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## Member Spotlight

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### ***CAPTAIN BOBBIE ELMORE*** ***2012 DETACHMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR*** ***Senior Vice Commandant***

Bobbie was born 26 January 1943 in Philadelphia, PA daughter of MSgt Walter C. Kilburn (USMC Ret). She spent the first 13 years of her life moving from duty station to duty station with her father and her family which included Paducah, KY, Yokosuka, Japan, Bremerton, WA and Steubenville, OH settling in Lansdale, PA where her father retired in 1956. After graduation from high school she went to Kutztown University, PA graduating with a BS degree in Education.

Following college she entered Marine Corps OCS and then The Basic School, Quantico, VA in 1964. USMC Commandant Wallace Greene pinned on her 2nd Lt. Bars. Following Basic School she was sent to PISC as the Training Aids Officer. Her next tour was at MCRD San Diego as the Command Asst. G-3. Here she met and became engaged to her future husband, Ernie. Ernie left for Vietnam in 1967 and Bobbie remained on active duty until her enlistment ran out on Guam while visiting Ernie in the Navy Hospital there and then she moved to live with her parents in Lansdale, PA while waiting for Ernie to return from Vietnam. Ernie was medevac'd to the states and they married in the Chapel in Quantico VA in 1969 and followed the Marine Corps together, Naval Base, Coronado, MCSA Philadelphia (where Bobbie taught in a local high school), 2nd MarDiv Camp Lejeune, Quantico Jr. School (for Ernie) (where she worked as the high school principal's secretary), Okinawa, Camp Lejeune (again), I&I Portland, OR and finally retiring from Marine Barracks, Bremerton, WA. By then they had two children, Zachary and Katie, and lived in Gig Harbor, WA. Bobbie remained a stay-at-home and also did some substitute teaching. After moving to Olympia, WA Bobbie began working for the State of Washington within various agencies such as Department of Corrections, Department of Licensing, Department for the Blind and Department of Human Resources, finally leaving state work to be administrative assistant at their church. Son Zach went to Washington State University and then into the Marine Corps and Bobbie stopped full-time employment. During this time, Ernie and Bobbie started up the Marine Corps Detachment in Olympia, WA. Ernie and Bobbie were later called into full-time missionary work on Okinawa, Japan. They worked for Cadence International as missionaries to our Navy and Marine personnel stationed aboard Camp Hansen. While Ernie did the spiritual mentoring and teaching with the men, Bobbie was kept busy feeding between 30-80 Marines home-style meals three

times a week, organizing island trips and picnics for them on paydays, and teaching Bible Studies to the service women. After leaving Okinawa there was some short-termed mission work in the Ukraine, and then Ernie was ordained and called into the preaching ministry, being assigned Senior Pastor at Mansfield Community church and then later as Senior Pastor at Chehalis Valley Baptist Church, both churches being in Washington State. Bobbie was a busy pastor's wife and Bible teacher. Following Ernie's partial blindness and the beginning of Bobbie's macular degeneration, Ernie retired from the ministry and he and Bobbie moved to Leesburg, GA to be with their adopted spiritual son, Greg Frich and his family. She and Ernie have become very busy with their 1st Baptist Church in Leesburg and just as busy with the Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment of the Marine Corps League in Albany, GA. Bobbie and Ernie are grandparents to 12 grandchildren and feel they have finally set down roots in Leesburg, GA. Bobbie's hobbies include making her own greeting cards, family genealogy research and gardening. Bobbie has seen many changes in the Women's Marine Corps over the years and is nostalgic for many things in the women's "old Corps" such as one size fits all bright red lipstick, all women having to wear girdles, nylons with a seam up the back, women-only barracks, no marriages, no overseas MOS's, hair no longer than to your shirt collar, "mickey mouse" shoes, no weapons training and the highest rank a women (only ONE woman = The Director of Women Marines) could hold was Lt. Colonel. While Bobbie was in the Corps, there were only 50 women officers of all ranks. But Bobbie loved the Corps. She was in during the Vietnam era and says it was the "best of times and the worst of times." The "best of times" because a war was on and everyone was working at the peak of their performance giving all for the Corps." The "worst of times" because many of her friends lost their lives.

## *From the Commandant*

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### Happy New Year Everyone!

As I think back about all that has taken place in 2012 I feel a true sense of accomplishment. Not through any doing of my own but because of the tremendous efforts of all the members and friends of this great Detachment.

Congratulations to Bobbie Elmore, our 2012 Marine of the Year, a very well deserved recognition for a Marine that has dedicated much time and effort to the success of our Detachment and represented us well throughout the District, Department, Division and Nationally. To our Associate of the Year, Kathy Fazekas, my respect for her support in so many projects throughout the year, and all the award recipients for well-deserved accolades. A special thank you to our banquet guests Colonel Don Davis, Sergeant JoAnn Sudduth and Tom & Karen Gieryic for their patriotism and commitment. River Pointe did an excellent job hosting again this year.

Next month is perhaps the most important meeting of the entire year. Elections are upon us and we must once again select the best candidates for our four elected positions. Our Nominations Chairperson Ernie Elmore will present us with recommendations and as stated in our bylaws, nominations for any elected office may be made from the floor. I hope all that are able will be in attendance and let their vote count.

Other great news this month is that I hold in my hand a Charter Application for the Military Order of the Devil Dogs! That's right; we now have enough Pedigrees, Devil Dogs and Pups to form our own Pound in Albany. I will be assembling Requests for Transfer from all those willing and we will gather to complete the application as soon as our newest Pups John Belk and Carl Wilson receive their credentials.

I'm also ecstatic about the sales of our Detachment cookbook. Don't stop selling! At last count we have sold over 200 and it has netted over \$1000. Selling the remaining 300 will put an additional \$3600 at our disposal. We have already received a thank you card for some of the great recipes and I'm looking forward to trying out some of them myself.

We were well represented at the Department staff meeting on the 8th. I was joined by Roger Paulin, Carl Wilcox, Tom Newton, Ernie Elmore and Richard Chaffin. All were asked to pass back to their Detachments information about The Dictionary Project [www.thedictionaryproject.org](http://www.thedictionaryproject.org) and make sure to get your reservation made for the 2013 Department Convention at Marriott Macon City Center for May 24th & 25th as soon as possible. After lunch the responsibilities of the Senior Vice were covered from the Professional Development Program and the Department Paymaster gave instruction on properly filling out a Report of Officer Installation and the Membership Dues Transmittal. The next Department staff meeting is scheduled for February 23rd.

In the February Dispatch I outlined several things that I believed we could accomplish this year and as the year comes to a close, again I feel a true sense of accomplishment. Thank you for a great year!

Semper Fi!  
Commandant Kirstatter

## *Chaplain's Corner*

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*This past month we had to bless the passing of only two Marines. One was Marine MGySgt Harry Ray Tillis of Eljay, GA and the other was GySgt James Farr of Albany, GA.*

*I pray that everyone had a very blessed and Merry Christmas. Also, praying that this New Year brings much happiness and peace to you and yours. Please remember or sick and recovering in this time. Roger Paulin continues to improve but his wife Cam had a fall which broke her wrist and required surgery. Our Associate sister Marilyn Retza fell at the Civic Center during the VA Shopping Mall event and required surgery for a broken hip. She is at home and recovering. Marines Richard Chaffin, Eugene Coutu and Associate Denzil Harrell are all still in recovery mode so please keep them all in your prayers during this season. Again, let me wish all of you the very merriest of Christmas Let's remember the "Reason for the Season."*

*"Proverbs 17:17 A friend is always loyal and a brother is born in time of need."*

*There are many kinds of friends, casual friends, classmates, neighbors, or adults we chat with but don't know well. Our close friends include people we choose to eat lunch with or sit by in church. But what we all need most are committed friends who will remain our friends no matter what.*

*Most people have a crowd...bug or small...of casual friends, fewer close friends and just a handful of committed friends who truly care for and accept us. We let them see inside us. We trust them with our secrets, hurts and joys.*

*We might know loads of people. But if we have no special friends, we'll feel lonely. God wants each of us to be a committed friend and let committed friends into our life because they're the only ones who can take away our loneliness. When you make good friends, say thanks to God. They're a gift from Him. But remember in all things you have a friend that sticks closer than a brother. His wonderful name is JESUS.*

*Chaplain Bob Breton can be reached at 434-1169 or [msgtrabret@yahoo.com](mailto:msgtrabret@yahoo.com) to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.*

## ***Get Involved!***

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***The next detachment staff meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15 at The Lemon Grass restaurant, 1800, 2820 Meredyth Drive, same shopping center as Piggly Wiggly, across intersection at Roosters.***

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

## ***Muster Highlights***

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No meeting minutes were kept as we held our Annual Awards Banquet on that date.

## ***Patriotism***

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Monthly column by Patriotism Chairman  
Dave Aldrich

**QUESTION:** When was the Flag Code established?

On June 22, 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Federal Flag Code, which led to Congressional enactment on December 22, 1942.

Periodically the Flag Code has been updated and amended.

**QUESTION:** Can I fly my flag at home 24 hours a day?

**Yes,** provided it is "properly illuminated."

The Flag Code offers no additional guidance on what "properly illuminated" means. We interpret it to mean that there should be either a light directly upon the flag or that there be sufficient local lighting to make the flag visible at night.

Section 6a: "It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness."



## QUESTION: How to Care for a US Flag?

The life of your flag depends on your care. Dirt can cut fabrics, dull colors, and cause wear. Most outdoor flags can be washed in mild detergent and thoroughly rinsed. Indoor and parade flags should be dry-cleaned. Many dry cleaners offer free cleaning of U.S. flags during the months of June and July. Damaged flags can be repaired and utilized as long as the overall dimensions are not noticeably altered. American Legion Posts and local governments often have facilities to dispose of unserviceable flags. Store your flags in a well-ventilated area away from any harsh chemicals or cleaning compounds. If your flag gets wet, never store it until it is completely dry. Wet folds will cause permanent creases. Dampness ruins fabric and causes mildew. Pole care is also related to flag care. Rust and scale cause permanent stains and some metallic oxides actually eat holes in fabric.

When a flag is so tattered that can no longer serve as a symbol of the United States, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning. The American Legion and other organizations regularly conduct dignified flag-burning ceremonies, often on Flag Day, June 14.

## Boy Scouts

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*Our scouts have been enjoying the Holiday season by spending time with family and of course, working on merit badges and Eagle Scout applications and service project workbooks. Although no Eagle Scout awards for December, it looks like we'll have two in January to start off 2013 in fine fashion. I was able to work with one Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 3 and assist him in completing his Citizenship in the World merit badge this month.*

*Marine Dan Gillan*

*Detachment Scout Coordinator*

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*Eagle Scouts Owen Phelps from Troop 1*



*Scouts from Troop 26, Americus*



## Good of the League

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In February the following member's annual dues come up:

Benjamin Holliday; James Johnson; Dawaine Lake; Patrick O'Lear; and Tom Voth;

## **The Marine Corps Uniform Regulation: MCO P1020.34G (copied here in part)**

**Retirees:** Retired officers and enlisted personnel are entitled to wear the prescribed uniform of the grade held on the retired list when wearing of the uniform is appropriate. Wearing a uniform is appropriate for memorial services, weddings, funerals, balls, patriotic or military parades ceremonies in which any active or reserve United States military unit is participating, and meetings or functions of military associations.

The wearing of the uniform is prohibited under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) At any meeting or demonstration which is a function of or sponsored by an organization, association, movement, group, or combination of persons which the Attorney General of the United States has designated pursuant to E.O. 10450, as amended as totalitarian, fascist, communists, or subversive, or as having adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their right under the Constitution of the United States, or as seeking to alter the form of Government of the United States by unconstitutional means.
- (2) During or in connection with the furtherance of political activities, private employment or commercial interests, when an interference of official sponsorship for the activity or interest could be drawn.
- (3) Except when authorized by competent Service authority, when participating in activities such as public speeches, interviews, picket lines, marches, rallies or any public demonstration (including those pertaining to civil rights) which may imply Service sanction of the causes for which the demonstration or activity is conducted.
- (4) When wearing the uniform would tend to bring discredit upon the Armed Forces.
- (5) When specifically prohibited by Marine Corps regulations.

## ***Short Rounds***

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*Associate Andrea Gillan informs us that the Albany Officer's Spouse Club is going to hold their annual scholarship charity auction on Saturday, February 23rd in the evening at Doublegate Country Club. Tickets go on sale in January. Let's support this good effort. See Andrea. The OSC is now accepting donations to enter into their auction. She is considering soliciting donations from MCL members to create and donate a "Patriot's Basket."*

*If interested you can think of what your donation item will be over the next month. It will be needed by January 23rd in order to include it in the auction. Some suggested items would include: stamps, flags, patriotic books, DVD's about patriotic topics, patriotic accessories such as earrings, scarves, ties etc., collector coins, bumper stickers, posters, clocks, watches, eagles etc.*

## ***This Month in History***

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**1 January 1920:** The *Leatherneck* became an official Marine Corps publication.

**7 January 1969:** The Medal of Honor was posthumously awarded to 1st Marine Chaplain Lt. V. R. Capodanno, USN, killed in action Quang Tin Province Vietnam on 4 September 1967.

**10 January 1861:** Captain Joshua Watson and 38 Marines surrendered with Navy Yard Pensacola, FL during Civil War.

**12 January 1991:** The 5th MEB arrived in the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Shield.

**15 January 1943:** Captain Joe Foss bagged three Japanese planes for a record total of 26 kills.

**23 January 1730:** Marines participated in the capture of a British brigantine by USS Providence and USS Ranger off the coast of Charleston, SC.

**24 January 1968:** The 26th Marine Regiment held the Khe Sanh combat base.

**27 January 1778:** Marines landed at New Providence, Bahamas, the American flag flew over foreign soil for the first time.

**31 January 1944:** The American flag was first raised over Japanese soil by B/1/25 in the Marshal Islands.

### ***From the Editor***

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*I find it is time for me to hang up my "pen" and pass on The Dispatch to a new editor. It has been a fun and educational two year experience and I have always been fully supported by the officers and members of our Detachment. As you all know, I have macular degeneration and I have recently experienced a "set-back" with my vision making it very difficult for me to continue in this role. I don't know what I would have done without Commandant Ron Kirstatter making the final adjustments to every edition and being so patient with me. I know that the new editor will make The Dispatch a much finer publication and all of you have good things to look forward to.*

### ***Birthdays!***

#### **JANUARY**

Karolyn Sutherland - 12

Kevin McCutcheon - 16

James Reilly - 23

Dan Gillan - 25

Bobbie Elmore - 26

Dave Aldrich - 27

*There are four great periods in the life of a man; the one where he believes in Santa Claus, the one where he no longer believes in Santa Claus, the one where he is Santa Claus, and finally, the one where he looks more and more like Santa Claus.*

### ***2012 AWARDS BANQUET***



Colonel Don Davis, Base Commander MCLB Albany was out guest speaker.



Chaplain Bob Breton describes the Fallen Marine Table



Commandant Kirstatter presents Tom Gieryic with the Certificate of Appreciation Award for his patriotic participation in the community.





Alex Hart is awarded an Individual Merit Accommodation



Quartermaster Tim McClelland receives the Community Service Award



Chaplain Bob Breton is given the Community Service Award



Paymaster Bob Adams receives the Distinguished Service Award.



Charles Bushnell receives the Community Service Award



District Chaplain Ernie Elmore receives the Distinguished Citizen Award.





Scout Coordinator Dan Gillan receives the Distinguished Citizen Award



Historian Kathy Fazekas receives Detachment Associate of the Year Award




Tom Newton received Distinguished Service Award and Bobbie Elmore received the Distinguished Citizen Award and Marine of the Year.

Not present but receiving awards were: Richard Chaffin, Bill Hammack, Dennis Lawing and Bobby Sanders, all of whom received the Meritorious Individual Commendation Award. Bob James was awarded the Community Service Award.

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# January

2<sup>nd</sup> – CANCELLED (will resume in February) Retiree Breakfast, MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant

5<sup>th</sup> – 0900 K9s for Warriors 5K Run or 1mile Fun Run, MCLB Albany

8<sup>th</sup> – 1800 Staff Meeting, Lemon Grass Restaurant, 2820 Meredyth Drive

15<sup>th</sup> – 1830 Detachment Meeting for Election and Installation of Officers, River Pointe Golf Club

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**Associate of the Year**  
**Kathy Fazekas**

Kathy was born in Charlotte, NC on May 16, 1935. Her parents were Richard Preston and Marguerite Courtney Broadwell. Raised in North Carolina, she left home to attend Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia, graduating in 1957 with a B.S. degree in Home Economics. While in college she met Alex Fazekas, a 3<sup>rd</sup> class midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. They were married in December, 1956. Upon his graduation, Al was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Kathy went on to complete a dietetic internship at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio and became a Registered Dietitian.

