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From the Commandant

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I would like to congratulate our Award recipients again. Please keep in mind that you were nominated for the awards by your peers for your efforts during the past year. The awardees will be featured in this issue of the DesJardines Dispatch.

The Banquet was a big success. It was nice to have the family members be able to put a face to the names they have been hearing for some time. I enjoyed meeting families and members that I had not seen in a while.

I would also like to "Welcome Aboard" our three new members, Marines Willie Peters, Harry McDole and James Reilly. If you happen to see them, let them know that you are a member of the detachment too.

We are starting out the New Year with the annual election of Officers for the coming year. This is your chance to vote for the member who you think can best guide the detachment in the coming year and possibly beyond. According to the last report from the Nominations Chairman, Ernie Elmore, we may have some new faces on the Board of Trustees I have already let Ernie know that, if nominated, it would be an honor to

*serve you for another year as Commandant. I hope to see a large turnout for the nomination, election, and installation of the coming year's Officers. Semper Fi,
Tom*

Chaplain's Corner

DESERT TRAINING

"O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water." (Ps. 63:1)
The desert holds a special place in God's Word. The Scriptures portray the desert as a place of inspiration and exaltation - a place where people met God in a powerful new way. King David wrote the 63rd Psalm while in exile in the Desert of Judah. He was hiding from his son Absalom, who wanted to replace him as king of Israel.

For Joseph, a deep pit in the desert was the first stop on a 13-year journey through desolation and despair. That 13-year desert experience served to break Joseph's self-will and self-confidence. It taught him that he could not control anything and that he needed to rely on God to manage the events in his life. Joseph's desert trial prepared him by scorching the youthful pride and arrogance out of his young life so that

when he was 30 years old he could rule Egypt at Pharaoh's side in a spirit of humility and servant-hood.

Before becoming king of Israel, David was a shepherd. Part of his training for leadership involved hand-to-claw combat with the beasts of the wilderness, including the lion and the bear. Elijah learned the principles of spiritual leadership while in the wilderness of Gilead. And Jesus was tempted and tested for 40 days in the desert before He began to preach.

Perhaps God has given you a dream, but now it seems that your dream has withered and died under the scorching desert sun. It seems that God has gone away and is not listening to your prayers. But, I want you to know that your dream still lives. God is with you, even if you can't see Him, hear Him or sense His presence. He is preparing you in the desert. Happy New Year Marines! Chaplain Ernie

Paymaster's Report

Checking Account:

Opening Balance	\$1,054.69
Credits	510.15
.Debits	802.60
Outstanding check	176.75
Closing Balance	\$ 938.99

Savings Account:

Opening Balance	\$3,857.95
Credits (Dividend)	\$ 1.11
Debits	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance	\$3,859.06

Upcoming Events

Jan 1 - New Years Day

Jan 5 - MCLB Retirees Breakfast

Jan 11 - MCL Lunch at the Crossroads
1130-1300

Jan 18th Detachment meeting night -

Annual Officer Elections

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING
BREAKFAST AT ROOSTERS 0900

Sick Call

Please remember Marine Bobby Sanders who is recovering from eye surgery.

Short Rounds

AUGUSTA, GA - A U.S. Marine reservist collecting toys for children was stabbed when he helped stop a suspected shoplifter in eastern Georgia.

Best Buy sales manager Orvin Smith told The Augusta Chronicle that the man was seen on surveillance cameras Friday putting a laptop under his jacket at the Augusta store.

When confronted, the man became irate, knocked down an employee, pulled a knife and ran toward the door. Outside were four Marines collecting for the Toys for Tots program.

Smith said the Marines stopped the man, but he stabbed one of them, Cpl Phillip Duggan, in the back. The cut did not appear to be severe.

The suspect, whose name was not released, was held until police arrived. The Richmond County Sheriff's office said it is investigating.

The suspect was transported to the local hospital with two broken arms, a broken leg, possible broken ribs, multiple contusions and assorted lacerations including a broken nose and jaw...injuries he sustained when he FELL trying to run after stabbing the Marine.

Sea Stories

"DON'T LOCK YOUR KEYS IN YOUR WALL LOCKER"

Bob Adams

This once in a lifetime event occurred on March 12, 1962 at Officer's Candidate School in beautiful Quantico. Virginia. All League members who are Officers know Quantico very well.

I was a member of the 30th Officer Candidate Class and was raring and ready to go. The first day was going fairly well with the DIs gently (BS) introducing 42 gung ho and unaware and unprepared civilians to our wonderful Corps. Obviously, they kept us on the move all day going through Candidate Processing; medical screening; designer haircuts; uniform issue; rifle & 782 gear; chow hall with its culinary delicacies, barracks assignment, squad bay, and rack assignments.

Other than the continuous barrage from our DIs, everything was going well, if shell-shocked can be considered well. The DIs had an uncanny ability to see and hear everything and we dropped and did push-ups until we thought we were part of the squad bay deck.

I don't want to bore you guys any further so let me proceed to the reason for the title of this Sea Story.

The DIs had us all lined up in front of our racks nattily attired in our white skivvy shirts with matching boxer shorts that came down to our knees. They then had us play games with our rifles and when the fun was over, I put my rifle in my locker and proceeded to secure my locker and it only took me 5 seconds to realize that I had locked my keys in the wall locker! Obviously, I had to inform my DI what I had done. That's when the fun really began for the other 41 candidates and terror began for one skinny candidate as both DIs descended on me and proceeded to berate me and I can't use the language because "Ladies" will be readying this classic. The Senior DI informed me that I would have to go to

the first deck and get the bolt cutters from the 1stSgt's Office.

Unfortunately, we were the last platoon of four to be put to bed so when I arrived at the 1stSgt's Office nattily attired in my skivvy uniform, there were 6 other DIs plus the 1stSgt in the company office. After they made me try to knock the Hatch down by saying "I Can't Hear You" they ordered me into the Office and asked why I was there interrupting their "important" business. When I told them about the locked keys, all the DIs went crazy. They each took turns telling me what a puke I was and they were glad I wasn't in their platoon. Finally, after what seemed an eternity of verbal abuse, the 1stSgt said they lost a candidate in the last class because he locked himself in the locker and they didn't find him for 3 days (joking, I think). He asked me if I wanted that to happen to me. Of course, I said no, and he finally gave me the bolt cutters, which were almost as tall as I was. He said get out of here and I want those cutters back in 3 minutes or less. Needless to say, I proceeded to my 2nd deck squad bay and cut the lock and returned the cutters with 30 seconds to spare. The 1stSgt said get out of his office and that he and the other DIs would be watching me during the next 11 weeks.

I remembered the advice that my Officer Selection Officer gave me during the recruiting process - "Stay Off the Skyline" and you will be alright. Obviously, I wish I would have remembered that advice before I locked the keys in my locker.

This Sea Story has a happy ending because I stayed off the skyline and was commissioned on May 25th 1962 and lived happily ever after.

S/F

p.s. I think I made a good case for using "combination" locks.

Boy Scouts

Kent Morrison presented Andrew May with the Marine Corps League Certificate in recognition of him attaining the rank of Eagle Scout on 7 November 2010. Dan Gillan, our Boy Scout coordinator was also present. This continues to be a very positive event for these young men and in recognizing their accomplishment we are sending a very strong message of what our Corps is all about.

New Members

Welcome aboard our new members.



Commandant Newton swearing in new members Willie Peters and Harry McDole. Not in the picture was new member James Reilly.. Glad to have you with our merry band!

This Month in History

10 Jan 1995: The Pentagon announced that 2600 U.S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation Unified Shield to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops from Somalia.

16 Jan 1991: Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an all-out air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait.

18 Jan 1951: Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang areas, South Korea following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin Reservoir.

20 Jan 1968: The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North. More than 100 of the enemy were killed.

22 Jan 1969: Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow were lifted from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been counted and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed.

25 Jan 1856: Marines and seamen from the U.S. sloop DECATUR went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington to protect settlers from Indian raids. The Indians launched a seven-hour attack but were driven off later that day after suffering severe losses. Incredibly, only two civilian volunteers were killed and no Marines or sailors were lost.

29 Jan 1991: The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front.

In the News

The Marine Corps implemented a new qualification system for the combat water survival training that went into effect for all Marines Nov 10. The new system focuses on safety and effectiveness while reforming qualification requirements.

"Marines are inherently amphibious by nature and are expected to operate in aquatic environments." said Gen. James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, in Marine Corps Order 1500.52D,

in reference to the new swim qualifications.

"The old swim program was created and based on the needs of the battlefield in the 1940's during world War II. The needs of combat have changed, along with the gear as well. The program now has all the gear we use in combat. The fundamentals will remain the same, but the tasks the Marines execute will be more realistic to today's combat", said SSgt Nicholas Reyes, instructor of Water Survival, Camp Butler, Okinawa.. "The new program is going to show Marines what to do if they fall into water with all of their gear on. It will also teach them how to strip their gear while in water and how to use their gear in order to save themselves as well as a fellow Marine. The program employs water survival skills of increasing levels of ability designed to reduce fear raise self-confidence and develop Marines with the ability to survive in water"

Birthdays!

12 - Karolyn Sutherland
16 - Kevin McCutcheon
21 - James Reilly
25 - Dan Gillan
26 - Bobbie Elmore
27 - Dave Eldridge

Christmas Banquet



Major Lawrence DesJardines gathered at the River Pointe Golf Clubhouse for their Annual Christmas and Awards Banquet. Many were unable to attend, but those that came had a great time of good food and camaraderie. It opened with an official meeting for the purpose of inducting three new members into the Detachment. This happy occasion was followed by Commandant Newton making the yearly Detachment awards. All nominations came from within the membership and were voted upon by the membership.

Chaplain Elmore also drew everyone's attention to the lone table in the corner of the room and explained:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, as you entered this Banquet Hall, you should have noticed that before us tonight stands an empty chair and a single lone table draped in black, signifying all of our fallen comrades who are not with us this evening because they have given the full measure of devotion to our country and to our beloved Corps. The single lighted candle reminds us of the flame of eternal life and that the memory of our fallen comrades will be with us always. The Purple Heart Medal is displayed to reflect the shedding of blood and the ebb of life in battle. The Identification Tags are blank. Yet they could bear the name of any of us here tonight. Only a few Americans choose the dangerous and necessary work of fighting our nation's enemies. As a consequence of that choice some have paid the ultimate price joining the Honor Roll of Heroes who built the noble legacy of our Corps. For those of us who carry on that legacy, it is our obligation to honor those fallen Marines. As Marines gather in celebration, we gather in the shadows of greatness - though our fallen can no longer participate in our traditions, they will always be a part of us and who we are. Ladies and Gentle men, please rise for a moment of silence for our Fallen Comrades."

The formal meeting was closed and all were called to an excellent dinner of bar-b-que chicken and beef tenderloin, grilled green beans, garlic red mashed

potatoes, rolls and cobbler dessert. A good time was had by all.

To: ALCON
Subj: Christmas SOP
Ref: (a) OPLAN 360-04 (North Pole)

1. Per the reference, an official staff visit by LtGen Claus is expected at your house on or about 25 DEC. The following instructions will govern the activities of ALCON during the visit.

a. Not a creature will stir without permission. This includes Warrant Officers ad mice. Marines may obtain special stirring permission for necessary administrative action through DPAC. Officer stirring permits must be obtained through the XO.

b. All personnel will settle their brains for a long winter nap NL T 2200, 24 DEC . Nap Uniform will be : Pajamas, Cotton, Light Weight, General Purpose. OK, and Watch Cap, Wool, Black. Equipment will be drawn from Supply prior to 2130. While at Supply, all personnel will review their ECR card and sign a checkage (DD Form 1131) for all missing items (remember, this is the "season of giving").

c. Personnel will utilize standard MRE sugar plums for visions to dance through their heads. MRE ration pack sugar plums should be eaten with egg loaf, chipped ham, and spice cake to ensure max visions are experienced.

d. Stockings, Wool, Cushion Sole, will be hung by the chimneys with care. Officers will conduct ZORM to ensure the necessary safety precautions are taken to avoid fires caused by carelessly hung stockings. Stocking handling plans will be submitted to the S-3 (Training) prior to 0830, 24 DEC. All SNCOs will ensure their subordinates are thoroughly briefed on the safety aspects of stocking hanging.

e. At the first sign of clatter, all personnel will spring from their beds to investigate and evaluate the cause. Immediate action will be taken to tear open the shutters and throw up the window sashes. On order, para 6-8 (c)(3) of the reference takes effect governing shutter tearing and sash throwing. SNCOs and NCOs will be familiar with procedures and are responsible for seeing that no shutters are torn or sashes thrown prior to the start of official clatter.

f. Prior to 0001, 25 DEC, all personnel possessing binoculars and night vision equipment will be assigned "wandering eyeball" stations.

g. The S-4 via the Motor Pool, will assign one (1) Sleigh, Miniature, M-24 and eight (8) reindeer, tiny, for use by LtGen Claus.

2. LtGen Claus will initially enter the CP via the CDO.

3. All SNCOs and NCOs will be rehearsed in the shouting of "Merry Christmas to All and to all a Good Night."



Above are four of the five Award recipients. Their awards were presented at our Christmas Banquet by Commandant Tom Newton. Left to right:

- * Marilyn Retza: **MCL Community Service Award** which Marilyn earned for her 25 years of volunteering at Palmyra Hospital.
- * Jerod Gillan receiving the **MCL Community Service Award** for his father, Dan Gillan. Dan received the award for his support of the Riverwalk cleanups, and Patriot Field of flags setup/tear-down. Dan has also become the Detachment piper and performed at the Patriot Field of Flags and the Veterans Day Service at 1st Baptist Church of Leesburg. Dan also has now taken control of the Eagle Scout Program for the Detachment.
- * Dave Aldrich receiving the **Distinguished Citizenship (Bronze) Award** for his support of the Riverwalk cleanups, Patriot Field of Flags setup/tear-down and Flag Folding Detail. Dave also has now taken control of the Americanism/Patriotism Program started by Ernie Elmore.
- * Ernie Elmore receiving both the **Distinguished Service (Bronze) Award** and **The Marine of the Year Award**. See write-up on next page.
- * Ron Kirstatter (not in photo) receiving the **Distinguished Service (Bronze) Award**. Ron is serving as the Detachment and Department Webmaster and the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant. Ron ran the Detachment's first ever Yard Sale that netted the Detachment over \$400.00. Ron also ran the MCL booth at the MCLB 2nd of July Celebration. Ron has attended several Riverwalk cleanups this year. He also donated over \$250 to the West Chatham Detachment to aid in their preparations for the 2011 State Convention. Ron was a member of the "Fallen Marine" detail in Blakely, Georgia. He supported the State convention by attending and assisting with music and a slide presentation during the Banquet. Ron attended the South East Division Conference in Mobil, Alabama and the National convention in Greensboro, North Carolina. Ron assisted the Rose Program fund raiser by working with the Backwoods Outdoors business as a fund raising site. Ron also attended the Braves Game in August with several members from the Department.



Commandant Tom Newton (L) presents Chaplain Ernie Elmore (R.) with **The Marine of the Year Award**. Ernie joined the Detachment and hit the ground running by becoming the Detachment Chaplain. While attending the State Convention he also accepted the appointment as the Department Chaplain. Ernie took over the "Fallen Marine" Program and made it a success for the Detachment and a standard for the Department to follow. Ernie has donated funds to procure the Pendants and Eagle, Globe and Anchor for presentation at the Fallen Marine Ceremony. He also started the Americanism/Patriotism Program by donating 20 American flags to be given out to any person or business that needed their American Flag replaced. Ernie is a member of the Flag Folding Detail. He has faithfully attended the Department Staff meetings, State convention and National Convention. Ernie setup a fund raiser with the Marine Corps rose Program that netted the detachment \$150.00. He also serves his community by volunteering as Chaplain at the Albany Palmyra Hospital.



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From the Commandant

First, I would like to congratulate the detachment for their selection of Detachment officers for the coming year. As I stated during the nomination process, it is a pleasure and an honor for me to serve as you Commandant for a second tour. I have been working with Ron, Bob, Ernie, Bobbie, Nick, Dan, Roger, and Jim and we seem to keep each other straight and we welcome Sherman Braden and Roger Paulin to the team.

We have had a bump in the road as far as the Judge Advocate position is concerned. The member who was nominated and was about to accept has had work related duties come up. So we will be looking for a Judge Advocate at this month's meeting. Our Nominations Chairman tells me that he has someone who may be willing to accept the position. If anyone else is interested in becoming the Judge Advocate please contact Ernie Elmore.

Your Staff Officers will be having our first meeting on February 2nd and we hope to bring you a plan for membership retention and expansion and some solid fund-raising ideas. At future meetings, I

hope to cover improving our community visibility and recognition and forging closer ties with our fellow Marines aboard the base.

I would also like to see more involvement with the Young Marines and the Marine and Navy JROTC units. Did you know there are Marine JROTC units in Moultrie and Cairo? These units must have Marine leadership from somewhere and we need to reach out to them as well.

I'm looking forward to the coming year and to working with this team. Again, I wish to thank you all for the trust and confidence you placed on me in leading this detachment for the coming year.

*Semper Fi,
Tom*

Chaplain's Corner

Why Does God Allow Evil?

"If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand." (Psalm 130:3)
One of the most common questions I am often asked is "If God is a good God, loving, just, and all-powerful, why does He allow good people to suffer?" Many choose not to believe in God because of this question.

We do not know all the reasons why God permits evil. We need to remember, however, that He is not the cause of evil in this world and we should therefore not blame Him for it. Remember that God did not create evil, as some believe. God created the world perfect. Man chose to defy God and go his own way, and it is man's fault that evil entered the world. Even so, God has provided the ultimate triumph of good over evil in Jesus Christ, who on the cross, defeated Satan and those who follow him. Christ is coming back and when He does, all evil will be ended forever and righteousness and justice will prevail.

Have you ever thought about what would happen if God suddenly eliminated all the evil in this world? Not one person would be left, because we are all guilty of sin.

Whenever we suffer, we should remember that the Son of God went before us, drinking the cup of suffering and death to the dregs. Because Christ is fully man and fully God, we know that God understands our fears, sorrows and suffering. He identifies with us. Most important of all, the Father has given us the gift of His Son so that we don't have to die and suffer forever in eternity.

Evil, suffering and death came into the world when the first man and woman listened to Satan and committed the first sin. Evil was never part of the Garden of Eden. The moment Adam and Eve crossed the boundary of God's command, evil became the terrible reality of this world.

There are some questions that will remain unresolved until we are able to meet face to face with our Creator in Heaven.

Chaplain Ernie Elmore

Paymaster's Report

Checking Account:

Opening Balance	\$762.24
Credits	\$232.11
Debits	\$603.80
Outstanding checks	\$194.00
Closing Balance	\$584.55

Savings Account:

Opening Balance	\$3,859.06
Credits (Dividend)	\$1.15
Debits	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$3,860.21

Upcoming Events

2 Feb. 1830 Staff Meeting hosted by Ernie and Bobbie Elmore, 192 Miller Road, Leesburg

Also, Retirees Breakfast on Base.

15 Feb 1830 Detachment Monthly meeting at River Pointe Golf course Club House.

Every Wednesday of the month, 0900 Breakfast at Rooster's.

Muster Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1830, 18 January 2011 by Commandant Newton. Roll Call of Officers was taken, present were: Commandant Newton, Sr. Vice Kirstatter, Staff Judge Advocate Kraus, Adjutant Rodgers

24 members were present.

There was one new member:

Tim McClelland

Guests: Bobbie Cerney and Department Commandant Bo Stollenwerck.

Adjutant's Report: No minutes for December. November minutes posted to web site; approved; Marines Nicholson and Adams.

Correspondence:

1. SE Division Conference info received.

2. Jan 27th there will be an award lunch for volunteers of Keep Albany Dougherty Beautiful. Our Detachment is expected to be recognized.

Paymaster's Report: Presented and approved by Marines Nicholson and Aldrich.

Chaplain's Report: Five Fallen Marine Certificates were given out.

Report of Officers:

1. Commandant - Reported on a site visit to the West Chatham Detachment for the 2011 State Convention.

2. Sr. Vice - No Report

3. Jr. Vice - Absent

4. Judge Advocate - no report

5. Chaplain - no report

6. Sgt at Arms - no report

7. Newsletter Editor - brought attention to the insertion of photos now found in The Dispatch.

8. Americanism/Patriotism Project - we are in receipt of new flags for handout to businesses from Woodmen of America.

9. Eagle Scout Rep - absent

10. Marine for Life Rep - no report

Report of Committees and Projects -
no report

Old Business:

Nominations Chairman Ernie Elmore conducted the election of Detachment officers for 2011

New Business: Department Commandant Stollenwerck conducted the Installation of Detachment Officers:

1. Commandant: Tom Newton

2. Sr. Vice: Ron Kirstatter

3. Jr. Vice: Sherman Braden

4. SJA: JJ Kraus

5. Adjutant: Roger Paulin

6. Sgt at Arms: James Rodgers

7. Paymaster: Bob Adams
8. Chaplain: Ernie Elmore
9. Web Sergeant: Ron
Kirstatter
10. PIO/Dispatch Ed.: Bobbie
Elmore

Good of the League

Marine Alex Hart informed the Detachment of Marine Jeff Wilson achieving his Doctorate Degree.

Announcements:

The next regular meeting will be held on 15 Feb 2011. The meeting was closed by Commandant Newton at 1830.

Good of the League

Want to know how to reach MCL Headquarters on the Internet? Go to:
www.mcleague.org/mdp

Short Rounds

Agent Orange

Evidence provided by the Institute of Medicine was sufficient to award presumptions of service connection for three additional diseases - Parkinson's disease, ischemic heart disease and expanding chronic lymphocytic leukemia to include all chronic B cell leukemias, such as hairy cell leukemia.

You can visit www.vba.va.ov/bln/21/AO/claimherbicide.htm to get an understanding of how to file a claim for presumptive conditions related to herbicide exposure, as well as what evidence is needed by the VA to make a decision about

disability compensation or survivors' benefits.

Additional information about Agent Orange and the VA's services for veterans exposed to the chemical is available at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange.

Congratulations to Life Member Jeff Wilson who recently was awarded his PhD from Colorado Technical University in Management. He is now employed as Operations Manager for Marine Corps Systems Command at the Albany Corps Logistics Command. Good to see you back with us, Jeff, and we're very happy for your accomplishment.

Once again we want to thank **Terry Cook** and Woodmen of the World Insurance for the support of our Patriotism program. OoooRah!!

