.

Boy Scouts

Our Eagle Scout recognition program continues to generate interest and gain momentum. As a Troop 3 Scout Master and Charter Organization Representative, I have the opportunity to coordinate with the local Chehaw Council to make sure all the troops in the area know of this special recognition. We are currently scheduled to recognize Matthew Carl Dickenson of Boy Scout Troop 23 on 24 October 2010 at Albany Bible Church. We're excited to recognize Matthew's accomplishment with the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award.

Dan Gillan, Boy Scout Coordinator

WM's at the Front

As you know, our detachment filled boxes of needed female supplies and mailed them recently to five WM's in Afghanistan. We have since received the following email from one of those WM's, Captain Catherine E. Richardson. It reads:

"Hello from Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. I just wanted to send a quick note to you to thank you for your generous care package. I received the package yesterday (Sept 24) and shared it with my fellow Marines and Sailors of I Marine Expeditionary Force C-1. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and your box was filled with items these Marines and Sailors needed most! Rest assured

that we are as safe as you can be (in Afghanistan) while we are here at Camp Leatherneck. Please keep our Marines and Sailors conducting daily operations outside the wire, our wounded warriors and the families of the fallen in your thoughts.

Semper Fi

Capt Catherine E. Richardson
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This Month in History

October 19, 1809 - Marines participated in a tribute to Dey of Algiers.

October 3, 1912 - Marines participated in the Battles of Coyo Tepe and Barranca Hills during the Nicaraguan Campaign.

October 21, 1944 - Marines of V Amphibious Corps landed at Leyte, Philippines in support of the U.S. Army during WWII.

October 10, 1968 - The 1st Marine Division and the 1st MAF were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, Da Nang, Vietnam.

"They told (us) to open up the Embassy, or "we'll blow you away." And then they looked up and saw the Marines on the roof with these really big guns and they said in Somali, "Igaralli ahow," which means "Excuse me, I

didn't mean it, my mistake." Karine Aquilar, in the U.S. Embassy, Mogadishu, Somalia, 1991

In the News

Rick Glenn Strandlof claimed he was an ex-Marine who was wounded in Iraq and received the Purple Heart and Silver Star, but the military had no record he ever served. He was charged with violating the Stolen Valor Act, which makes it a crime punishable by up to a year in jail to falsely claim to have won a military medal.

U.S. District Judge Robert Blackburn dismissed the case and said the law is unconstitutional, ruling the government did not show it has a compelling reason to restrict that type of statement. A spokesman for the U.S. attorney in Denver said prosecutors are reviewing the decision and haven't decided whether to appeal. The spokesman said that decision would be made by the U.S. Justice Department in Washington and prosecutors in Denver.

JARHEAD JERKY

Semi-freeze and slice flank steak or lean beef (this works good with deer meat too!) 1/8" slices

Marinate for 36 hours.

Dry in a gas oven at 125 degrees with the door cracked open, 8 to 10 hrs.

Drying times varies. Depending on method of drying.

Just before drying, season meat with salt and course ground pepper to taste.

Here is the marinade

1 tsp Seasoned Salt

1 tsp Onion Powder

1 tsp Accent

1/3 tsp Garlic Powder

1/3 tsp pepper

1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce

1/4 cup Soy sauce

1/4 cup Heinz 57 steak sauce

The longer you marinade, the spicier it gets. Enjoy!

Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery said, "A Marine should be sworn to the patient endurance of hardships, like the ancient knights, and it is not the least of these necessary hardships to have to serve with sailors."

Mrs. Smith, a teacher, called on Johnny to tell a personal story with a moral.

Johnny said, "My Uncle Ted was a Marine pilot during the war in Vietnam. One day his plane got hit by a missile and was going down. Uncle Ted grabbed a case of beer, a machine gun and a machete and bailed out. On the way down he drank the whole case of beer. As luck would have it he landed in a field and was surrounded by 100 Viet Cong soldiers. He started shooting his machine gun and killed 70 of them before he ran out of ammunition. Then he grabbed the machete and killed 20 more before the machete blade broke. He then killed the last 10 with his bare hands."

"Oh my god!" exclaimed Mrs. Smith, "What could the moral of that story possibly be?" Johnny said, "The moral of that story is..Don't mess with Uncle Ted when he's been drinking!"

Birthdays!