What brought them to Albany was Al's final Marine Corps assignment at the Marine Base here. He retired as a Marine officer in 1979. Kathy went on to work for the Georgia Department of Human Resources as a Nutrition Consultant/ Standards Surveyor Specialist. During this time, she traveled extensively throughout South Georgia inspecting hospitals and nursing homes to insure that they met the state and federal dietary guidelines. She enjoyed her various roles as a dietitian and especially conducting nutritional workshops. In 1984 she was elected as the Georgia State Chairman for the Consultant Dietitians in Health Care Facilities.

After her retirement from full time work, Kathy became very involved with the local chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution. After holding several positions within the DAR she was elected as the Regent of the Thronateeska

Chapter. This has now become a time consuming, but rewarding, position of responsibility. One of the objects of the DAR is to foster patriotic citizenship while serving God, Home and Country. This fits very well with her association with the Marine Corps League.

Kathy has been an associate member of the League and is now serving as the Historian. She is very proud to be able to participate in the Leagues meetings, projects and activities. She also enjoys the fun and camaraderie every Wednesday at Roosters for breakfast. The book exchange is a decided plus.

Kathy and Al are members of St. Teresa's Catholic Church where she enjoys helping Al with the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion activities. Her favorite hobby is cooking Al's favorite Hungarian foods and, last but not least, going to the beach and enjoying sun, sand and surf. They are parents of two sons, Bill and Courtney, and have two granddaughters, Kathryn and Laura. Bill resides here in Albany and Courtney and wife Langhorne and granddaughters reside in Suwanee, GA.

## ***From the Commandant***

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*Back in the saddle! Thank you all for your vote of confidence and continued support for a second term. My congratulations to the other elected officers and gratitude to my appointed officers that have taken up*

*the challenge to keep us steadily making progress through another year.*

*You probably noticed the timing of the release of this issue or untimely as is the case. We still desperately need an editor. The position requires not so much expertise or commitment as tenacity and a touch of creativity. Getting all the necessary contributions from their dutiful source and throwing in a little flair. It comes around only once a month and I don't mind proofing and publishing. If you have the urge to contribute but don't care to hold an office this could be the opportunity for you. Please let me know.*

*If you haven't been out to a meeting in a while, Tuesday 19 February 2013 might be the one you don't want to miss.*

*John Sorenson will make a presentation sure to interest any history buff about the Marine Corps' first amphibious landing. You can check out his website at [www.americannavalhistory.com](http://www.americannavalhistory.com).*

*I'll be attending the Department staff meeting the same weekend many of you will be enjoying the 911 Hero's Run. My hope is that both will prove to be of value. The training sessions at both the Department and District level have been very useful. We are also only a month away from the Southeast Division Conference in Atlanta. I highly recommend attending any of the conferences or conventions. It takes being a member to a whole new level.*

*Finally, as Albany prepares to form its own Military Order of the Devil Dog Pound, don't be surprised if I tap you on the shoulder and inquire as to your abilities to fetch a bone. If you're the kind of individual that enjoys howling about a good time or just feel like barking once in a while you're a perfect candidate.*

## ***Chaplain's Corner***

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Well, here we are in the New Year and I pray that all is and will be well for you and your families.

We have had three Marines that have fallen this period and I hope that you will keep them and their families in your prayers.

MSgt Harold James Farr passed on December 20<sup>th</sup>, CWO2 Willburn (Will) Ivy passed on Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, and Marine Stephan Michael Settle of Ashburn who passed on 11 January. Marine Settle passed with no surviving family. He was a Viet Nam Veteran.

Letters of Condolence and Certificates were presented to the surviving families by District Chaplain Ernie Elmore and myself along with Marine Paulin and Commandant Kirstatter. Many could not attend the services because of the shortness of the notification and I very much appreciate those who can answer the call on that short notice.

Marines Ed Couto, Bill Hammack and Richard Chaffin are continuing the recovery process.

Associate Members Ms. Marilyn Retza is at home now and recovering from her surgery and Cam Paulin who has had her cast removed – is recovering well. Please keep these in your prayers also.

**Devotion:** *(1 Samuel 18:1-4) After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the*

**king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, and they became the best of friends.**

If you've ever been hurt by a good friend, you might still be wondering, *Is there really such a thing as best friends?* The best way to find out is to take a look at two totally committed friends in the bible, David and Jonathan. The story of their friendship is found in 1 Samuel, Chapters 18-20. If you read the whole three chapters, you'll discover that best friends do exist-and that a best friend is someone who, speaks positively about you when others don't (19:4), listens to your problems (20:1-2), does things for you, regardless of the inconvenience (20:4), loves you when you are unlovable (20:17), protects you from bad guys (20:19), hurts when you hurt (20:34), understands your deepest feelings (20:41) and is committed to you (20:42). We are a band of brothers and we stick together pretty much like best friends, but We have a friend that really wants to be that kind of a friend and His name is GOD Almighty.

My prayer is: "Almighty God help us to grow in our skills at being great friends."

### **Bob Breton Chaplain**

*Chaplain Bob Breton can be reached at 434-1169 or msgtrabret@yahoo.com to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.*

## ***Get Involved!***

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911 Hero's Run – Saturday, February 23 contact Bobbie Elmore

## ***Muster Highlights***

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(this is a condensed version of the minutes. You can read them in their entirety on our website)

14 January 2013

Commandant Kirstatter called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Course, Albany, GA. All officers were present except the Sgt at Arms. There were a total of 18 members and 5 associate members present.

Southeast Division/Department of Georgia Chaplain Ernie Elmore, District 6 Vice Commandant and Bill Johnson from Tifton, GA attended.

Chaplain Breton reported two Fallen Marines, GySgt Harold J. Farr and CW02 Willburn "Will" Ivy. The following Marines or their families were reported as being ill; Members Eugene Coutu and Richard Chaffin, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell. Marine Bill Hammack continues to improve. Associate Members Marilyn Retza and Cam Paulin are home recovering well.

Commandant Kirstatter reported all goals reached and thanked everyone for a great year. Also announced the Dictionary Project and cover bags are for sale at \$3 each. A bag was purchased for transporting colors to various events.

Jr. Vice Paulin reported there were 8 new pending applications.

The River Walk Committee, Tom Newton announced the next River Walk cleanup will be in April.

The Patriotism Committee Chair Dave Aldrich reported with 2 months away from the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary 151 flags have been put out.

The Young Marines visited the VA hospital and one Eagle Scout Awarded.

There are still cookbooks that have not been paid for. We were given permission to sell at the S.E. Division Conference and an ad was placed in the Emblem.

The Veterans Coalition announced a Veterans Day parade is being planned and Leesburg is establishing a veteran's memorial one being discussed/planned for LCpl Sutton.



The election and installation of officers was conducted by District Vice & Jr. Past Commandant Tom Newton.

New officers are:

Commandant	Ron Kirstatter
Sr. Vice	Ernie Elmore
Jr. Vice	Roger Paulin
Judge Advocate	Carl Wilcox
Adjutant	Melba Harrell
Paymaster	Bob Adams
Sgt-At-Arms	Jim Rodgers
Chaplain	Robert (Bob) Breton

Oath of office was given to all by Tom Newton, with exception to Jim Rodgers.

Under Good of the League, Ken Berggren made a motion to provide lunch for 62 students during Habitat for Humanity construction. Motion seconded by Bob Breton.

Volunteers are needed to setup/teardown of the meeting room each month.

Department bylaw changes need to be submitted to the Department Judge Advocate by 15 February.

## ***Good of the League***

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

In March the following member's annual dues come up: Bob Breton, Joseph Caldeira, Richard Knepp, Charlie Plunkett, & Bobby Sisai.

## ***This Month in History***

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**7 February 1832:** 250 Marines defeated Malay pirates in Sumatra, Indonesia.

**9 February 1948:** The first Marine helicopters (H03S-1s) were delivered to the Corps.

**13 February 1943:** The U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve was formed.

**19 February 1945:** The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Divisions stormed ashore at Iwo Jima.

**20 February 1962:** Marine LtCol John Glenn made three orbits in a manned space capsule.

**23 February 1945:** Five Marines and Navy corpsman raised the American flag on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima.

Hershel "Woody" Williams earned the Medal of Honor for gallantry in action on Iwo Jima.

**24 February 1991:** The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Divisions breached Iraqi minefields and spearheaded the Desert Storm ground offensive.

**25 February 1861:** The Confederate Marine Corps was organized in Richmond, VA.

**27 February 1991:** Operation Desert Storm offensive operations ceased. Marines captured, destroyed, or damaged 1,060 tanks, 608 APC's, 432 artillery pieces and two Scud launchers during 100 hours of combat.




1 <sup>st</sup>	Kenneth Cason
	Bill Kicklighter
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Rodgers
4 <sup>th</sup>	Melba Harrell
	Carl Wilcox
7 <sup>th</sup>	Burt Sutherland
15 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn McClelland
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Breton
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# February

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19<sup>th</sup> – 1830 Detachment Meeting, guest speaker John Sorenson, River Pointe Golf Club  
23<sup>rd</sup> – 1300 911 Hero's Run, Courthouse in Leesburg, GA  
23<sup>rd</sup> – 0930 Department Staff Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, McDonough, GA

# March

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### ***MSgt Henry L. Jackson (Ret.) Original Montford Point Marine***

Henry L. Jackson was born in Albany, Georgia on June 20, 1929. In December of 1946, Mr. Jackson left Monroe High School and joined the United States Marine Corps. He attended basic training at Montford Point, Jacksonville, NC, and spent seven months on active duty in the Marine Corps before receiving an honorable discharge in 1949. While remaining in the Marine Corps Reserve, he re-enrolled in Monroe High School and graduated with his diploma on May 27, 1949.

After finishing his service in the Marine Corps, MSgt Jackson enlisted in the United States Air Force as an administrative supervisor. Holding the rank of Master Sergeant, he retired after 22 years of honorable service on June 1, 1971 and promptly established Jackson Income Tax Service in the local area in 1972. He also served as chief of security for Albany's Southwest Georgia Regional Airport and after 13 ½ years with the city, he retired from that position in 1990 as a colonel.

MSgt Jackson is heavily involved in the local community and local veterans associations including both the American Legion and the local chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association, which he was president of for three years. MSgt Jackson has been married to his spouse, Gertrude Jackson for 58 years and together they have 6 children, 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. MSgt Jackson describes his family as being military oriented. Five of his six children served in the

military and numerous grandchildren currently serve as both officers and enlisted members among various branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

## **FROM THE COMMANDANT**

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### **What is the Marine Corps League?**

Like so many of us that were unaware and those Marines, FMF Corpsman,

and those who have not served but support that still don't know the Marine Corps League exists, I ask myself, what is the Marine Corps League?

Six years after I retired I was working at MCLB Albany and got a call from another Albany employee Kelly Fisk, a Marine that I had served with many years before. He told me about a meeting taking place to reestablish a Detachment of the Marine Corps League here in Albany. I had never heard of the Marine Corps League but was interested in hearing more so attended the meeting and filled out an application that night. I never believed the saying "don't volunteer for anything" while I was on active duty and I guess it has carried on today. Ignoring that adage has at times stretched me pretty thin but every time I have offered to serve I am really the one that benefitted. I know many of the Marine Corps League members feel the same as I do because time and time again they step up offering more than they thought they could and I expect their rewards are as great as mine.

So to the original question, "What is the Marine Corps League?" Well, there is the mission and not to set aside anything that gives us direction and justification for existence but it is the Marine brotherhood that brought me back to working as a Civilian Marine, with Marines and the Marine Corps League, serving Marines. The Marine Corps League is every Marine, FMF Corpsman and those who have not served but support, being there for the same reasons young men and women serve in the Marine Corps...for esprit-de-corps and the personal rewards that

come with volunteering, knowing they far outweigh the sacrifice.

Don't listen to those that preach "don't volunteer for anything," you have no idea what you're missing.

Semper Fi!

Commandant Kirstatter

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

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We have had one Marine fallen this period and I hope that you will keep his Family and their families in your prayers. Marine C. H. "Hap" Oliver, PFC, WWII USMC Veteran, passed on 1 Feb 2013. A Letter of Condolence and Certificate was presented to the surviving family members by District Chaplain Ernie Elmore and myself. I did not have the time to notify all because I found the obituary at 1400 on Sunday and the viewing was 1400 to 1600, I very much appreciate Marine Ernie assisting me in the service.

Marines Ed Couto, and Bill Hammack are continuing the recovery process, both are doing well. Marine Richard Chaffin will be going for further surgery as we understand at this time, remember him.

Associate Member Ms Marilyn Retza was with us at the Business Meeting on 20 Feb 2013, she is looking grrrrrrreat. Associate member Deana Nicholson had surgery on her legs on Wed, 21 Feb 2013. Please keep these folks in your prayers.

***Devotion: (Jeremiah 31:3) I have loved you, with an everlasting Love. With unfailing love have I drawn you to myself.***

*What's your all-time ugliest, least favorite, most hideous picture of yourself? Can you describe it? Or go find it?*

*Explain: Why do you hate it so much?*

*There's a good chance your most hated picture is one of your school pictures, the photo in your yearbook, or the photo on your driver's license. You might sooner be thrown into a pit of spiders that have that photo shown to a pack of people.*

*You might not realize that school and the Department of Motor Vehicles photographers get paid to capture you at*



your worst. Really, well, maybe not, but grab hold of this good news: That picture does not even come close to showing what you really look like.

Here's why. Did you know that you carry another personal identification, one far more important than any photo in your pocket? It's the picture of yourself you keep in your mind-your concept of who you are. Like your photo ID, your inner self portrait might or might not accurately represent the real you. But unlike that ID photo, it's the only one you have.

No matter how you see yourself right now, here's the one truth that can start to rearrange your self-portrait into a truer picture of who you are. Jeremiah 31:3 says are loved by God—Eternally. That's right. God is committed to love you forever. Try that verse on personally: "God loves ME eternally, and in his love he draws me to be close to him." Don't you like that picture?

My prayer is: "God, help us to get your true view of ourselves."

**Bob Breton**  
**Chaplain**

Chaplain Bob Breton can be reached at 434-1169 or [msgtrabret@yahoo.com](mailto:msgtrabret@yahoo.com) to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.

**GET INVOLVED!**

Habitat for Humanity Luncheon will be on 28 March from 1130 to 1300. Contact Dave Aldrich or Ken Berggren for additional information.

**Our next Riverwalk cleanup will be Thursday in conjunction with KADB Make a Difference Day, April 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be cleaning up the boat ramp at the Georgia Power Dam. Directions are as follows:**

**Coming from River Pointe on Philema Road; turn left on Lakeshore Drive (Cox landing), turn right on to Hillside Drive, go 2 blocks, turn left onto Jewel Street. Jewel Street dead ends into Georgia Power Road, turn left.**

**Coming from US 19; take the Jefferson Ave exit towards Chehaw Park, turn right at Telfair Ave (this is just before the gas station on the right), go 2 blocks, turn right on Jewel Street. Jewel Street dead ends into Georgia Power Road, turn left.**

**There is parking at the intersection of Georgia Power Road and the Riverwalk. We will meet there to start our cleanup. We can pre stage vehicle(s) at the ramp if you like.**

Annual Yard Sale and Detachment Picnic will be on April 27<sup>th</sup>, so when doing your spring cleaning remember to set those items aside for donation.

## **MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS**

(This is a condensed version of the minutes. You can read them in their entirety on our website)

19 February 2013

Commandant Kirstatter called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Course, Albany, GA. All officers were present. There were a total of 21 members and 6 associate members present.

Guest speaker Mr. John Sorenson gave a presentation on the history of the Marines 1<sup>st</sup> Amphibious Landing. Other guests were Jerry Smith and Montford Point Marine Henry Jackson.

Associate Bob Brooks was voted into membership.

Commandant Kirstatter reminded everyone of the Department Staff meeting on Sat. in McDonough and the SE Division Conference next month.

Jr. Vice Paulin reported there were 8 new prospects for membership and Drew Glazer requests his membership be transferred from NC.

The River Walk Committee, Tom Newton announced the River Walk cleanup will be on 18 April for the Thursday group and 20 April in conjunction with KADB Make a Difference Day.

The Patriotism Committee Chair Dave Aldrich reported 161 flags have been replaced.

The Veterans Coalition, Carl Wilcox announced the Amphitheater has been reserved on 9 Nov 2013 for the Veteran's Day parade. The Field of Flags has added 122 crosses for each Vet that died in service since WWI. There will be a meeting 14 Mar 2013 at American Legion Post 30 benefits for Vets. A dedication to Fallen Marine Sutton will be held 23 Feb at 1630 at Veterans Park in Leesburg, GA.