The San Diego Padres unveiled their new jerseys. To honor the Marine Corps, they will be wearing the Marine Corps version of the digital camouflage. This is camouflage in its truest sense. From a distance, these new uniforms might simply look brown or green or whatever color the fabric has morphed into at that moment.. The players won't completely disappear out of sight of the opposing team, but they'll come close.

Do you remember.....

"My Rifle"

The Creed of a United States Marine
by

Major Gen. W.H. Rupertus, USMC
This is my rifle. There are many like it, but this one is mine.

My rifle is my best friend. It is my life. I must master it as I must master my life.

My rifle without me is useless. Without my rifle, I am useless. I must fire my rifle true. I must shoot straighter than my enemy who is trying to kill me. I must shoot him before he shoots me. I will.....

My rifle and myself know that what counts in this war is not the rounds we fire, the noise of our burst, nor the smoke we make. We know that it is the hits that count. We will hit.....

My rifle is human, even as I, because it is my life. Thus, I will learn it as a brother. I will learn its weaknesses, its strength, its parts, its accessories, its sights, and its barrel. I will ever guard it against the ravages of weather and damage. I will keep my rifle clean and ready, even as I am clean and ready. We will become part of each other. We will...

Before God I swear this creed. My rifle and myself are the defenders of my country. We are the masters of our enemy. We are the saviors of my life. So be it, until victory is America's and there is no enemy, but peace.

(thank you Roger Paulin, for submitting this)

This Month in History

2 Feb 1968 - Operation Hue City, Tet Offensive began in Viet Nam.

5 Feb 1918 - The 1st Marine Replacement Battalion sailed for France in WWI.

9 Feb 1948 - The first Marine helicopters were delivered to the Corps.

11 Feb - 1904 - Marines landed at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

19 Feb 1945 - The 4th and 5th Marine Divisions stormed ashore at Iwo Jima.

20 Feb 1962 - Marine LtCol John Glenn made three orbits in a manned space capsule.

23 Feb 23 - Five Marines and a Navy corpsman raised the American flag on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima.

25 Feb 1861 - The Confederate Marine Corps was organized in Richmond, VA.

27 Feb 1991 - Desert Storm offensive operations ceased. Marines captured, destroyed or damaged 1,060 tanks, 608 APCs, 432 artillery pieces and two SCUD launchers during 100 hours of combat. 23 Marines were killed in action or will wounded.

Birthdays!

February

1 - Bill Kicklighter

2 - Jim Rodgers

7 - Burt Sutherland

19 - Bill Hamby

21 - Ken Harper

22 - Tom Newton

An Extraordinary Speech

What follows is a portion of a speech (condensed) given by LtGen John F. Kelly USMC on November 13, 2010 to the Semper Fi Society of Kansas City. What renders it so is that General Kelly's son First Lieutenant Robert Michael Kelly, was killed in action in Sangin, Afghanistan only four days before LtGen Kelly gave this speech. LtGen Kelly's eldest child is also a U.S. Marine. His speech ends with this: "I will leave you with a story about the kind of people they are (Marines)...about the quality of the steel in their backs...about the kind of dedication they bring to our country while they serve in uniform and forever after as veterans. Two years ago when I was the Commander of all U.S. and Iraqi forces, in fact, the 22nd of April 2008, two Marine infantry battalions, 1/9 "The Walking Dead," and 2/8 were switching out in Ramadi. One battalion in the closing days of their deployment going home very soon, the other just

starting its seven-month combat tour. Two Marines, Corporal Jonathan Yale and Lance Corporal Jordan Haerter, 22 and 20 years old respectively, one from each battalion, were assuming the watch together at the entrance gate of an outpost that contained a makeshift barracks housing 50 Marines. The same broken down ramshackle building was also home to 100 Iraqi police, also my men and our allies in the fight against the terrorists in Ramadi, a city until recently the most dangerous city on earth and owned by Al Qaeda. Yale was a dirt poor mixed-race kid from Virginia with a wife and daughter, and a mother and sister who lived with him and he supported as well. He did this on a yearly salary of less than \$23,000. Haerter, on the other hand, was a middle class, white kid from Long Island. They were from two completely different worlds. Had they not joined the Marines they would never have met each other, or understood that multiple Americas exist simultaneously depending on one's race, education level, economic status, and where you might have been born. But they were Marines, combat Marines, forged in the same crucible of Marine training and because of this bond they were brothers, as close, or closer than if they were born of the same woman.

Their orders were to stand the post and let no unauthorized personnel or vehicles pass. So they took up their post at the entry control point of Joint Security Station Nasser, in the Sophia section of Ramadi, al Anbar, Iraq.

A few minutes later a large blue truck turned down the alley way - perhaps 60-70-yards in length - and sped its way through the serpentine of concrete jersey walls. The truck stopped just short of where the two were posted and detonated, killing them both catastrophically. Twenty-four brick masonry houses were damaged or destroyed. A mosque 100 yards away collapsed. The truck's engine came to rest 200 yards away. The blast was made of 2,000 pounds of explosives. Two died, and because these two young infantrymen didn't have it in their DNA to run from danger, they saved 150 of their Iraqi and American brothers-in-arms.

A combat security camera recorded what happened. I traveled to Ramadi the next day and spoke individually to half dozen Iraqi police, all of whom told the same story. "We all knew immediately what was going on as soon as the two Marines began firing." To a

man they all ran for safety just prior to the explosion. Many were injured...some seriously. Putting myself in their head I supposed it took about a second for the two Marines to separately come to the same conclusion about what was going on once the truck came into their view at the far end of the alley. No time to talk it over. Only enough time to take half an instant to think about what the sergeant told them to do only a few minutes before." ...let no unauthorized personnel or vehicles pass." They presented their weapons, took aim and opened up. The recording show a number of Iraqi police, some of whom had fired their AK's now scattering like the normal and rational men they were - some running right past the Marines. The recording shows the Marines weapons firing non-stop...the truck's windshield exploding into shards of glass as their rounds take it apart and tore in to the body of the son-of-a-bitch who is trying to get past them to kill their brothers and Marines bedded down in the barracks. IF they had been aware, they would have known they were safe...because two Marines stood between them and a crazed suicide bomber. The recording shows the truck careening to a stop immediately in front of the two Marines. In all of the instantaneous violence, Yale and Haerter never hesitated. They never stepped back. They never shifted their weight. With their feet spread apart, they leaned into the danger, firing as fast as they could work their weapons. The truck explodes. The camera goes blank. Two young men go to their God. That is the kind of people who are on watch all over the world tonight - for you."

"The deadliest weapon in the world is a Marine and his rifle!" - General Pershing, US Army (WWI)

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From the Commandant

Greetings all! The annual gathering of the Magnificent Seven (Marine Corps League South East Division) will start off the month. I am encouraged that more members are planning on attending the event. There will be a few Royal Marines in attendance this year as they were inducted as "Associate members" at last year's Conference.

Our Patriotism Program has continued to roll with another donation of 21 American Flags, of various sizes from the Woodmen of the Insurance Company to the Program. We will also be performing a Flag Folding Ceremony for the Lee County Boy Scout Troop.

I hope you all are aware that, due to the continuing resolution to keep the Government operating, the Battle Color Ceremony will be held aboard MCLB Albany this month. This is always an entertaining ceremony to see. The Drum and Bugle Corps always has a great music selection to play and the Silent Drill is always a treat to watch. General Kessler has approved "reserved" seating for Marine Corps League members. Please remember to wear your Red Cover if you are attending.

There is a Department Staff meeting and a Military Order of the Devil Dogs Growl of Pounds 317 and 350 this month as well. The Staff meetings are always interesting and informative to attend and the Growls are always a fun event. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs please contact Ron Kirstatter, Ernie Elmore or myself. We would be glad to advise you on how you can join our ranks.

As the weather starts to warm up we should be getting out and recruiting new members and touching base with those that have fallen to the delinquent list. That reminds me, for those who have dues that are due in March, please submit them to Paymaster Bob Adams ASAP. Don't wait until our monthly meeting or your dues won't make it to National Headquarters in time.

Remember to wear green on St. Patrick's Day (March 17). Marine Corps green is the best. Try to get some good corned beef and cabbage and wash it down with some green beer!

*Semper Fi
Tom*

Chaplain's Corner

"The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position."

(James 1:9)

I once came across the following poem written by an anonymous Confederate soldier, a devout young man who fought in the American Civil War. The lines of this poem express the soul of a man who has learned to view his times of adversity from a different perspective:

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked God for health, that I might do greater things;
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for but everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among men, most richly blessed."

Do we trust God to lead us even though we can't see the pathway in front of us? Do we trust Him to be all-knowing, all-loving, and all-powerful? Do we believe He does all things well? As Paul wrote, "Everything that does not come from faith is sin." (Rom. 14:23). That's why God leads us through the dark places.

Only in darkness do we learn to walk by faith.

Chaplain Ernie Elmore

Paymaster's Report

Checking Account:

Opening Balance	\$390.55
Credits	\$655.08
Debits	\$759.20
Outstanding checks	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$286.43

Savings Account:

Opening Balance	\$3,860.21
Credits (Dividend)	\$1.10
Debits	\$400.00
Closing Balance	\$3,461.31

Upcoming Events

The Battle Color Ceremony is scheduled to be performed at MCLB Albany on Wednesday, March 16th at 1800. The performance will take place aboard the Base on the Parade Field in front of the Headquarters building and lasts about 1 hour. Everyone is asked to be seated by 1745. The ceremony will consist of the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps. Those without a government sticker will be asked to park in the overflow area. In the event of severe inclement weather the Battle Color Ceremony will be cancelled. The call for cancelation will take place by 1300 on March 16th. Our Detachment has reserved seating. If you plan to attend wear your red cover.

YARD SALE !!!

Please begin gathering items that we can sell in our upcoming Yard Sale. It will be held Saturday 16 April from 8 am

to noon at 1656 Maryland Drive, Albany (our Commandant's home). Andrea Gillan will be pricing your items. Items can be taken to Ron Kirstatter's home (229-809-0084 cell). He will be away the whole month of March, but call him in early April and he will tell you where and when to bring them to his home. Please start spreading the word about this fund-raiser. We need donated items as well as folks to buy them.

* SE Division Conference, Orlando, FL
March 3-6

* Lee County Boy scout Troop Flag
Folding Ceremony - Graves Spring Road
Fire Station 1900, March 14th.

* Monthly Detachment meeting - River
Pointe Golf Course, March 15th

* Battle Color Ceremony - MCLB Albany
1745. March 16th

* Department Staff Meeting -
McDonough, GA 1100 hrs. March 19th.
Pounds 317 and 350 Growl after Staff
Meeting.

* Every Wednesday morning breakfast
at Roosters 0900.

*Keep your ears open. We have a
Detachment Picnic coming up. 30
April. More later....*

Muster Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Detachment was called to order by Sr. Vice Commandant Ron Kirstatter at 1830 on 15 February 2011.

1. Roll Call of Officers was taken:
All were present except
Commandant Tom Newton who was ill.
2. There were no new members
however, we had two guests - MCLB
Albany Marine Sgt. Justin Keel and wife
Deon.

3. Adjutant Roger Paulin provided minutes of 18 January 2011 which has been posted to the February Dispatch. They were approved by Marine Sanders and Second by Marine Murphy.

4. Minutes:

Sr. Vice Ron Kirstatter read the Pay Master's report. Approved by Marine Chaffin and Seconded by Marine G. Rodgers.

Chaplain Ernie Elmore reported one member sick - Commandant Tom Newton. The Chaplain also reported that he and Jim Johnson visited the widows of 8 Fallen Marines in February.

5. Old Business: After nominations and votes, Sr. Vice Ron Kirstatter conducted the installation of the Detachment's new Judge Advocate Bob Sanders.



New JA, Bob Sanders

New Business: Several proposals for fund raising were discussed and agreed upon:

- a. Rose Donation led by Ernie and Bobbie Elmore
- b. Baseball Cap sales led by Dave Aldrich and Ernie Elmore.
- c. Sponsorships: Program Forms were presented to the Detachment (see "Good of the League" below).
- d. There will be a golf tournament. Date pending.

Sr. Vice Kirstatter presented a "Keep Albany Clean" plaque which was awarded to our Detachment by the city

Bob Adams provided a copy of the 2011 Budget for our Detachment.

Good of the League:

The Commandant provided our new City of Albany /Dougherty County Occupational Tax Certificate Number effective 02-16-2011.

SE Division Conference March 3-6, 2011 in Orlando, FL

State Convention May 20 and 21, 2011 in Pooler.

Detachment Yard Sale - 16 April 2011
Detachment Picnic - 30 April 2011

Sr. Vice Commandant Kirstatter closed the meeting at 2000.

Good of the League

The Detachment is looking to locate sponsors to help with our funding. Enclosed with this Dispatch is a form you can use when you visit someone (individual, business, company etc.) you think might be interested in partnering with us. The form is self-explanatory Please be pro-active in this endeavor. We can only help our community as long as we have funds with which to provide that help. More forms are available or you can make your own copy. When you are successful in finding a sponsor, please turn in the form and check to our Paymaster, Bob Adams.

Sea Stories

"Our ears had adjusted to attenuating the bugle-like blast of the drill instructor's voice when sorting out their correction to the errors of our ways. Equally we had learned how to amplify those requests from the head shed when the drill instructor's command needed repeating. Two days after stepping off that bus onto the yellow footprints it was obvious we still had some things to learn. What were

some of those words they kept yelling? We had our platoon assignments and a call came from the head shed for the House Mouse.

"Sir...House Mouse...Aye Aye Sir." we all echoed.

A split second later, locked at the position of attention outside the hatch.

"Sir...House Mouse reporting as ordered Sir."

"Empty my shitcan!" was the command.

An eternity seemed to pass while the House Mouse's eyes darted to and fro without allowing his body to move a fraction of an inch.

"I said empty my shitcan!" the command came again.

Nothing. Was he even breathing, we thought?

Yet a third time the command came at a deafening tone, "bleep, bleep, I said empty my shitcan!"

The House Mouse having surveyed the entire terrain surmised he must be referring to the trash can that was practically overflowing with waste. So without hesitation he lunged forward and in the blink of an eye turned the "shitcan" upside down on the deck and resumed the position of attention, locked, without motion from where he had launched. Furniture flew, the yelling escalated and the House Mouse was directed to "GO!, GO AWAY! JUST GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!" and the door slammed shut.

The ever so slight sound of the entire drill instructor staff splitting their sides from laughter came from the head shed.

Yes, we still had some things to learn but for today we were sure that those Marines sent to turn our world upside down were in fact human after all."

Ron Kirstatter

This Month in History

March 1, 1952 - Marine Corps Logistics Base activated as Marine Corps Depot of Supplies, Albany, GA

March 6, 1932 - Marine Band leader, John Philip Sousa died at age 79 in Reading, PA.

March 17, 1918 - The 5th Marine Regiment was the first Marine Unit to move into WW1 front line trenches.

March 19, 1928 - Marine planes bombed a bandit group at Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua. This was the first use of close air support.

March 20, 2003 - 1730Z 1 MEF launched the "Opening Gambit" phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom 9 1/2 hours than earlier planned with RCT-5 attacking in the Ar Rumaylah oilfields on the road to Baghdad.

March 25, 1863 - Marines with Farragut's squadron engaged Confederates at the Battle of Vicksburg in Mississippi.

March 28, 1953 - The 1st Marine Division defeated Communist Chinese in the Battle for "Vegas" Hill in Korea.

March 31, 1801 - LtCol W.W. Burrows, 2nd CMC and Pres. Thomas Jefferson selected the site of Marine Barracks, 8th and I, Washington DC.

In the News

The "Soldiers of the Sea" have been fighting on land for a

decade in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Corps' amphibious troop carrier has just been canceled, its new fighter jet was postponed.

And the Marine Corps itself is finishing up its own review, asking this basic question: What should the Marine Corps look like in the 21st Century?

Going ashore in the face of hostile fire to claim a beach and push inland may be over. That's because Defense Secretary Robert Gates has done something pirates in the 19th century and Japanese troops in WWII couldn't do - he has the Marine Corps reeling.

There have been big cuts and delays in the Marine Corps budget are symbolic of a larger debate about the role of the Marine Corps in future warfare. Many potential adversaries have sophisticated long-range missiles that could strike the Marines in their landing craft long before they reach the shores. Defense Analyst Loren Thompson says that if the Marine Corps is no longer going to do opposed landing on enemy beaches in the face of hostile fire, then its role will be significantly diminished in the future. So now the relevance of the Marine Corps has come into question.

In their defense, Gen James Amos said recently they've been busier than ever. General Krulak said "the ability for Marines to float offshore and quickly respond offers any president a way to influence events. They can remain over the horizon, they can come on to the horizon and be seen and increase the pressure, or they can come ashore."

But Gates has suggested cutting their numbers - not just their weapons. Gates wants to reduce the Corps by some 15,000 to 20,000 in the coming years.

Associated Press reports that a mock city roughly the size of downtown San Diego has risen in a remote Southern California desert to train military forces to fight in urban environments.

The \$170 million urban training center was unveiled in late January at the Twentynine Palms military base, 170 miles northeast of San Diego.

The 1,560 building facility will allow troops to practice and refine skills that can be used around the world, the Marine Corps said.

Seven separate mock city districts spread across 274 acres of desert. The fake markets, hotels and other businesses are complete with actors who create scenarios that pose a full range of challenges from humanitarian relief efforts to peacekeeping to police work and direct combat. More than 15,000 Marines and sailors can train simultaneously in the massive simulator.

Along with what they can plainly see, Marines in training will search for escape tunnels, hiding places, weapons caches and other dangerous spaces. The facility has almost 1,900 feet of underground tunnels, a manmade riverbed and dozens of courtyards and compounds.

Camp Pendleton has unveiled in November a \$30 million expansion of its mock Afghan village. In that facility, Marines scramble through a maze of mud walls leading to mosques, schools and carpet sellers, as Hollywood-style explosions go off.

Similar immersion training facilities are slated to open this year at Marine Corps bases in North Carolina, Hawaii and Okinawa.

Birthdays!

1st - Robert Askey

12th - James Taylor

13th - Joseph Caldeira

Have a good one, Marines!

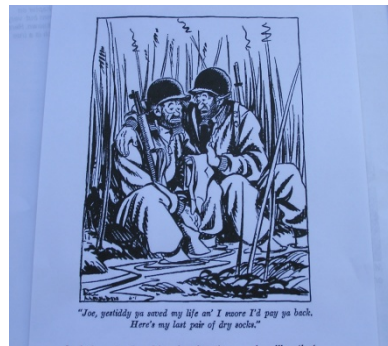
*Raising that flag on
Suibachi means a Marine
Corps for the next 500 years."*
James Forrestal, SECNAV
(Iwo Jima)

BILL MAULDIN

*The Post Office gets a lot of criticism. Always has, always will. And with the renewed push to get rid of Saturday mail delivery, expect complaints to intensify. But the United States Postal Service deserves a standing ovation for something that happened last month: Bill Mauldin got his own postage stamp. **You have one on this issue of the Dispatch.***

Mauldin died at age 81 in the early days of 2003. The end of his life had been rugged. He had been scalded in a bathtub, which led to terrible injuries and infections; and Alzheimer's disease was inflicting its cruelties. Unable to care for himself after the scalding, he became a resident of a California nursing home, his health and spirits in rapid decline.

He was not forgotten, though. Mauldin, and his work, meant so much to the millions of Americans who fought in World War II, and to those who had waited for them to come home. He was a kid cartoonist for Stars and Stripes, the military newspaper; Mauldin's drawings of his muddy, exhausted, whisker-stubbed infantrymen Willie and Joe were the voice of truth about what it was like on the front lines.



Mauldin was an enlisted man just like the soldiers he drew for; his gripes were their gripes, his laughs their laughs, his heartaches, their heartaches. He was one of them. They loved him.

He never held back. sometimes when his cartoons cut too close for comfort, superior officers tried to tone him down. In one memorable incident, he enraged Gen. George S. Patton, who informed Mauldin he wanted the pointed cartoons celebrating the fighting men, lampooning the high-ranking

officers, to stop. NOW! The news spread from soldier to soldier. How was Sgt Bill Mauldin going to stand up to Gen. Patton? It seemed impossible. Not quite. Mauldin, it turned out, had an ardent fan; five-star Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the Allied Forces in Europe. Ike put out the word: Mauldin draws what Mauldin wants. Mauldin won. Patton lost. Here is what, by the time he was 23 years old, Mauldin accomplished:

****He won the Pulitzer Prize***

****He was featured on the cover of Time Magazine.***

****His book "Up Front" was the No. 1 best-seller in the United States.***

All of that at 23. Yet when he returned to civilian life and grew older, he never lost that boyish Mauldin grin, never outgrew his excitement about doing his job, never big-shotted or high-hatted the people with whom he worked every day.

Mauldin is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Last month the kid cartoonist made it onto a first-class postage stamp. It's an honor that most generals and admirals never receive.



We have a blast at Roosters every Wednesday at 0900 where we solve the World's problems, tell sea stories, discuss what we can do next to help out our community, tell a few jokes, and eat a good breakfast. The only thing missing is you!



Almost forgot. The "auxiliary" shows up too.



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From the Commandant

The south East Division has come and gone. The Department of Georgia won the award for the most new members in a calendar year. We also beat the Department of Alabama by 3/16th of a point. That works out to about three new members. The Department will be getting back the Grits Bowl at the Department Convention in May. Those that attended did have a good time but not as good as at the Mobile conference. We will be getting information together to make a presentation for hosting the 2013 South East Division Conference here in Albany so be ready to step up and help where you can. The March Staff meeting was very informative. Department Commandant Bo Stollenwerck will not be seeking reelection as Department Commandant. Michael Clark will be seeking that office at the Department convention. April will be a busy month for the Detachment. As you will see by reviewing the Upcoming Events in this edition of the newsletter and the calendar on our web site (www.mclalbanyga.org). The big events will be the Annual Yard Sale

on April 16th and the Detachment picnic on April 30th.

I wish to thank everyone who sent in a contribution to assist PFC Mitchell with his wedding, especially Debbie Freed and her sister Nell Castleberry. As mentioned in my staff meeting notes, the Department donated \$500 and all excess funds will be used to assist him in getting to his VA visits in Washington DC.

There were a couple of comments in the Recruiting and Retention brief that I would like to reiterate:

* When recruiting you have to be RED HOT for the potential member to be LUKE WARM.

* What about the Detachment makes you want to bring new members aboard?

* NO ONE CAN DO EVERYTHING, BUT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING.