None Reported



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From the Commandant

To all members and friends of the Detachment "Happy 235th Birthday!!!" This article is being written and read before all the different celebrations begin. So please, have a safe and uneventful birthday celebration! Also share your memories with friends and family as we are the only branch of the service that really celebrates our history with future generation.

My favorite of past Marine Corps Birthdays has to be the first one I attended here in Albany in 1972. I was a student, PFC, at the Test Instrument Repairman School on the Base. We were five weeks from graduation and things were starting to make sense. At that time there were probably well over 1,000 Marines aboard the Base as we were one of several schools aboard the Base. The enlisted Marines had their Ball in what is now the Crossroads Restaurant. At the time it was the Enlisted Club. After the cake cutting ceremony and eating a GREAT meal, several of my friends and I went on the town. As it happened the City of Albany was celebrating the Grand Opening of the Sheraton Inn, now the Regency Inn on East Oglethorpe. We crashed the party and guarded the

champagne fountain for about 45 minutes. Everyone there wished us a Happy Birthday and we left peacefully and under our own steam.

Just a reminder that Post 30 will have a Veteran's Day Breakfast and Flag raising ceremony on Thursday November 11th and that there will be festivities going on at the Veteran's Memorial and the VFW on Saturday the 13th starting around 0900.

Know we all will take time during the week of the 7th to remember our friends and relatives who gave all for our country and those service men and women from Georgia who have passed away over the last several months.

Finally, I wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving! Don't eat too much but have a GREAT weekend.

*Semper Fi
Tom*

Chaplain's Corner

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be the king, as supreme, or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. (1 Peter 2:13,14)

God used government authority in the lives of many people in the Bible to accomplish His purposes in their lives. Scripture tells us that even the king's heart is in the hand of God (see Proverbs 21:1). God uses these authorities to continue the work that He has started in us and will continue to manifest His character in us through governmental authorities.

If we find it difficult to live under the authorities in our life, we'll usually find it difficult to submit to the will of God in our lives too. Rebellion is reflected in our unwillingness to live under the authority placed over us. We may not have respect for the person who is the President of the United States, but we are still to honor and respect the position the presidency represents, and we are to recognize that God has placed him in authority over us. As long as we are not asked to violate a biblical commandment, we must recognize those in authority as God-given and that He is going to work through them on our behalf.

We must not obey the government when it call us to compromise God's Word. Issues that violate the Word of God may require civil disobedience. However, each person must evaluate these situations in light of what God's

Word says and be true to their own conscience.

Pray for those in authority over you.

Chaplain Ernie

Upcoming Events

Sunday Nov 7 - Flag Folding Ceremony at 1st Baptist Church Leesburg

Sunday Nov 7 - Eagle Scout presentation

Tuesday Nov 9 - Detachment lunch at Crossroads Restaurant 1130-1300

Tuesday Nov 9 Detachment Officers Staff Meeting 1800

Wednesday Nov 10 The United States Marine Corps 235th Birthday
The base and LOGCOM will have a Cake Cutting Ceremony to include the Pageant of Uniforms to begin at 1000 in front of building 3500. Wear your red cover.

Thursday Nov 11 - Veterans Day, Flag Raising and Breakfast at Post 30

Saturday Nov 13 - Veterans Day Weekend Celebration starts at the Veteran's Memorial downtown and ends at VFW Post 2785. Base Birthday Ball at Darton College

Tuesday Nov 16 -Detachment Meeting 1830 at the River Pointe Golf Course. We will be voting on the Detachment budget for the coming year.

Thursday Nov 25 - Happy Thanksgiving!
Every Wednesday of the month
Detachment Breakfast at Rooster's 0900. Please join us.

Muster Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1835 by Commandant Newton.

Roll Call of Officers was taken, present were: Commandant Newton, Sr. Vice Kirstatter, Jr. Vice Rodgers, Sgt at Arms Fisk, Adjutant Rodgers. 15 members were present. There was one new membership application and swearing in of Marine Chuck Bushnell and one reinstatement of Marine Tom Collins.

Guests: None

Old Business

1. Adjutant's Report: Marine J. Rodgers reported the Officer's meeting which took place on Oct 12th discussed Budget, Awards and New Officers.

2. Sept. minutes posted; accepted: Marines B.Elmore and Murphy
Paymaster's Report read and accepted; Marines Nicholson and G. Rodgers.