Bobbie Elmore announced tables will be set up at the 911 Hero's Run on Saturday 23 Feb in front of the Court House in Leesburg to sell cookbook.



Tom Collins, Chuck Bushnell, and Bob Adams  
at the 911 Hero's Run

The following announcement was made: The Pistol Range will be open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month 1200 till 1400 and Rifle Range 1000 till 1200.

Correspondence from National Headquarters: By Law change, delinquent membership reinstatement fee dropped. Only pay \$18 per year to catch up. Raffle tickets for a 1960 CJ Jeep to support Wounded Warriors Project are \$10 each or 3 for \$25, drawing will be held at the National Convention.

Jim Rodgers was sworn in as Sgt-At-Arms and Meritorious Service Awards were given to Bobby Sanders and Richard Chaffin.



Richard Chaffin and Bobby Sanders

Tom Newton made a motion to donate \$1000 to the WWII Memorial Ernie Elmore seconded. A motion by Bobby Sanders was made to table the decision until all members were given an opportunity to vote. Commandant Kirstatter

brought before the Detachment to provide membership for Silas Barnes. Motion was made by Jim Rodgers and seconded by Nick Nicholson motion passed unanimous.

Under Good of the League, 2012 Bylaws have been posted to the National website. Change 18 addresses changes made to the lettering on covers, attaching DD214 to membership applications along with other important changes.

Meeting adjourned at 2040.

## **BOY SCOUTS**

On Jan 7, 2013 I presented Cody Brienza, Boy Scout Troop 15, with his Eagle Scout Good Citizenship certificate. Boy Scouts of Troop 3 and Cub Scouts of Pack 3 celebrated Scout Sunday on Feb 3, 2013 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church. Parochial Vicar Fr. Stephen Pontzer and Chartering Organization Representative and Marine Dan Gillan presented Troop 3 Eagle Scouts Jared Gillan and Trey Hardison with their Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem and Pack 3 Cub Scouts Grant Johnson and Morgan Wright with their Light of Christ Religious Emblem.



Pictured from left to right: Wolf Scout Grant Johnson received the Light of Christ award; Eagle Scout Trey Hardison received the Ad Altare Dei award; Wolf Scout Morgan Wright received the Light of Christ award; and Eagle Scout Jared Gillan received the Ad Altare Dei award.





Pictured from left to right: Cody Brienza and Marine Dan Gillan.

## ***GOOD OF THE LEAGUE***

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

The Battle Color Ceremony at MCLB will be on Tuesday, 19 March 2013 at 1000 on the parade field. If you plan to attend, please wear your League cover.

In April the following member's annual dues come up: John Belk, Eugene Coutu, Tina Lee, Tom Newton, John Richard, Ralph Scoccimaro, Gerald Wessels, and Joe Wingard.

### ***Hiring Our Heroes***

A Job Fair for veteran job seekers, active duty military members, guard, reserve members, and military spouses will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the George M. Kirkland Jr. Center, 1704 S. Slappey Blvd., Albany GA 31701. This event will be a one-of-a-kind FREE hiring fair for both employers and job seekers. To register click on link below: <http://www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes/albany-ga>

*Conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Albany Chamber of Commerce, Office of the Mayor of Albany, GA, Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS), Georgia Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), Georgia Workforce Commission, NBC News, and other local partners.*

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<http://www.bbb.org/us>



"Okay, we'll meet back here at 1600 hours.  
Synchronize your BlackBerries."

## ***THIS MONTH IN HISTORY***

**1 March 1916:** The MCA published the first volume of the *Marine Corps Gazette*.

**1 March 1960:** The Beaufort (SC) Auxiliary Air Station was re-designated a Marine Corps Air Station.

**3 March 1931:** *Star Spangled Banner* made U.S. National Anthem.

**4 March 1801:** The Marine Band performed at a Presidential Inauguration for the first time.

**7 March 1951:** The 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiments commenced operations against the enemy at Hongchon, Korea.

**9 March 1847:** Expeditionary Marines landed and seized Vera Cruz, Mexico, during the Mexican War.

**10 March 1783:** Marines in fighting tops of USS *Alliance* helped defeat HMS *Sibyll*.

**15 March 1944:** Marine medium bombers struck Japanese positions at Rabaul.

**18 March 1945:** MAG-14 flew air support for U.S. Army landings at Panay, Philippines.

**22 March 1952:** Six new Marine battalions and Marine aircraft groups were activated on the West Coast, giving the Corps the full authorized limit of three divisions and three wings.

**25 March 1804:** The Secretary of the Navy approved the first formal uniform of the Marine Corps.

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

**28 March 1953:** The 1stMarDiv defeated Communist Chinese in the Battle for "Vegas" Hill in Korea.



1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Askey
12 <sup>th</sup>	James Taylor
13 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Caldeira
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Edwards
19 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Pender
21 <sup>st</sup>	Angela Kearbey
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Katherine Bushnell
30 <sup>th</sup>	Stanley Thomas

## IN THE NEWS

Department of Driver Services (DDS) unveiled today a new design for Veterans Driver Licenses and State Identification Cards to support Georgia's troops. Additional graphics have been added to evoke patriotism and honor those veteran servicemen and women who carry it.

"This is a well-deserved acknowledgement by our state which has the fourth largest number of combat veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan," said Commissioner Rob Mikell. "Georgia's veterans deserve all the acknowledgement we can bestow," he added.

Mikell revealed the new card design in front of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Statue at Pete Wheeler Georgia War Veteran Memorial Plaza in Atlanta today. He presented several special guests with their new Veterans Licenses including Commissioner Pete Wheeler, Department of Veterans Service, Holly Springs Police Officer Shane Ladner and several DDS team members.

"I commend these honored guests for their unquestionable commitment to service. They safeguarded this great nation and have also chosen to continue to serve the citizens of Georgia," Mikell said. In 2012 approximately 36,000-38,000 eligible Georgia veterans requested or renewed a free driver's license and/or ID card. Many vets have found that it serves a purpose as a convenient identification to use for special retail discounts that many businesses choose to offer the former service members.

### Card Design:

A waving American Flag has been added adjacent to the Cardholder's Date of Birth (DOB) on the right front of the Card. Also, the word **VETERAN** is now printed in bold red ink utilizing a larger typeface than previously.




There was no additional cost to the state for implementing this design change process.

The eligibility requirements for issuance of a free Veterans Driver's License or ID have not changed. A veteran is entitled to a free license and/or ID if he/she meets the Georgia residency requirement, and if the veteran has a discharge under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves of the United States for service during a recognized period of war or conflict. The surviving spouse of an eligible deceased veteran is also eligible for a free honorary driver's license as long as he/she does not remarry. For a complete list of eligibility requirements and the process for obtaining a Veteran's license or ID, please visit the DDS website at [www.dds.ga.gov](http://www.dds.ga.gov) or <http://www.dds.ga.gov/drivers/dldata.aspx?con=1741838154&ty=dl>



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# April

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### **HMCS Richard Stevens FMF Corpsman**



Richard "Dick" Stevens was born in Yakima, Washington in 1951. He was raised in the small farming town of Moxee, Washington, population 480. After graduating high school he joined the U.S. Navy in 1970.

He went to the Naval Training Center, San Diego, CA. Upon completion of basic training he returned to San Diego for Basic Hospital Corpsman School and then went for training at Camp Pendleton for Fleet Marine Force (FMF) Combat Corpsman School. He spent one year at Naval Air Station on Whidbey Island, Washington. He was ordered to the first of two tours in Vietnam with the Marines. After his first tour he returned to the Navy and served on the USS George Washington SSBN 598 (Submarine Service) as the boat's Corpsman for two years. Then back to Vietnam attached to the U.S. Embassy and aided the evacuation of the refugees to Guam. He served with FMF units during deployments in Grenada, Beirut Lebanon, Panama,

Japan, Australia and Okinawa. He wintered over the Antarctica for eight months. He was stationed at the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA before being assigned as an instructor at FMF Combat Corpsman at Camp Pendleton. He served as the Senior Medical Department representative with 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Marines and 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment at Camp Schwab, Okinawa. In 1982, Chief Stevens returned to San Diego Naval Hospital to attend the Navy's Independent Duty Technicians School (IDT) for the next fourteen months. He was the IDT for the Naval Security Group in Homestead, Florida before serving his last five years with a U.S. Marine Corps special Operations unit (LAU) based out of Albany, GA in 1985. He retired in 1991 at the rank of Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman.

After retirement he worked for the Albany Police Department rising to the rank of Detective until moving to his present position as a Criminal Investigator for the Georgia Department of Corrections.

He is married to his wife Judy. They have five children and 2 grandchildren.

He wants to thank all of those Marines and FMF Corpsman that he was able to serve and live with over the fourteen years he served with in the FMF for giving him so many memories. He will always have lifelong brothers and sisters no matter where he may travel or settle down.

He also wants to thank the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps for the travel twice around the world, to 49 countries, at the South Pole, under the North Pole and advanced educational opportunities while serving on active duty and after retirement.

## **FROM THE COMMANDANT**



Ron & Sheila

The end of February and first part of March we had the National Midwinter Conference and our Southeast Division Conference. While I was only able to attend the later, I bring you news from both. Most notable, for those that missed the February Detachment meeting, are the National Bylaw changes voted in last year. As of April 1st the new application for membership, which includes the **REQUIREMENT** for regular members to provide SSN and proof of service, will be the only application accepted. If this information does not accompany the application, the member will be joined as an associate until documentation can be provided. Regular membership is an honor reserved for those that earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor or Navy Corpsmen that served with the Marine Corps, it is every member's responsibility to protect and preserve that honor. Delinquent membership is always a topic and ultimately it is the Detachment Commandant's responsibility to manage the Detachment's membership. I respectfully request that all members be "card carrying members" and be willing to present them at official meetings. We will continue to publish a list of memberships coming due in the next few months in the Dispatch as a gentle reminder to renew with enough time for the transmittal to reach National before the month of expiration. I'll be in touch personally with those that have not renewed because it is very important that I understand why.



Michael & Linda

I'm very pleased to announce that the next Southeast Division Vice Commandant will be none other than our own Department Commandant Michael Clark.





Janice & Johnny

He will have as his Assistant Division Vice Commandant the Alabama Department Commandant Johnny Baker.

Given that these two are the pioneers of the Grits Bowl for which both Departments have benefited in membership growth unprecedented among other Departments, there is no telling what is in store for the Magnificent Seven! If you want to join in the festivities, be at the Inn at Opryland Gaylord in Nashville, TN for the 2014 SEDiv Conference or Safety Harbor Resort & Spa in Tampa, FL in 2015.

If spring has sprung then this spring is broken. I trust everyone survived the winter. I say that because while some of you I see on a regular basis, many of you have been hibernating. I certainly hope you will come out of hibernation for our annual yard sale and picnic. Whether you have already done your spring cleaning and have donations for the yard sale or you just want a free meal, we would all love to catch up. Bring your friends!

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



This has been a troublesome period. We have had five Marines that have fallen and I hope that you will keep their Families in your prayers. Marine MSgt Joe Applegate passed on 27 Feb 2013; Marine MGySgt Andrew Gubitti passed on Mar 11, 2013; Marine Clyde Wright passed on Mar 13, 2013; Marine Max Eaton passed on 16 Mar 2013 and Marine Larry Rathburn passed on 17 Mar 2013. All Families were presented Letters of Condolence and Certificates of Appreciation from the League either by hand or mail.

Marines Ed Couto, and Bill Hammack are continuing the recovery process, both are doing well. Marine Richard Chaffin has completed surgery and was with us at the March meeting. Marine Jim Reilly had been in the hospital, but has since been released. Marine Tom Voth and his wife had to travel to Minnesota to be with their ailing daughter. Keep them in your prayers for the healing of their daughter and their safe return. Marine Tom McCarty will be undergoing knee surgery in the near future and last but not least Our District Chaplain Ernie Elmore had been hospitalized and is recovering well. Let's remember these and their families.

Marine John Belk's wife Maxine was hospitalized and was to come home today (20 Mar 13). Marine Chuck Bushnell requests prayer for his Mother Ms. Dera Tucker who is battling cancer.

For the future, Marine Bob Sanders will be having surgery on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Devotion: (Romans 8:28-30) For God knew his people in advance, and He chose them to become like His son.**

Face it: you compare yourselves to others because you want to know how you measure up. If you're doing well, you soar. If you aren't as gorgeous, brainy, rich, or athletic as the other person, you crash. The trouble with comparing is that you're using the wrong measure – other people. Every person is different, so you're *always* guaranteed to find someone you think is better or worse than you are, filling you with either frustration or pride.

There is, however, someone you *should* strive to be like. It's someone even God wants you to copy. And that's his Son.

God doesn't want you to remake yourself in the mold of anyone but Jesus. He doesn't want you to try to look or dress like Jesus, but he wants you to develop Jesus' character.

Instead of asking, "Am I as good as so-and-so?" quiz yourself on this; "Do I have the character of Jesus, God's Son?" When you can say yes to that question, you'll know you're just like him.

My prayer is: "God, help us to get your true view of ourselves and help us to develop Jesus' character."

R/S:

**Bob Breton**  
**Chaplain**

Chaplain Bob Breton can be reached at 434-1169 or [msgtrabret@yahoo.com](mailto:msgtrabret@yahoo.com) to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.

## GET INVOLVED!

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Get that spring cleaning done and donate what you can to our annual yard sale. Be thinking about a side dish for the picnic and invite all your Marine friends and supporters.

## MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

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(This is a condensed version of the minutes. You can read them in their entirety on our website)

19 March 2013

Jr. Vice Commandant Roger Paulin called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Course, Albany, GA. All officers were present except for Commandant Kirstatter, Sr. Vice Commandant Elmore and Paymaster Adams. There were a total of 17 members and 4 associate members present.

Judge Advocate Carl Wilcox reported there have been 7 submissions for changes to the Department bylaws. 6 have been approved and 1 rejected by the committee. The 6 approved submissions will be voted on at the Department Convention in May.

Veterans Coalition reported that an Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 years of age and younger will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Volunteers are needed on March 29<sup>th</sup> to fill the eggs. The WWII fund is now at \$7200.

Old Business: Expenditure of funds for the WWII Memorial was tabled at the February meeting. The detachment has been canvassed via email with over 20 members approving. Bob Cerney moved to take from table this motion, Tom McClelland seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

New Business: The annual yard sale will be at Post #30 on April 27, 2013. Volunteers are needed to work this project.

MCL luncheon for Habitat College Students and Staff will be on March 28, 2013 @ 1330 at 2905 Rosebrier Avenue, Albany, GA. We expect to serve 75 to 80 students, staff and MCL members. Set up will be at 1100 on site. If you plan to attend, please wear your MCL red baseball cap. Directions: Go east on HWY 82, past Wal-Mart, turn right at Royal onto Aneita Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> stop sign turn left onto Rosebrier, 2905 will be on the left.

Albany Technical College will be hosting a Memorial Day program and would like representation from the Detachment.

Meeting was adjourned at 1915.

## BOY SCOUTS

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*No Eagle Scout presentations this month, however, lots of activity with our local Scout organizations. The weekend of 8-10 March the South Georgia Council hosted its Spring Order of the Arrow (OA) Ordeal at Camp Osborn. Marine Dan Gillan was invited to participate and become a member of the OA which is the Honor Society for the Boy Scouts of America. On 16 March Cub Scout Pack 3 hosted their annual Blue and Gold Banquet. Marine Dan Gillan was the guest speaker and encouraged the boys (and parents) to continue their Scouting journey and be proud of who we are as Scouts (and Marines) and what that represents and the responsibility that comes with those titles. He also compared our Marine Corps Core Values and the 12 Points of the Scout Law and noted that people take notice of our actions both in and out of uniform. Life Scout Dakota Kirkland of Troop 3 led his Eagle Scout project on 16 March at Chehaw Park building enclosures for the birds of prey. Life Scout Garrett Skates is planning his Eagle Scout project for 13-14 Apr at Graceway Recovery Residence for Women where he will refurbish and install a bike rack for the residents. We're looking forward to several Eagle Scout presentations in the very near future.*



*Dakota Kirkland (center in Scout uniform) leads Scouts in building birds of prey enclosures at Chehaw Park on 16 March.*

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE



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

In May the following member's annual dues come up:

*Ray Murphy  
Marilyn Retza.*



**Thursday, April 4, 2013**

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

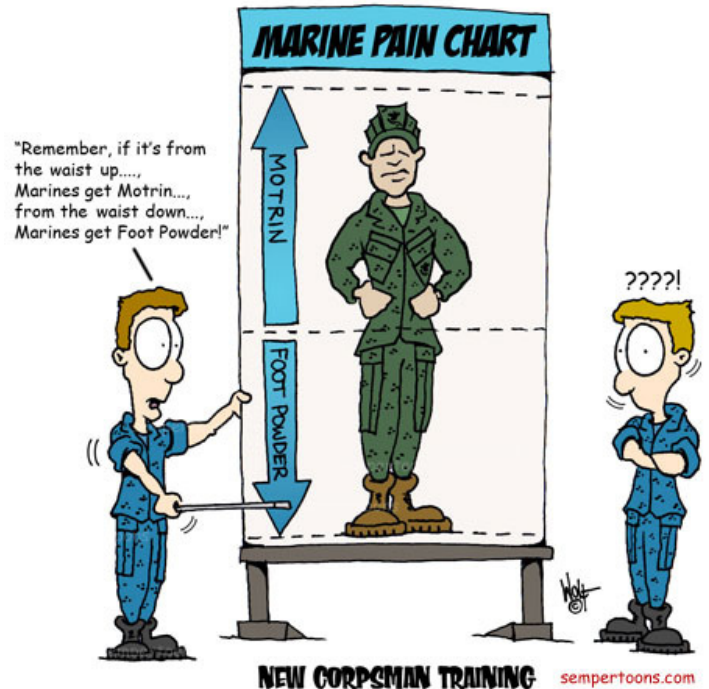
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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



**1 April 1945:**

L-day on Okinawa for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Marine Divisions. It was Easter Sunday.