Semper Fi,
Tom

Chaplain's Corner

THE MARINE'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make

me aware of thy presence and obedient to thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith. If I am tempted, make me strong to resist. If I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.

Amen

(Thank you Roger Palin)

Detachment member Marine Sam Tucker would love to have a visit from you. He prefers visits when his wife Dottie is at home in the afternoon. Call them at 883-6686 first. Their address is 310 Stocks Dairy Rd, Leesburg (just off of Philema).

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

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 2nd, 1000, Central Georgia Detachment #1373 Chartering Ceremony, Flint Energy Building 400 Hwy 96, Warner Robbins, GA.

Wednesday, April 6th, 1800, Detachment Staff Meeting at Adjutant Roger Paulin's home, 1613 Northwood Drive.

Saturday, April 9th, 0900, Riverwalk cleanup, meet at Cox Landing off of Philema Road.

Saturday, April 16, 0800-1200, Detachment Annual Yard Sale, 1656 Maryland Drive

Tuesday, April 19th, 1830, Detachment monthly meeting. Ms Sharon Richter, of Senator Sanford Bishop's Office will be answering questions on how to apply for assistance with both the Federal and Georgia VA offices.

Saturday, April 30th, 1300-1800, Detachment Picnic, 1656 Maryland Drive, bring family, friends and potential members.

Every Wednesday (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th) breakfast at Rooster's 0900. Please join us if you can.

Muster Minutes

15 March 2011

Meeting called to order at 1830 by Commandant Tom Newton.

1. Roll Call of Officers was taken: those present were Commandant Tom Newton, Judge Advocate Bob Sanders, Adjutant Roger Paulin, Paymaster Bob Adams, Chaplain Ernie Elmore and Sgt. at Arms Jim Rodgers. 25 members present.

2. New Members: Bob Brenton and Bob Cerney Jr. were sworn in as new members. There was a presentation of the Life Membership Pin to Jeff Wilson.

3. Adjutant's Report: Adjutant Roger Paulin said that minutes of the 15 February 2011 meeting were posted to the March newsletter. No corrections were heard to the Minutes. Motion to approve made by Jerry

Wessels and Seconded by Nick Nicholson.

4. Communications: Commandant Tom Newton read a invitation regarding the 8th Annual CAF Dixie Wing, WWII Heritage Days 30 April-May 1, 2011 at Falcon Field, Peachtree City, GA. Info: www.wwiidsays.org.

5. Paymaster's Report: Bob Adams read 16 March 2011 Pay Master's Report. Approved by Bob Sanders and seconded by Nick Retza.

6. Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Ernie Elmore reported that Sam Tucker was seriously ill and sent around a card for all to sign.

7. Report of Officers: Judge Advocate Bob Sanders reported that the State of Georgia Incorporate Fee (\$50.00) was paid. Sr. Vice Ron Kirstatter (read by the Commandant) gave a report on the SE Division Conference. They are posted to the Web site and this Dispatch. Ernie Elmore was appointed the new SE Division Chaplain. He also noted that the Major DesJardines Detachment #1260 December 2010 through February 2011 Quarterly Report has been posted to the WEB site.

8. Report on Committees: Riverwalk Cleanup will take place 9 April Cox Landing. Greenways Trail Cleanup is in June and Stash-the-Trash is on 16 April 2011. See Judy Boles. Our Yard Sale is also on the 16th at the home of Tom Newton.

9. Old Business: Rose Sale - Ernie and Bobbie Elmore are preparing to do one at Sam's. No date yet. Golf Tournament - Bob Adams in charge.

10. New Business: Several proposals for fund raising were discussed.

* Dave Aldridge and Ernie Elmore presented new Detachment baseball caps. They are on sale for \$11 each.

Commandant Newton encouraged the membership to present Sponsorship Forms to perspective sponsors.

If anyone wants a MCL Blue Polo Shirt, let the Commandant know as we need to order no less than 10 at a time.

Good of the League

UNIFORMS

If you are a Detachment member, it is recommended that you come to our monthly meetings and any other MCL meeting in uniform. The minimum uniform requirement is the **COVER**. If you don't have one, try on the covers of your Detachment buddies at the monthly meeting until you find what size fits you best. Then go to the Marine Corps League Ship Stores website

(www.mcleague.com/shipstore) and order yourself one. When it arrives, if you wish, you can take it to the Under the Moon Graphics (436-3556, 1600 Westown Road, Albany) and have them embroider your Detachment name and number on it. This is not mandatory. You are also highly encouraged to purchase a **WHITE UNIFORM SHIRT** from Ships Stores to wear at our meetings. When you order it, be sure, at the same time, to order the MCL **PATCH** and the **American Flag PATCH** for the sleeves and also the **Starburst PINS** for the lapels. You can sew the patch on yourself or have it done at the dry cleaners.

Attending the monthly meeting in your cover and white uniform shirt shows a sense of pride and unity. It encourages participation and *esprit de corps*.

ATTEND A CONVENTION

Dept. of GA Convention, Pooler, GA

20-22 May, 2011

National Convention, Boise, ID

31 July - 5 August, 2011

SEDivision Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC

February 29 - March 4, 2012

National website has upgraded documents for added security. They require the download of the latest version of Adobe Reader 10.

Opportunity to be immortalized at the Marine Corps Museum. MCL is erecting a large statue of Chesty Puller there. You can help by buying a brick that will be placed around the statue with your information on it. More info coming later.

Short Rounds

YARD SALE FUND RAISER - 16 April
0800-1200. 1656 Maryland Drive, Albany (Tom Newton's house). Call Ron Kirstatter (809-0084) if you would like to donate items to sell. **WE NEED ITEMS TO SELL!!!!!!**
Please bring them to Ron's house ASAP!

DETACHMENT PICNIC - You'all come! It's at Tom Newton's house 1656 Maryland Drive, Albany at 1300 till ...?. Bring a dish to share, dress casually, and bring a prospective member. This is a **RECRUITMENT** activity, plus a whole lot of fun.

On Sunday evening, March 27th, Ernie and Bobbie Elmore, representing The Marine Corps League, made a presentation on Flag Etiquette to the elementary children of 1st Baptist Church, Leesburg.

A hearty **WELCOME ABOARD** to new Detachment members, Bob Breton

and Bob Cerney, Jr. Here they are being sworn in by the Commandant.



Thanks to all the volunteers who over the last three years have helped clean up the Riverwalk. It is through your efforts the detachment has been recognized with an award from Keep Albany Dougherty Beautiful.



Sea Stories

"I was serving with the Electronics Maintenance Company (ELMACO) 3rd FSR in 1976 at Camp Foster. There was a GySgt who had just arrived in the Company and was made the Company Gunny. We had had several thefts in the barracks at the time. In frustration with all the reports, the Company Gunny announced during a Monday morning formation that "any further reports of theft will result in Office Hours for the Marine who had items stolen." As an NCO and squad leader, I took several complaints from my squad as did the other squad leaders and Platoon Sergeants.

Several days went by with no reports of theft and the Gunny called a meeting of Squad Leaders and Platoon Sergeants. He wanted to let us know that he thought that this was

the right thing to do to keep the reports down. We tried to reason with him that yes, reports are down because no one wants Office Hours for reporting a theft. He assured us that this was the way to go.

As we left the meeting we noticed that the Gunny had left his small car unlocked and in neutral. Several of us "relocated" the vehicle down in the Calibration area between the Cal and repair vans.

As we were forming up to march back to the barracks, he came out of his office to drive to the Staff NCO Quarters. The company milled about for a good 20 minutes before forming up to see what he would do. He walked around his building several times thinking he parked in a new location. When he couldn't find his car he left the area. We formed up and marched back to the barracks.

At the morning formation we were informed that the Gunny had located his car and was going to talk to the Cal Chief, MSgt Dan Cutcher, who was aware of the situation. Dan was a great mentor for me and many Marines in the Calibration field. He informed the Gunny that he had no idea how his vehicle had ended up wedged between the vans. No one noticed it when leaving the area the night before. With the Company First Sergeant present, Dan had asked if the Gunny had reported the car missing. He said "no, I found it." Dan recommended that the Gunny submit a report so an investigation could be conducted. When the Gunny kept refusing to submit a report, the First Sergeant then knew what was up.

At the following morning's formation the Company Gunny informed the Company that the person making a stolen items report would NOT go up for Office Hours. We were also instructed to check our areas when

departing to look for anything that seemed out of place.

The thefts did finally end and two Marines who were in the Company were finally caught and brought to justice.

--- submitted by Tom Newton

Boy Scouts

"It's that time of year. Many dedicated and hard-charging Boy Scouts are realizing the fruits of their scouting career and are soon to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. This is indeed a long journey for scouts and their families and they have a lot to be proud of. On 2 April Marine Kent Morrison will be presenting the Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award to Adam Heath of Troop 21 and Alexander Purdy of Troop 26 in Americus, GA. On 16 April Marine Dan Gillan will be presenting the awards to four scouts of Troop 3 in Albany. The scout's names are Jeremy Landers, Jesse Phillips, Oscar Spruill and Daniel Taqley. Congratulations to these Scouts and their families.

Additionally, on 14 March, Detachment members Dave Aldrich, Tom Newton, Richard Chaffin, Bob Adams and Kent Morrison gave a class on Flag Folding to the Boy Scouts of troop 007, Leesburg."

- Dan Gillan, Scout Coordinator

This Month in History

1 April 1945 - L Day for the 1st and 6th Marine Divisions on Okinawa.

1976 - The MCSC Albany was redesignated Marine Corps Logistics Support Base Atlantic because the Marine Corps Supply Activity at Philadelphia was relocated to the Albany installation.

6 April 1776 - Continental Marines in USS Alfred participated in the first naval engagement.

7 April 1958 - 8th and 6th Marines landed in Beirut, Lebanon.

9 April 1953 - Marines regained "Carson" Hill during fighting in Korea.

2003 - At about 1850 Cpl Edward Chin, 1st Tank Bn, tightened a chain around the neck of a statue of Saddam Hussein in Al-Firdos Square in the heart of Iraq's capitol and a Marine tank retriever pulled down the statue - Baghdad had been captured.

15 April 1962 - LtCol Archie Clapp and HMM 362 flew into Vietnam's Mekong Delta to set up operations at the Soc Trang airfield as part of Operation SHUFLY, thus becoming the first operational Marine Corps unit deployed to Vietnam.

19 April 1995 - Capt. Randolph A. Guzman and Sgt Benjamin L. Davis were killed when the Alfred Murrah Federal Office Building was bombed in Oklahoma City.

25 April 1967 - Khe Sanh "Hill fights" of 1967. 3rd Bn, 3rd Marines followed by 2/3 fought entrenched NVA on Hill 861 finally taking the hill three days later. Fighting continued through early May on Hill 881 as the 26th Marines came in to relieve the 3rd Marines.

30 April 1975 - NVA captured Saigon; Vietnam War ended.

If you don't stand behind our troops feel free to stand in front of them.
anon.

In the News

On 6 January 2011 SECNAV Robert Gates outlined an ambitious plan of cuts and efficiencies to squeeze more than \$78 billion in savings from the defense budget over five years. These initiatives include:

* "modest" increases in fees for retirees under 65 and propose adjusting those fees every year at the rate of medical inflation.

*Reducing future Army and Marine Corps active duty forces - by 27,000 and 20,000-25,000 respectively starting in FY 2015.

* dramatic reductions in the number of DoD contractors (nearly 800 in TRI-CARE alone).

* Elimination/downgrade of more than 100 general officer billets and 200 senior civilians.

* Cancellation of the Marine Corps expeditionary fighting vehicle.

* consolidation of intelligence and information technology programs.

Birthdays!

April

4 Richard Knepp
5 Kenneth White
7 Charlie Plunkett
8 Gale Rodgers
12 Bobby Sanders
15 Ken White
20 Dennis Lawing
23 Michael Brown
25 Robert McCarty
26 Kevin Stanley
29 J.J. Kraus

Happy Birthday Marines! If I have not listed your birthday please let me know. -ed.

"A ship without Marines is like a garment without buttons." - Adm David Porter, USN.

REPORT FROM THE SE DIVISION CONFERENCE, 4 MARCH, 2011 ORLANDO, FLORIDA (CONDENSED)

* **Licensing of USMC trade Mark (Eagle, Glove and Anchor)** The Marine Corps League has been granted permission to use the trademark (EGA) for internal use ONLY. NO permission is required for use on letter heads, business cards or announcements. If items are being developed for sale to the general public (caps, shirts, cups, jackets etc) permission is required and the developer MUST meet the requirements to use the Marine Corps trademark

* **Chesty Puller Monument.** The Marine Corps League is picking up the sponsorship of a monument of Chesty Puller at the new Marine Corps Museum memorial park. The monument will be at the very top of the park overlooking the rest of the park grounds. The cost is estimated at \$200k over the next 10 years. Marine Corps League BRICKs will be made available for placement around the monument at a cost of \$210 each. Should families wish to be grouped together, every attempt will be made to comply.

* **Department of the Navy and Marine Corps** - is on hold due to the political climate.

* **National Judge Advocate (Richard Gore):** Conduct both financial and material audits of your Detachments and Departments. The League is bleeding money from officers walking off with money and materials. The Ceremonial Rifles are ON LOAN to your Detachments and MUST BE RETURNED if your Detachment surrenders its charter. The rifles MUST be held in a secure location (local Police, Sheriff, or National Guard Armory). DO NOT take rifles home.

* **National Chief Technology Officer (Richard Blum):** There is a security issue when downloading ADOBE updates. You will want to UNCHECK the small box to download McAfee when downloading the upgrade if you are using NORTON as your anti-virus protection. Having both NORTON and McAfee on your computer will generate conflicts. The recommended browsers to access the National web site are Internet Explorer and Firefox. There will be a "HACKER" competition going on at the end of March. Many systems will be assaulted so make sure your security software is up to date.

* **Recruiting and Retention Power Point (Cal Walters Dept of Alabama).** The SE Division currently has 9,196 members. We are the third largest Division in the League. Unfortunately we have 1518 delinquent members (14%). A plan for recruiting:

Mission - why join? ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE.

Action - be out in the community and show them how you can help them.

Recon - go where Marines are (recruiters, local reserves etc)

Image - Create a Color Guard

National - Programs to assist members (i.e. Life Insurance, checking accounts, credit cards)

Enthusiasm - You've got to be RED HOT for the members to be LUKE WARM.

Semper Fi - If you swear them in, care enough to pick up the phone and call them.



National Commandant Vic Voltaggio, Tom, Ernie and National Judge Advocate John Kovalcik

***Saturday, March 5th:**

Dave Gardener was reelected as the SE Division Vice Commandant.

Cal Walters was reelected as the SE Division Asst. Vice Commandant.

ERNIE ELMORE was appointed the SE Division Chaplain!



Chaplain Ernie



*Commandant Tom & Sr. Vice Ron
REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT
STAFF MEET, 19 MARCH 2011
(CONDENSED)*

***Correspondence:** The Marine Corps League Scholarship Foundation is taking applications for scholarships for sons, daughters, and grandchildren of regular members of the League. Make sure you fill out the application properly and submit the requested information.

*** National Commandant**

Voltaggio: DON'T ASK DON'T TELL MAY HAVE BEEN repealed by the Marine Corps but not by the Marine Corps League.

*** Commandant's Report:**

1. MCL members are now eligible to join the Pentagon Federal Credit Union.
2. We will be implementing the National Professional Development Program for Department and Detachment officers.
3. USE THE CHAIN OF COMMAND WHEN THERE IS AN ISSUE. Don't go to National without contacting the Department or other officers from other detachments.
4. DD-214's submitted for membership should be reviewed by the Detachment Commandant, Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice.

5. Updates on the Red Cover will be discussed at the Boise National Convention.

*** MCL Insurance Coverage (RUST):** If you are sponsoring an event (Golf tournament, parade, etc.) get 3rd party insurance to cover guests or Non-MCL attendees. An event with 200 or more attendees **REQUIRES** an insurance rider. If alcohol is being served an alcohol rider is also **REQUIRED**.

Good of the League

The Wounded Warrior Program is seeking financial assistance. If you plan to make a contribution please consider an annual or monthly donation for planning purposes. Those in attendance at the Staff meeting voted that the Department of Georgia donate \$2600 (\$100 per Detachment).

The **DesJardines Dispatch** is the official publication of the Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260, Marine Corps League, Albany, Georgia. The newsletter is published monthly for the benefit of Detachment members and guests. Opinions expressed within are not necessarily the official views of the Marine Corps League or the Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment. Send all articles and comments to the editor, Bobbie Elmore, at ernieelmore@att.net.

Marines,
Attached is an Application for Regular Membership. Please pass this on to a perspective member. Don't forget to pass on the Program Sponsorship Form also. Both are available on the Publications page of the website www.mclalbanyga.org.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

APPLICATION FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail: _____

Daytime Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Evening Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ SSN: _____ - _____ - _____

Type of Application: New ☐ Renewal ☐ Please check either New or Renewal

Regular ☐ Dual ☐ Please check Regular or Dual

Note: If you are applying for Regular Membership or Regular Membership Renewal, please complete all of the above and complete the following sections

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning: ____/____/____ Date of Discharge/Separation/Retirement ____/____/____

I hereby apply for Membership in the Marine Corps League as a Member of the **Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment, # 1260** and enclose the Dues for one (1) year's membership. All memberships include a one-year subscription to **SEMPER FI**, the Marine Corps League magazine. Annual membership dues are \$35.00.

OATH OF MEMBERSHIP – REGULAR MEMBERS

I hereby certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty for not less than ninety (90) days* or have served or am currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and I have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points or that I have served or am currently serving as a U.S. Navy Corpsman who has trained with Marine FMF units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device or Warfare Device worn on the Service Ribbon authorized by FMF Corpsmen. If discharged, I am in receipt of an honorable discharge or DD-214. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable service/discharge upon request. *(Korean War Era Marines see National Bylaws Article 6, Section 600)

I, _____, in the presence of Almighty God, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and the Marine Corps League. I will never knowingly deceive or defraud the League to the value of anything. I will never knowingly wrong or injure or permit any member or any member's family to be wronged or injured if to prevent the same is within my power. I will never propose for membership one known to me to be unqualified or unworthy to become a member of the League. I further promise to govern my conduct in the League's affairs and in my personal life in such a manner becoming a decent and honorable person and will never knowingly bring discredit to the League, so help me God.

Sponsor (Where applicable)

Applicant's Signature

Checks should be made payable to "ALBANY, GA DETACHMENT # 1260, MCL"

Upon completion, send this form and your dues to:

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From the Commandant

The month of May is shaping up to be a busy month for our Detachment. We will start by counting up our income from the Annual Yard Sale. We will have a recruiting booth at MCLB Albany for "Retiree Appreciation Day on May 13th. The minimum uniform will be the Red Cover. We only have from 1000 to 1400 to make a good impression and gain new members.

We will have two topics at our regular monthly meeting this month; voting on hosting the 2013 Southeast Division Conference and a presentation by Detachment officers and members on the different League uniforms and enclosure 3 of the National Bylaws.

Of course, we have the Department convention in Pooler Georgia May 20th and 21st. I'm happy to report that we will have seven members from the Detachment attending this year. Should the Detachment agree to host the 2013 Convention we will make a 10 minute presentation before the Department membership on our proposal on May 21st.

We will end the month attending the Memorial Day Morning Colors and breakfast at the American Legion Post #30. I would like to pass on a few notes about this holiday. It was "officially" proclaimed on 5 May 1868 and first observed on 30 May 1868. This day was originally called Decoration Day. It is on this day that many will go to cemeteries across the country and decorate, with flowers, the graves of those who have died in our nation's service. In 1971 Congress passed the national Holiday Act. This ensured that Memorial Day would be celebrated on the last Monday of May making it one of several three day federal holiday weekends.

Please remember to take a pause to remember those who have paid the ultimate price for the freedoms we enjoy today. Also pass along to your children, grandchildren, and friends what this holiday is about.

*Semper Fi,
Tom*

Chaplain's Corner

Someone has said that if Christians really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer,

we might be speechless. Did you know that during WWII there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace? There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America. If you would like to participate: Every evening at 9 PM Eastern Time, stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, and for a return to a Godly nation. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have. "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

A. Lincoln

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

Paymaster's Report

Checking Account:

Opening Balance	\$390.45
Credits	\$499.77
Debit	\$381.00
Outstanding checks	\$144.00
Closing Balance	\$653.22

Savings Account:

Opening Balance	\$3462.24
Credits (Dividend)	\$1.03
Debits	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$3463.27

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 4th, 0615: Retirees breakfast at MCLB
 Saturday, May 7th, 0800 Young Marines Drill Weekend. Lend a hand. Call MGySgt Randolph Scott 639-5147
 Sunday, May 8th, MOTHER'S DAY
 Friday, May 13th, 1000-1400: Retirees Appreciation Day aboard MCLB Stop by **OUR BOOTH!**
Tuesday, May 17th, 1830: DETACHMENT MEETING at River Pointe Golf Clubhouse
 Friday, May 20th, Department Convention in Pooler, GA
 Saturday, May 21st, 0800 Young Marines Drill Weekend. Want to help? Call POC MGySgt R. Scott 639-5147
 Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day. 0645 Colors at American Legion Post 30
EVERY WEDNESDAY 0900, BREAKFAST AT ROOSTERS. JOIN US!

Muster Minutes

19 April 2011

Meeting called to order by Commandant Tom Newton at 1633.

Roll Call of Officers was taken. Present were: Sr. Vice Ron Kirstatter, Judge Advocate, Bob Sanders, Paymaster Bob Adams, Chaplain Ernie Elmore, Sgt-at-Arms Jim Rodgers. Absent were: Jr. Vice Sherman Braden and Adjutant Roger Paulin. 22 members and 4 guests were present. One guest, Walt White was visiting from Pennsylvania and is a member of the Harrisburg Detachment.

Marine John Richard was sworn in as a new member.



Ms Angelia Kearbey was sworn in as a new Assoc member.



Guest: Dot and Gerald Greer, owners of Under the Moon Graphics. Gerald was an FMF Corpsman and recipient of the Silver Star.



Guest Speaker: Ms Sharon Richter,



Constituent Services Director, from the Office of US Representative Sanford Bishop. Ms Richter provided the membership with information on her offices role in advocating VA claims and registration for the local area Veterans. The overall message was that Vietnam veterans need to register and file illness claims, as many illnesses are now being associated with Agent Orange. She can be reached at 439-8067. There was a ten minute recess after the presentation.

Correspondence: The 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps is Michael P. Barrett of the 1st Division.

The Silent Drill team will be in Trion, GA on 15 May 2011. Contact Hal Gosnell for further info.