4. Chaplains' Report: Chaplain Elmore has the flu and Marine Adams will be having knee surgery on Friday.

Correspondence: Email from Washington detachment 1043 asking all detachments to contribute to purchasing "Honor Buckles" to be given out to fallen Marines.

Report of Officers:

1. Commandant - Attended funeral of Cpl Sockalosky

2. Sr Vice -Detachment picnic was good but not well attended.

3. Jr. Vice - none

4. Judge Advocate - Absent

5. Paymaster

a. Annual Budget was presented and sent out via email. Need fund raisers if we are going to maintain current budget spending.

b. November there will be a vote to raise dues by \$2 since National is raising dues by \$2 in order to maintain their budget.

6. Chaplain - absent

7. Sgt at Arms - Wounded Warrior Hunting and Fishing Event research is ongoing.

8. Newsletter Editor- our Flag Folding team photo was published in the Leesburg Ledger along with an article.

9. Americanism/Patriotism Project - We are out of flags. Going to give Terry Cook of Woodman of the World a letter of appreciation for flag donations.

10. Eagle Scout Representative - an award will be given out in Oct and Nov

11. Marine for Life
Representative - NR

Report of Committees and Projects

1. River Walk
Committee: Planned for October 23rd at 0900 at 3rd Ave.

2. Associate Member Woods is inviting the JROTC to river Walk. golfers will go Thursday at Veteran's Park at 0800.

3. Faith Community Outreach Project: No word from Home Depot for donation of supplies. Lowes told Commandant Newton they cannot donate supplies but will give a \$500 discount. Working with Outreach folks to find contributors for the materials

4. Update on Female Marine Care Packages - Marine G. Rodgers advised that two letters of appreciation had been received from two of the Marines and another shipment would be sent at a later date.

New Business

1. Elections for new officers will be held in January. Marine E. Elmore is the head of Elections Committee.

2. Award Nominations need to be submitted to the awards committee no later than November Meeting. Awards Ceremony will be at the December meeting. Marine Kirstatter is the head of the Awards Committee. A motion to have the December meeting be an Awards Dinner at river Pointe was approved. Commandant will change date to earlier in the month due to holiday events.

Good of the League

1. There will be a fund raiser for the JROTC at Maggie Moos on Thursday at 1900. reported by Associate Member Woods.

2. Toys for tots golf tournament is coming up in November

3. Birthday Ball tickets are on sale for \$50 to all retirees.

4. 11 November the American Legion will be holding a breakfast for veterans.

Announcements

The next regular meeting will be held on 16 November 2010. The meeting was closed by Commandant Newton at 2010.

Good of the League

* Attention Marines. Our detachment is in need of someone to step up and take the position of leader for our Color Guard. We are all set to use our Color Guard and we have invitations to use our Color Guard, but we need someone to lead it. Call the Commandant and volunteer.

* Email your nominations for Detachment Officers to the Nomination Committee by the end of December. The committee consists of:

Chairman: Ernie Elmore
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Gale Rodgers:
rodgers77oki@yahoo.com

Ron Kirstatter:
webmaster@mclalbanyga.org
J.J.Krause: krausj@battelle.org

We will vote in January.

* Email your fundraising ideas to Bob Adams prior to Nov 9.

* Send Ron Kirstatter (webmaster@mclalbanyga.org) your Detachment Awards nominations by the first week in December. Instructions on what to write about a nominee can be found by looking in on the web site

<http://mclalbanyga.org>.. The awards will be handed out at our Christmas meeting.

Short Rounds

We are glad to see our Paymaster Bob Adams doing better following his knee surgery. Go gettum, Bob.

We want to welcome our newest members to our Detachment:

Chuck Bushnell and Tom Collins

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Toast given by Commandant Louis H. Wilson

**at the 203rd Marine Corps Ball
Camp Lejeune, NC 1978**

The wonderful love of a
beautiful maid,
The love of a staunch true man,
The love of a baby unafraid,
Has existed since time began.

But the greatest of loves, The
quintessence of loves,
even greater than that of a mother,
Is the tender, passionate, infinite love,
of one drunken Marine for another.
Semper Fidelis

Boy Scouts

Marines Kent Morrison and Bob James were on deck to recognize Matthew Carl Dickenson on Sunday 24 October. Matthew's Eagle Court of Honor was conducted in front of family, fellow scouts and friends. Matthew's parents were extremely proud of their son to not only achieve the highest rank in Scouting but to be officially recognized by the Marine Corps League for his personal accomplishment. Of particular note is that both Kent Morrison and Bob James are also Eagle Scouts.