**2 April 1944:** The 22<sup>nd</sup> Marine Regiment secured Majit Island in the Marshall Islands.

**6 April 1776:** Continental Marines under command of Captain Samuel Nicholas aboard the USS *Alfred* participate in the first naval engagement.



**7 April:** 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USMC Wounded Warrior Regiment. <http://www.woundedwarriorregiment.org>



**9 April 1953:** Marines regained “Carson” Hill during fighting in Korea.

**9 April 2003:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tank Bn. pulls down statue of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad.



**14 April 1968:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Marines conducted a successful Easter Sunday attack on Hill 881 North near Khe Sanh

**18 April 1864:** Marines joined the sea battle as four Union ships attacked Confederate ram *Albatross* near New Bern, NC.

**21 April 1951:** Carrier-based Marine planes downed three Yaks in the first air-to-air contact of Marine air with the North Korean Air Force.



**24 April 1962:** Marine helicopters (SHUFLY) supported the 21<sup>st</sup> Army of the Republic of Vietnam Division during Operation Nightingale near Can Tho.

**25 April 2013:** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Marine Corps Association.



**30 April 1975:** NVA captured Saigon; At 8:35 a.m., the last Americans, ten Marines from the embassy depart Saigon, concluding the United States presence in Vietnam.

**30 April 2009:** Marine Corps Association Foundation formed to support MCA.

## IN THE NEWS

### Tax Scams – IRS Names Dirty Dozen

By *Luanne Kadlub*

March 26, 2013 **Posted in:** [Alerts/Scams](#), [Consumer/Business Services](#), [Headline](#), [Honesty](#), [National](#)



When it comes to the annual rite known as “doing your taxes,” there are a couple of movies that come to mind: “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” and “The Dirty Dozen.” The IRS plays off the latter in releasing its

list of Dirty Dozen Tax Scams for 2013.

[The Dirty Dozen](#) listing is compiled annually by the IRS and lists a variety of common scams taxpayers can encounter anytime during the year. Many occur at alarming rates during tax season.

Here’s a quick rundown of the top 12 tax-related scams:

**Identity Theft** – This occurs when someone uses your personal information – name, Social Security number or other identifying information – without permission. Many times an ID thief uses taxpayer’s ID to fraudulently file a tax return and claim a refund.

**Phishing** – This scam is typically carried out via unsolicited email or fake websites that pose as legitimate sites to lure potential victims and prompt them to provide personal and financial information that will be used in identity theft.

**Return Preparer Fraud** – While most tax professionals are honest, some unscrupulous preparers prey on their clients with the result being refund fraud or ID theft. Use only preparers who sign returns and enter their IRS Preparer Tax Identification Numbers.

**Hiding Income Offshore** – Many individuals evade U.S. taxes by hiding income in offshore banks, brokerage accounts or nominee entities, using debit cards, credit cards or wire transfers to access funds. Others use foreign trusts, employee-leasing schemes, private annuities or insurance plans.

**“Free Money” from the IRS & Tax Scams Involving Social Security** – Flyers and ads for free money from the IRS have appeared in community churches, targeting low-income and elderly individuals. These schemes promise refunds to those with little or no income. Scammers also lure unsuspecting individuals with promises of nonexistent Social Security refunds or rebates.

**Impersonation of Charitable Organizations** – Following major disasters, scam artists impersonate charities to get money or private information from taxpayers. Sometimes they operate via

phony websites, other times they may contact victims directly and claim to be working for or on behalf of the IRS to help them file casualty loss claims and get tax refunds.

**False/Inflated Income and Expenses** – Claiming income that was not earned or expenses that were not paid in order to secure larger refundable credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit is another popular scam at tax time. Some taxpayers also file excessive claims for the fuel tax credit.

**False Form 1099 Refund Claims** – In this scam, the perpetrator files a fake information return, such as a Form 1099 Original Issue Discount (OID) to justify a false refund claim on a corresponding tax return.

**Frivolous Arguments** – Promoters of frivolous schemes encourage taxpayers to make unreasonable and outlandish claims to avoid paying taxes.

**Falsely Claiming Zero Wages** – Fraudsters file a phony information return typically a Substitute Form W-2 or a “corrected” Form 1099 as an illegal way to lower the amount of taxes owed. Filing this type of return may result in a \$5,000 penalty.

**Disguised Corporate Ownership** – Third parties are improperly used to request employer identification numbers and form corporations that obscure the true ownership of the business.

**Misuse of Trusts** – While there are legitimate uses of trusts in tax and estate planning, some transactions promise reduction of income subject to tax, deductions for personal expenses and reduced estate or gift taxes.

Has a tax preparer ever suggested you “fudge” on your tax returns? Even just a little bit?

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Releases-the-Dirty-Dozen-Tax-Scams-for-2013>



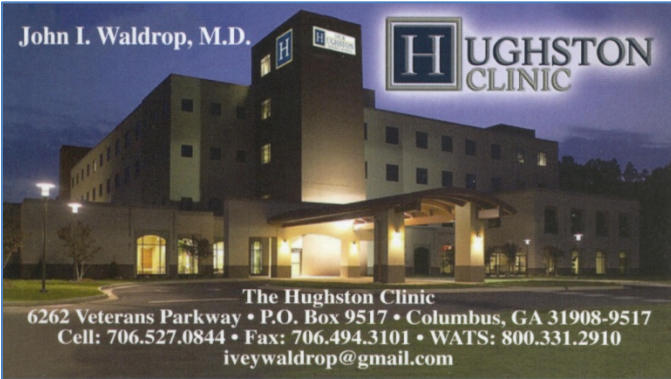
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	Marilyn Retza
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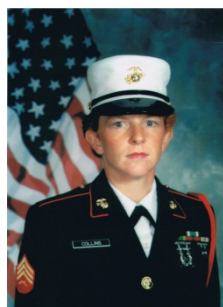
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**Jim Rodgers**

Jim Rodgers was born on Feb 2, 1954 in Chambersburg PA. He is the oldest of 6. After graduating High School, Jim enlisted in the USMC and shipped to Parris Island on 6 June 1972. Upon graduation, he attended "A" schools in Memphis TN and San Diego CA for his primary MOS of 4044. His first duty station was MCAS Beaufort SC with MAG-32. In 1975 Sgt Rodgers transferred to Det Mag-16, Camp Pendleton CA as the NCOIC of the Data Processing division. While there he attended the Aviation Senior Supply Course in Meridian MS. In 1978 SSgt Rodgers transferred to MAG-12, Iwakuni, Japan as the NCOIC for Mag-12 and Mag-15 Data processing division. In 1979 Jim was selected for the Warrant Officer program as an Aviation Supply Officer, MOS 3070, and rotated back stateside to TBS at Quantico during Feb. After TBS he reported to the Navy Supply Corps School Athens GA and upon graduation was assigned to MAG-14, MCAS Cherry Point as the ADP officer and the Supply management officer for H&MS-14.

In 1981 CWO-2 Rodgers was assigned as the Supply officer,



**Gale Rodgers**

Gale Rodgers was born in a small northern Michigan town called Manistique along Lake Michigan. She is the oldest of seven children and only one to join the military. After almost two years after graduating high school, Gale joined the Marine Corps in February 1979 and went to recruit training at Parris Island, SC where she graduated as the platoon Honor Grad and was chosen by her platoon mates to receive the "Molly Marine Award". Gale then attended the Aviation Supply School in Meridian MS and chose her first duty station at H&MS-12, 1<sup>st</sup> MAW, MCAS Iwakuni Japan where she stayed her entire first enlistment and being meritoriously promoted to all ranks thru Sgt. She married in 1982 and became Sgt Collins and got out of the Marine Corps and joined the active Reserves in Flint Michigan where her husband was stationed as a Marine Corps Recruiter. They had one son Joshua, before transferring to MCAS Cherry Point, NC in 1985 where she augmented back into active duty and spent four years on the 2d MAW Wing Staff as an Aviation Supply Expeditor. There she had her daughter Kristina.



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## *Jim Rodgers*

I&I staff for MACG-48, NAS Glenview Illinois. He was selected for LDO 1<sup>st</sup> Lt in Aug of 1982. In 1985 Capt Rodgers moved back to Cherry Point and served as the GASSC officer for MAG-32 during the introduction of the AV8B aircraft. 1989 saw Capt Rodgers reporting for duty to NAVMASSO; Navy Maintenance and Supply Support Office, Norfolk VA for duty as the USMC Service Rep to the Director, Navy Non-Tactical Software Development department and as the USMC Rep to the Commander, Navy Software Development Command. During this tour Capt Rodgers deployed with a 5 person team independently for Desert Shield and Storm providing onsite support to all deployed Navy aircraft carriers and assault ships/tender vessels and embarked/in-country USMC Aviation units. In 1992, with the end of the LDO requirement in the 3070 MOS, Jim was reverted to his permanent CWO rank of CWO-4 and moved back to Cherry Point as part of MAG-14 as the Wing team leader in reconstituting the allowances and parts allocations for all 5 2<sup>nd</sup> MAW Air Groups post Desert Storm during retrograde. Awards include Navy Com Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, USMC Expeditionary Medal (3 stars), SWA medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Arctic Service Ribbon.

Jim retired from the Corps in Sept of 1993 and began work as an Aviation Logistics Specialist for CACI, Fed Inc. assigned to MAG-14, MALS-14 in the Supply Management Division. In 1996 Jim was reassigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> MAW ASMAT team working for AC/S ALD. Jim moved to 1<sup>st</sup> MAW Okinawa in 1998 to lead the ALD Maintenance Supply Management team supervising personnel in Hawaii, Okinawa and Iwakuni working within the supported Air Groups. In 2008, Jim returned from Okinawa to Albany GA to join Jacobs ASG in support of the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle program for the USMC and has been the Logistics team lead for the program deploying to SW Asia multiple times in support of the Marines.

Jim is married to Gale and they have 3 children between them residing in MN and Washington State. He is a Ruling Elder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Albany, member of the Dougherty County Kiwanis Club, PADI certified Divemaster, and current Sgt of Arms for our Marine Corps League Detachment.



## *Gale Rodgers*

In January 1989 Gale accepted the challenge of being a Drill Instructor and went to Parris Island for training and duties at 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion training females to be US Marines. During that time she was meritoriously promoted to SSgt and served as Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, Battalion Drill Master and Series GySgt. She also received her Marksmanship Training Instructor MOS as a collateral duty. During her time as drill instructor she spent six months as the narrator for the battalion and regiment narrating for recruit graduations; change of command ceremonies and for the Depot Band performances. Her tour ended in November 1991. She then accepted one year unaccompanied orders again to MALS-12, 1<sup>st</sup> MAW, MCAS Iwakuni Japan. After her tour in Japan she transferred to MALS-31, MCAS Beaufort, SC until 1996 where she was promoted to GySgt and appointed to Warrant Officer 1. After completing The Warrant Officer Basic School in Quantico, VA she transferred again to the 2d MAW Staff working in the Aviation Logistics Department monitoring and inspecting the 1<sup>st</sup> MAW Aviation Supply Departments within the wing. Soon after joining 2d MAW she met James (Jim) Rodgers, for the second time in her career. They briefly knew each other professionally twelve years prior when they both were stationed at Cherry, Point, NC. After a brief (one month) courtship, she accepted Jim's proposal of marriage and they were married on January 10<sup>th</sup> 1997. They resided in Mill Creek, NC with their combined three children for a year in a half when both Jim's company and the MC sent them to Okinawa Japan in July 1998. Gale retired in Okinawa on September 1, 2002 as a Chief Warrant Officer 3. She was an expert pistol and rifle qualifier. They happily lived in Okinawa for more than ten years and became avid scuba divers. Gale became Padi Rescue Diver Certified. After retirement Gale became very involved in two women's organizations; The Okinawa International Woman's Club which fosters relations between Okinawan woman and foreign woman as well as raising money for local charity organizations, and Ikebana International (traditional Japanese flower arranging). She served on the boards in several capacities as well as becoming President on both. They traveled to many cities in mainland Japan, Taipei, Taiwan, Bali Indonesia, Sydney Australia, Seoul and Osan Korea visiting the DMZ, Shanghai China, Hochiman City Vietnam and Hawaii many times.

Gale's hobbies include golfing, paper crafting, scuba diving, walking, volunteering and enjoying time with her husband, children and three grandchildren who live in Minneapolis, MN. Their oldest son James lives in Washington State. Jim and Gale live in Leesburg, GA and are members of First Presbyterian Church in Albany where Gale is serving her third year as Deacon and chair of Ministry of Need Committee and together they manage the Samaritan Saturday Missions providing nourishment of the body and spirit to the homeless of downtown Albany two Saturdays a month. They both joined the Maj. Lawrence DesJardines Detachment in November 2008 after meeting Bob Adams, Dave Aldrich and Ray Murphy walking along the Flint River Walk one Saturday morning. Gale volunteers at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in the Cancer Center and plays golf whenever she can.

## FROM THE COMMANDANT

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Make sure and keep a little space in your MAY DAYS or someone will think you are in distress. It will also help you with your scheduling since this tends to be a very busy month for most of us. Our youth programs are wrapping up the year with their awards ceremonies. Tom will be presenting awards at Westover High for JROTC and I will be presenting them at Lee County.

Ernie is making an effort to recognize the Girl Scouts efforts and of course our Eagle Scout recognition is ongoing. Albany Young Marines will be trying something new this year; they will be holding a retirement ceremony for those completing their Young Marines career.

Several of our Detachment members will be hosting a chartering ceremony for the newly forming Military Order of the Devil Dog's MGySgt Nicholas J. Retza Jr. Pound #360. Unlike the shroud of secrecy that surrounds their Growls, the chartering ceremony will be open to the public. Space is limited so if you would like to attend, please contact Tom Newton. There will be Devil Dogs from the Kennel, Pack and other Pounds in attendance.

The Middle Georgia Detachment will be hosting the 2013 Department Convention this month in Macon. This is your opportunity to make your vote count on bylaw changes and the officers that will be elected to run your Department for the next year. If you have not attended a Marine Corps League conference or convention, I highly encourage you to do so. If you have, I expect no encouragement is necessary and I hope to see you there.



Monday the 27th is Memorial Day. American Legion Post #30 will host Colors and then breakfast at 0645.

Albany Technical College will also be having a remembrance. Make sure to take a few moments and give all those that have defended our freedoms their due.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic.

## CHAPLAINS' CORNER

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This again has been a troublesome period. We have had five Marines that have fallen and I hope that you will keep their Families in your prayers. Marine MSgt Robert S. Griffith passed on 22 Mar 2013; Marine MGySgt Louis Jay Stack passed on Mar 22, 2013; Marine Corporal Charles Rush passed on Mar 26, 2013; Marine Sergeant Roger D. Gravitt passed on 28 Mar 2013 and Marine Mike Royals passed on 2 Apr 2013. All of the Families were presented Letters of Condolence and Certificates of Appreciation from the League either by hand or mail.

Marines Ed Couto, Bill Hammack, Jim Reilly and Bobby Sanders are continuing their recovery process, all are doing well. Marine Tom Voth and his wife Orva are still in Minnesota with their ailing daughter. Keep them in your prayers for the healing of their daughter and their safe return. Marine Tom McCarty has had his knee surgery and is also doing well, and last but not least Our District Chaplain Ernie Elmore is reported with walking pneumonia and also is recovering well. Let's remember these and their families.

I haven't heard from Marine Chuck Bushnell, so please continue prayer for his Mother Ms. Dera Tucker who is battling cancer.