Minutes: The Minutes from the 15 March 2011 were read by Commandant Newton. The minutes were amended to indicate that a vote was taken to look into finding sufficient hotel rooms for the 2013 Southeast Division Conference as opposed to hosting the conference. The motion to approve the amended minutes was given by Marine Bobby Sanders and Seconded by Marine Bobbie Elmore. The motion was approved by the membership.

Pay Masters Report: was read by Marine Bob Adams. A motion to approve was submitted by Marine Ron Kirstatter and seconded by Marine Gerry Wessel. The motion was approved by the membership.

Chaplain: Chaplain Ernie Elmore reported that Sam Tucker is very ill and Marine Bill Hamby is also not feeling well. One Fallen Marine Ceremony was performed for retired MSgt. Prince who was also a retired civilian from MCLB.

Report of the Officers:
Commandant - a suitable site for the 2013 SE Division conference was located. The Quality Inn, Sleep Inn, and Comfort Suites will provide 170 rooms for the events. Room rates range from \$95-\$70. Merry Acres Event Center will provide the meeting and banquet (seating for 235) rooms as well as the hospitality suite and liquor sales. An additional fact finding meeting is planned for Thursday,

April 28 at the Event Center at 1730.

Sr. Vice - the Yard Sale was postponed until Saturday, April 30th. We are looking for more items for the sale. Get your items to Ron and Sheila ASAP.

Member Survey - This survey was sent to 'All Hands' and those whose membership had lapsed. Unfortunately, shortly after the survey was announced, the web site went down. Ron will resend the announcement in the hopes of getting more members to respond. This survey is anonymous, unless you put your name on it. There are some surprising results so far. Most of those who have responded attend 1/2 of the meetings per year. No one wanted to move the meetings to Saturday and only one member suggested a different location. The individual comments are GREAT so far. The survey will run until the May meeting.

Jr. Vice: No report

Judge Advocate: No report

Appointed Officers: No additional reports.

Special Staff: - Dave Aldrich (Patriotism Committee) reported 16 flags replaced this year. The inventory is good.

Old Business: A motion to host the 2013 Southeast Division Conference was presented by Marine Bobby Sanders and seconded by Marine Bobbie Elmore. There was discussion on cost of facilities and meals and a proposed budget. A presentation will be made at the May meeting for the Detachment to determine if they wish to host the 2013 conference. Marine Ron Kirstatter made a motion to table any further discussion until the May presentation. Motion was seconded by Marine Bobby Sanders. The motion carried.

The Ball caps that were ordered for the detachment are in and selling briskly.

To date seven polo shirts have been ordered.

New Business: Marine Tim McClelland has agreed to be the new Detachment

Quartermaster. See Tim to order your uniform items or call him at 436-4539.

Good of the League: Marine Kelly Fisk informed the detachment of the JROTC graduation dates for the end of the school year. The detachment currently provides a Community Service award to a nominated cadet. Kelly recommended that the Honor Graduate be given a 'Certificate of Achievement' along with a copy of the Marine NCO handbook. Marine Fisk made a motion for the detachment to purchase three copies of the Marine NCO Handbook from the Marine Corps Association Book Store. Motion was seconded by Marine Ron Kirstatter. Motion carried.

Young Marines Program: - Marine Kelly Fisk informed the detachment that it was close to time to send a Young Marine to NCO School in Tennessee. The cost would be \$160. Marine Fisk made a motion for the detachment to fund one cadet for school. Motion was seconded by Marine Jerry Wessels. Motion carried.

Fund Raisers:
Marine Bob Adams plans to meet with detachment member Marine George Palaima to plan hosting a golf tournament in the near future.

Announcements: The Commandant announced that the Department Convention is in Pooler GA May 20th-22nd. So far, seven members will be in attendance. There is a trip to Parris Island on Friday morning May 20th. You should reserve your room and arrive on Thursday to make the trip to PISC. The bus leaves at 0600.

The Commandant announced that the Detachment now has a booth for the 'Retirees Appreciation Day' aboard MCLB. The date is Friday, May 13th from 1000-1400. We need volunteers for booth duty to attract new members. Minimum uniform is the Red Cover.

Marine Dave Aldrich announced that a Flag Folding Ceremony has been requested at a church in Leesburg for Sunday May 29th of Memorial Day weekend.

The meeting was adjourned by the Commandant at 2017

Respectfully submitted: Alex Hart, Adjutant (acting)

Good of the League

PTSD SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of PTSD include:

- * Recurrent, intrusive and distressing thoughts about the event.
- * Recurrent dreams, nightmares about the event.
- * Flashbacks (a sense of reliving the event)
- * Distress caused by reminders of the event (sights, sounds, smells).
- * Alienation, isolation and avoidance of people and places.
- * Emotional numbing
- * Survivor guilt (for having survived when others did not, or for behavior required for survival)
- * Difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep
- * Anger and rage
- * Difficulty concentrating or remembering certain facts about the event
- * Hyper-vigilance, or survivalist behavior even after you are away from the event
- * Exaggerated startle responses (usually to loud noises)

These signs are NOT a sign of weakness or mental problems. There is help available from several sources including the VA.

Short Rounds

Have you remembered to take the SUPPORT REQUEST sheet to a business in the community who may want to donate \$100, \$200 or \$300 or more to our Detachment? You are encouraged to do so. For a Support Request sheet contact Ron Kirstatter

(webmaster@mclalbanyga.org) and he will email one to you.

Boy Scouts

This is a busy time of year for our Boy Scouts. On 30 April, four young leaders will be recognized for their accomplishments in Scouting. Jacob Benton, Faro Palazzolo, Daniel Talley and Oscar Spruill will earn their Eagle Scout rank. Jeremy Landers and Jesse Phillips also received their Eagle Scout rank but were not able to be present for the Court of Honor on 30 April. Marine and Scout Leader Dan Gillan and Associate Member Andrea Gillan were on-hand to recognize these young men on behalf of the Marine Corps League.

Boy Scout Coordinator Dan Gillan

This Month in History

May 4, 1942: Marines participated in the Battle of the Coral Sea during WWII.

May 8, 1808: Marine Barracks Charleston was established under Lt Pinckney and 22 Marines.

May 8, 1945: VE DAY

May 14, 1917: The first Marine detachment transferred from Annapolis to a new Marine post at Quantico.

May 15, 1862: Cpl John Mackie became the first Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

May 20, 1803: Marines participated in the raid on Tripoli.

May 22, 1912: Lt. Alfred A. Cunningham became the first Marine officer assigned aviation duty.

May 25, 1775: Eight Marines escorted payroll, this was the first recorded action of the Continental Marines.

May 26, 1853: Maj Jacob Zeilin (in charge of Marines) arrived with Commodore Matthew C. Perry's squadron at Okinawa.

May 28, 1945: The 5th Marine Regiment began the final assault against Shuri Castle, Okinawa.

May 30, 1949: 3d Marines, last Marines to leave Shanghai, China, during May arrive in San Diego, CA

In the News

"A rise in the number of troops wounded from buried bombs in Afghanistan has the Pentagon experimenting with new forms of protection, ranging from heavyweight chaps and Kevlar underwear to ground-penetrating radar systems."

- USA Today

"MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO - The Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory is pushing forward with development of at least two unmanned ground vehicles, including a 7-ton truck that would cut down on the number of Marines outside the wire during resupply convoys."

- Dan Lamothe- Staff writer Quantico

"It's no longer necessary for Marines suffering from mild traumatic brain injuries to have been knocked unconscious to qualify for a Purple Heart, a retroactive change that could affect thousands of troops who have served in battle since Sept. 11, 2001."

- Chris Carroll, Stars and Stripes

Birthdays!

May 28 Nick Retza

May 28 David Lee

Enjoy your special day!

Our Detachment will be hosting a booth during the Retirees Appreciation Day aboard MCLB, Friday, May 13th from 1000-1400. We need volunteers for "Booth Duty" to attract new members. Minimum uniform requirement is our Red Cap. If you can assist, please contact Commandant Tom Newton (newt1644@bellsouth.net) or phone him at 446-2209.

An Israeli Sense of Humor

An ingenious example of speech and politics occurred recently in the United Nations Assembly and made the world community smile.

A representative from Israel began: "Before beginning my talk I want to tell you something about Moses. When he struck the rock and it brought forth water, he thought, "What a good opportunity to have a bath!"

Moses removed his clothes, put them aside on the rock and entered the water. When he got out and wanted to dress, his clothes had vanished. A Palestinian had stolen them!

The Palestinian representative at the UN jumped up furiously and shouted, "What are you talking about? The Palestinians weren't there then."

The Israeli representative smiled and said, "And now that we have made that clear, I will begin my speech..."



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From the Sr. Vice

As Memorial Day comes to a close, May has turned out to be a very busy month. At the printing of last month's newsletter we were counting the proceeds from the yard sale. Congratulations on almost doubling last year's sales with a total of \$808.50. We also had donations for the Fallen Marine Program and contributions were made to the Navy & Marine Corps Relief Society to help victims of the tornados in Camp Lejeune.

Three well deserving cadets of the JROTC programs at Westover, Dougherty and Lee County High Schools were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the Handbook for Marine NCO's.

The Retiree Appreciation Day at MCLB provided an opportunity for us to connect a little more with patrons of the services on base and could prove to be a good recruiting event with some minor changes.

At the conclusion of our 2011 Department of Georgia Convention, our new slate of officers are: Department Commandant Michael Clark, Department Sr. Vice Commandant Frank Corrick,

Department Jr. Vice Commandant Chad Long and Department Judge Advocate Bonita Johnson. The remaining officers and special staff can be found on the Department of Georgia website <http://www.mcldeptofga.org>. The presentation for the 2013 Southeast Division Conference was deferred until the next Department staff meeting.

We welcomed home civilian Marine Charles Tinson from supporting the MRAP in Afghanistan.

It was my distinct pleasure to present a Certificate of Appreciation during a Memorial Day tribute at Avalon United Methodist Church to 97 year old retired MGySgt Lewis J. Stack recognizing him for his 33 years of service in the United States Marine Corps. MGySgt Stack also was presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition and was read the entry into the Congressional Record on May 26, 2011 by the Honorable Sanford D. Bishop Jr. At the Friendship Baptist Church, Dave Aldrich and Bobbie Elmore posted the National ensign and church flag. Ernie Elmore spoke for the Purple Heart wreath and gave the final benediction. Dave, Richard Chaffin, Bobbie, and Tom Newton folded the flag while Bob Adams narrated the folds.

On Memorial Day our detachment filled a table at the American Legion Post 30 Memorial Day Flag Raising and breakfast. In attendance were: Tom Newton, Dave Aldrich, Jerry Wessel, Ray Murphy, Bob Adams, Al and Cathy Fazekas, Roger Paulin, Richard Chaffin, and Billy and Cherry Stewart. Dan Gillan played the bagpipes during Andersonville National Cemetery's Memorial Day Observance.

On May 28th we lost member Sam Tucker. As I write this plans are underway to fulfill his wife Dottie's request that the Detachment perform the Military honors at his funeral.

Chaplain's Corner

Here is Billy Graham's Prayer for our Nation:
 "Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and

called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

With the Lord's help may it become our desire to pray this kind of prayer so that we again can be called "One nation under God!"

Your outer life is your reputation with people; but your inner life is your reputation with God.

Chaplain Ernie Elmore

Contact Chaplain Elmore to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs. He can be reached at 435-2283 or ernieelmore@att.net

Paymaster's Report

Checking Account:

Opening Balance	\$509.22
Credits	\$2,682.55
Debits	\$2,113.96
Outstanding checks	\$132.84
Closing Balance	\$1,210.65

Savings Account:

Opening Balance	\$3,463.27
Credits (Dividend)	\$0.97
Debits	\$275.00
Closing Balance	\$3,189.24

Upcoming Events

June 1: Retirees Breakfast at MCLB Albany 0645

June 1: Civilian Marine Eric Clements will be returning home from Afghanistan at the Albany airport at 1700

June 3 Advanced party Riverwalk cleanup at Veteran's Park 0800

June 4 National Trails Day Riverwalk cleanup starting at Cox Landing 0830

June 4 Young Marines Drill weekend

June 7 Staff meeting at Commandant's home 1830

June 16 Growl for Pound 322, Macon 1930

June 18 Young Marines drill weekend

June 21 Detachment Monthly Meeting 1830 at River Pointe Golf Course Club House

June 25 Rose Sale, Sam's Club 1000-1500

There will be a Department Staff Meeting on June 18th or 25th. The Commandant will advise later.

BREAKFAST EVERY WEDNESDAY 0900 AT ROOSTERS.

ROSE SALE

We will have a Rose Sale, Saturday June 25, 1000-1500 in front of Sam's. A Rose Sale is like a VFW/American Legion Poppy Sale, done the same way, except we will hand out small paper red roses. Volunteers are needed in two hours shifts, in Marine Corps League uniforms. You may wear your red or your blue MCL tee shirts or the undress uniform or a Marine Corps tee shirt of some other kind. Of course you need to wear your RED COVER. Bring a chair. We need AT LEAST two volunteers there at a time. Please contact Ernie or Bobbie Elmore(435-2283/ernieelmore@att.net) and let them know they can count you in. Bob Adams and his wife have already volunteered. This is a great recruiting opportunity as well. We need to have you step up.

Muster Minutes

Minutes of May 16, 2011 from Adjutant Roger Paulin.

1. The meeting came to order at 1830 and Adjutant Paulin called Roll. Absent were Bob Adams Pay Master, Chaplain Ernie Elmore recovering from knee surgery. Members present 24.

2. There were no new members.

There were four guests: William Coleman, Victor Harris USA, HM1 John Gilbert and wife.

3. Adjutant Report of 19 April 2011 can be seen on our website. No changes. Motion to approve, Marine B. Elmore. Seconded by J. Rogers.

4. Paymasters Report: Motion to approve delayed by Bill Hamby and seconded by Marine J.D. Report subject to audit.

5. Chaplains Report: Bobbie Elmore reported that the Chaplain was recovering from knee surgery. Sam Tucker is in serious condition.

6. Report of Officers;

A. Commandant Tom Newton reported a successful Yard Sale and Family Picnic. Also reported on Retiree Appreciation Day at the Albany Marine Base. He said we had quite a few visitors and one visitor took MCL information pamphlets as he wants to start up a detachment in Tifton. Assoc Member Andrea Gillan recommended that we consider having MCL magnets made up to give away at future similar events.

B. Sr. Vice Commandant Ron Kirstatter reported good sales from Yard Sale totally \$808.50.

C. Jr. Vice Commandant unable to attend

D. Judge Advocate: No report

7. Report of Committees

A. The next cleanup will be in conjunction with National Trails Day, Saturday, June 4. Meet at Cox Creek Landing, Ledo road, 0830.

B. Those that wish to start early can meet at Veterans Park on Thursday, June 2nd. We will be cleaning up the Nature Trail as requested by Parks and Recreation, 0800.

D. Marine Fisk gave a report on the presentation of certificates to outstanding members of the JROTC. Marine Kirstatter recommended that we create a criteria of who can earn the JROTC award from our Detachment.

8. Old Business:

A. Tom Newton gave a 15 minute Power Point presentation for the 2013 Southeast Division Conference

bid. Detachment voted and passed the presentation to be presented at the State Convention in Pooler. (motion made by Ron Kirstatter and seconded by Bob Sanders).

9. Good of the League

A. We will have a donation/recruiting booth in front of Sam's Club on Saturday, June 25 from 1000-1500. We need eight volunteers to support the booth. Funds will go to the Fallen Marine Program and the Patriotism Program. Marines Ernie and Bobbie Elmore are in charge.

B. Bob Adams is meeting with Marine George Palaima to plan a Golf Tournament.

C. Various Marine Corps League uniforms were worn by members Tom Newton, Ron Kirstatter and Tim McClelland. This was to encourage members to purchase their uniforms.

10. Announcements:

A. Flag Folding Ceremony to take place Sunday May 29th at Friendship Baptist Church.

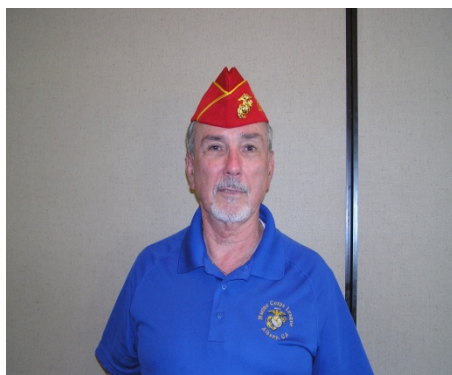
B. Memorial Day Breakfast At American Legion Post 30 at 0645. Wear your Red Cover.

C. If you want to get your medals mounted, see Kelly Fisk.

D. MCL National Convention will be held in Boise, ID, 31 July-5 August. It's not too late to sign up. See the Commandant.

11. Meeting Closed with salute to the Flag and Closing Prayer

Good of the League



Quartermaster Tim McClellan

Meet your Quartermaster. He is there for you when you need uniform information

or need to order some uniform parts. He can be reached at 436-4539 gunnymac79@gmail.com.

Short Rounds

SAM TUCKER

As a Detachment and a Corps we are saddened by the loss of our Marine Corps brother Sam Tucker. He joined the Marine Corps in 1958 and received an honorable discharge in 1967 as a SSgt. Following some years in the food service industry, he went to work at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in 1981 retiring in 2003. Upon retiring he joined Modern Technologies in 2004, Transferring to British Aerospace Engineering Systems and worked as a contractor until 2010.

We extend our heartfelt sorrow and deep condolences to his wife Dottie, son Stephen and other family members during this difficult time. His interment will be at 1430, Wednesday, June 1 at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Memorial Day

Our Detachment Flag Folding detail did a presentation on Sunday, May 29th at Friendship Baptist Church, Leesburg. In addition they brought in the Colors and did a MIA/POW presentation. Those participating were Tom Newton, Dave Aldrich, Richard Chaffin, Bobbie Elmore, Ernie Elmore and Army friend Capt (ret.) Denzil Harrell. The Congregation was very appreciative.





A nation of sheep breeds a government of wolves

THE GUNNY

- *The Gunny doesn't sleep with a night light.*
- *The Gunny isn't afraid of the dark. The dark is afraid of the Gunny.*
- *The Gunny once visited The virgin Islands. They are now called The Islands.*
- *The Gunny once counted to infinity...twice!*
- *The Gunny frequently donates blood to the Red Cross, just never his own.*
- *Superman owns a pair of Gunny pajamas.*
- *The Gunny has never paid taxes. He just sends in a blank form and includes a picture of himself.*
- *If the Gunny is late, then time had damn well better slow down.*
- *The Gunny has the greatest Poker Face ever. He once won the 1982 World Series of Poker despite the*

fact that he held only a Joker, a 2 of clubs, a 7 of spades, a Monopoly Get-Out-Of-Jail card, and a green number 4 UNO card.

**The Gunny once sold his soul to the devil in exchange for his rugged good looks and unparalleled strength. He then beat up the devil and took back his soul. The devil, who appreciates irony, couldn't stay mad and admitted he should have seen it coming. They now play poker every second Wednesday of the month.*

**When the Gunny was in middle school, his English teacher assigned an essay "What is Courage?" The Gunny received an A+ for turning in a blank page with only his name at the top.*

**The Gunny actually died four years ago, but the Grim Reaper can't get up the courage to tell him.*

**The Gunny refers to himself in the fourth person.*

**The Gunny can divide by zero.*

**If the Gunny ever calls your house, be in!*

**The Gunny doesn't leave messages: he leaves warnings.*

**The Gunny can slam a revolving door.*

**The Gunny was sending an email one day, when he realized that it would be faster to run.*

**When the Gunny exercises, the machine gets stronger.*

**Bullets dodge the Gunny.*

**The Gunny once took an entire bottle of sleeping pills. They made him blink, once.*

**The Gunny never used a question mark in his entire life.*

**The Gunny believes that the interrogative tense is a sign of weakness.*

Boy Scouts

From our Boy Scout Coordinator, Dan Gillan:

This time of the year continues to be a busy time for our local Boy Scouts working to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Two scouts from Troop 3 have recently completed their Eagle Scout community service projects and successfully passed their Boards of Review. Sean Tangwell and Eli Jackson, both focused their projects on supporting Graceway Women's Recovery Residence in Albany.

Sean led a project to put in a blueberry patch that the ladies can tend to and grow blueberries. Eli led a project to build an octagonal shaped 16 person picnic table. Both Sean and Eli engaged the boys and families of Troop 3 to complete their projects. This is a critical step in completing the requirements for the Eagle rank. We anticipate their Court of Honor to be held later this summer. At that time we will recognize their accomplishment with our Marine Corps League Certificate presentation.

This Month in History

June 1, 1942: Recruiting of black Marines began.

June 6, 1944: WWII, D-Day, Allies land at Normandy, France for invasion of Europe.

June 12, 1948: President Harry Truman authorized the first women Marines in regular Corps.

June 17, 1979: Col Valerie Hilgart became the first woman Marine to assume duty as chief of staff of a major command (Albany, GA).

June 21, 1945: The Battle of Okinawa ended as LtGen Roy S. Geiger raised the American Flag.

June 25, 1950: Korean War began.

June 26, 1891: The corps established its first port at Port Royal, SC, later known as Parris Island

June 27, 1916: The 4th Marine Regiment defeated Dominican rebels in a stand-up bayonet attack..

In the News

JOPLIN TORNADO MARINE HERO

5/26/2011 Cpl David Rogers, 9th Marine Corps District (condensed)

SSgt Neville Shiwdin, a recruiter for Recruiting Substation Joplin, Recruiting Station Kansas City, struggled to hold closed the door to the closet in which he, his wife and kids took shelter inside his home as a tornado ripped through his home on May 22. After making sure that his family had water and blankets, he went outside to see where he could help.

Immediately he heard a woman screaming. She had left her children at home while she ran to the store for emergency supplies. While she was gone the tornado hit. The house was destroyed and her children were missing. She was hysterical and began clawing at the debris of what was left of her home, looking for her children. SSgt Shiwadin began giving her aid and comfort and handed her over to some health workers.

He continued to search through his neighborhood and heard a child screaming. He pulled him from the rubble and saw that the bone was sticking out of his knee. He stopped an ambulance on its way to triage. It was packed with victims. They temporarily removed a less serious victim and put the boy in.

Shiwadin then thought about the senior gentleman who lived next door to him and went to his house. He found the man having a heart attack, but the man's family car was trapped

under a tree. Shiwadin's vehicle, which sustained some damage, was still working, so he found someone to take the man to triage.