Dan Gillan, Boy Scout Coordinator

WM's at the Front

We've received another letter from one of the Women Marines in Afghanistan to whom we sent a care package. Here is what she wrote to us:

"I would like to thank you and your detachment for taking the time in sending me a care package. I really do appreciate it. The weather here has been cooling down, feels really nice. I am counting down the days for my R&R and I'm so excited to go home for two weeks. I think at some point we all need it one way or the other. Once again, THANK YOU for your support and God Bless you all!

Love, Cpl Gisele Martinez

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This Month in History

1 Nov 1983 - 300 Marines of the 22d MAU staged an amphibious and helicopter landing on the Island of Carriá, 15 miles NE of Grenada, in a search for Cuban military installations or personnel. 17 Grenadian soldiers were captured, and arms, ammunition and training sites were found.

10 Nov 1921 - This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as 10 November. On 1 Nov 1921 Marine Commandant John A. Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order 47 summarizing the history, mission and tradition of the Corps and directed that it be read to every command each 10 November.

20 Nov 1943 - the 2nd Marine Division, commanded by Major General Julian C. Smith, landed on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. After 76 hours of bitter fighting during which almost 1000 Marines died, and more than 2000 were wounded, MajGen Smith declared the island secure.

24 November 1992 - Marines lowered the flag at Subic Bay, U.S. Naval Facility, Republic of the Philippines for the last time to turn over facilities to the government of the Philippines.

25 November 1968 The conclusion of Operation Lancaster in Viet Nam. It ended 10 months of fighting the Viet Cong on the DMZ

27 November 1950 - In a carefully planned assault, eight Chinese Communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack which had, as its expressed purpose, the destruction of the 1st Marine Division. This led to the successful Marine Corps attack out of the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.

"Freedom is not free, the U.S. Marines will pay most of your share."

Ned Dolan

In the News

* No explosives will be on any firing ranges on Guam, a Marine Corps official said. Craig Whelden, executive director of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, said no explosives will be heard at the proposed firing range near the Pagat area. No explosive charges will be on any firing ranges here on Guam - that's not our intent. Sometimes there are rifles, sometimes there are pistols, sometimes there are machine guns but that's the core building block of the Marine Corps training readiness requirements. Expect some gunfire, but no bombing. We will train in such a way that it will minimize any impact on any of the communities near the training ranges."

* Prince William county police say bullet holes have been found in windows at the

National Museum of the Marine Corps. A cleaning crew at the museum in Triangle called police when they noticed the bullet holes in windows high up in a part of the building that faces Interstate 95. Several glass panels were hit, causing about \$20,000 in damage. None of the museum's artifacts - including a Harrier jet hanging near the damaged windows - were hit.

* Barracks across the Marine Corps will be outfitted with motion-sensitive security cameras and alarms as part of new security requirements. It was not immediately clear what prompted the new requirements, but the security criteria adopted earlier this year means Marines will now see cameras installed at all exterior door. There are no plans to install cameras inside barracks. The installation of automated security systems are at the discretion of individual base commanders.

* The Marine Corps is planning to cut about a quarter of the 42,000 tactical vehicles it maintains as part of its Ground Combat Tactical Vehicle Strategy, according to Lt. Gen George Flynn, deputy commandant for combat development and integration. He didn't say which vehicles will be eliminated, but the study was called on to assess everything from existing trucks such as the Humvee to developmental projects such as the amphibious Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle.

Birthdays!

Marley Johnson
Ernie Elmore - 18th (75th)!

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"You cannot exaggerate about the Marines. They are convinced to the point of arrogance, that they are the most ferocious fighters on earth - and the amazing thing about it is that they are."

Father Kevin Kearney
1st Marine Division Chaplain
Korean War

United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball

The official birthday of the United States Marine Corps, on November 10, 1775, was when the Second continental Congress decreed:

"That two battalions of Marines be raised consisting of one Colonel, two lieutenants-colonels, two majors and other officers, as usual in other regiments; that they consist of an equal number of privates as with other battalions, that particular care be taken that no persons be appointed to offices, or enlisted into said battalions, but such as we are good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve for and during the present war with Great Britain and the Colonies; unless dismissed by Congress; that they be distinguished by the names of the First and Second Battalions of Marines"

Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, is regarded as the birthplace

of the corps as the location of the first Marines to enlist under Commandant Samuel Nicholas though it is disputed if a recruiting drive may have occurred earlier at Nicholas's family tavern, the Conestoga Waggon.