**Devotion: (Psalm 103: 8-13) (The Lord) has not punished us for all our sins, nor does he deal with us as we deserve.**

If you want to measure the enormous size of God's forgiveness, look at the life of King Manasseh, one of Judah's most evil kings. Manasseh turned his back on God and led the nation into worshipping false gods (Chronicles 33:1-9). When Judah's enemies captured him along with the rest of the nation, Manasseh humbled himself before God and prayed (see verses 12-13). Despite Manasseh's evil past, God forgave him. Manasseh no doubt returned home seeing himself more as God saw him: worthy of being forgiven.

If God was able to forgive Manasseh's staggering sins, we can surely count on God's ability to forgive the wrongs we have done.

God's forgiveness is like a bottomless checking account. When we sin, and we surely will, there's always enough forgiveness in God's account to cover any withdrawal. Truth is, we can't empty God's account of forgiveness. When we draw on God's resources, we can't bounce a check. *EVERY SIN WE CONFESS, HE FORGIVES.*

My prayer is: "God, thank you for your undying love and forgiveness toward us who sin against you."

R/S:

**Bob Breton**  
**Det. Chaplain**

*Chaplain Bob Breton can be reached at 434-1169 or  
msgtrabret@yahoo.com to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.*

## **MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS**

(This is a condensed version of the minutes. You can read them in their entirety on our website)

16 April 2013

Commandant Kirstatter called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Course, Albany, GA. All officers were present. There were a total of 29 members and 4 associate members present.

Member Gene Pender and his wife Michelle accepted an Honorary Membership for their son Ronald Pender.



Commandant Kirstatter, Gene Pender and Michelle Pender

Judge Advocate Carl Wilcox reported there have been 7 submissions for changes to the Department bylaws. 6 have been accepted and 1 was rejected by the bylaw committee. The 6 accepted submissions will be voted on at the Department Convention in Macon.

Patriotism Committee: Dave Aldrich reported a record of 174 flags have been distributed over a 2 year period. A flag was replaced in Parrott, Georgia at the Patriot Burial Plot.

Veterans Coalition reported that the nursing home in Dublin now has space available. The Sutton Memorial in Leesburg is in need of a flag. There will be a meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> for the Field of Flags to determine the number of flags needed to set up in the new location at the Albany Mall. Set up is Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and tear down is Sunday, September 15.

There is a new 1<sup>st</sup> SGT in charge of the Westover High School JROTC.

It was reported that The Marine Corps League will no longer have representation on the board for the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League.

Habitat cookout was busy and a successful contribution. There were 80 hamburgers and 72 hotdogs prepared and consumed by 48 Habitat staff and 28 Marines.

Correspondence: The second annual Top Shot Shooting competition sponsored by the Central Georgia Detachment #1373 will be held in Browndale, GA in May.

Announcements: Marine Corps League Department of Georgia purchased coins to be awarded to the Eagle Scouts.

*Meeting was adjourned at 1920*





## GET INVOLVED!



### ANNUAL YARD SALE

Yard Sale held at American Legion Post #30 (indoors) on Gillionville Road, 8-12 p.m., Saturday June 1.

We **NEED** your donations, pre-priced (very low) if possible. Donations of items will be accepted every Saturday in May from 9-12 noon at the Scout Hut located right next to the Post 30 building.

**NO CLOTHES OR SHOES ACCEPTED**

### DETACHMENT ANNUAL PICNIC

Following the Yard Sale, Saturday, June 1st 2-6 p.m. we'll gather at the home of member Kenn Berggren (see directions below) located at 912 Roland Road, Albany, 31705.

Bring a dish to share, folding chairs, insect repellent, a prospective member and your place settings. Drinks and meat will be furnished.

Going south on Hwy 19/82 Bypass, past Moultrie Rd (MCLB exit), turn right on Williamsburg Road (Race Track), proceed west until it ends at Radium Springs Road. Proceed south on Radium Springs Road past the post office until you reach Roland Road. Turn right on Roland Road, last house on right.

For questions, please contact: Bobbie Elmore 435-2283/cell 886-3739 [ernieelmore@att.net](mailto:ernieelmore@att.net)


## PATRIOTISM

I have had see what we when we permission to out American



several inquires to present to a patron request and receive replace their worn Flag. This card is used to leave them with a memory of who we represent and ensure them that their old worn out flag will properly be disposed of with dignity. There is no charge for this service, however contributions are accepted. On the back of the card we have provided the Commandant and Patriot Chairman's names, addresses and phone numbers for mailing a contribution.

Name _____	Date _____
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The Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment of the Marine Corps League - an organization of Marine Corps and Navy FMF Corpsmen Veterans - salute you for your patriotism in flying the American Flag at your business.

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However, if you wish to make a contribution to support our Marine Corps League Flag Program, it would be accepted with our appreciation.

Also note the tag on the left side of the front of the card that is torn off at the time of delivery. The name, address and date of the individual or company that we presented the flag to is recorded. This information is posted to a flag log which is used as an inventory record of the sizes and types of flags purchased/replaced on a monthly/annual bases and also serves as a budget tool for use during our annual budget process. . The tag data is posted to the log, stapled to a printed copy of the inventory sheet and kept in a flag folder by the Chairman.

Dave Aldrich, Patriotism Chairman



## BOY SCOUTS



"No Eagle Scout awards this month, however, our Scouts have been busy with their Eagle Scout service projects. Garrett Skates of Troop 3 completed his service project in support of Graceway Recovery Residence for Women in Albany. He led a project to refurbish and install a bike rack at the home for use by the residents. Picture is attached showing Garrett and his group of Scouts as they completed the refurbishment and prepare to take the bike rack to the home for installation. Cody Yearton of Troop 007 has been working to complete his Eagle Scout package and so has



Desmane Thomas of Troop 3. This means we'll be having several Good Citizenship Awards to be presented in the coming months."

Dan Gillan  
Boy Scout Coordinator

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE



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

## Andersonville National Historic Site Memorial Day Observation

The National Cemetery is open for visitors throughout the weekend, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Weekend Schedule is as follows:

<http://www.nps.gov/ande/planyourvisit/events.htm>

Friday, 24 May: Avenue of Flags raised in the National Cemetery Avenue of Flags

Saturday, 25 May: Placement of Flags

Sunday, 26 May: 2PM Memorial Day Observance Program. The featured speaker is Clarence "Tiger" Davis.

Monday, 27 May, Memorial Day

Tuesday, 28 May: Removal of Flags from grave sites



## VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION UPDATE VA News Releases

### Care and Benefits for Veterans Strengthened by \$153 Billion VA Budget

04/10/2013 01:00 AM EDT

Continuing the transformation of the Department of Veterans Affairs into a 21st century organization, the President has proposed a \$152.7 billion budget, a 10.2 percent increase over Fiscal Year 2013, that will support VA's goals to expand access to health care and other benefits, eliminate the disability claims backlog, and end homelessness among Veterans. The budget includes \$66.5 billion in discretionary spending, largely for healthcare, and \$86.1 billion for mandatory programs - mostly disability compensation and pensions for Veterans.

<http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2433>

In June the following member's annual dues come up:

Jeffrey Lark

Rob McCarty

George Palaima

Kevin Stanley



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"Where's the Wi-Fi switch?"

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

**1 May 1958:** 3d Marine Logistics Group activated as 3d Force Service Regiment, 3dMarDiv, FMF.

**1 May 2003:** President Bush declared "major combat operations in Iraq have been ended."



**2 May 1946:** Marines help quell a prison riot at Alcatraz Island, California.

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



**5 May 1961:** Marine pilots retrieved America's first astronaut, Navy CDR Alan Shepard.

**7 May 1965:** MAG-12 (Forward Echelon) arrived in Chu Lai, Vietnam, to construct aircraft maintenance facilities and support systems for the SATS Expeditionary Airfield.



**8 May 1945:**

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

**18 May 1902:** Marines from USS *Ranger* landed at Panama City to protect Americans.

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

**20 May 1906:** Maj John A. Lejeune embarked his battalion for duty in Panama.



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

**May 2013:** 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Marine Corps Aviation.

**23 May 1988:** The MV-22 Osprey made its official debut at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, TX, facility.



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

**27 May 2013:** Memorial Day



**29 May 1945:** WWII, 0730, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines assaulted Shuri Ridge, Okinawa, and despite heavy mortar fire, took the crest and later Shuri Castle.



## IN THE NEWS

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
April 25, 2013

### Cuts Could Jeopardize On-Time F-35 Rollout, Official Says

By Beena Raghavendran, Star-Telegram Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON -- The on-time rollout of the F-35 fighter jet in 2017 could be in jeopardy because of forced federal budget cuts, a key military official testified to Congress on Wednesday.

The monetary problems could lead to a loss of customers for Lockheed Martin's Fort Worth-based program, hurting the company.

Lt. Gen. Christopher C. Bogdan, the Pentagon's executive officer of the F-35 program, told a Senate Armed Services subcommittee that he has "moderate confidence" that the first two software upgrade phases needed to complete the program will be delivered on time. But he's less optimistic that the final phase will be completed as scheduled because of mandated budget cuts, known as sequestration, in the current fiscal year.

President Barack Obama's proposed budget for the next fiscal year would give \$6.36 billion to build 29 F-35s for 2014 and would increase production to as many as 60 aircrafts a year by 2018.

The F-35 program's eight partner countries, including the United Kingdom, are carefully watching the growing cost of F-35s. The United States pushed back an order of 179 planes, which caused Italy to reduce its jet order from 140 planes to 90. Canada and the Netherlands, too, have cut back on plane orders, Bogdan said, though Singapore is showing interest.

Any reduced orders mean increased unit costs for the rest of the customers.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Bogdan's doubt was unnerving. "None of us around here seem to like the word moderate," McCain said.

Without the funding it has maintained from previous years, it could be difficult to complete the last phase of the project, Bogdan said. "It is vital for us to keep the partners in the program," he said.

In his prepared testimony, Bogdan also said that the government expects to reach a contract with Lockheed by the end of May on the next production order for as many as 60 F-35s. The parties reached a preliminary agreement on the deal in late December. McCain questioned the program's efficiency and affordability and said history is repeating itself. Cost overruns on big aircraft programs are not new, having happened on the F-22 and B-2 programs, he said. It's time to understand the core of these financial problems to ensure that they don't happen again, he said.

Bogdan said he is ready to tackle the F-35's long-term costs and is analyzing cost reduction methods in hope of reducing the estimated \$1.4 trillion over the next 50-plus years that will be spent to roll out the jets.

Bogdan said he will be more sure at the end of the summer about the likelihood of the program's 2017 completion.

Michael Rein, Lockheed Martin's F-35 spokesman, said that despite budget cuts, the United States and several international partners still rely on F-35 production, and Lockheed Martin will still have orders to fill.

"While sequestration will have an impact, F-35s are going to be built at Fort Worth for years to come," Rein said.

About 6,000 employees work on the F-35 program at the Fort Worth complex, and hundreds more are involved indirectly.



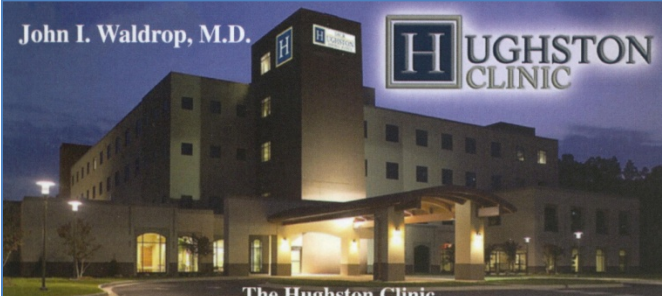
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16 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Fazekas
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*Up Coming Events*

*May*

1 <sup>st</sup>	0615	Retiree Breakfast, MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
5 <sup>th</sup>	1500-1700	Girl Scouts High Award Ceremony, Valwood Performing Arts Center 4380 US Hwy 41 North, Hahira, GA 31632
21 <sup>st</sup>	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club
24 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>		Department of Georgia Convention, Macon Georgia, Marriott Macon City Center
27 <sup>th</sup>	0645	Memorial Day Breakfast at the American Legion, Gillionville Road, Albany, GA

*June*

1 <sup>st</sup>	0800	Annual Yard Sale and Detachment Picnic
5 <sup>th</sup>	0615	Retiree Breakfast, MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
12 <sup>th</sup>	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club
18 <sup>th</sup>	1000-1300	Department of Georgia Convention, Macon Georgia, Marriott Macon City Center





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Marilyn Retza and daughter Jennifer with Charter Members



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## FROM THE COMMANDANT



The predominate activities during the month of May were, appropriately, Memorial Day observances.

A thank you to American Legion Post #30 for another great observance, breakfast and speaker. It was my honor to

present the Detachment's donation for the WWII Memorial fund during the ceremony.

Albany Technical College hosted a special video presentation with interviews of our members John Belk, Ernie Elmore and Nick Nicholson along with a keynote speech by MajGen Hudson. My thanks to Marines Gary Frage and Joe Najjar for their contribution. Those that attended were certain to walk away with a clear understanding of the meaning and history of Memorial Day and a renewed respect for our fallen.

The delegate registration form is in for the Marine Corps League 90<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Grand Rapids, MI. If you plan on attending make sure to confirm your name on the form with me.

The 2013 Department of Georgia convention was especially eventful with all but one of the submitted bylaw changes being approved. Motions were approved for donations to the Young Marines as well as a donation to the Detachment closest to Moore, OK to help tornado victims. Election of officers placed Joe Barbee as Commandant, yours truly as Sr. Vice Commandant, Jim Daughtry as Jr. Vice Commandant and Randy Barnes as Judge Advocate.



(Left to right) Everett Stewart, Bruce Behner, Al Meade, Michael Clark, Ron Kirstatter, Hal Gosnell, & Bernard Bledsoe

The most humbling and unexpected event during the evening banquet was when Commandant Michael Clark read my name as the Department Marine of the Year. It is regardless of accolades that I serve to advance our mission and my sincere appreciation goes to all of the members of the Detachment for their contributions to our success. I'm certain the Marines with which I share this tremendous honor would agree this award belongs to all of you!

Semper Fi!

## CHAPLAINS' CORNER



This has been a little less troublesome period. We had four Marines that have "fallen" and I hope that you will keep their families in your prayers. Marine Charles J. Schmits passed on 23 Apr, Marine GySgt C. K. Devereaux, 5 May, Marine Sgt W. L. Grimsley, 15 May and Pvt Russell B. Smith, date unknown.

Remember to pray for our Marines and Families that are ill or are experiencing various problems. Marine Bill Hammack, 95 yearr old Marine Benjamin Franklin McKinney who is recovering from a Heart Attack. Marine Jim Reilly, Marine Rob McCarty and Tom & Orva Voth.

On a positive note we Chartered: The MGySgt Nickolas J. Retza, Jr. Order of the Devil Dogs Pound #360 here in Albany on May 11. It's good to know that our Detachment Devil Dogs do not have to travel long distances to attend their meetings anymore. Many of the Georgia Pack attended to perform the services of installation.

Congratulations to the Pound.

### Devotion: (Book of Jude)

I may be out of order, but being in the position I felt something needed to be said. I was listening to a conversation a while back and heard some pretty disturbing ideas being discussed. Comments were made to the effect that none of it matters if we only believe in our Lord and Savior. The book of Jude exhorts us to live a life that honors and respects the commands of our Lord when it says: "I found it necessary to write and exhort you to contend for the faith that was delivered to us saints once and for all" (Jude vs 3). "Now I want to remind you, though you know all



these things; the Lord, having first saved a people out of Egypt, later destroyed those who did not believe; and has kept, with eternal chains in darkness for the judgment of the great day, angels who did not keep their own positions, but deserted their proper dwelling". (Jude vs 5 & 6). God demands more from us than just to believe, although that's a great start, He also requires us to tell others of His wonderful works for us.

His son died a cruel and hideous death on a rough old tree so that we might be saved and spend eternity with Him, but if we don't relay that message to others we know are lost, we are also condemned.

My prayer is: "God, help us to get your true view of your requirements for us, so that we may attain that which you promised."

R/S:

**Bob Breton**

**Chaplain**

*Chaplain Bob Breton can be reached at 434-1169 or msgtrabret@yahoo.com to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.*

## **MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS**

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21 May 2013

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We had 1 guest, Marley Averty.

Application for Membership was presented and approved for Sgt. Robert Jarrett.

Commandant Kirstatter encouraged attending the Dept. Convention on May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> and the retirements of Colonel Mills on May 20<sup>th</sup> and Master Sergeant Albin Beard Jr. on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sr. Vice Ernie Elmore reported we are now awarding the Gold Award to the Girl Scouts.



**Recipient of the Gold Award Brenna Shea Wilson of Valwood Troop #40294 in Valdosta, GA**

Patriotism Committee: Dave Aldrich reported there have been 181 flags issued to date.