Fifteen blocks away, Staff Sgt. Kenneth Thorson, a fellow recruiter, received a text from Shiwadin that his house was severely damaged. Thorson's family and home weren't disturbed by the storm. They got in their jeep and took off to find Shiwadin. When they arrived they put Shiwadin and his family in Shiwadin's other SUV and took them to their home. The next day the Marines of the RSS recovered anything vital from Shiwadin's home and began helping others in their community. They went to several triage centers including the one at Missouri Southern State University. They directed traffic and organized supplies. Other Marines from Kansas City arrived and helped patch the roof on another Marine recruiter's home.

Shiwadin received calls from Marines across the country. They are sending him care packages. He is also looking at renting a home in Thorson's neighborhood for his family. He continues without fear that the support of his fellow Marines will help his family recover.

Semper Fi

The Great Annual Detachment Yard Sale !!

Birthdays!

June

4	Patrick O'Lear
7	Gregory Maine
8	Harold Hart
10	Alex Fazekas
13	Bob Cerney
17	Willie Peters
17	Amanda Wood
21	Ron Kirstatter
21	Bob James
27	Charles Bushnell
29	Joe Wingard

Here's to you, birthday boys!

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The Yard Sale was held at Commandant Newton's lovely home. Many hands chipped in to make this a very successful sale. The picnic following was great fun with a good turn-out.



Uniform - Male

	Undress Short Sleeve	Undress Long Sleeve	Casual	Formal
Marine Corps League Cover	required	required	required	not recommended for wear at indoor formal events
Anodized Solid Gold or Polished Brass Marine Corps Emblem	required	required	required	required
Devil Dog Patch	optional if authorized	optional if authorized	optional if authorized	optional if authorized
Officer Identification Strip	optional if authorized	optional if authorized	optional if authorized	optional if authorized
Department or Detachment Strip or Embroidering	optional if authorized	optional if authorized	optional if authorized	optional if authorized
LIFE or LIFE MEMBER Strip	optional if authorized	optional if authorized	optional if authorized	optional if authorized
White Shirt	Airline Pilot style, 2 pocket w/ button down flaps & shoulder epaulets, open collar, military creases	Airline Pilot style, 2 pocket w/ button down flaps & shoulder epaulets, military creases	Plain collar, no button down	Formal, standard collar, pleated front, no ruffles
Devil Dog Collar	optional if authorized	optional if authorized	optional if authorized	optional if authorized
Medallion	N/A	N/A	in lieu of Devil Dog Collar if authorized	in lieu of Devil Dog Collar if authorized
Tie	N/A	Black	Black	Black Military Bow
Tie Bar	N/A	Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold	Marine Corps or Marine Corps League gold	N/A
Shoulder Patches	Marine Corps League on L forward facing US flag on R or optional MODD on R if authorized	Marine Corps League on L forward facing US flag on R or optional MODD on R if authorized	N/A	N/A
Sunburst	required	required	N/A	required on Red Evening Dress Jacket
Name Tag	optional	optional	N/A	N/A
Ribbons	optional MCL or DOD	optional MCL or DOD	N/A	N/A
Wings & Badges	optional w/DOD ribbons only	optional w/DOD ribbons only	N/A	N/A
Cuff Links & studs	N/A	N/A	N/A	required
Trousers	Dress Blue w/NCO red stripe, optional black dress	Dress Blue w/NCO red stripe, optional black dress	Black dress	Black tux or black dress, optional Dress Blue w/NCO red stripe if Red Evening Dress Jacket is worn
Belt	Marine Corps khaki web, optional black leather w/Marine Corps emblem on gold buckle for black trousers	Marine Corps khaki web, optional black leather w/Marine Corps emblem on gold buckle for black trousers	Black leather w/Marine Corps emblem on gold buckle, optional black leather dress belt or ratcheting gold Marine Corps emblem buckle	Black dress, optional black leather dress belt w/ratcheting gold Marine Corps emblem buckle, Marine Corps khaki web if Dress Blue w/NCO red stripe is worn
Socks	Black	Black	Black	Black
Shoes	Black plain toe military style highly glossed	Black plain toe military style highly glossed	Black plain toe military style highly glossed	Black plain toe military style highly glossed
Red Blazer	N/A	N/A	required	optional
Crest	N/A	N/A	required	optional on Red Blazer if medals are worn
Lapel Pin	N/A	N/A	optional maximum of 2, see bylaws	optional maximum of 2, see bylaws
Medals, wings, badges	N/A	N/A	maximum of 3 large MCL or DOD mounted on single bar	miniture MCL or DOD
Gold Cummerbund	N/A	N/A	N/A	required if Gold Vest Front is not worn
Gold Vest Front	N/A	N/A	N/A	required if Gold Cummerbund is not worn
Red Evening Dress Jacket	N/A	N/A	N/A	required if optional Red Blazer is not worn
Gold Waist Chain	N/A	N/A	N/A	required w/Red Evening Dress Jacket
White Gloves	as prescribed with uniform only	as prescribed with uniform only	as prescribed with uniform only	as prescribed with uniform only



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From the Commandant

We have just finished a busy and profitable June. My thanks to everyone for your participation in the many events that took place. We have participated in two Fallen Marine presentations and burials. One of which included our fellow member Sam Tucker. Please remember Sam and his family in your prayers as we will at future Detachment meetings. If you have time please stop by to visit with Dottie from time to time.

Our community project of the Riverwalk cleanup coincided with the Albany Parks and Recreation National Trails Day cleanup. I'm always impressed and pleased with the amount of volunteers who come out for this event.

Our members have attended a retirement ceremony for MGySgt Bessie L. Reggans from the Maintenance Center and a Change of Command for Colonel Terry Reid of the Maintenance Center.

Our Chaplain, Ernie Elmore, also conducted a Rose Program fund raiser for the Fallen Marine and patriotism Programs that netted almost \$900 for those programs.

Our members have sent off 4 more care packages to Women Marines in Afghanistan, with more to follow.

Our Patriotism Program has found recognition as far away as California.

As you are reading this newsletter we will be involved with the MCLB Albany 4th of July celebration with a recruiting booth and raffle.

As those of us who have attended the 2011 SE Division conference and the 2011 Department of Georgia convention have learned, an active Detachment is a growing Detachment. We are gaining new members and they are interested in where they might assist in supporting or starting one of the many Marine Corps League or community projects we have. It is by your enthusiasm that we are gaining new members. Our recent blind survey indicated that camaraderie was the biggest reason many were members of the Detachment. Please take this enthusiasm to remain in contact with those members you have sponsored and have not seen lately at a meeting. We have, several times, generated a calling tree with limited success. It's time to look at other options to retain those members who may be slipping out the door as we are welcoming new members aboard.

One last item before I close. In November we will be celebrating our FIFTH year as a detachment. I know we will be attending one or more Marine

Corps Birthday Celebrations and Thanksgiving with our families in November as well. As our regularly scheduled meeting will be November 15th, I would think a celebration is in order as well.

Semper Fi,
Tom

Chaplain's Corner

*"Man is like a breath; his days are like a fleeting shadow."
(Psalm 144:4)*

Every time I fly over a large body of water, I imagine opening the window of the jet and pouring out my tea into the immense body of water below. I imagine the time that I spend on this earth compared to eternity is no more than that cup of tea. The incredible size of the ocean compared to one small cup of tea is what our life is like compared to eternity. Why then do we invest so much in temporal pursuits when we know that our investment here can have so much impact on our eternity? It is the great paradox of human behavior, especially for Christians. Does your business life or retirement life have an overall ministry objective to it? This does not mean we must be constantly involved in "Christian activity." It means only that we should be about what God has called us to do with the motive of being obedient to his mission. Do not let the worries and cares of this life keep you from having an eternal impact on the lives of those you meet each day. Satan has a way of keeping our focus on the problems of today rather than the spiritual opportunities before us. He is master of the urgent, not the important.

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (I Corinthians 15:28).

Please remember our Marine brother Bob Adams as he recovers from his surgery.

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

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Savings Account:

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Credits (Dividend)	\$0.95
Debits	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$3,190.19

Upcoming Events

Friday, July 1st: MCLB Albany's July 4th Celebration. Come support our booth.

Saturday, July 2nd: Young Marines Drill weekend aboard MCLB Albany.

Wednesday, July 6th: Retirees Breakfast aboard MCLB, Albany

Saturday, July 16th: Young Marines Drill weekend aboard MCLB Albany

Tuesday, July 19th: **Detachment monthly meeting!!!!**

Wednesday, July 27th: Second Marine ever to be inducted into the Army Ranger Hall of Fame at the Bill Heard Auditorium, Ft. Benning, GA.

Every Wednesday Breakfast
0900 at Rooster's!

Muster Minutes

--for Meeting 21 June, 2011
Roll Call of Officers was taken. Present were Commandant Tom Newton, Sr. Vice Ron Kirstatter, Judge Advocate,

Bob Sanders, and Chaplain Ernie Elmore. Jr. Vice Sherman Braden was absent. Adjutant Roger Paulin Paymaster, Bob Adams and Sgt-at-Arms Jim Rodgers were excused. Marine Alex Hart filled in for Adjutant Roger Paulin and Marine Gale Rodgers filled in for Sgt-at-Arms Jim Rodgers.

23 members and 3 guests were present.
No new members were sworn in at this meeting.

Guests: Marines Larry Olson, Robert Russell, and Bill Hammock.

Correspondence:

1. A thank You letter from the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society of Camp LeJeune, NC for our \$1030 donation to the tornado victims.

2. A Thank You letter from Flint River chapter of the American Red Cross for repair of Flag Pole and replacement of American flag.

3. A \$50 donation for the Fallen Marine Program was received in memory of Sam Tucker by Mr.. and Mrs. John Morris.

4. A \$50 donation for the Patriotic Flag Program was received from Josh Bekkers, owner of the River Pointe Golf Course.

5. Spring Fund Raffle tickets to support the MCL Ladies Auxiliary at the National Convention.

6. MCL Marine Helping Marines wounded Warrior Program Annual Raffle.

7. Gung-Ho detachment #650, Middleburg Heights OH fundraiser Raffle for Marines of 3/25.

Minutes: The minutes from the 17 May 2011 meeting were posted to the Detachment web site. The motion to approve the posted minutes was given by Marine Bob Sanders and Seconded by Marine Bob Breton. The motion was approved by the membership.

The Pay Masters Report: The report was read by Commandant Newton for Marine Bob Adams. A motion was made by Bob Sanders to approve the paymaster's report subject to the results of an audit. Motion was seconded by Marine Ray

Murphy. The motion was approved by the membership.

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Ernie Elmore reported that Roger Paulin was home recovering from cataract surgery to his eye. He deferred to Marine Ray Murphy on Bob Adams injury and condition.

Report of the Officers:
Commandant - reported on the 15 proposed changes to the National Bylaws that will be voted upon by those in attendance at the National convention in Boise, ID. He reminded the membership that Sr. Vice, Ron Kirstatter would be our representative and any recommendations should be sent to him prior to the National convention.

Sr. Vice - The Member Survey has ended. Twenty-six (34%) responses were received. It appears that the Detachment and its officers are doing what about 75% of the Detachment expects.

Received a request from California to replace an American Flag and dispose of it correctly. The request was made due to lack of response by this person's local American Legion post. Dave Aldrich will correspond and support this request.

Received a notice from the Marine Corps Association that a 10% discount was available on any purchases up to \$50. Sr. Vice Ron Kirstatter will get with Chaplain Ernie Elmore on purchasing of pewter pendants for the Fallen Marine Program.

Jr. Vice - No report (absent)

Judge Advocate - No Report

Appointed Officers - No additional reports

Committees:

River Walk cleanup: many thanks to all who supported the National Trails Day cleanup and the next one would be in September.

2012 SE Division Conference: presentations will be made at the August Department of Georgia Staff meeting.

Wounded Warrior: Chaplain Ernie Elmore and Marine Kelly Fisk are supporting wounded Marine Cpl. Jason Lane of Valdosta, GA.

Patriotism Program: 25 American flags have been replaced so far this year and we have 17 more in the inventory.

Young Marines: We are sending one cadet to NCO training in Knoxville, TN. Upon completion of his training he will attend our meeting to report on the training he received.

Old Business: The May Paymaster's report was given by the Commandant. A motion to untable the report from last month was given and the motion was approved. A motion to approve the corrected report was given by Marine Bob Sanders and seconded by Marine Ray Murphy. The motion was approved by the membership. The commandant reminded those committee leads with a budget that this was the end of the Fiscal Year and that they should review their budgets for any changes in the coming year.

New Business: None

Good of the League: Marine Ray Murphy reported that Marine Bob Adams had injured his right knee and that his surgery would be this Thursday. It is a similar injury to what he had several months ago with his left knee. Please send Bob a card.

Marine Ernie Elmore reported that there would be a Rose Program fund raiser for the Fallen Marine and Patriotism Programs along with new member recruiting at Sam's Club of Albany on Saturday June 25th. Ernie received several volunteers to support this effort.

We were going to support a Flag Folding Ceremony for a church in El Dorado on Sunday June 26th. The church has moved the program to Sunday, July 3rd and the members of the Flag Detail have already scheduled time with their families for that weekend. The church will be contacted by the Commandant to let them know that we could not support them this year but, would gladly support a future event for them.

Marine Gale Rodgers reported that 4 Women Marine Care packages were on their way to Afghanistan. The POC provided by Department Jr. Vice Chad Long was contacted and future packages will be sent out.

MCLB Albany will be holding their 4th of July celebration on Friday, July 1st. The Detachment will have as recruiting booth and will hold a raffle for a K-Bar.

Announcements: The commandant announced that a Committee has been formed for the upcoming Field of Flags to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. The flags will be planted on Saturday, September 3rd at 0800 in the field next to the Mall. The reading of the names of the Fallen from Georgia will be on Saturday, September 10th. The Program will start at 1900. We have been requested to perform the flag Folding Ceremony and Dan Gillan will be playing his bagpipes for the event.

The meeting was adjourned by the Commandant at 1949.

Good of the League

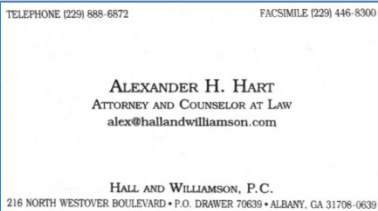
* Did you leave two black plates with white design on them at our Detachment

picnic? If so, please call Bobbie Elmore at 435-2283. She has them.

THE COLOR GREEN !!!

On Saturday, June 25th, six of our Detachment members and one feisty wife braved the day's oppressive heat, donned their blue shirts, khaki trousers and red MCL covers and stood at the exit of Sam's for only five hours and netted \$894.63 in donations!! Those who stood the one or two hour shifts were Chuck Bushnell, Bobby Sanders and his wife Kay, Tim McClellan, Bob Breton, Ernie and Bobbie Elmore. All were very well-received and several who donated are interested in joining our ranks. An easy way to add to our treasury and do some recruiting at the same time. We hope to do this again in October.

Our detachment is happy to accept our first official sponsorship. The law firm of Hall and Williamson, P.C., of which our member, Alex Hart is a partner, has generously donated \$100 toward helping our Detachment endeavors. We highly recommend that when searching for a good attorney, especially in the matters of real estate, that you contact this fine law firm.



Short Rounds

Gale Rodgers reports that our detachment has sent three more boxes of feminine supplies to

our new contact in Afghanistan, CWO Rosa Franks, who will distribute them to the Women Marines in her unit.

Sea Stories

"Viet Nam, 30 Jan 1968, TET Offensive, C Battery, 2 Light Anti-Aircraft Battalion, 0400. Sentry calls from the outmost machine gun bunker. ENEMY INCOMING! I was OD that night, so I ran to the bunker and the illumination bursts overhead quite evenly distributed light over the concertina wire some 400 yards away. We can see people just beyond the wire advancing toward it. I call the CO for permission to fire. Seconds later the Fifty Cal in the bunker opened fire spraying the fence line with a red hue that was chilling. After about 10 or 15 minutes it was all over. That morning, after daylight, we took a patrol out to the wire to see if we had caused any damage and what we needed to replace on the wire. There were four bodies on the wire of which one was our Battalion Barber. He had four gaping holes in his chest. This guy had been cutting our hair for almost 13 months and talking with us like we were his long lost buddies. Shows to go you, ya can't hardly trust anyone."

submitted by Marine Bob Breton

Boy Scouts

Our Boy Scout Coordinator, Dan Gillan does not have a report per se this month, however, it should be reported that, as he does every year, he played his bagpipes for the Andersonville Memorial Day Mass on Memorial Day. He also

played them for about an hour prior to the Mass as he walked through the cemetery. This is his personal salute to all those fallen warriors and their families.



Marine Dan Gillian salutes fallen This Month in History

1 July 1920: MajGen John A. Lejeune became the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

4 July 1800: The Marine Band played at Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, in its first public appearance.

7 July 1941: The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was commissioned at Quantico.

10 July 1919: A submarine chaser was turned over to the Corps with the first all-Marine crew.

20 July 1950: The Marine Corps Reserve mobilized for duty in Korea.

24 July 1944: Artillery, air and naval bombardments softened Tinian for the 4th MarDiv landing.

27 July 1953: Korean War ended.

In the News

Parris Island, the South Carolina military installation that has trained thousands of young Marines, has its first female commander. Brig. Gen. Lori Reynolds took over at a change-of-command ceremony 18 June 2011 at MCRDPI. "It's not about male or female, it's about highly qualified officers," Capt. Bernadette Newman told CNN Savannah affiliate WSAV. "The Marine Corps gets it right. It's a performance-based society and if you look at General Reynolds's bio, she has more than enough experience to add value to this, so it is exciting." Reynolds recently returned from a year-long deployment to Afghanistan, where she was the first woman in the Marine Corps to command

units in a war zone. The 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group took a base that initially fed, housed and equipped more than 10,000 Marines, and built it up to handle the troop surge of an additional 10,000 Marines and sailors in Afghanistan, the Corps said.

Birthdays!

July 1 Ray Murphy
July 20 Sherman Braden

Have a good one, Marines!

I AM A DEVIL DOG

By David Epps, Chaplain for the Clyde Thomason Detachment 1325, Coweta and Fayette Counties, GA. He is also Pastor of Christ the King Church.
(printed by his permission)

Several weeks ago I became the holder of the degree of "D.D.". No, it's not an honorary doctorate, nor was it awarded by a church, university, or seminary. In fact, one cannot ever hope to possess this degree unless one holds an Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps or has served as A Navy Corpsman to combat Marines.

I am a member of the Marine Corps League, a veteran's organization open only to active or honorably discharged Marines and Navy Corpsmen who served with the Fleet Marine Force. Once one is a member of the MCL, after about a year's service, one can be nominated for membership in The Military Order of the Devil Dogs,

which has been described as the "fun and honor society" of the Marine Corps League.

While I cannot reveal the inner workings of the MODD, I will share that, for the first year of membership in the MODD, one is regulated to the lowly status of "pup". After that first full year, which I suppose is a bit like a probationary membership, one can attend the state MODD convention and there receive what is described as "the degree of Devil Dog." Which I did. And, so, I received the D.D. degree.

Most of the D.D. candidates, and there were fifteen, had some age on them. In fact, I may have been among the youngest of the group and I am 60 years old. When the fifteen "pups" were being sworn in as "Devil Dogs," they were asked to take an oath which included these words, "To protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic..." All of the fifteen, and all those present at the convention, had taken a similar oath many years before upon entry into the Marine Corps.

Some of these men had seen battle in Korea, Vietnam, Beirut, in the Middle East, and in other violent places. Some in the room had fought their way across the Pacific to smash the Japanese Empire when they were young and strong. Now, a few in the room used canes and at least one use a wheelchair. But this much I knew; every person present - even those in their 60's, 70's and 80's - would have no hesitation whatsoever taking up arms once again and fulfilling their oath if the need arose. Even among the grandfathers and great grandfathers, there was still the warrior spirit and the willingness to put their lives on the line once again, if the opportunity arose. It was a moment of clarity and solidarity that brought a lump to my throat.

Someone once asked me what was the proudest moment in my life. I have a few educational and athletic accomplishments, have received some accolades and recognition, but my

answer was, "Graduation from Marine Corps boot camp at Parris Island, S.C." It was the day I became a Marine. That pride grew a bit a few weeks ago when I became a D.D. and realized that pride in God, Country, and corps is not only for the young and strong but for all those who are patriots at heart and are still willing to give the "last full measure of devotion," as Abraham Lincoln said in his Gettysburg Address. Whatever the age or cost, I have been, I am, and always will be a Devil Dog. Semper Fi."

Congratulations to Richard Chaffin of our Major DesJardines detachment who just recently became a "pup" .

If you would be interested in becoming a Devil Dog, see Commandant Tom Newton.

Our next MC League meeting will be held on 19 July 2011 at the River Point Golf Course Club House at 1830.

Guests are welcome. Members are expected!

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From the Commandant

We have had a GREAT July as far as fund raising and recruiting are concerned. I can't help but think that the two go hand-in-hand. We had a very successful fund raiser at Sam's that netted two of our programs close to \$900. My thanks to Ernie and Bobbie Elmore, Bob and Kaye Sanders, Chuck Bushnell, Tim McClelland, and Bob Breton for supporting that event.

I also want to thank Tim and Marilyn McClelland and Bob and Ruthie Breton for supporting our booth at the MCLB July 4th celebration. Again, donations were received and a successful raffle was held. A few dozen membership applications were picked up during the event.

Many hours were put into each of these events and the result was donations for the League Programs we are supporting, seven new members and one new associate member! We are currently at 90 members!

As I briefed at the July meeting, there is a new format for the Department Staff meetings. In addition to the regular staff meeting, two training classes will be

presented. The new District Vice Commandants will also be introduced at this meeting. Several of you have already stated that you will be in attendance and this can only enhance your knowledge of the League, its programs, the Department of Georgia, and its members.

At our upcoming Detachment Staff meeting, I plan to present a 5-page New Member Package that, I hope, will give our new members a better idea of what the League and our Detachment are about and trying to accomplish. My thanks to Marine Bill Hall of the Middle Georgia Detachment for sending me their information package. We also need to discuss better ways of communicating with and retaining our current members.

Semper Fi
Tom

Chaplain's Corner

Imagine with me for a moment that you have won a very expensive car. However, in order to receive your prize, you must agree to an unusual requirement. You must agree to remove one major component in that car in order to receive the gift.

What component would you remove?

Will it be the steering wheel? Perhaps it will be the left front tire or the front seat or the two headlights. My illustration may seem ridiculous, but you get the point. Unless you have the complete car and have the ability to use all of its components, your ability to benefit from that car is going to be severely limited.