When the Revolutionary War ended in 1783, the Continental Navy was disestablished, and with it the Continental Marines. The Corps was re-established on 11 July 1798, when the "act for establishing and organizing a Marine Corps" was signed by President John Adams.

Prior to 1921, Marines celebrated the recreation of the Corps on 11 July with little pomp or pageantry. On October 21, 1921, Major Edwin McClellan, in charge of the Corps only historical section, sent a memorandum to Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting the Marines' original birthday of November 10 by declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Lejeune so ordered in Marine Corps Order 47.

The first formal ball was celebrated in 1925, though no records exist that indicate the proceedings of that event. Birthday celebrations would take varied forms, most included dances, though some accounts include mock battles, musical performances, pageants, and sporting events.

The celebrations were formalized and standardized by Commandant Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. in 1952, outlining the cake cutting ceremony, which would enter the Marine Drill Manual in 1956. By tradition, the first slice of cake is given to the oldest Marine present, who in turn hands it off to the youngest Marine present, symbolizing the old and experienced Marines passing their knowledge to the new generation of Marines. The celebration also includes a reading of Marine Corps Order 47, republished every year, as well as a message from the current Commandant and often includes a banquet and dancing, if possible. In many cases, the birthday celebration will also include a pageant of current and historical Marine Corps uniforms, as a reminder of the history of the Corps. Another modern tradition includes a unit run on the 10th. Marines are reputed to celebrate the birthday, regardless of where they may be in the world, even in austere environments or combat.

In a more somber tradition, Samuel Nicholas's grave in the Arch Street Friends Meeting graveyard in Philadelphia is marked with wreath at dawn by a group of Marines annually on November 10 to celebrate his role in the founding of the Corps.

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From the Commandant

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The holiday season is now in full swing. I hope you will have time to spend with family and friends and will have time to look back at the accomplishments over the past year. As a Detachment, we have made many advances on many different programs this year. We could not have accomplished that without so many of you taking part and stepping up to assist. Your Board of Directors has been reviewing the accomplishments of your fellow members submitted by you in preparation for our awards banquet in December.

As we get closer to the New Year, please also consider how you may be able to better guide the Detachment by becoming an officer of the Detachment. Our elections and Officer Installation will be in January.

Please keep our fellow Marines, who are in harms' way, in your thoughts and prayers as their families will have to wait for their return home to celebrate.

Kris and I wish you all a safe and healthy Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Semper Fi,
Tom*

Chaplain's Corner

"I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his house, and he will minister before my anointed one always." (1 Sam 2:35)

I once imagined a meeting in heaven between the angel Gabriel and Jesus. It went something like this: "Gabriel, I chose 12 men from the workplace to build my Church. They were an unlikely group, but I wanted a people to express my life where they spend most of their time and experienced most of their challenges. However, today we have a problem. My Church is not being represented in the work place. So, I've decided to call several people to serve me in this arena. We must awaken the Church in the workplace."

There is a man in Albany, Georgia, USA. He reminds me of my servant Jacob. Boy, what a manipulator and controller he was before I did my work in him. Now you recall that Jacob became one of the patriarchs! This businessman in Albany has that same potential. He is our man to awaken my servants. However, in order to awaken him to my plan and my destiny for him, I must remove some things he

relies upon. This will draw him to myself. It will be painful at first, but necessary. It will take 7 years, but I plan to restore all I take from him. The result will be quite amazing. He will engage many others. He'll usher in a whole new focus in my Church that has been lost since those early days. I plan to do that with many others as well. My plan is designed to raise up an army in these last days before I return. It is time for you to go now. You know what you must do. Be gentle, but firm with my servant."

What kind of conversation might Jesus and an angel have about your life? What catalyst is needed to bring you in alignment with the purposes and plans of God.

Marines, this is the most meaningful time of the year. It is my prayer that you and yours will be blessed by holding this special time apart and take joy in the knowledge that He came just for us and we are in His hands.