Veterans Coalition reported they are working on the Field of Flags and that Deerfield Windsor will be providing a band.

There were two JROTC Graduates honored at Westover High School with Citizenship Awards and Lee County announced that Kirby Woods will be the CO of the JROTC next year.



**Cadet First Sgt Rondell Williams receives the Community Service award**





The Honor Graduate went to Cadet Captain Asia M. Bell

Correspondence: Mrs. Cherry P. Stewart made a donation of \$100 in honor of Billy Kemp Stewarts' anniversary. He was born 11 October 1934 and served in the USMC from 1954 to 1974 and passed on 28 April 2012.

Old Business: The Marine Corps Flag was presented to American Legion Post #191, Ellaville, GA by MCL Detachment #1260 Albany, Georgia.

Good of the League: You can still register for the National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan August 4-9. There will be no 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration held on base this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 1930

## MAY EVENTS



Keynote Speaker MajGen Charles Hudson and President Dr. Anthony O. Parker at Albany Technical College Memorial Day Ceremony



Department officers being sworn in at Convention in Macon, GA



Pup Tim McClelland attending the Department MODD Growl





Ernie Elmore speaking at the Memorial Day Celebration in downtown Leesburg



Lee County High School JROTC Honor Graduate Cadet Commander Steven Holden



Lee County High School JROTC Citizenship award recipients Cadet Lt Commander KaylaAnn Weekley and Cadet Lt Janelle McMickle

## ***PATRIOTISM***












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-  New Year's Day, January 1
-  Inauguration Day, January 20
-  Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, third Monday in January
-  Lincoln's Birthday, February 12
-  Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February
-  Easter Sunday (variable)
-  Mother's Day, second Sunday in May
-  Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15 (**half-staff all day**)
-  Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May
-  Memorial Day (**half-staff until noon**), the last Monday in May
-  Flag Day, June 14

- 🇺🇸 Independence Day, July 4
- 🇺🇸 Labor Day, first Monday in September
- 🇺🇸 Patriot Day, September 11 (**half-staff all day**)
- 🇺🇸 Constitution Day, September 17
- 🇺🇸 Columbus Day, second Monday in October
- 🇺🇸 Navy Day, October 27
- 🇺🇸 Veterans Day, November 11
- 🇺🇸 Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November
- 🇺🇸 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7 (**half-staff all day**)
- 🇺🇸 Christmas Day, December 25
- 🇺🇸 And such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

See you next Month!

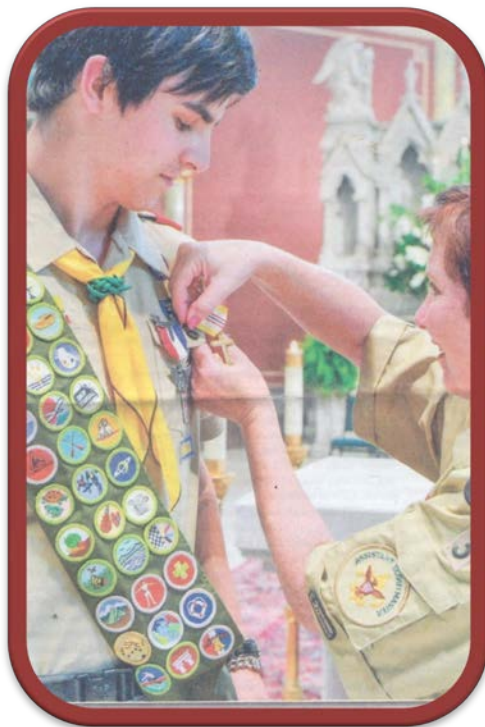
Dave Aldrich, chairman, Patriotic Committee

## BOY SCOUTS



As I've indicated in previous updates, the end of the school year is usually the busiest time for our scouts. Graduating seniors, preparations for scout camp, completion of Eagle Scout projects, awards ceremonies, Webelos Cub Scouts becoming Boy Scouts, just to name a few. So here is the update from the Scout scene –

On 5 May Ernie Elmore sent a Good Citizenship certificate to Girl Scout Brenna Wilson of Valdosta, GA for achieving her Gold Star award which is equivalent to the Boy Scout Eagle Scout rank.



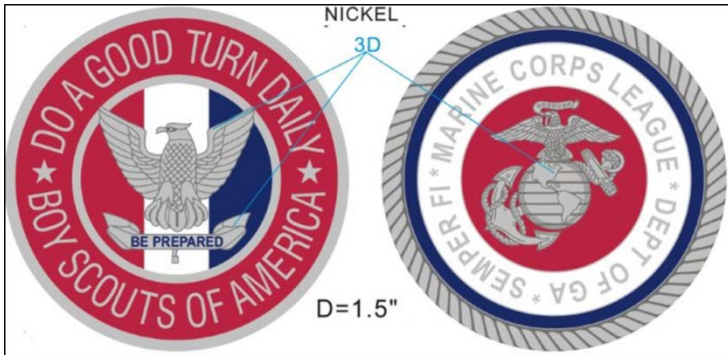
**Eagle Scout Jared Gillan being presented the Ad Altare Dei award by his mother Andrea Gillan**

On 12 May the Diocese of Savannah held their first annual Scout Sunday convocation Mass celebrated by Bishop Boland at St. John the Baptist Cathedral. During the Mass he recognized four Scouts from St Teresa's Pack 3 and Troop 3 with their religious emblems. The Scouts recognized were Oscar Spruill and Jared Gillan with the Ad Altare Dei award and Morgan Wright and Grant Johnson with the Light of Christ award. Additionally, Andrea and Dan Gillan received the Bronze Pelican Award for their "significant and outstanding contribution" to the Scouts' spiritual development.

On 19 May Troop 3 welcomed three new Boy Scouts to their troop as they crossed-over from Cub Scouts. The Scouts who crossed over Hector Grimaldo, Ben Patton and Jacob Serina. We are also planning on two Eagle Scout Courts of Honor in the next couple months where we will recognize the new Eagle Scouts with Good Marine Corps League Citizenship certificates along with our new Marine Corps League Eagle Scout coins.

On 1 June St Teresa's Troop 3 will confer the rank of Eagle Scout on Cody Hughes, Dakota Kirkland and Garrett Skates. This summer Leesburg Troop 007 will confer the rank of Eagle Scout on Joshua Bacon, Brenton Bazemore and Cody Yearton.





Pictured here is the new Marine Corps League Eagle Scout challenge coin to be presented to Eagle Scouts.

Hope you guys enjoyed your Memorial Day.

Semper Fi!

Dan Gillan  
Boy Scout Coordinator

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE



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

To become a **LIFE MEMBER**  
contact Bob Adams

In July the following member's annual dues come up:

Kenneth Cason  
James Edwards  
Billy Hammack  
Denzil Harrell  
Nathaniel Lowman  
James Taylor  
Carl Wilcox



Overheard on the VHF Guard (emergency) frequency 121.5 MHz while flying from Europe to Dubai:



**Iranian Air Defense Site:** "Unknown Aircraft, you are in Iranian airspace. Identify yourself."

**Aircraft:** "This is a United States aircraft. I am in IRAQI airspace."

**Air Defense Site:** "You are in IRANIAN airspace. If you do not depart our airspace, we will launch interceptor aircraft."

**Aircraft:** "This is a United States Marine Corps FA-18 fighter. Send 'em up, I'll wait."

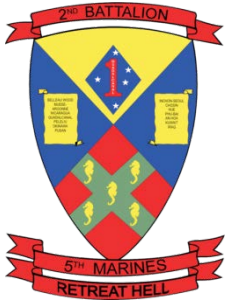
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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



**1 June 1918:** "Retreat Hell! We just got here," the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment at the start of the Battle of Belleau Wood, France.

**1 June 1965:** MAG-12 began combat flight operations in Vietnam.

**5 June 1944:** LtGen H.M. Smith was designated the first FMFPac commander.

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

**9 June 1864:** Col Jacob Zeilin succeeded Col J. Harris to become the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps.



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

**13 June 1991:** Marines from Okinawa and Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, Philippines, evacuated 20,000 Americans after Mount Pinatubo erupted. HMH-772, MAGTF-91, MAG-36, 15<sup>th</sup> MEU, and other Marine units assisted.

**14 June 1898:** Two companies of Marines defeated the Spanish near Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



**14 June:** **FLAG DAY**

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

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



**21 June:** **First Day of Summer**

**22 June 1954:** President Dwight D. Eisenhower authorized the use of the official Marine Corps seal.

**23 June 1812:** Marine Lt John Heath became the first casualty of the War of 1812.



**25 June 1918:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Brigade secured Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry, France.

**27 June 1916:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment defeated Dominican rebels in a stand-up bayonet attack.

**27 June 2012:** The Congressional Gold Medal was presented to the Montford Point Marines.



**29 June 1963:** VMF(AW)-314 received the first "Phantom" jets.



## IN THE NEWS

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USA Today  
May 28, 2013

### **Report: Chinese hackers breach top weapons designs**

By Doug Stanglin

Chinese hackers have gained access to the designs of many of the nation's most sensitive advanced weapons systems, according to a report prepared for the Defense Department and government and defense industry officials, The Washington Post reported Tuesday.

The compromised weapons designs include, among others, advanced Patriot missile system, the Navy's Aegis ballistic missile defense systems, the F/A-18 fighter jet, the V-22 Osprey, the Black Hawk helicopter and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

The confidential report was prepared by the Defense Science Board, a senior advisory group of government and civilian experts.

It does not accuse the Chinese of stealing the designs but says that the designs of more than two dozen systems were compromised, the Post reported.

The report comes a month before President Obama will meet with visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping in California. It also coincides with reports in the Australian media that Chinese hackers had allegedly stolen blueprints for Australian's new spy headquarters.

An alleged breach of U.S. systems was noted in a public report issued by the advisory panel in January, but the section of the report listing the compromised weapons system remained classified until Tuesday. The public version had warned that the Pentagon is unprepared to counter a full-scale cyber-conflict.

The Chinese government has insisted that it does not conduct cyber-espionage on U.S. agencies or companies, and government spokesmen often complain that Beijing is a target of U.S. cyberattacks, the Post noted.



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10 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Fazekas
13 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Cemey
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20 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Jackson
	Bobby Sisai
21 <sup>st</sup>	Bob James
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*Up Coming Events*

*June*

1 <sup>st</sup>	0800	Annual Yard Sale and Detachment Picnic
5 <sup>th</sup>	0615	Retiree Breakfast, MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
12 <sup>th</sup>	1000-1300	Hiring our Heros, George M. Kirkland Jr. Center, 1704 S. Slappey Blvd., Albany GA 31701
18 <sup>th</sup>	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club

*July*

3 <sup>rd</sup>	0615	Retiree Breakfast, MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
16 <sup>th</sup>	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club
20 <sup>th</sup>	0930	Staff Meeting, MajGen Warren R. Johnson Det. #1311, Woodstock, GA



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### **Kelly T. Fisk** **MSGT RET USMC**

I was born on November 7, 1957 in Wellington, Kansas to Vonell and J.R. Fisk. After graduating from Wellington High School in 1976, I enrolled at the Vocational College majoring in Agriculture and graduating in 1978. While working at the local Farmers CO-OP in 1982, I started thinking how I could wake up tomorrow, be 35 years old and have a seen the other side joined the Marine open contract. plane from San Diego and a bus stepping on yellow Thanksgiving and Camp what a was molded into Brothers.



family and never of the fence. So I Corps, under an Soon I was on a Oklahoma City to ride later was foot prints. I Spent Christmas in Boot learning curve, as I the Band of Graduation was a milestone in my life, with my Mother and Brother to watch me march off the grinder. I took a short leave in Kansas to spend time with a girlfriend (later to be my bride) and family, then off to Supply School at Camp Johnson (Montfort Point) arriving early, my reward for checking in early was to draw lines in the dirt with a rake for two weeks, not a good call to be on working party. After Graduation I was off to Okinawa, Japan. MAG-36 H&MS 36 for a one year tour. I returned to Kansas and married Brenda Ann who helped support me in our first duty station together at Court House Bay, NC as a proud Lance Corporal.

After transferring to Court House Bay six months later and four boards later I was meritoriously promoted to Corporal. Working as Supply Clerk for two years in support of the Engineering Schools I volunteered for a hot fill billet at Inspector/Instructor in Amarillo, Texas.



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Wow, what a shock, the first drill weekend I was eating the Reserves, haircuts, out of uniform, and then the 1stSgt came up to me and said "Let's train these Marines". What a short lesson on my roll at the I&I. As I grew to know these full time Citizens and full time Marines I grew to respect their commitment to the Marine Corps and a part of the Band of Brothers. While at I&I duty I was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant. With a three year tour on I&I I was able to select my next tour at BSSG-1 Kaneohe Bay, HI.

K-Bay, what a great expense supporting a maintenance group not just canteen and canteen cup issues, but parts repairing major end item equipment, tanks, trucks, water bulls, trailers, and communication equipment. That is where I meet our Commandant, Sgt Kirstatter (small Corps) he's an ELMACO bubba. Soon we received the call to pack up and move out to Desert Shield/Desert Storm. While at the Port of Al Jabail in a supply support group I was combat promoted to Staff Sergeant. After completing a nine month tour at the Port of Al Jabail I returned to K-Bay and requested orders back to Montfort Point as a Supply Instructor at Supply Schools. What an honor to payback to young Marines.

As Instructor at Supply School I not only instructed daily classes, also a Class Commander for four classes of young Marines. I was then appointed as the Academics Supply Chief in charge of development and overseeing periods of instruction to be used at the school. Three and half years later, I was off to Marine Security Force Rota, Sp.

Being Supply Chief for a Marine Corps Security Force on a Spanish Base was a challenge. I found working with the Spanish, Navy, Army, and Air Force to be great pickings for a supply guy. Rota was a great travel experience for my family and me. We covered Italy, Germany, France, and Portugal. Manage logistics for three training trips for our Marines Battle Study of Belleau Woods and Memorial Day celebration at Belleau Woods. Then we were off to Albany, GA.

In Albany GA, Was the place I was appointed an inventory manage of computer assists then appointed as Warranty Manager for Computer assists for the Marine Corps. During my three years at Albany was working on my Bachelor degree from Valdosta State. I retire in 2003 as Master Sergeant from Marine Corps Base Albany, GA.

After retirement I accepted a contractor billet with Battelle working for a Chemical Biological Nuclear base unit for six years supporting the CBRN Team of Marine Logistic Team.

For the past three years I have supported Fleet Support Division as Government Service employee and currently working as Project Officer of Consideration Storage Program. I am proud to continue support of the Warrior Fighter.

I would like to thank my wife, Brenda, and my two daughters Shamra, and Newt for their support over the 29 years.

## FROM THE COMMANDANT

I bring you our neighbors Department of to thank us for Grits Bowl to margin of of 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a



greetings from to the west. The Alabama wishes returning the them with the victory in growth approximately percent. Both

Georgia and Alabama had relatively low growth numbers (only 6%) compared to previous years (of over 10%). As a Detachment we grew by 9 paid members last year (almost 10%) and we continue to find great individuals to join our ranks. I want to welcome aboard Bob Brooks, Bob Jarrett, Joe Najjar and Larry Olson.



L-R Larry Olson, Richard Roe, Bob Jarrett, Joe Najjar & Bob Brooks

If we could grow each month even by a member or two, the Grits Bowl would be back in Georgia without a doubt next year. Overall, Alabama's Detachments are experiencing the same issues we are with delinquents and retention but what they do have going for them is great legislative support. Not only have they received tens of thousands of dollars from

the USMC Veteran automobile license plate program but they also enjoy a tax exemption status on certain purchases in support of their Detachments. I look forward to joining them in Montgomery in June of next year.



After reading last month's Dispatch, Mary DesJardines called to express her appreciation for all the good that we do in the name of her late husband. As it turns out, she and the Major were stationed in Grand Rapids, MI during the 1960's where the Marine Corps League's 90<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be held August 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>.

I'll be attending the first staff meeting with our new Department officers on July 20<sup>th</sup> in Kennesaw. All members are encouraged to attend, participate and volunteer. There are still positions that need just what you have to offer.

As our Independence Day approaches I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup>. We have several occasions when veterans take pause to proclaim the prominence of this country so many fought and died for but only this one occasion when every citizen celebrates living in the greatest country in the world.

Semper Fi and God Bless the United States of America!



## CHAPLAINS' CORNER



This has been a pretty good period. We had one Marine to report as "fallen" and I hope that you will keep the Family in your prayers. Marine GySgt Joe Albea passed on 5 June.

Remember to pray for our Marines and Families that are ill or are experiencing various problems. Marine Bill Hammack, 95 yr old Marine Benjamin Franklin McKinney, recovering from a Heart Attack. Marine Jim Reilly, Marine Rob McCarty and Tom & Orva Voth. Jim and Rob both responded to an email and are doing well.