The same is true of our detachment. You each make up a part of the detachment. If you fail to show up to meetings or chose to not participate in our many activities, then we are not a whole and will not function as we could.

The same is true in our spiritual life. The Bible says you and I are part of a larger body - the Body of Christ. We each have our own body, but we are also made up of a larger Body that has a unique function to play. When you are not functioning as God intended, the entire Body suffers because you are not fulfilling your prescribed function.

When you function in a way that is not directly connected to the larger Body, you are only fulfilling a small portion of why the Manufacturer made you. There is a greater mission that you must fulfill.

What is your part in the overall mission, both in our detachment and in the body of your church?

"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil. It has no point."

Billy Graham

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

Paymaster's Report

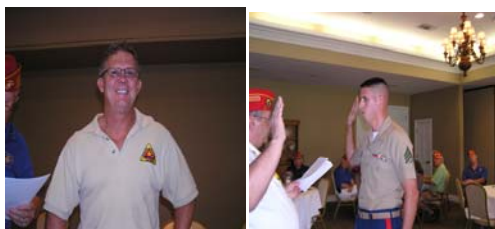
Checking Account:

Opening Balance	\$831.86
Credits	\$1,746.18
Debits	\$365.36
Outstanding checks	\$152.00
Closing Balance	\$2,364.68

Savings Account:

Opening Balance	\$3,190.19
Credits (Dividend)	\$0.90
Debits	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$3,191.09

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Our 8 new members in July: Marines Rex Baker, Joseph Bernardoni, Kenneth Cason, Billy Hammack, Edward Pender, Richard Stevens and Carl Wilcox along with Associate Denzil Harrill.

Upcoming Events

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Wednesday the 3rd - 0630 Retirees Breakfast at MCLB Albany.

Saturday, the 6th - 0800 - Young Marines Drill/Training day.

Wednesday, the 10th - 1900, Detachment Staff meeting, Sr. Vice Ron Kirstatter's home.

Tuesday, the 16th 1830, Detachment monthly meeting, River Pointe Golf course, minimum uniform is the RED MCL Cover.

(reminder: Flag Folding Detail meets at 1810 for rehearsal)

Saturday, the 20th, 0800, Young Marines Drill/Training Day

Saturday, the 20th, 1000, MCL Dept. of Georgia Staff Meeting, Quality Inn meeting room.

August 29th - Sept 1st - MCLB Albany TAMP class

Every Wednesday 0900 Detachment breakfast at Roosters on Westover Blvd.
Join us if you can.

"Lest I keep my complacent way I must remember somewhere out there a person died for me today.

As long as there must be war, I ask and I must answer - was I worth dying for?"

Eleanor Roosevelt

Muster Minutes

Minutes of 19 July 2011

The Meeting was called to order at 1830 by Commandant Tom Newton.

Roll Call of Officers: was taken by Adjutant Paulin, present were Commandant Tom Newton, Sr. Vice Ron Kirstatter, Jr. Vice Sherman Braden, Judge Advocate Bob Sanders, Chaplain Ernie Elmore and Sgt at Arms Jim Rodgers.

Thirty members were present along with seven guests. Seven new members and one associate member were sworn in: Sgt. Mike Travino (RSS Tifton, GA), Bill Hammock, Rex Baker, Gene Pender, Joseph Bernardino, Richard Stevens, Carl Wilcox and Associate Denzel Harrell.

A Life Membership Pin was presented to Richard Chaffin. Guests included MSgt Nathaniel Lowman with four of his Young Marines and perspective members Steve Cobb and Sam Gilliland.

Correspondence:

1. Thank You letter from the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society of Camp Lejeune NC for our \$1000 donation to the base tornado victims.

2. Marine Col Stan Warzyniak will be inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger hall of Fame, Wednesday, July 27th.

3. Gold Star Mom needs assistance with a car. To be discussed later.

4. Registration for the 2012 SE Division conference

5. The Department Quarterly Newsletter is due 15 August.

June Minutes: The minutes from 19 August 2011 were posted to the July 2011 Detachment website. The motion to approve the posted minutes was given by Nick Nicholson and seconded by Billy Stewart. No changes. The motion was approved by the membership.

Paymasters Report:

The report was read by Paymaster Bob Adams. A motion to approve was given by Marine Bob Sanders and seconded by Marine Billy Stewart. The motion was approved by the membership.

Chaplains Report:

Chaplain Ernie Elmore reported that at present we do

not have any known member or family member sick or in need of his assistance.

Report of the Officers:

Commandant: Reported on the 15 proposed changes to the National Bylaws that will be voted on by those present at the National Convention in Boise. He reminded the membership that Sr. Vice Ron Kirstatter would be our representative and any recommendations should be sent to him prior to the National Convention.

Jr. Vice: Reported that he was talking with the Maintenance Center's SgtMaj. (Conrad Potts) and the Director Col. Medeiros about the Marine Corps League and invited them to attend our meetings.

No other officer reports were forthcoming.

Committees:

River Walk Clean-up: The next one will be in September.

2013 SE Division Convention:

presentations for hosting will be made at the Department Staff Meeting 19 August.

Wounded Warrior: Chaplain Ernie Elmore and Marine Kelly Fisk are supporting wounded Marine Cpl. Jason Lane of Valdosta, Ga.

Patriotism Program: Committee Chair Dave Aldrich reported 29 flags have been replaced so far this year and we have 16 more flags in our inventory.

Fallen Marines: Committee Chair Chaplain Ernie Elmore reported that he presented two certificates to widow of Fallen Marines this month.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. The Commandant requested that those who wish to attend the August Department Staff Meeting to be sure to pay \$10 to the Paymaster for their lunch prior to 19 August.

Good of the League:

Vice Commandant Ron Kirstatter announced that the August Detachment Staff Meeting would be held at his home on 10 August at 1900. All member are invited. RSVP Ron if you are coming.

Announcements:

The Commandant announced that a Committee has been formed for the upcoming Field of Flags to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. The flags will be planted on Saturday, September 3rd at 0800 in the field next to the Mall. Your help is requested. The reading of the names of the Fallen from Georgia will be on 10 September at 1900. We have been requested to perform the flag Folding Ceremony and Marine Dan Gillan will be playing his bagpipes for the event.

The meeting was adjourned by the Commandant at 2000 hours..

Respectively submitted,
Roger Paulin, Adjutant

Good of the League

Reservations are now being taken for the Department Convention to be held in Myrtle Beach, March 1st - March 4th, 2012. Go to: www.sediv.org. This will be a very popular convention so get your reservations in early.

Short Rounds

Congratulations Richard Chaffin on receiving your Marine Corps League Life Membership pin! ooo-rah!



MSgt Nathaniel Lowman, instructor with the Albany Young Marines, brought four of his troops to our July meeting. We

financially helped these outstanding young people attend leadership training. All did very well and two came out at the top of their respective courses. We are proud to play a role with our local Young Marines and congratulate MSgt Lowman on the outstanding job he is doing.

Sea Stories

Force Logistics Support Group Alpha (FLSG-A), DaNang, Vietnam 1966. In the middle of what some people think might have been one of the worst, if not the worst wars (politically anyway) for the United States, it is hard to believe that something comical could come from that environment. However, such is the case.

I had been "in country" a few months when we got word that a form of plague had broken out in Dog Patch, the village across the road from our compound, and that everyone would be required to take a Gamma Globulin (GG) shot. Now, if you are not familiar with Gamma Globulin it is administered in the hip area and the dosage is based on your weight. Being of a somewhat thick consistence, it is normally injected slowly so that the GG will spread evenly.

So, as I said, everyone reported to sick bay for their protection against the nasty plague from across the road. The process was simple. You lined up and as your turn came up you "dropped 'em" and the corpsman administered the shot. At this point let me state that it is always a good idea to be on good terms with the corpsmen in sick bay.

For me, the GG shot was not such a big deal as I might have weighed a romping, stomping 145 pounds. I got the shot, got fully dressed and left sick bay. Remember me saying how it is a good idea to be on good terms with the corpsmen? Well, there was a Marine behind me in line that was rather large and, for some reason, had a lot of not so pleasant words for the "swabbies" in sick bay. His turn for the GG came, he exposed his Gluteus Maximus and the corpsman administered the shot. The full quart (not sure how much but enough based on the Marine's weight and about twice the amount of my shot was injected in one swift push of the plunger. Needless to say what the results were. The Marine got the required GG injection and the corpsman got even for the unpleasant words. The Marine left sick bay with a noticeable limp and the knot on his rump the size of a goose egg did not go down for some time.

The moral of the story: do not irritate corpsmen while they are administering aid to you.

Tim McLellan

Boy Scouts

"For many teenagers summer is the time for family trips, part-time jobs, some relaxing and taking a break from school. Although this applies to Boy Scouts too, this past summer has proven to be very busy for many Scouts of Troop 3. Besides the boys we've mentioned in past issues of the Dispatch, it looks like we'll have one more young hard-charger joining the Eagle Scout ranks in the next couple of weeks. Matthew Groarke recently completed his Eagle Scout project in support of Megan's House of Albany. He completed his Eagle Board of Review on 25 July and will be presented with his Eagle rank in the coming weeks."

Dan Gillan

This Month in History

1 August 1944: 2nd Force Service Support Group/2nd Marine Logistics Group activated as 8th Field Depot, Supply Service, FMF.

2 August 1950: The 1st Provisional Marine Brigade landed at Pusan, Korea, one month after being alerted.

6 August 1847: LtCol S. E. Watson's Marines commenced their march on the "Halls of Montezuma" in Mexico.

7 August 1942: The 1stMarDiv landed at Guadalcanal to open the WWII land offensive.

13 August 1918: Opha M. Johnson enlisted at HQMC becoming the first Woman Marine.

14 August 1945: V-J Day! President Harry Truman announced the unconditional surrender of the Japanese.

19 August 1919: "The Marines Hymn" was registered with the U.S. Copyright Office.

23 August 1798: The first Headquarters of the Marine corps was established at Philadelphia.

25 August 1948: 2nd Lt John E. Rudder became the first black Marine officer commissioned in the regular Marine Corps.

29 August 1916: The Marine Corps Reserve was founded.

Sgt Reckless

Sgt. Reckless is an unsung hero of the Korean War and you should know about her. Reckless joined the Marines to carry ammunition to the front lines for the 75mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon of the 5th Marines - and she quickly earned the love and respect of all of the Marines that served with her. Lt. Eric Pederson paid \$250 of his own money to a young Korean boy, Kin Huk Moon, for her. You see, Sgt Reckless was a horse. It was not only Reckless' heroics that endeared the Marines to her - it was her incredible antics off of the battlefield. Reckless had a voracious appetite. She would eat anything and everything - but especially scrambled eggs and pancakes

in the morning with her morning cup of coffee. She also loved cake, Hershey bars, candy from the C rations, and Coca Cola - even poker chips, blankets and hats when she was being ignored - or if she was trying to just prove a point.

One of Reckless' finest hours came during the Battle of Outpost Vegas in March of 1953. At the time of the battle it was written that, "The savagery of the battle for the so-called Nevada Complex has never been equaled in Marine Corps history." This particular battle, "was to bring a cannonading and bombing seldom experienced in warfare...twenty-eight tons of bombs and hundreds of the largest shells turned the crest of Vegas into a smoking, death-pocked rubble." And Reckless was in the middle of all of it.

During the five-day battle, on one day alone she made 51 trips from the Ammunition Supply Point to the firing sites, 95% of the time alone by herself. She carried 386 rounds of ammunition (over 9,000 pounds - almost FIVE TONS! - of ammunition) walked over 35 miles through open rice paddies and up steep mountains with enemy fire coming in at the rate of 500 rounds per minute. And as she so often did, she provided a shield for several Marines who were trapped trying to make their way up to the front lines. She was wounded twice, but that didn't stop or slow her down.

Her heroics defined the word "Marine." She was BELOVED by the Marines. They took care of her better than they took care of themselves - throwing their flak jackets over her to protect her when incoming was heavy, risking their own safety. Her Military Decorations included two Purple Hearts, Good conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with star, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. all of which she wore proudly on her red and gold blanket.

Her highest rank held was SSgt awarded in 1959. She retired to the stables on Camp Pendleton and died 13 May 1968. She was buried on Camp Pendleton with full military honors.

Lt. Elmore is conducting morning roll call.

"Jackson?"

"Here"

"Kibbey?"

"Yo"

"Stephens?"

"Present, sir."

"Robbins?"

"Yo."

"Seeback?"

(nothing)

"SEEBACK?"

(still nothing)

"DAMMIT, SEEBACK!"

This is when the Gunny quietly tells the Lieutenant "Turn the paper over, sir."

Birthdays!

6th	Roger Paulin
11th	Richard Chaffin
12th	Tina Lee
14th	Kenneth Berggren
18th	Alex Hart
20th	Kent Morrison
20th	Joseph Bernardoni
21st	Ron Kirstatter

Alert: Just as we went to press we learned that Marine Nick Retza had a heart attack on Monday 18 July while on vacation in New Hampshire. He spent four days in the hospital. He will be returning home on Friday, 29 July. His daughter will accompany him and Marilyn to help with the drive home. Please remember our buddy - one of the Chosen Few - in prayer and perhaps with a card. Send to: 3104 Harvest5 Lane, Albany 31721

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From the Commandant

4. Encourage and increase open communication among the membership.

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I'd like to cover a few of the items with you that we discussed at the August meeting. First, the "Welcome Aboard" package has been given to a few of our new members. I would ask that anyone who would like to receive a package to let me know. It doesn't matter if you are a new member or a charter member. I think this package will get you thinking.

Second, the Member Package has been distributed to those who have volunteered to become Mentors. As a reminder, the Mentor Program is an attempt to keep the old salts from "fading away" and the new members from feeling they are not a part of the social fiber or culture of the Detachment. I will be getting with the Mentors to establish a plan of action for mentoring. The goals of the Mentoring Program are:

- 1. To create a bond between old and new members so that new members feel more accepted into the Detachment.*
- 2. Develop in new members a feeling that they are a part of the Detachment.*
- 3. Increase the retention rate and active participation of old and new members in the activities of the Detachment.*

As a reminder to our new members, your mentor relationship will continue until you feel it is no longer needed.

Third, we will become a part of the MCLB TAP class starting in October. It is requested that we provide "Marines helping Marines" support in the area of job hunting. With the economic times we are experiencing, the Marines that are separating from active duty are searching for employment. What does that mean to us as a Detachment? In my opinion, it means that we can assist our fellow Marines by letting them know how to get in touch with a Detachment or Department from their home of record or wherever they plan to relocate. Our Detachment has participated in assisting separating Marines with finding jobs and locating housing here in the Albany area. Some have become members of the Detachment.

We are also a part of the "Welcome Aboard" brief every third Thursday of the month. For this brief, we will be making the new arrivals aware of the Marine Corps League and our Detachment. Both briefs are expected to be 5-10 minutes in length. Anyone wishing to assist in

developing these briefs please let me know.

Finally, we were approved by Department vote to submit a proposal to host the 2013 South East Division Conference. We will be meeting with the Merry Acres Inn Group to resolve a few details mentioned at the Staff Meeting. After that meeting, we will submit our proposal to Department Commandant Clark who will forward it to the Division National Vice Commandant Gardener and Division Marine Corps League Auxiliary National Vice President Lois Struthers-Payne. We are the only Detachment that will be submitting a proposal for the Conference. As with the 2009 Department Convention, we will be looking for volunteers to head up sub-committees and support duties for this conference. I will have more details at our September meeting.

Semper Fi,
Tom

Chaplain's Corner

"I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days; thy years are throughout all generations."

Psalms 103:2

Everyone said it was such a tragedy. He was such a bright young Marine and he had so much to look forward to. He wasn't even through his first enlistment yet. Why would God allow this to happen? We ask ourselves that question a lot. Why does God allow some things to happen? We always look at the question from our

own, earthly, human perspective. We forget that death is a part of life and that it is a necessary passage in existence. To God, death is not a bad thing, but merely a part of the way things are. Death isn't a cruelty or a punishment. Our days on earth are a gift, and we should live them as fully as we can. If we die, we are in the Lord's hands and everything will work out just fine. Faith is the key. We must learn to know that God has everything under control and that He will turn all situations to good. Even death is a wonderful thing in the hands of God.

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

MCL Mission Statement

MEMBERS OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE JOIN TOGETHER IN CAMARADERIE AND FELLOWSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING THE TRADITIONS AND PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, BANDING TOGETHER THOSE WHO ARE NOW SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THAT SERVICE THAT THEY MAY EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE THE IDEALS OF AMERICAN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, VOLUNTARILY AIDING AND RENDERING ASSISTANCE TO ALL MARINES, FMF CORPSMEN AND FORMER MARINES AND FMF CORPSMEN AND TO THEIR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS, AND TO PERPETUATE THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND BY FITTING ACTS TO OBSERVE THE ANNIVERSARIES OF HISTORICAL OCCASIONS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO MARINES.

Get Involved!

Our Detachment has been selected to submit a proposal as the site of the 2013 South East Division Conference. Let the Commandant know how you want to help.

Chaplain Ernie Elmore is heading up the search for new Detachment officers for the coming year. Let him know how you would like to serve.

Every Wednesday 0900 Detachment breakfast at Roosters on Westover Blvd. Join us if you can.

Good of the League

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR MCL DUES!

Short Rounds

Walgreens gives discounts to MCL Detachment members.

You can go on line Sept 2nd and order your reservations at the Battle House in Mobile, AL for the 2012 National MCL Convention.

The Rose Sale Fund- Raiser in front of the new Wal-Mart netted \$428.93. Thank you to the following members who helped: Bill Hamby, Bob Breton, Ron Kirstatter, Richard Chaffin and Tim McClellan.



Great fun was had by all our members who attended the Luau August 26th at the American Legion. You ain't seen anything till you see Ann Aldrich line dancing!

Our Detachment Hosts the Department Staff Meeting – August 2011

Over 40 State officers and members attended the Department Convention that we hosted at Merry Acres



Six Department Officers were sworn in as District Vice Commandants.



The Department Officers sat at the Head Table and they were alive with activity.

Sea Stories

"The first few days after a new training platoon is picked up by its assigned team of drill instructors is total chaos and the tension is constant. My experience was no different. When we weren't practicing close order drill, getting screamed at, or doing incentive PT on the "quarterdeck", it seemed we were always standing on-line, in front of our racks at the position of attention. In fact, I remember my shoulder muscles were knotted from the tension and from having to constantly stand (in fear) at the POA.

One day stands out in my mind. The DIs ordered my platoon to get "on line" for a hygiene inspection. Instead of camies and boots, the uniform for the inspection was shower shoes (nothing else, just shower shoes).. The DIs told us when the Corpsman and Navy doctor stopped in front of us, that we were to raise our arms above our heads, while spinning around once, and say in a loud clear voice, "Sir, there is nothing mentally or physically wrong with the recruit at this time." Or, if there was something wrong, to explain that fully to the inspectors.

So, the corpsman and the doctor started the inspection by going down the port side of the squad bay. The recruits on the port side, including this author, all did the required ditty without incident, and returned to the position of attention. The procession finished up with the port side recruits, and moved across to the starboard side to continue the inspection. Again,

the inspections continued without incident until the inspection team reached Private M____. When the inspectors came in front of Private M____, he raised his hands, spun around once, and said in a loud, clear voice, "SIR, THE PRIVATE BELIEVES HE HAS PUBIC LICE, SIR!"

Suddenly, the whole squad bay erupted in laughter. Even the drill instructors couldn't keep their composure.

At tense moments, funny things are even funnier.

Marine Alex Hart

Boy Scouts

School is back in session. That means that our local Boy Scout troops are getting back into their weekly meetings, schedule, outings, merit badge work, community service and, of course, working on Eagle Scout achievement. although I do not have any new update in terms of new Eagle Scouts, I do know there are several boys who have completed or are in-process of completing their Eagle requirements. I am looking forward to a very good academic year for our Scouts and especially looking forward to being able to recognize their accomplishments. Scout Coordinator Dan Gillan

Marine of the Month

With this issue we are starting a column called "Marine of the Month". In it we will focus on one of our members with his/her picture and a short biography of what all has gone on in his/her life as a Marine, a family man or woman, and if retired, what the Marine has been doing with his life. Here is our first patriot....

Bill Hamby



Bill was born in 1928 in Calhoun County, MS. He joined the Marine Corps in 1945 and retired from the Engineer Field as a MGySgt from the MCLC in July 1969. His list of duty stations is impressive. He has served with the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Divisions. He had two tours at the Marine Corps Engineer School at Camp Lejeune. It is to be noted that Bill is a surviving member of the Chosen Few. He served in World War II, the Korean War and the Viet Nam War. Duty Stations to which he was assigned over the years include: Japan (twice), China, Camp Pendleton (5 times), Marine Barracks Memphis TN, I & I Portland, OR, Korea (evacuated 5 Dec 1950), Quantico, Camp Lejeune (three times), Philadelphia Supply Activity, Viet Nam (twice), HQMC, the State Dept, and Albany. Bill went on after retirement to work as Senior Safety Engineer at the Firestone Corporation for 20 years and then worked with the support staff of Watson Spence Law Firm. He then started volunteering with the American Red Cross in Disaster Services in 1989 and has worked 87 disaster areas with them and is still serving.

He married Mollie in 1953 and they have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Bill says that he wants the following on his epitaph:

He meant well

but didn't always do well.

Bill Hamby is an inspiration to us all and we are all proud that he is our brother in Detachment 1260.

In the News

Byline: States News Service
Dateline: MCB Hawaii

Removed from an ambushed platoon of Marines and soldiers in a remote Afghan village on 8 September 2009, his reality viciously shaken by an onslaught of enemy fighters, Marine Corps Cpl Dakota Meyer simply reacted as he knew best - tackling what he called "extraordinary circumstances" by doing the right thing - whatever it takes."

Two years later, the President of the United States awarded the 23 year old Marine scout sniper from Columbia, KY the Congressional Medal of Honor. He is the first living Marine to receive this award in 38 years. Retired Sgt Major Allan Kellogg, Jr. received the medal in 1973.

Though bleeding from shrapnel wounds in his right arm, Meyer, aided by fellow Marines and Army advisors from Embedded Training Team 2-8, braved a vicious hail of enemy machine-gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire in the village of Ganigal to help rescue and evacuate more than 15 wounded Afghan soldiers and recover the bodies of four fallen U.S. fighters.

Meyer charged through the battle zone five times to recover the dead Marines and injured Afghan soldier, risking his life even when a medical

evacuation helicopter wouldn't land because of the blazing gunfire.