Chaplain Ernie

Paymaster's Report

Checking Account:

Opening Balance	\$786.58
Credits	\$483.11
Debits	\$225.00
Outstanding checks	\$176.00
Closing Balance	\$1,230.69

Savings Account:

Opening Balance	\$3,856.80
Credits (Dividend)	\$1.15
Debits	0.00
Closing Balance	\$3,857.95

Upcoming Events

Remember our Wednesday weekly meetings for breakfast at Roosters 0900. We have great fun. Try to be there.

Muster Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1830 by Commandant Newton.

Roll Call of Officers was taken, present were: Commandant Newton, Sr. Vice Kirstatter, Jr. Vice Rodgers, Sgt at Arms Fish, Adjutant Rodgers. 19 members were present. There were no new membership applications.

Guests: None

Old Business:

1. Adjutant's report: Marine J. Rodgers Reported there was an Officer's meeting which took place an hour prior to this meeting which discussed Budget, Awards, and New Officers.

2. October minutes posted: accepted: Marines Nicholson and Steward.

3. Paymaster's Report read and accepted: Marines Nicholson and G. Rodgers.

4. Chaplain's report given by Marine B. Elmore advised Chaplain E. Elmore is doing better after his gall bladder removal and advised of others in distress; Marines Newton, Adams, Murphy, Retza, and Freed. All were doing well and recovering. Also, JROTC member Nicholas Pender was hit by a car in critical condition.

Correspondence:

1. Email about the possible fund raiser by selling the new "Pappy Boynton" video. Cost to purchase on line is \$19.99. any orders more than five would get a discount. Contact would have to be made to discuss cost.

2. Associate Marine Amanda Wood emailed that the JROTC would be having another fund raiser at Maggie Moos Thursday at 1900.

3. There will be a Dept. Staff meeting December 4th in Macon open to all members.

Report of Officers:

1. Commandant - Announced that the Dec meeting would not be a regular meeting but an awards dinner. Guests are encouraged to attend. Cost will be \$10 for each person with the remainder being paid for by the detachment. A buffet meal will be served with an open bar free for one hour. The Club is waiving the \$300 room fee normally charged in Dec. Reservations need to be made to the Commandant NLT 1 Dec. A brief meeting will begin at 1800 and dinner served at 1830.

2. Sr. Vice - announced that there will be three officer nominations and Marine of the Year. Nominations need to be in by December meeting. New officer installation will be at the Jan meeting. Officer positions to be nominated are: Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Staff Judge Advocate. Other positions available are the Adjutant and Sgt at Arms.

3. Jr. Vice - NR

4. Judge Advocate - Absent

5. Paymaster - Annual Budget was presented and sent out via email.

6. Chaplain - absent

7. Sgt at Arms - NR

8. Americanism/Patriotism - we are out of flags.

9. Eagle Scout Representative - Absent

10. Newsletter Editor - NR

11. Marine for Life Representative - NR

Report of Committees and Projects:

1. River Walk Committee - planned for Feb 2011

2. Faith Community Outreach Project is on hold

3. Update on Female Marine Care Packages - Marine G Rodgers advised that The American Legion Auxiliary donated enough items for five or six more packages.

New Business:

1. One Tuesday a month Commandant Newton will hold a lunch at the Restaurant Club on base.
2. Voted on Annual Budget. All present approved.

Good of the League:

1. Young Marines won \$50 at Exchange Club Fair.
2. SWGA Veterans coalition will meet Dec 12 at the American Legion.
3. Marine B. Elmore reported that the successful Flag Folding detail performed at 1st Baptist of Leesburg on November 7th but there were only three members to fold the flag. We need more members both for the Flag Folding Detail and the Color Guard. Marine Sherman Braden stepped forward to volunteer.

Announcements:

The next regular meeting will be held on 16 December 2010. The meeting was closed by Commandant Newton at 1920.

Good of the League

Christmas Awards Banquet

Our Detachment Awards and Christmas Banquet will be held on December 16, 1800 at the River Pointe Golf Course Club House. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door. Come and bring a friend. Make your reservations to the Commandant no later than Dec 5th.

Short Rounds

Christmas Tree Lighting

The lighting of the base Christmas Tree at MCLB Albany is scheduled Friday, December 10 at 1800 in the base housing area.

We are sad to announce the death of young NJROTC member Nicholas Pender who was struck by a car on Philema Road. The Detachment has sent condolences to the family.

Congratulations to Member Alex Hart on becoming a partner with Hall & Williamson P.C. We all wish you well.