**Devotion:** ***(1 Corinthians 13:8, 13) There are three things that will endure – Faith, hope, and love – and the greatest of these is love.***

You know what it's like when *miserable* moments seem to last forever. But the Bible says that there's only one great thing you'll want to last forever – and it will. It's God's Love. There's never been - nor will there ever be – a greater demonstration of love than what Christ did on the cross. Romans 5:8; "God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." At that point in history, we got a one-of-a-kind demonstration of God's total love for us.

God's love, however, didn't end on the cross. God continues to care for us every moment of every day. And when Jesus rose from the dead, he gave all of us the job of spreading his love throughout the world. When we love someone like Christ loves us, the impact of our action can last as long as God's love. It's like knocking down dominoes. Our love affects someone, that person feels loved and shows love to someone else, who loves still another person. This goes on and on and on.

So are you focusing your life on the one thing that truly lasts- loving God and loving others like Jesus loves you?

My prayer is: "Jesus, help us to put loving you and others at the top of our list of things to do-today and always."

R/S:

**Bob Breton**  
**Chaplain**

Chaplain Bob Breton can be reached at 434-1169 or [msgtrabret@yahoo.com](mailto:msgtrabret@yahoo.com) to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.



## **MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS**

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(This is a condensed version of the minutes. You can read them in their entirety on our website)

18 June 2013

Commandant Kirstatter called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Course, Albany, GA. All officers were present with exception to Paymaster Adams. There were a total of 24 members and 4 associate members present. We had 11 guests.

A ceremony honoring the Young Marines was held. During the ceremony an Honorable Discharge was given to MSgt Leggett Williams and Young Marine volunteer Miss Karen Hartman.

Application for Membership was presented and approved for Larry Olson.

New members sworn in were Joe Najjar, Richard Roe, Bob Jarrett, Larry Olson and associate member Bob Brooks.

Chaplain Bob Breton reported a need for continued prayer for our National Vice Commandant John Kovalcik and Marine Chuck Bushnell's mother, Mrs. Dera Tucker.

Commandant Kirstatter reported Department of GA Convention successful with 10 Detachments not in attendance. All but bylaw #3 (allowing election of officers not present) passed in general assembly. Next staff meeting is 20 July in Kennesaw. The 2014 Department Convention May 2-4 will be in LaGrange. New Department officers are as follows:

Commandant – Joe Barbee  
Sr. Vice – Ron Kirstatter  
Jr. Vice – Jim Daugherty  
Judge Advocate – Randy Barnes  
Paymaster – LuAnn Miller

The Department also approved \$1000 to the Detachment in Oklahoma for relief efforts and \$500 to each of the Young Marine units.

Commandant Kirstatter would like to thank everyone for making him look good, as he was awarded the Marine of the Year for the Department.

Sr. Vice Ernie Elmore reported he is still handing out ribbons to those who haven't received them.

Jr. Vice Roger Paulin continues recruiting on the base.

Patriotism Committee: Dave Aldrich reported there have been 186 flags issued to date and 1 flag pole to put in.

Veterans Coalition reported they presented the donation of \$1000 for the WWII Memorial.

There are still cookbooks to sell @ \$12 each.

The Annual yard sale was a success earning the Detachment \$538.02.

Correspondence: National Headquarters Spring Fundraiser, tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. There will be 5 \$100 prizes drawn at the National Convention in Grand Rapids in August.

Registration of National Delegates form has been received and must be returned by July 18. If you wish to represent the detachment as a delegate whether you are attending the Convention or not, your name along with \$5 will allow the detachment an additional 15 votes.

Meeting adjourned @ 1930

## **GET INVOLVED**

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**DEPARTMENT STAFF  
MEETING  
20 JULY @ 0930**



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## **PATRIOTISM**

### **JUST A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT OUR FLAG**



**Do you know who designed our current national US FLAG?**

Here is the story!

**Robert G. Heft**  
**DESIGNER OF AMERICAS CURRENT NATIONAL FLAG**

By Jim Sielicki, United Press International

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*This article appeared in the magazine  
"THE EXCHANGE/JULY-AUGUST 1988"*

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If the nation ever gets around to adding a new state to the union, Mayor Robert Heft will have a flag with 51 stars ready to go.

Heft's niche in history is already secure as the designer of the country's 50-star flag 29 years ago, but his dream is to have his second version accepted when a new state is created.

"There's a very good chance that I'd be the very first person in America's history to design two of the nation's flags, if it comes to pass," Heft said.

What began as a high school project for the 45-year-old mayor, real estate businessman and part-time college teacher has evolved into a patriotic mission. Heft travels 100,000 miles annually from his home in Napoleon, a northwest Ohio town of about 9,000 people, to spread the gospel of patriotism and the story of how he designed the flag.

His popularity as a speaker - he averages about 150 engagements a year - extends from commencement exercises to appearances before civic groups. The Army invited him to serve as honorary parade marshal last July 4 in Panama.

"Of course that's my whole life," he says.

Heft did not have such a high profile back in 1958 in Lancaster, Ohio, when his interest in politics and talk of Alaska and Hawaii becoming states prompted him to design a 50-star flag as a school project.

"When I was in school I was really shy," Heft recalled. "I was always the type of kid to sit in the back of the class."

Unfamiliar with a needle and thread and unable to get help from his mother who feared her son's projects would be desecrating the flag, Heft spent 12 1/2 hours one weekend arranging and sewing a new combination of stars.

"The thing is to add it (a star) so no one can tell there is a change in the design," he said. Heft arranged the 50 stars in five rows of six stars alternating with four rows of five stars.

His teacher, Stanley Pratt, gave him a B minus on the project.

"He said it lacked originality," Heft said. "He said anybody could make the flag."

Pratt, however, said he would give Heft a high grade if he could get Congress to accept the design.

Heft took on the challenge and sent his flag to his congressman, Rep. Walter Moeller, who eventually got Heft's design, accepted.

Heft said he designed a 51-star version a few weeks after he completed his school project. That flag has six rows of stars, beginning with a row of nine and alternated by rows of eight to achieve a 51-star total.

The proposed 51-star flag is in the hands of Rep. Clarence Miller, R-Ohio.

"I told him to do whatever is necessary if we have a contest again," he said.

The flag that made Heft famous is soiled and faded from frequent display. It has flown over **every State Capitol Building and over 88 U.S. Embassies**. An uneven patch at a lower corner is evidence of an attack on the embassy in Saigon in 1967.

"It's the only flag in America's history to have flown over the White House under five administrations," he said.

Heft said he has turned down offers of up to \$350,000 to sell his first flag, and he has no intentions of parting with it.

"But of course the thing that I'm worried about is right now it's the official flag of the country and it takes me all over the world," he said.

Until another state is created and new flag is flown, Heft's flag keeps him busy making money through speaking engagements.

Dave Aldrich, Patriotism Chairman

## BOY SCOUTS



On 1 June three young men from St. Teresa's Troop 3 were promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout and they were recognized Marines Dan Gillan and Joe Najjar with the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship award and Eagle Scout coin. They were Cody Hughes, Dakota Kirkland and Garrett Skates. Marine Dan Gillan led the Scouts and families in the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer. Many local troops are currently at Scout Camp and will no-doubt be returning very motivated for the upcoming year. I am anticipating two-three Eagle Scout ceremonies in the month of August with Leesburg Troop 7.



From left to right Marine Dan Gillan and Eagle Scouts, Dakota Kirkland, Cody Hughes and Garrett Skates.

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE



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

Marines Roger Paulin and Dan Gillan were on-hand for LtCol Roni Meyerhoff's retirement on Flag Day, 14 June at the MCLB Chapel. Marine Dan Gillan, our Detachment Piper, played Auld Lang Syne and The Marine's Hymn for the retirement ceremony.

In August the following member's annual dues come up:

Maxine Belk  
Kenn Berggren  
Joseph Bernardoni  
Ed Pender  
Richard Stevens  
Karolyn Sutherland  
Mike Trevino

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Hi Mom,  
Boot camp is fine, but I think  
our drill sergeant is a little  
hard of hearing. Every time  
we say something, he yells  
"I can't hear you!"



## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



**1 July 1920:** MajGen John A. Lejeune became the 13<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps.

**3 July 1864:** Marines participated in a skirmish near White Point, SC, during the Civil War.

**4 July 1776:** *Independence Day*

**7 July 1941:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing was commissioned at Quantico, VA.



**9 July 1846:** Marines and Sailors occupied Sonoma, CA after proclaiming California part of the United States during the Mexican War.

**10 July 1941:** The 2d Marine Aircraft Wing was commissioned at San Diego, CA.



**3 July 1943:** Third Marine Aircraft Wing was officially organized.



**14 July 1853:** Commodore Matthew C. Perry, escorted by Marines and Sailors, landed at Uraga, Japan. Marine Maj Jacob Zeilin was the second man to go ashore.

**17 July 1990:** 200 members of Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, Philippines, helped rescue survivors in Cabanatuan after the island was hit by a 7.7-magnitude earthquake.

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

**20 July 2011:** The White House announced that Cpl Dakota Meyer would be the third living recipient and first Marine Medal of Honor recipient for actions in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.



**21 July 2011:** Shuttle pilot LtCol Doug Hurley, USMC, was among the crew of four on the final flight of *Atlantis* and NASA's shuttle programs.



**26 July 1861:** An Act of Congress increased the Marine Corps authorized strength to 93 officers and 3,074 enlisted men.

**27 July 1898:** Marines of USS *Dixie* were the first to raise the American Flag over Puerto Rico.

**27 July 1953:** Korean War ended.

**28 July 1918:** BGen John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d U.S. Division in France.



## IN THE NEWS

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser  
June 19, 2013

### Okinawa Exit Plan

By William Cole

Three studies are underway on Oahu to find sites to house 2,700 Marines from Okinawa, Japan, but it may take until 2026 to implement what is estimated to be a \$2.5 billion move.

The Defense Department said it is conducting a Marine Corps Base Hawaii Optimization Study examining existing Kaneohe Bay land; an "Oahu Land Use Study" looking at defense property on the island; and a third study analyzing former defense property in the Kalaheo area.

The Marine base at Kaneohe Bay is getting crowded -- particularly with the ongoing addition of 900 aviation Marines as part of helicopter and tilt-rotor Osprey units.

All three studies are expected to be completed by December but are only the beginning of complex planning that will accompany what the U.S. Government Accountability Office now says will be the exodus of more than 10,000 Marines from Okinawa.

The GAO said in a report this month that 4,700 Okinawa Marines would be shifted to Guam, 2,700 to Hawaii, 2,500 to Australia and 800 to the mainland, with 15,000 expected to remain in Japan.

As of Tuesday there were 7,525 Marines at Kaneohe Bay, 1,734 at Camp Smith and 97 elsewhere in Hawaii, Marine Corps Base Hawaii said.

Navy Adm. Samuel Locklear III, head of U.S. Pacific Command at Camp Smith, said in testimony in March to the House Armed Services Committee that the Marine move to Guam would be completed by 2020, and the move to Hawaii by 2026.

"We continue to work with the government of Japan towards the relocation of U.S. Marine Corps forces from Okinawa in a way that is geographically distributed, operationally resilient and politically sustainable," Pentagon spokeswoman Army Lt. Col. Cathy Wilkinson said Tuesday in an email.

The relocation of U.S. Marine Corps units from Okinawa will occur "when appropriate facilities in Guam, Hawaii and elsewhere are available to receive them," Wilkinson said.

The plan is dependent on an ongoing supplemental environmental impact statement for Guam, as well as future construction of the facilities needed to support Marine relocation there, she said.

Environmental planning for Guam is expected to wrap up in 2015, and sometime after that a Hawaii environmental impact statement will be started, Kathleen Hicks, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for policy, said in a May letter.

In its report, the GAO, which is the investigative arm of Congress, took the Pentagon to task this month for developing a \$12.1 billion "rough order of magnitude" cost estimate to realign Marines from Okinawa to Hawaii, Guam and elsewhere - excluding the cost of sending rotational forces to Australia. Of that, the Defense Department indicated the U.S. share would be \$9 billion and Japan's share \$3.1 billion, GAO said.

But the estimate "is not reliable because it is missing costs and is based on limited data," the report said.

"We found DOD's estimate only partially meets best practices for being comprehensive," the GAO concluded.

Indeed, the report is titled "More Reliable Cost Estimates and Further Planning Needed to Inform the Marine Corps Realignment Initiatives in the Pacific." Hicks took issue with that.

"We have expressed concern with the title of this report, which suggests the department currently has the ability to provide comprehensive cost estimates and complete planning for all realignment initiatives but has failed to do so," she said in correspondence.

She noted that the environmental studies have to be completed before the Defense Department can develop reliable cost estimates.

The flap follows 2011 cost projections for a previous plan -- now abandoned -- to move 8,600 Marines from Okinawa to Guam that had risen to as much as \$29.1 billion for the shared U.S. and Japanese costs, according to the GAO.

Congress froze funding and demanded that the military re-examine the move.

Efforts to realign U.S. forces in Japan date from 1995 and discontent among Okinawans over the U.S. military presence there.

The United States also is realigning Marines to meet requirements for the "re-balance" of forces to the Pacific. The Pentagon in 2012 decided to send some of the Okinawa Marines to Hawaii, Guam, Australia and the mainland, the GAO said.

Officials said in 2012 that the old Naval Air Station Barbers Point and Pearl City Peninsula, where SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team 1 has a compound, might be looked at to house some of the extra Marines.

"These (Oahu) studies are in their very early stages; as more information becomes available, we'll be better able to make informed decisions," Chuck Little, a spokesman for Marine Forces Pacific at Camp Smith, said in an email.

Part of the realignment plan includes establishing Marine Air-Ground Task Forces in Hawaii, Guam and Australia, the GAO said.

The Marines said such a task force is made up of a ground combat element (infantry, heavy weapons, artillery), a logistics element and an aviation element, all centered around a command element.

Wilkinson, the Pentagon spokeswoman, said the three studies underway in Hawaii will help develop a "master plan" for Marine Corps facilities in Hawaii, including a Marine Air-Ground Task Force.



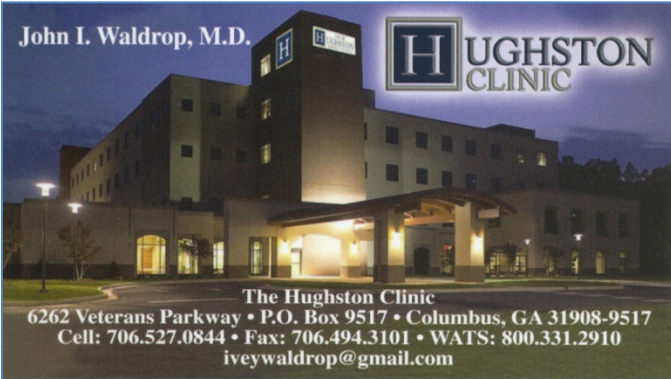
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*Up Coming Events*

***July***

3 <sup>rd</sup>	0615	Retiree Breakfast, MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
6 <sup>th</sup>	1000-1200	MODD Pound 360 Growl, Commons Church, 3014 Sylvester Road, Albany, Ga
16 <sup>th</sup>	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club
20 <sup>th</sup>	0930	MCL Dept. Staff Meeting, Homewood Suites, 905 Cobb Place Blvd., Kennesaw. GA

***August***

5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	0900	MCL National Convention, The Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI
7 <sup>th</sup>	0615	Retiree Breakfast, MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
20th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club



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Force Service

Force Recon Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Air Wing as a Landing Zone Control and Pathfinder Team Leader, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Air Wing (H&HS as Navajds Technician), Instructor in Electronics at Marine Corps Communications/Electronics Schools. Served on Staff of Commander In Chief Pacific as Comm-Data Maintenance Chief FMF PAC, and combat service with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division and 2<sup>nd</sup> Force Service Support Group in Vietnam 1968-69 based out of Dong Ha, Northern I Corps.

Combat Awards: Meritorious Service Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (9), Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Vietnamese Service Medal(4 Stars), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Certificate of Commendation (3). Hold MOSs 2861/0411/2669/8653 and retired as a 2891 Comm-data Maintenance Chief in July 1988.

During my 29+ years in the Marine Corps, I visited more than 40 Countries mostly aboard Navy Ships where we pulled training exercises with the armed forces of more than 15 of those countries. While some of them have excellent militaries, they do not match or can be compared with the United States Marine Corps with the exception of the British Marines who are our equal.



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Upon retirement from the Marine Corps, I was employed as a Software/Hardware Integration Project Manager with the Marine Corps Automatic Test Equipment Branch, Marine Corps Logistics Command. I retired again in 2006.