Bing West, author of 'The Wrong War' praised Meyer for taking command of the battle as a corporal - the most junior advisor in this firefight. West said Meyer should have been killed, but he dominated the battlefield by fearlessly exposing himself to danger and pumping rifle and machine gun rounds into the enemy fighters.

In February 2009, Meyer volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan's dangerous Kunar province and mentor Afghan soldiers as part of an embedded training team, the type of role usually filled by U.S. Special Forces.

"Being a Marine - is a way of life." Meyer said. "It isn't just a word, and it's not just about the uniform - it's about brotherhood. Brotherhood means that when you turn around, they're there, through thick and thin. If you can't take care of your brothers, what can you do in life?"

Sept. Birthdays!

1st	Benjamin Holliday
	Jeff Wilson
3rd	Jim Vaught
4th	Ludovic Baudoin d'Ajoux
10th	Bob Adams
13th	Greg Freed
	Joann Kraus
18th	Ron Munson
20th	Bob Cerney
22nd	Andrea Gillan
24th	Jerry Wessels
26th	Cayln Akstulewicz

A great big Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Bob and Kay Adams !!!!

Common entertainment back in the day included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of spades'. To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb, because they weren't playing with a "full deck."

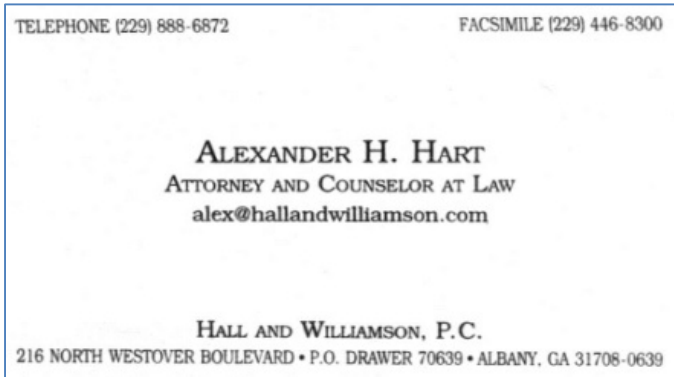
(true story folks.)

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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 • Young Marines Drill Weekend • 8:00 am -2:00 pm : Field of Flags
4	5	6	7 • 6:00 am -8:00 am : Monthly Retiree Breakfast • 9:00 am -10:00 am : Weekly Breakfast	8	9 • 7:00 am -9:00 am : POW/MIA Breakfast • 10:00 am -12:00 pm : MCLB 911 10th Anniversary Memorial • 5:00 pm -8:00 pm : Flag Folding Ceremony	10 • 5:00 pm -8:00 pm : American Legion 911 Anniversary Memorial
11 • 10th Anniversary of 9/11	12	13	14 • 9:00 am -10:00 am : Weekly Breakfast	15 • 8:00 am -12:00 pm : MCLB Welcome Aboard Brief	16 • National POW/MIA Recognition Day	17 • Young Marines Drill Weekend • 8:30 am -10:30 am : Riverwalk Cleanup
18	19	20 • 6:30 pm -7:30 pm : Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1280	21 • 9:00 am -10:00 am : Weekly Breakfast	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 • 9:00 am -10:00 am : Weekly Breakfast	29	30	



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MGySgt Nick Retza



Nick was born in 1927 on Galveston Island, Texas. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1944 and retired from active duty in 1968 with the rank of MGySgt. He served with the 5th, 2nd, 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions over the years. During WWII he served with Recon, 28th Marines, 5th Marine Division in the Pacific and initial occupation of Japan. (He had gone through Scout/Sniper school at Camp Pendleton.)

He transferred to the 2nd Division in Japan when the 5th Division returned to CONUS to disband. Then, after a stint with the I&I, 14th Infantry Battalion, USMCR, in Houston, TX, he was transferred to the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton. Because he was a Machinist Apprentice on the Southern Pacific Rail Road on weekends/summers during his high school years, he worked on locomotives and in machine shops operating lathes, boring mills and other machinery, he was assigned to the 1st Engineer Battalion. Over his protests, he was told the Division needed people that knew equipment and parts more than they needed scout/snipers. (That turned out to be the break of his USMC career although he yelled at the time. (His yells were tempered at the slop shoot at night. Engineers could drink well and he joined their ranks.)

After Winter Training in Alaska, the Korean War started and he sailed with the 1st Marine Division for the Inchon/Seoul Operation, and was at the Chosin (Chongjin) Reservoir when the Chinese Communists Forces (CCF) entered Korea to destroy the Marines

and secure a Communist victory. Events went bad for the Chinese in these early days and although the 1st Marine Division evacuated North Korea, they moved south by sea to Pusan in tuck with 98,000 North Korean Civilians who wanted to leave the Communist Territory. The CCF lost 42,000 killed in two weeks of "annihilating" the 1st Marine Division in the Chosin Campaign. (When he got to Hagaru North Korea at the Chosin Reservoir with engineer fortification gear (barbed wire, concertina wire, sand bags, etc) he had 14 Marines to unload about ten trucks and set up the camp, "Shaisa." Some Marine MP's came by us with about 25 Chinese Prisoners. He told the NCOIC that he needed them to unload the trucks for us at Hagaru. He said "They're yours." A Chinaman came up to Nick and bowed. He said, "Me know Marines, what you want." Nick said, "I want three tents set up and ten trucks unloaded (sand bags, barbed wire coils and concertina wire unloaded and stacked. Nick asked him "where he knew Marines? He snapped, "China" (like you, idiot, where else would I know them). Nick knew he was a "House Boy" for China Marines prior to WWII when China Marines were in China. When the tents and gear were set up, Nick and his Marines gave them some rations, Hershey Bars, and the MPs moved them down the road. (Strange things happen in war).

Events went bad for the Chinese in those early days of the Chosin Reservoir Campaign. (FYI, the "Chosin" name was Japanese from their occupation of Korea over the years. The real Korean name for the Reservoir is "Changjin". The Koreans have wanted us to change "Chosin Few" name but the group has refused. "Changjin Few" wouldn't sound as good.)

Home from Korea Nick was sent to the Supply Depot at Camp Lejeune for duty. After two years at Lejeune, LtCol Sherbondy told Nick he was transferring to Albany Georgia to help open a new Supply Depot and the Colonel was going with him.

Nick married Marilyn in 1952 at Lejeune and she and Nick moved to Albany, Georgia with their first baby daughter to continue their adventure. At Albany they had their second daughter and lived in Georgia for four years while at the Supply Depot..(Over the following years their family has grown to include two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, two of which are potential Marines.) Nic is a Texacan and Marilyn is a Yankee but the mix has worked out. Sometimes they use "sign language" with their parent families but they all get along.

After four years at Albany, Nick was transferred to HQMC for four more years. While in Washington he was assigned to get the Bulk Fuel Handling System on board, cataloged, and issued to the field. While on that assignment he was assigned to the IG team to travel to all bases to check out the progress of the Bulk Fuel Handling Systems.

After HQMC, Nick was sent to Okinawa with the Serviced BN, 3rd Marine Division. After Okinawa, he was

transferred to the Marine Corps Supply Activity, Philadelphia, PA to help build a computerized Marine Corps supply system and after that was completed he retired and took a job in Nashua, New Hampshire and at night school received a Business Degree from UMass at Lowell, MA. Nick retired as a GS 13 from the Albany Supply Activity and became President of the Georgia Chapter of the Chosen Few.

And now, Nick is truly "retired" and says that he would do it all over again, even at the Chosen Reservoir.

From the Commandant

Fall is here, although you can't tell by the temperature yet. I wish to thank those of our members who have stepped up to be mentors. I'm glad to see the program starting to get off the ground. As you read through this month's newsletter you will see we have several events coming up. I would like to start meeting members for lunch at the Town and country Restaurant aboard the base starting on October 13th.

The board of Trustees and the special Staff will be discussing the establishment of training classes at the October Staff meeting. As a reminder ALL MEMBERS are invited to the Staff meeting. Starting this month the Staff meetings will be in a more public location, Blackbeard's. Please check the calendar for date and time.

The purpose of the classes is to expose new members to the scope of the League and the Detachment they are a part of. The classes will also aid them in becoming knowledgeable and productive members. For those of us who have been members for a while, the classes will bring you up to date on changes in the League and refresh your memories of the details of the League and our Detachment. The classes will also help anyone interested in taking on a leadership role within the Detachment or

Department to be better prepared for those offices or committees.

I would encourage all members to attend but especially our new members, mentors, and anyone interested in becoming a detachment officer. These classes are not mandatory but will be very informative.

*Semper Fi,
Tom*



New member Jim Vaught, who spoke to us about the Dougherty County Emergency Service Agency, is sworn in.



Jordan Donaldson, Marine Private Martha Rodriguez and PFC Dennise Velazquez attended our meeting.

Chaplain's Corner

"...Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Have you ever had to stand up against the majority for a cause that wasn't popular? God brought the Israelites out of Egypt and promised He would lead them into a land of milk and

honey. The process of moving out of Egypt was difficult. They could no longer do things the old way, for the old ways didn't work in the desert. God provided for them during this journey. But there came a point in which the people forgot what God had said. Their discomfort changed their belief about God. Whenever God is slow to answer our prayers, what we believe about God is revealed. Do we change our plans and move in a different direction when pressure mounts? Or do we continue on the path God has directed for us? Two men believed what God said and were willing to stand; however, the crowd wanted to stone them.

Joshua and Caleb who, had gone ahead and spied out the land told the entire Israelite assembly"do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them." But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Notice Joshua and Caleb's response to the situation. They had spied the land. They believed God. They challenged the crowd. They seemed to know that if the Lord was not pleased with them they would not enter into the Promised Land. Those who grumbled did not enter the Promised Land. Only Joshua and Caleb and a new generation saw the fulfillment of God's promise.

Has God called you to stand for a cause bigger than yourself? You will have opposition to His call; sometimes it even comes from those in your own camp. But if God has called you, then you can be sure He will make a way. He has already opened the way before you. But you must walk, in faith, joined with Him to take the land.

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

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the Politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs,

and bars. They were told to 'go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and thus we have the term 'gossip'.

Get Involved!



A new flag is raised at St Teresa's in Albany by Dave Aldrich and members of the Patriotic Committee, Roger Paulin, Tim McClelland, Ernie Elmore and Al Fazekas.

Every Wednesday 0900 Detachment breakfast at Roosters on Westover Blvd. Join us if you can.

Muster Minutes

Minutes of 20 September 2011

Meeting was called to order at 1833 by Commandant Tom Newton.

Guests: Jordon Davis, Private Rodriguez, PFC Velazquez, all from Moultrie, GA.

New Members: Associate Kathy Fazekas. Receipt of membership application with check from John Padden was provided to Paymaster Bob Adams.

Marine Jim Vaught was sworn into membership.

Presentation: Member and Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Vaught gave a presentation on the Albany/Dougherty County Emergency Management System.

Pay Master's Report: Pay Master Bob Adams read his report. The motion to accept was approved by the membership.

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Ernie Elmore reported five Fallen Marines in our area this month: Carl Simpson USMC ret., John J. McCarthy, Claud Gordon USMC Ret., Cory Chertam, Sr. Edgar Cole, Jr. Associate member Denzel Harrell is in the hospital.

Report of the Officers: Commandant - Department Staff meeting: The Staff meeting was well received. The Detachment received an award from the National Jr. Vice Commandant John Kovalchik and Bobbie Elmore received an award on the presentation of The Dispatch in the annual MCL Newsletter contest.

Mentoring Program has begun. The new members will be notified by their mentor on how to proceed with the Program.

Report of Committees and Project Leads:

River Walk Clean-up: tentatively moved to 7 October 2011. Commandant is to find out when Rivers Alive Day will be held so that we can support that community effort.

SE Division Conference subcommittee leads were announced. Please review the official minutes on the

Detachment web list for the complete list of names.

Old Business: The I&I and Reserve Ball will be held at the Hasan Temple on November 5, 2011 at 1800. 1st Sgt Watson would like to know if we would like to sponsor a table as we did 2 years ago and if the detachment could contribute \$300 to enable enlisted Marines, who could not afford it, a chance to attend the Ball. If you wish to do this send Pay Master Bob Adams a check.

New Business: The Detachment Staff will meet to discuss MCL Training sessions. These sessions are for ALL MEMBERS. The sessions will be held separately from the Detachment meetings.

Good of the League: The Young Marines would like members of the Detachment to share their life experiences with the cadets. Many have never left Albany. Anyone who has had to make a decision on whether to stay and help the family or leave home to gain better opportunities would be appreciated.

AARP Driving classes Sponsor, golden Key club, Nov 11, 2011. See Short Rounds Column.

To review the complete minutes of the meeting please go to the Detachment web site and select Publications.

Good of the League

Retirees Pay Dates to Change

Military retirees and those who receive portions of retired pay are changing for September and December as the Defense Finance and Accounting Service changes its pay schedule to comply with the 2011 National Defense Authorization Act. The 2011 NDAA requires military retiree pay to be

processed on the first day of the month. When that day falls on a weekend or national holiday, the pay date is moved to the previous business day.

This year payments normally scheduled for October 3 will be issued on September 30 and payments normally scheduled for January 3, 2012 will be issued on December 30. For calendar 2011, this means military retirees will receive 13 rather than the normal 12 payments.

The 13th payday on December 30 falls within the 2011 tax year which could affect the tax liability of some retirees and those who receive portions of their retired pay. Customers should speak with a tax adviser, the Internal Revenue Service or their state tax authority to determine if their tax withholding will satisfy federal and state income taxes when they file returns next year. DFAS officials cannot provide tax advice. For tax year 2012 and beyond, retirees will receive their normal 12 payments.

Short Rounds

The AARP Driver Safety Program will be offered free to Veterans (and spouses including widows and widowers) on Wednesday November 16th from 9 till 4 at Phoebe Northwest. If you want to take the class call and sign up at the Golden Key Office of Phoebe 312-2418. You will receive a Certificate of Completion which is good for three years and gives you a 10% discount on the

Bodily Injury portion of your insurance policy. If you are not a member of The Golden Key Club, you can register with John W. Ledwitch, District Coordinator at 229-435-6887. To receive the free classroom course you must show some sort of military identification like your ID card, DD214, Marine Corps League Membership Card, etc.

ROSE SALE

We will be holding another "Rose Sale" on 22 October 2011 in front of Sam's from 1000-1500 for the purposes of raising funds to carry on our work in our community. As before, Chaplain Ernie Elmore is heading up this endeavor and needs volunteers, two at a time to stand shifts as shown. Call Ernie 886-3017

1000 - 1200

1200 - 1400

1400 - 1500

One Tequila, two Tequila, three Tequila, floor.

Sea Stories

A story told by a friend:

In 1960 I was a senior Drill Instructor at San Diego Recruit Depot. The morning routine was for the DI's to awake before reveille. No recruits were permitted to be out of their Quonset Huts at that time.

One particular morning I and Sgt Black, the junior DI, were standing outside on the platoon street drinking coffee as daylight broke through. Sgt Black sighted something out of the corner of his eye (he the recon Marine). I heard him bellow, "Come here turd!" at this short, sulking figure in utilities buttoned at the top (as required of recruits). The figure rushed over to us and stood at rigid attention. Only then did Black and I recognize the figure as LT Gen Victor Krulak, Commanding Officer of the Recruit Depot (and father of the future 31st Commandant). Apparently the General's wandering was his covert observation of conditions to ensure his dictates were being followed. One of these policies was that recruits be addressed as "Private" and not by derogatory terms (a policy generally ignored by DIs, tradition not so easily dispensed with).

Sgt Black and I immediately knew we were in deep doo-doo. "How do you address recruits, Sergeants?" Without missing a beat, Sgt. Black, now at attention, answered, "Sir, 'Turd' is the acronym that stands for Trainee Undergoing Rigid Discipline." A moment of silence...then the General cracked a smile and ordered, "Very well, carry on." He then strolled off to another area.

This Month in History

1 Oct 1880: John Philip Sousa was named leader of the Marine Band.

4 October 1776: Marines participated in USS Wasp's capture of a British ship off the coast of New England.

11 October 1951: HMR 161 in Korea transported 3/7 in the first battalion size combat helolift.

18 Oct 1859: John Brown and his men were captured after the Marines attacked the Fire-engine house in Harpers Ferry, WV.

20 Oct 1926: President Calvin Coolidge ordered Marines to guard the U.S. mail.

23 Oct 1983: 218 Marines were killed during the terrorist bombing in Beirut, Lebanon.

29 Oct 1942: During October and November, Maj Joe Foss shot down 23 enemy aircraft. He was later credited with three more and received the Medal of Honor.

31 Oct 1955: Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, who earned five Navy Crosses, retired as a LtGen.

Birthdays!

October

2	Roger Wood
2	Tim McClelland
6	Kenneth Frost
11	Billy Steward
14	Henry McDole
16	George Satterfield

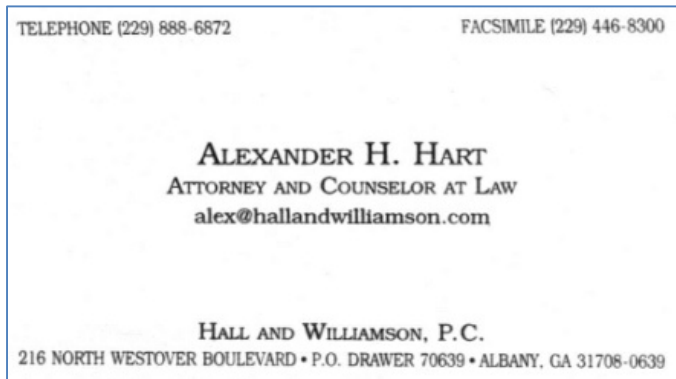
Gentlemen, we lift our glasses to you. Happy Birthday!

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CMC BIRTHDAY MESSAGE

For ten years now, our Corps has been engaged in continuous combat operations against those who threaten the security of America and our allies. We turned the tide in the Anbar province of Iraq and continue to see success today in southwest Afghanistan. While it has come at a cost, we have much to be proud of.

This past year in operations around the world including humanitarian disaster relief, counter-piracy, theater security cooperation, special operations, counter-insurgency and many more, you continued to solidify our place as America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness. Since the Continental Congress created two battalions of Marines 236 years ago, our legacy as an ever-ready, ever capable, victory producing organization remains intact.

Our rich heritage of selfless service and fidelity to Nation and to one another lives on in all who currently wear the Eagle, Globe and Anchor - those who have answered the clarion call to duty with remarkable courage, dedication and unshakable resolve that Marines are so well known for. To all Marines - past and present - and especially to our families I extend my deep gratitude for all you have done and all you continue to do.

As we celebrate our 236th birthday, let us look forward to future challenges - whatever they may be - and reaffirm our pledge to be America's premier crisis response force, to be the first to fight.....Always ready for the toughest and most challenging assignments.

Happy 236th Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

JAMES F. AMOS
General, U.S. Marine Corps

Marine of the Month



Adjutant Roger Paulin

"Ordnance Keeper of the Sword"

Roger M. Paulin, MSgt USMC (Ret.) was born August 6, 1939 in Bristol, RI. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in February 1960 and graduated from MCRD Parris Island the same year. He was then transferred to HQ Co, Marine Corps Supply Depot, Albany, GA and served as Supply Chief. This is when he fell in love with Albany, GA. He made Corporal by July 1963. While on active duty, he completed an Associate Degree in Business from Mid-State College in Peoria, IL.

Roger's tenure in the Corps spanned over a period of 22 years and eight months. During this time he served his country in the following capacities: Nov 1963, Supply Chief, Marine Barracks, Kenitra, Morocco. Promoted to Sgt 1966; Dec 1964 H&HS Co, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, SC; June 1966 Supply Chief, I-I Staff, 4th

Truck Co, Erie, PA; Sept 1969 Supply Chief, Sub Unit 1, 1st Anglico, Viet Nam; Oct 1970 Supply Chief, Recruiting Station, Baltimore, MD. Promoted to SSgt; Aug 1975 Supply Chief, 9th Marine Regiment, Camp Schwab, Okinawa. Promoted to GySgt 1974; Jan 1976 Supply Chief, I-I Staff, CO "C" 6th Engineer BN, Peoria, IL; Oct 1980 War Reserve Branch, Marine Corps Supply Center, Albany, GA. Promoted to MSgt 1981; Nov 1982 Retired.

Roger's love for the Corps continued through his career as a civilian Marine. In December 1984 he was employed by the Marine Corps Logistics Base as an Inventory Management Specialist in the Weapons System Equipment Management Directorate. In 1988 he was promoted to Inventory Management Specialist GS 10 in the ILS Mobile Equipment/Ordnance Division, Infantry Weapons Section. His passion as an Inventory Management Specialist for Management of Marine Corps weapons began in December 1989 and spanned over a period of 20 years. He has managed Marine Corps small arms, precision weapons and upon retirement, "Ordnance Keeper of the Sword" for crew served weapons. Upon retirement he served as Inventory Management Specialist in the Infantry Weapons Systems Section, Combat Systems Support Branch, Principal End Item Management Division, Supply Management Center, MCLC, Albany.

Roger is married to "Cam" Paulin and is the father of three daughters and has four grandsons and one granddaughter.

From the Commandant

We have four events to celebrate this month. This first is our 236th Birthday! Happy Birthday Marines! We have received several invitations from local, regional, and state units to attend Birthday celebrations so there is ample opportunity to celebrate.

The second is a more serious event. Veterans Day will be Friday, November 11th. As usual we have been invited to attend American Legion Post 30's Morning Colors and Breakfast. If you plan to attend, please wear your RED COVER. After the breakfast, several of us will meet at Crown Hill Cemetery to place wreaths at the graves of Major Larry DesJardines and Sam Tucker. Please take the time, at some point during the day, to explain to your children and grandchildren why we are more reflective than celebratory on this day.

The third event is the fifth anniversary of the establishment of our Detachment. We will "officially" celebrate our anniversary at the Awards Banquet in December. I invite all past officers and Charter members to attend both our November meeting and December Banquet. Without you establishing the Detachment and setting a course for the Detachment, we could not be where we are today.

Last, but not least, is Thanksgiving. Kris and I wish you all a happy, safe, and fulfilling Thanksgiving.

I want to remind everyone that November is nominations month for Detachment Awards. The available awards and the criteria for nomination can be found on our web site www.mclalbanysga.org under the publications tab. Should there be any multiple nominations, such as Marine of the Year, the Detachment will vote for the single recipient at our November meeting.