Sea Stories

I had the unenviable job of the Color SgtMaj for the 2nd Marine Parade back in 1976 at Camp Lejeune. The parade was formed and I smartly stepped out and with great gusto began giving the command "**FORWWARRD MARCH**". Just as "March" shot out of my mouth, my upper plate also came shooting out of my mouth and landed on the grass in front of me. I smartly marched forward, bent down, wiped them off, and slid them back into my mouth without missing a beat. I returned to my appointed position and commenced to continue with my assignment. I chose to ignore the laughing Marines in the Color Detail. (from Chaplain Ernie Elmore)

Boy Scouts

A note recently received by the Detachment:

*Dan,
Thank you for preparing the Marine Corps League Certificate for Matthew and for stopping by to offer your congratulations. You helped make it a very special day for our son.*

Please extend our appreciation to the membership of the Detachment and express our gratitude for their patriotic support to our community.

*Sincerely,
Merrill Dickenson*

parent of Eagle Scout Matthew Dickenson.

Check for Alzheimer's

The following was developed as a mental age assessment by the School of Psychiatry at Harvard University. Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake. The average person over 40 years of age cannot do it!

1. This is this cat.
2. This is is cat.
3. This is how cat.
4. This is to cat.
5. This is keep cat.
6. This is an cat.
7. This is old cat.
8. This is fart cat.
9. This is busy cat.
10. This is for cat.
11. This is forty cat.
12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the THIRD word in each line from the top down.

*"We have two companies of Marines running rampant all over the northern half of the island, and three Army regiments pinned down in the southwestern corner doing nothing. What the hell's going on?"
Gen John Vesey, Jr. USA
Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff during the assault on Grenada 1983*

This Month in History

4 December 1950 - Lt.Col Raymond G. Davis led his battalion into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a

numerically superior hostile force. His battalion, 1st Bn 7th Marines, helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines and LtCol Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

8 December 1928 - A small detail of Marines under Captain Maurice G. Holmes defeated Nicaraguan bandits near Chuyelite. GySgt Charles Williams was mortally wounded during the fighting. Capt Holmes was later awarded the Navy Cross for Gallantry. and a posthumous award was given to GySgt Williams.

18 December 1948 - The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. Embassies throughout the world.

20 December 1989 - Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty and apprehend dictator Manuel Noriega. One Marine was killed and three others were wounded during the operation.

23 December 1941 - Japanese forces launched a pre-dawn landing on Wake Island and Wilkes Island, while their carriers launched air strikes against Wilkes, Wake and Peale Islands, in support of the landing force. After nearly 12 hours of desperate fighting, the three islands were surrendered.

In the News

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As a combat Marine during the Vietnam War, Eddie Wyatt's life depended on being acutely aware of his surroundings at every moment.

*This holiday season, Wyatt and other veterans will be using those same skills to watch for suspicious people and activity in retail areas around Gastonia. To combat crime, **the local Marine Corps League** has volunteered its 60 members to aid the Gastonia Police Department with extra eyes and ears.*

"When you go out into combat, you have to be real vigilant," said Wyatt, an active duty Marine from 1963 to 1969. "That same type of training is what we'll use to look for suspicious activity. We are to be aware of our surroundings; deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Observe and do reconnaissance, and report suspicious activity to police who are trained to deal with it."

Marine Corps League members won't be doing regular patrols or making themselves known in public by "walking a beat." "The best part of this initiative is the would-be criminal will never know who is watching because the members of Detachment 1162 will be in plain clothes and plain cars." Police Sgt. Fred McMurray said. Rather than doing it in an organized manner, the veterans will be keeping an eye out anywhere they happen to be. Cell phones will allow League members to contact the Gaston County Telecommunications Center while keeping visual contact with any suspects. The initiative will officially run through Dec. 23.

*An armed man is a citizen.
An unarmed man is a subject.*

Birthdays!

Charles Nicholson

Christmas Remembrance

The spirit of
Christmas takes flight,
Neath the Star of
Bethlehem's light.
Filling hearts and
minds with delight,
Joyfully we await
Christmas Eve night.

Tis the season of good
will and mirth,
joy and love will
encircle the Earth.
As we feel the
Christmas spirit
perform,

Remember the beloved
brave in uniform.

They're in the
mountains of
Afghanistan,
and on the high seas
of China and Japan,
From the bloodied
desert sands of Iraq,
They've served well
thru hell and back.

**Merry Christmas Marines
and a Very Happy New
Year.**

Semper Fi