*Semper Fi,
Tom*

Chaplain's Corner

"He holds victory in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is

blameless." (Proverbs 2:7)

God has a specific training ground for leaders. Marines are leaders, as are those who are His followers. There are three patterns of preparation that have been common among most of God's leaders. First, there is a time when the leader is separated from his old life (remember Boot Camp). In order for God to mold and shape them into His nature, it appears that He had to remove such men as Moses, Joseph, Abraham, and Paul from the life of comfort. A teacher once said, "You cannot go with God and remain where you are."

Next, there is usually a time of solitude. God often brings leaders into a time of solitude in order to speak to them without other distractions. Paul was sent to Arabia for two years for a time of solitude. Joseph spent years in the solitude of prison. Moses spent 40 years in the desert herding sheep. The third characteristic of God's preparation for leaders is discomfort. The setting in which the preparation takes place usually is not a place of comfort (look back on some of your duty stations and assignments). David lived in caves fleeing Saul. Paul was frequently persecuted.

Are you ready for the classroom of leadership preparation? Some of you are about to be asked to take a position of leadership in the Detachment. You may have one of three reactions to this. First you may say, "**I don't need it.**" Perhaps

you know intellectually that you do need this, but God wants you to know it in your heart. Pride prevents us from entering this classroom. The second reaction may be, "**I'm tired of it.**" You decide you've had enough. If so, this will disqualify you from leadership. Finally, God's desired response from us is, "**I accept it.**" To accept it with joy is the place of maturity in Christ.

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

Get Involved!

Every Wednesday 0900 Detachment breakfast at Roosters on Westover Blvd. Join us if you can.

Muster Highlights

Meeting minutes for October 18, 2011

Meeting called to order 1830 by Commandant Tom Newton.

Guest: Lou Connor

Correspondence Received:
MC Ball announcements available
contact the Adjutant.

Pay Masters Report: Read by Marine Bob Adams. The motion was approved by the membership.

Chaplains Report: Chaplain Ernie Elmore reported "NO" Fallen Marines in our area this month.

Report of the Officers: Commandant – Mentoring Program for new members. Provide copy of Names with Questioner attached to Adjutant Roger Paulin.

Reminder 19 Nov Staff Meeting.
Meeting: 10:00AM till 11:40AM, after lunch 2hr training. NO Devil Dog GROWL.

Sr. Vice: Reported on awards. Information on the Detachment WEB site under Publications. Nominations should be in by 1 Nov 2011. Recommendation for award to River Pointe Golf Club for 4 years support.

Report of Committees and Project Leads: River Walk Cleanup - 13 and 15 Oct was great and successful.

2013 Conference update - Marine Corps Base to serve lunch and look the other way at the PX. Merry Acres room rates reduced from \$95 to \$90 per night.

Old Business: Training Sessions – held on Saturdays not to exceed 2hrs.

New Business: Marine Tim McClelland has agreed to be the new Detachment Quartermaster. See Tim to order your uniform items.

Conduct Training sessions.
December 13th meeting and Awards/Banquet.

Good of the League: Dave Aldrich and Jim Rodgers showed two styles of the Wind Breaker Jacket. All hands selected Dave's Style of Jacket.

Marine Bob Adams plans to meet with Detachment member Marine George Palaima to hosting golf tournament in the future.

Please make your reservations for the 2012 South East Division Conference.

Detachment #1260 2012 Elections are around the corner.

AARP Driving Classes Sponsor: Golden Key Club. Nov 11, 2011.

The proper way to excuse yourself from Detachment, Department, or National Convention: Salute Flag and then Sgt-at-Arms.

Announcements: Veteran's Day events will be sponsored by American Legion Post 30.

November 11th Flag rising and breakfast. Laying of wreaths at graves of Larry DesJardines and Sam Tucker.

November 12th – Veterans celebration at American Legion Post 30.

The meeting was adjourned by the Commandant at 2000 hrs.

Good of the League

Detachment Birthday

Party



WHEN: Dec 13th 1800

WHERE: River Pointe
Golf Course Club
House

HOW MUCH: Members
\$15, Guests \$20

Cash Bar

Roast Beef with
horseradish/au jus

Grilled chicken

Garlic mashed potatoes

Mushroom brown rice

Glazed carrots

Grilled green beans

Apple cobbler & Ice
cream

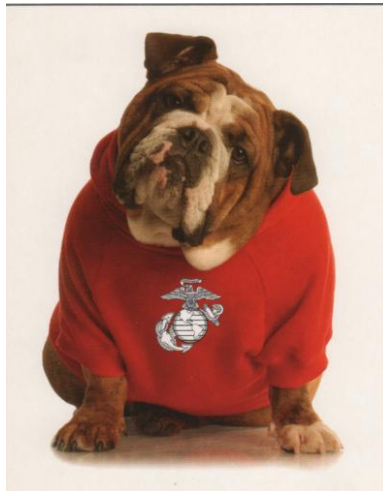
Triple chocolate
delight

Short Rounds

The purpose of fighting is to win. There is no possible victory in defense. The sword is more important than the shield, and skill is more important than either. The final weapon is the brain. All else is supplemental.

Anon

This Month in History



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES

Nov 5, 1915: Marines under S.D. Butler captured the stronghold at Ft Copois, Haiti.

Nov 6, 1854: The Morning Report showed that the Marine Corps totaled 63 officers and 1,389 enlisted men.

NOV 10, 1775: The Continental Congress authorized the creation of the Marine Corps.

Nov 14, 1967: MajGen Bruno Hochmuth,, CG 3rd MarDiv died in a helicopter crash in Vietnam.

Nov 15, 1950: Elements of the 1st MarDiv reached the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea.

Nov 17, 1859: Melody utilized in "The Marines Hymn" premiered in Offenbach's operetta.

Nov 18, 1955: A memorial honoring the 4th Marine Brigade was dedicated at Belleau Wood, France.

Nov 23, 1950: Thanksgiving was celebrated in Korea with a temperature of 20 degrees below zero.

Nov 27, 1950: Chinese Communists launched an attack surrounding Marines at Chosin Reservoir.

In the News

Birthdays!

NOVEMBER

5 - Tom Collins

6 - Loron Cheshire

6 - George Palaima

7 - Kelly Fisk

10 -Emily Hall

11 - Richard Stevens

15 - Ralph Scoccimaro

16 - James Johnson

18 - Ernie Elmore

Two Marines graduated Basic Training and were informed that they were being sent to school to become Marine Corps Helicopter Mechanics.

After graduation from helicopter mechanic school, they were sent to their first duty station, and were assigned to work on the flight line.

Just before morning the one yelled, "Jack! I lost me finger!"

"Have you now?" says Jack. "And how did you do it?"

"I just touched this big spinning thing here...Damn! There goes another one!"

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6	7 • 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Det #1373 Monthly Meeting in Warner Robbins, GA	8	9 • 9:00 am -10:00 am : Weekly Breakfast	10 • Marine Corps Birthday • 6:00 pm -11:30 pm : LOGCOM Base Brithday Ball	11 • Veterans Day	12 • 9:45 am -3:30 pm : Veteran's Coalition Celebration
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MERRY CHRISTMAS, MARINES!!!!

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LTCOL D. S. ALDRICH, USMC

Our friend and Coordinator of the Patriotism Committee, Dave Aldrich, is highlighted for you this month. Dave enlisted in the Marine Corps on 12 August 1960 in Albany, New York and reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina on 26 September 1960. Upon completion of recruit training and advanced infantry training at Camp LeJeune in 1961, he was ordered to the First Marine Brigade, FMF, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; and subsequently transferred in 1964, as a Corporal, to the Marine Corps Supply Center, Albany, Georgia. In 1965, while stationed at Albany, he was promoted to Sergeant, meritoriously, as the Center's Marine of the Quarter; transferred in 1968 to Third Force Service Regiment, Okinawa and as a Staff Sergeant, ordered to Force Logistics Command, Vietnam.

In 1969, Dave was selected and ordered to the Ninth Warrant Officers Candidate Course, promoted to Warrant Officer 1 and then reported to the Warrant Officer's Basic Course in June 1969. Upon completion of school, his next assignment was at MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina, as a Skivvy Scrubber (no, scratch that), OIC DSSC Depot Supply. During his tour at PISC, Dave was selected for LDO and promoted to First Lieutenant in June 1972. In 1973, he was transferred to Third Force Service Regiment Okinawa as OIC, SMU ("T" SASSY) and tasked to convert the mechanical system and manual accounts to existing SASSY for III MAF.

In 1974, Dave transferred to Camp LeJeune for duty with Second Force Service Regiment/Second Force Service Support Group, and held various assignments within the SMU, and was promoted to Captain. He returned to First Marine Brigade, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii in 1979 to serve as OIC of the

SMU Brigade Service Support Group. He was promoted to Major in 1980. In 1982, he again was transferred to Third Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, for duty as the Group's Supply Support and Transportation Support Officer. Upon tour completion, he returned to duty to MCLB, Albany, GA, with assignment as Director of Test, Training, Implementation, and Maintenance Division within the Central Design, and Programming Activity. He was promoted to LtCol November 1984.

Dave is married to the lovely and gracious Ann (Waldron) and they and their children retired in Albany 5 December 1988.

From the Commandant

Kris and I hope everyone had a wonderful and fulfilling Thanksgiving.

As you read this newsletter, the final touches have been made to the Detachment Awards to be given out at the Banquet. We have many awards to distribute this year, which means that more of our membership is participating in our activities. The Marine of the Year was selected by secret ballot at the November meeting and will be announced at the Banquet.

*As a reminder, the Banquet will be held on **the SECOND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 1800 AT RIVER POINTE**. The meeting portion will be brief to include the awards. The banquet will be in the middle of the meeting. Please keep in mind that family members are invited and encouraged to attend both the meeting and Banquet. River Pointe is providing another great menu for us this year.*

We are also going to celebrate the 5TH ANNIVERSARY of the forming of our Detachment at the Banquet. There should be plenty of dessert to go around. I would ask that everyone stay around, if possible, so that we can get a group picture for the January Newsletter.

Finally, Kris and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and joyful and safe New Year.

*Semper Fi,
Tom*

Chaplain's Corner



"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 19:10

Christmas has always been one of the most special holidays for Americans. But, when fighting a war, Marines are deployed to the furthest corners of the world fighting for freedom. Many Marines who have never been away from home before find themselves thousands of miles from their loved ones and the joys of the season.

The Marine Corps does what it can to honor the season but the realities of war often take precedence over holiday traditions. Still, the Corps tries to make Christmas special. Especially in garrison, units decorate Christmas trees, distribute gifts to enlisted men and practice various traditions to bring home holiday cheer.

Marines do their best to celebrate the season, but it is hard during war. Every mile they advance takes them further away from home and loved ones. The mental distance can seem enormous. In the middle of a desert, or on a hot tropical island, or on a cold outpost, or assigned to posts and stations scattered across the face of the globe, many Marines spend the holidays separated from friends and families.

This year, I urge you my fellow Detachment members, remember our Marines who are not at home this year. Please lift them up in prayer. Send a note or card if you know a Marine's address. The Lord tells us "I will never leave you or forsake you." If no other human is with them at Christmas, our Lord certainly is. Let us rejoice that our Lord loves His Marines. Let us rejoice that He loved us so much that He came to show us a better way.

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Muster Highlights

MEETING MINUTES **15 November 2011**

I. Call to Order

Commandant Newton called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1835 on 15 November 2011 at the River Pointe Golf Clubhouse in Albany, GA.

II. Roll Call

Member Alex Hart took Member Roger Paulin's place as Adjutant and conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Commandant Newton, Sr. Vice Kirstatter, Judge Advocate Sanders, Temporary Adjutant Hart, Paymaster Adams and Chaplain Elmore. Absent were: Jr. Vice Braden, Adjutant Paulin, and Sgt at Arms Rodgers. Member Richard Chaffin served as acting Sgt at Arms. There were a total of 25 members in attendance.

III. Approval of minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were posted to the Detachment webpage; accordingly, said minutes were not read at this meeting. No objections

IV. Applications for Membership

None.

V. Visitors/Guests

Member Al Fazekas brought his wife Kathy, who is an Associate Member.

VI. Correspondence Received

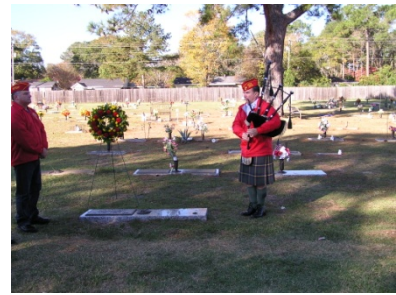
One letter was received from Chris Roberts regarding pick-up points for the Toys For Tots Campaign, another letter from the Peachtree City Detachment announced Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day as Sunday, December 4, 2011 (presumably in Peachtree City).

VII. Paymaster's Report

Report delivered by Paymaster Adams. Nothing noteworthy regarding Detachment account balances. Motion to approve report made by Chaplain Elmore and seconded by J.A. Sanders. Motion approved unanimously.

VIII. Chaplain's Report

Report given by Chaplain Elmore. Two fallen Marines announced: MSgt Daniel Dickson and Joe Wayne Harrell. Neither were Detachment members. The great majority of Fallen Marines for whom the Detachment has provided family support and ceremonial details have not been from the Detachment. Chaplain Elmore, along with members Bob Adams, Dave Aldrich, Kelly Fisk, Dan Gillan, Tim McClelland, Ray Murphy and Roger Paulin participated in the Wreath Laying Ceremonies at the graves of Marines Larry DesJardines and Sam Tucker on Veteran's Day.



Piper Dan Gillan plays a lament at the Wreath Laying Ceremony.



It was a sunny but cold day, especially if you wore a kilt.

IX. Report of Officers

a) Commandant. Commandant Newton announced that Jim Cross could not come to this meeting and plans instead on attending the March 2012 Detachment meeting. Commandant Newton also suggested that members should come to a Department of Georgia Staff Meeting, if possible. Those meetings are a great opportunity to meet Marines from all over the State of Georgia.

b) Sr. Vice. Nothing to report, but will speak during committee reports.

c) Jr. Vice: Absent

d) Judge Advocate: Nothing to report.

X. Standing Committee Reports

a) River Walk Committee: Commandant Newton announced the next cleanup effort will take place during March 2012.

b) Finance Committee: No report given.

XI. Special Committee Reports

a) 2013 SE Division Committee: Griffin Detachment will be making a presentation in February 2012 for its bid to host the 2013 SE Division convention.

b) Award Committee: Sr. Vice Kirstatter announced that November 30, 2011 is the cut-off date to submit awards nominations.

XII. Old/Unfinished Business

None.

XIII. New Business

a) Silas Barnes, a former Marine and POW will be turning 90 in December. Member Ray Murphy made a motion to invite Mr. Barnes to the Detachment's December Banquet and to make him a member of the Detachment. Motion was seconded by Chaplain Elmore. Motion was passed on a unanimous vote of the members present.

b) Commandant Newton announced that Veteran's Day wreath laying at Larry DesJardine and Sam Tucker's grave will be an annual event the Detachment will support.

XIV. Good of the League

Commandant Newton invited nominations from the floor for Detachment Marine of the Year. Member Alex Hart nominated Member Dave Aldrich. Commandant Newton nominated Sr. Vice

Kirstatter. Voting was done by secret ballot, with the votes tallied by Member Hart and JA Sanders. The results will be announced at the December Banquet by Commander Newton. Sr. Vice Kirstatter announced that he will relinquish his chairmanship of the Awards Committee, since he is a nominee for the Marine of the Year Award.

XV. Announcements

a) Member J.J. Kraus brought in an American Flag flown over Camp Al-Assad by Member Ken White, with accompanying certificate mounted with the flag in a wood shadow box, hand-made by Marine Kraus.

b) Member Al Fazekas announced the annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament, which benefits the VA Hospital in Dublin, GA was poorly attended this year. He asks that Detachment members consider signing up for next year's tournament, which will again be on Veteran's Day, November the 11th.

XVI. Adjourned

After colors were retired by acting Sgt at Arms Chaffin, and the Chaplain delivered a closing prayer, Commandant Newton announced the meeting was adjourned at 1916 hours.

Minutes submitted by acting Adjutant, Alex Hart.

Good of the League

All hands have until 30 November to submit a nomination for an award certificate nomination for one of our members. This nomination can be done in writing, email or phone call to Sr. Vice Ron Kirstatter (229-809-

0084 or
webmaster@mclalbanyga.org)

Remember our Banquet, 13 December. You can pay at the door. It will be held 6 p.m. at the River Point Golf Course Club House. Let the Commandant know if you are coming and/if you will be bringing friends or family.

Short Rounds

Several of our member's wives raised their hands and became Associate Members in November.

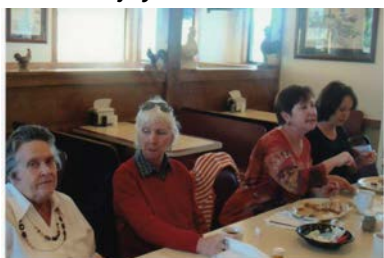


Here we see Kathy Fazekas and Ruthie Breton being sworn in by Commandant Newton. Marilyn McClelland was sworn in earlier with Cam Paulin joining them in December. Additionally, Kathy was appointed as Detachment Historian. Welcome aboard ladies!!

Every Wednesday morning many of our members and associates meeting at 0900 for breakfast at Roosters. All Marines are welcome. We get a lot done over eggs and sausage. Many of the wives attend breakfast as well.



Valerie Knowles, Jane Wilcox, Ann Aldrich and Cam Paulin enjoy their breakfast.



Kathy Fazekas, Ruthie Breton, Andrea Gillan and friend.

Sea Stories

THE "WORD"

In the Year of our Lord 1958, a young second Lieutenant of Marines from Ohio had just graduated from the Naval Academy and was going through Basic School in Quantico, VA. At the time, he was engaged to a beautiful Southern Bell from North Carolina and they were trying to come up with a wedding date to please both families. However, there was an important issue to consider, "where would the Lt. be stationed upon graduation from Basic School????"

All Marines know that "THE WORD" is the truth and nothing but the truth. Well, it so happened that the current WORD, back then, was that married graduates would luck out and be assigned stateside duty stations and only unmarried ones were candidates for overseas (i.e. Okinawa) duty. Obviously, "THE WORD" was gospel and this meant that the couples best be married before orders were issued. They

decided to marry over the Lt's Christmas leave, as orders were expected to be issued in Jan or Feb of 1957. The wedding would take place on December 22, 1956. Explaining this to both families was not an easy chore since they were concerned with traveling to North Carolina from Ohio, New York and other points up north, just 3 days before Christmas. Every year since then, during family reunions, the Lt. and his bride were reminded of the hardships the families faced getting to "THE WEDDING", because of "THE WORD".

The newlyweds settled down to married life in Fredericksburg, VA, and anxiously waited for the Corps to issue orders to their next "STATESIDE" duty station. The day finally arrived and lo and behold, the Lt. found out that he would be spending his next tour of duty on the wonderful island of OKINAWA, WITHOUT FAMILY!!! So much for "THE WORD". To top things off, the 13 month overseas tour lasted 18 months since the Lt. was assigned to a contingency unit which had to mount out due to the Lebanon situation.

In spite of it all, the Marine and his Southern Bell survived and come this Christmas will be married for 55 WONDERFUL YEARS!

Semper Fi,
Al and Kathy Fazekas

Boy Scouts

Although there are no new Eagle Scouts to mention in this writing, I can tell you there are several Eagle Scout projects in the works. This means we should be seeing some of our young hard-chargers and future leaders getting scheduled for their Eagle Courts of Honor over the next two months. In the mean-time our scouts have been busy with

community service, volunteering, and we can't forget the popcorn sales for fundraising. All this in addition to completing merit badges and helping the younger scouts advance. I hope to report more Eagle Scout progress as we get through the Holiday season.

Semper Fi,
Dan Gillan

This Month in History

In combat, during WWII, the holiday season situation often dictated minimal celebration. For example, on Guadalcanal at Christmas 1942, those with the Second Marine Division received a fresh orange and a warm can of beer to supplement their regular diet of C-rations.

A guy named Tom Williams served with the 5th Marine Division in 1944-45. Christmas 1944 found him at Camp Tarawa in Hawaii. This was his first holiday season away from his family in Southern California. He remembered, "Camp Tarawa was a lonely place that year. We didn't know what was going to happen to us and we were thinking a lot about our families." Alda Devine served with the 3rd MarDiv in 1943-44. For him and his buddies, the holidays were tough, even when surrounded by other Marines. He wrote (as found in BATTLE CRY by Leon Uris),

"Christmas services were held in a warehouse on Wellington docks. After singing carols, and sermons from Chaplain Peterson and Father McHale, we all came down with a bad case of the GI Blues. Andy, Danny, Marion, and the rest, all were quiet and remorseful. I wished the hell I could just wake up and find Christmas had come and gone. No one cared to talk, just sat around, lost to each other, and wrapped in their thoughts. Danny read an old letter.

*Marion had his wallet open
looking longingly at the picture
of the girl with red hair. Even
Ski, with only bitter memories,
studied the fading picture of
Susan. Thinking was bad, it
might wreck the operation. But
what else could a man do on
Christmas Eve?"*

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creeks don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creeks don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creeks" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

Birthdays!

DECEMBER

1	<i>Charles Nicholson</i>
6	<i>Felix Demuth</i>
11	<i>Robert Barry</i>
14	<i>Ruthie Breton</i>
10	<i>Robert Roe</i>

Happy Birthday to one and all!!

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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 • 7:00 am -8:00 pm : Toys For Tots Stuff The Truck	2 • 7:00 am -8:00 pm : Toys For Tots Stuff The Truck	3 • Young Marines Drill Weekend • 7:00 am -8:00 pm : Toys For Tots Stuff The Truck
4 • 11:30 am : Toys For Tots Golf Tournament	5 • 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Det #1373 Monthly Meeting in Warner Robbins, GA	6	7 • 6:00 am -8:00 am : Monthly Retiree Breakfast • 9:00 am -10:00 am : Weekly Breakfast • 7:00 pm : Albany Marine Band's Christmas Concert	8	9	10
11	12	13 • 6:00 pm -9:00 pm : Detament Awards Banquet	14 • 9:00 am -10:00 am : Weekly Breakfast	15 • 8:00 am -12:00 pm : MCLB Welcome Aboard Brief • 6:00 pm -9:00 pm : Det #1333 Monnthly Meeting in Waycross	16	17 • Young Marines Drill Weekend
18	19	20	21 • 9:00 am -10:00 am : Weekly Breakfast	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 • 9:00 am -10:00 am : Weekly Breakfast	29	30	31