In 1970 I joined the American Legion as At Large Member. In 1992 I moved my membership to Post #30 Albany Ga. Served on the Executive Committee, Jr. Vice Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, and Commander of American Legion Post #30 Albany, GA. I am currently serving as Chaplin, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Department of GA, Finance and Service Officer Post #30.

I became a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1988, moved to post #2785 Albany Ga. in 2001.

I was inducted in to the 40&8 society 1994. Society Offices held are Guard de La Porte, chef de Train and Chef de Gare; Voiture Locale 909. Guard de La Porte, Chef de Train, and Grand Chef de Gare du Georgia (State Commander). I am currently serving as member National Executive Board and State Chaplin.

Member of and current Director and Chaplin Fleet Reserve Association branch 339, Albany, GA, Life Member and current Service Officer Marine Corps League Detachment 1260 Albany, GA, Associate Member of the Air Force Sgts. Association Chapter 451 Albany GA (Daughter SM/Sgt USAF), Member of AMVETS Post # 10, Athens GA, Member National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Member of Georgia Federal and Military Retired Coalition, and an Honorary member of: Australian Army, Norwegian Army, and British Marine Corps.

Currently live in Albany, GA with first and only wife of 49 years. We have three children and two grandchildren. I enjoy golf, NASCAR racing, serving my fellow Veterans, community and Church.

## **FROM THE COMMANDANT**



July has launched us into one of the most unsettling times our Nation has ever faced. For some of our members, the DoD furloughs are a reality and we all need to be especially supportive of those that are not only financially impacted but have had their ethos challenged by being

forced to stand down one day a week when they know there are service members, our Marines, in harm's way depending on them for support. Marines have always been depended upon to accomplish the mission and to the best of our ability we need to support that.

I attended the first staff meeting for the Department of Georgia after our election of new officers. We now have a new District 5 Vice Commandant, Levi McKenna of Central Georgia Detachment #1373. He will be supporting his Detachment, Columbus, Middle Georgia and Albany. Levi is a very energetic new Commandant and we can look forward to building a very productive and supportive District.

This month I am on my way to Grand Rapids, Michigan to represent you and the Department of Georgia at our National Convention. Our Detachment has its first bylaw change submitted for consideration by Bob Adams. If you haven't looked at the proposed changes, I highly suggest you do so and let me know your opinions. These changes, if approved, will certainly have an impact on all of us. You can find the Proposed Bylaw Changes-2013 on the National website at:

<http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/bylaws/ProposedBylawChanges-2013.pdf>. Our newly selected Vice Commandant for the Southeast Division Michael Clark will also be sworn in.

I had the opportunity to present the Albany and Syrup City Young Marines with donations from the Department of Georgia. Each unit received \$500 to support their efforts. Kelly Fisk, Ernie Elmore and myself talked with the Young Marines and their parents about what our Detachment can do to support them.

Tax free day is coming up. I hope you will all support the fundraising efforts at Sam's and our Devil Dogs will be holding their first roadblock to raise funds for the MGySgt Nicholas J. Retz Jr. Pound.

September is just around the corner so keep your eye on the calendar. Several events involving our members will be taking place.

Semper Fi!

## CHAPLAINS' CORNER

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We had two Marines to report as “fallen” and I hope that you will keep the Families in your prayers. Marine MGySgt Gerald Peters passed on 19 June and CWO4 John Baughman passed on 15 July.

Remember to pray for our Marines and Families that are ill or are experiencing various problems. 95 yr old Marine Benjamin Franklin McKinney is recovering from a Heart Attack. Marine Jim Reilly, Marine Rob McCarty, and Marine Tom & his wife Orva Voth.

Need to remember Kenn Berggren who is recovering from surgery and Tom Newton's Wife Kris has had surgery as well and is at home recovering. Also remember Carl Wilcox who has not been feeling well lately.

Marines Bill Hammack and Gene Coutu were with us at the meeting on 16 July and looked pretty good, welcome back guys.

**Devotion: (Psalm 37:1-7) Take delight in the Lord and He will give you your heart's desires. Psalm 37:4.**

God gives us 4 ways to search out his plans:

1. *Look for God's will in the Bible.* Knowing Scripture is our starting point for zeroing in on God's will. We don't have to wonder.
2. *Look for God's will in prayer.* Jesus taught his disciples to pray for God's will to be done on earth (see Matthew 6:9-10). God wants us to ask for the guidance we need-as often as we need it.
3. *Look for God's will in the advice of others.* God puts wise, mature Christians in our life to help us spot God's specific will-people like parents, grandparents, youth leaders, Sunday school teachers and pastors. They have the experience we lack.
4. *Look for God's will in your own circumstances.* God can direct us by opening and closing doors in life. You might be good at languages and want to attend a month long language camp. Well, being offered a scholarship might mean that God has opened a door for you. Missing out on one might mean that the door was closed.

Being sure of God's will happens when we make the most of the four ways in which God wants to guide us. But how do we settle on the final choice?

Here's where God makes it easy. If you're doing God's universal will and seeking his specific will, here's how you make your choice: Do what you want to do. When you put God first in your life, he promises to give you the desires of your heart (see Psalm 37:4). And guess what? If what you want doesn't line up with God's will, He makes it his job to kindly point that out to you.

My prayer is: “God, thanks for having a plan specific to each of us. We want to do your will in every detail.”

R/S:

**Bob Breton**

**Det. Chaplain**

*Chaplain Bob Breton can be reached at 434-1169 or msgtrabret@yahoo.com to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.*

## MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

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(This is a condensed version of the minutes. You can read them in their entirety on our website)

16 July 2013

Commandant Kirstatter called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Course, Albany, GA. All officers were present with exception to Judge Advocate Wilcox. There were a total of 22 members and 3 associate members present. We had 1 guest.

Chaplain Bob Breton reported a need for continued prayer for our National Vice Commandant John Kovalcik and Marine Chuck Bushnell's mother, Mrs. Dera Tucker.

Commandant Kirstatter reported during the staff meeting on Wednesday 10 July the board approved the purchase of a recorder for the Detachment and staff meetings.

Commandant Kirstatter also reported that the Detachment has 78 voting members and with a completed delegate form will be able to fully represent the Detachment at the National Convention.

Commandant Kirstatter stated that he was chair for two Chapter 9 hearings on 13 July and wants to thank everyone for keeping focused on what the mission of the MCL is and getting along with each other.

Sr. Vice Ernie Elmore reported he was council for two Chapter 9 Hearings and wants to remind everyone how important it is to take notes.

Sr. Vice also mentioned that in this months' issue of the Semper Fi magazine page 60, shows an American flag painted on a stepping stone/wall plaque for sale. We don't walk on our flags! He called Headquarters to bring this issue to their attention.

Jr. Vice Paulin continues to recruit on the Marine Base.

Patriotism Committee: Dave Aldrich reported there have been 186 flags issued to date and 3 new flag poles and 6 more flag pole requests.

There are still cookbooks to sell @ \$12 each.

JNROTC/Young Marines Coordinator Kelly Fisk reported we have two checks to be presented to the Young Marines.

Old Business: We approved the purchase and presentation of a plaque for the manager at River Point to show our appreciation for his support and providing a place for our monthly meetings. Nick Nicholson reported that \$15,000 has been raised for the WWII Memorial and the dedication will be November 11, 2013.

New Business: Ernie Elmore made a motion and Nick Nicholson seconded to pay for Life Membership for our WWII Veterans John Belk and Bill Hamby. Motion was approved.

Good of the League: We will be planning another fundraiser at Sam's Club and volunteers are needed. If you would like to purchase Bible Sticks for the troops @ \$25 each go to [www.biblesticks.com](http://www.biblesticks.com) or call 800-800-2555.

Announcements: Joe Najjar brought a copy of the Memorial Video done by Albany Technical College which features interviews with 3 of our members. If you would like a copy, please contact Commandant Kirstatter.

Meeting adjourned @ 1730

## **GET INVOLVED**



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## ***PATRIOTISM***

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Now here is a little unknown History about old Glory that either I forgot or never took note about the change to the US Flag when Hawaii became a State! Can not remember if I noticed the change of adding one star and off setting the rows! Maybe just too young? Anyway, here are the facts. Also, note that only one President served under these Colors!

### **Forty Nine Star U.S. Flag, 1959 ~ 1960**

The [49 Star Flag](#): On January 3, 1959, **Alaska** was formally granted statehood placing the 49th star on our Flag. The 49-Star flag was official for only one year, from July 4th, 1959, until July 4th, 1960.



On July 4th, 1960, our current 50-Star Flag was born, after Hawaii achieved its Statehood. President Eisenhower was the only President to serve under this flag.

Until next Month!

Semper Fi

Dave Aldrich, Patriotism Chairman

## ***BOY SCOUTS***

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Even though we have no Eagle Scout awards to highlight this month, our Scouts have been very busy. We have had scouts attending Summer Camp at Camp Old Indian in South Carolina and recently we had Scouts attending the National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. We will have three Eagle Scout awards in the month of August, Joshua Bacon and

Brenton Bazemore from Leesburg Troop 7 and Gage Tenhagen of Troop 321. On 9 July we attended the South Georgia Council 2013/2014 Program Kickoff Meeting for the Chehaw District. It was exciting to participate and see the shared enthusiasm of the dedicated Scout leaders throughout our AO. I look forward to sharing photos of the Eagle Scout ceremonies in August. Semper Fi!

Dan Gillan  
Boy Scout Coordinator

## ***GOOD OF THE LEAGUE***

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[Every Wednesday 0900 Detachment breakfast at Roosters on Westover Blvd. Join us if you can.](#)

In September the following member's annual dues come up:

*Ruthie Breton  
Kathy Fazekas  
Bill Kicklighter  
Daulton Luttrell  
Fred Miller  
John Padden  
James Reily  
Patrick Walsh*

**Members over 65, please check the 2013 proposed bylaw changes as the life membership fee may go up from \$150 to \$200.**

***To become a LIFE MEMBER contact Bob Adams***



GIBBLEGUTS.COM By Dan Gibson



The deep military budget cuts affected both enlisted soldiers and officers alike.

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

**2 August 1950:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Provisional Marine Brigade landed at Pusan, Korea.

**3 August 1950:** VMF-214 Corsairs struck first blow of the Korean War for the Marine Corps.



**5 August 1864:** Marines participated in the battle of Mobile Bay in Alabama.

**7 August 1942:** SSgt Barbara Barnwell was the first woman Marine awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal of heroism.

**11 August 1952:** The 1stMarDiv participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Korean War.



**12 August 1918:** The Secretary of the Navy authorized the enlistment of women in the Marine Corps Reserve.

**13 August 1918:** Opha M. Johnson enlisted at HQMC, becoming the first woman Marine.



**17 August 1950:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Brigade battled North Koreans at Obong-ni-Ridge.

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

**22 August 1942:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing was commissioned at Ewa, Hawaii, as the 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Base Defense Air Wing.



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

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

**26 August 1929:** The largest Marine Corps Air Delivery of supplies during the Banana Wars to Captain Edson in Poteca consisted of 3,076 pounds of subsistence stores.

**29 August 1916:** The Marine Corps Reserve was founded.



**31 August 1976:** Leatherneck Association merged with the MCA.

## IN THE NEWS

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Bloomberg.com  
July 24, 2013

### House Passes Pentagon Spending Bill With No Aid To Egypt

By Timothy R. Homan

The House voted today to give the U.S. Army and Navy more procurement money than they sought for fiscal 2014 -- funds designated for Blackhawk helicopters made by United Technologies Corp. and Patriot missile interceptors from Lockheed Martin Corp.

The legislation, H.R. 2397, also would bar any U.S. military involvement in Syria unless the activities are approved by Congress, and prohibit funding military operations in Egypt.

The 315-109 vote to advance the almost \$600 billion spending bill came after a debate on limiting funding for the National Security Agency in light of revelations about U.S. surveillance activities by former security contractor Edward Snowden.

The House rejected 205-217 an amendment to prohibit the NSA from collecting phone records unless a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court order stipulates that the records pertain to someone under investigation.

"The amendment defeated on the House Floor would have eliminated a crucial counterterrorism tool by dismantling a critical NSA program put in place in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks," House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, a Michigan Republican, and C.A. "Dutch" Ruppertsberger of Maryland, the top Democrat on the panel, said in a joint statement. "The charge that the program tramples on the privacy of citizens is simply wrong."

### Russian Helicopters

The House deleted from the bill \$553.8 million that would have been used to purchase 30 Mi-17 helicopters from Rosoboronexport, Russia's state-run arms trader, and then turn the choppers over to Afghanistan.

The prohibition on using Pentagon funds for operations in Egypt would not affect a separate avenue of U.S. financial support. Egypt receives about \$1.3 billion a year in U.S. military aid by way of the annual State Department and Foreign Operations appropriations bill.

The bill would give the Pentagon about \$512.5 billion in funding not directly related to war -- \$5.1 billion less than the amount enacted for fiscal 2013, which doesn't include the spending cuts caused by sequestration, and \$3.4 billion less than President Barack Obama requested.

The Pentagon's most expensive weapons program -- F-35 jets made by Bethesda, Maryland-based Lockheed Martin -- would receive the White House-requested amount of \$5.14 billion for 29 aircraft, with six for the Marine Corps, four for the Navy and 19 for the Air Force.

### Military Payroll

The measure would appropriate \$129.6 billion for pay and benefits for active duty, reserve and National Guard members, an increase of \$2.1 billion from the fiscal 2013 enacted level, though \$750 million less than the White House request.

A pay increase of 1.8 percent, rather than the 1 percent raise requested by the Pentagon, would go to all military personnel starting Jan. 1, 2014. Service members received a 1.7 percent pay raise for this year.

Civilian personnel wouldn't receive an increase under the bill; their pay has been frozen for three years. The Obama administration has requested a 1 percent increase for civilian personnel.



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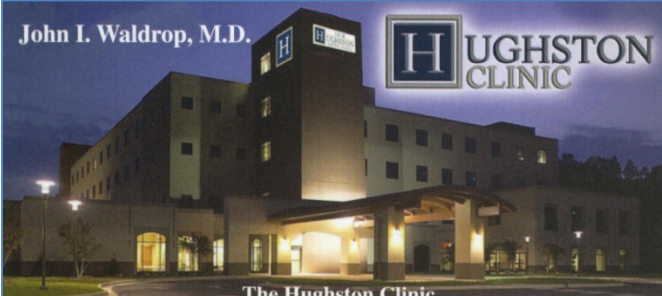
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*Up Coming Events*

***August***

<b>4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>MCL National Convention, The Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0615</b>	<b>Retiree Breakfast, MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0930 - 1500</b>	<b>Sam's Club Fundraiser</b>
<b>20th</b>	<b>1830</b>	<b>Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club</b>

***September***

<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0615</b>	<b>Retiree Breakfast, MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Marking of the Field of Flags, Albany Mall</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Set-up Field of Flags, Albany Mall</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>First Responders Ceremony, Vetrans Park</b>
<b>11th</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>9/11 Remembrance</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Teardown Field of Flags, Albany Mall</b>



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### **Tim McClelland**

At the tender age of 17, I decided that I had had enough of school and that it was time for me to go out and conquer the world. So, eight days after my seventeenth birthday, I found myself a recruit in the second battalion at Parris Island SC. Needless to say, that the "real world" became shock, but I survive the graduation, I managed to HQBN, 2nd about eighteen months. After numerous page eleven entries in my record book, and hours upon hours of spit shining GI cans, I felt I had worn out my stay at Camp Lejeune and it was time to move on. A buddy of mine that worked in the company office gave me the first set of orders to come into the company and away I went to Okinawa with a replacement draft aboard ship, this was 1960.



After a year on Okinawa, I received orders to Marine Corps Supply Center, Barstow, CA and remained there until I reenlisted and was sent to Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, WA where I spent two years (1962 - 1964). I received orders back to Barstow and was there until I, along with many other Marines, received orders to MCC159, WESTPAC ground forces in late 1965.

I got off the plane in Da Nang in January, 1966 and was assigned to FLSG-ALPHA next to the lovely village of dog patch where I was assigned to the shop stores section of Supply Co in support of the maintenance section there. After thirteen months, I received orders to the Marine Corps Supply Activity, Philadelphia, PA where, after 17 months it was time for me to decide if I was going to stay in the Corps or leave. So, in August of 1968 I decided it was time to leave and was out five months in the "cold cruel world" until I reenlisted



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once more and you guessed it, orders back to Barstow for the third time. After almost a year at Barstow, the Marine Corps thought it was time for me to return to Vietnam. I got to Staging Battalion at Camp Pendleton in 1969 for training prior to leaving for Vietnam. Upon completion of the training, and just before leaving, my orders were changed from Ground Forces WESTPAC to Okinawa where I was assigned to the Fleet Stock Account, 3rd FSR. After my one year tour I got orders once again to Philadelphia where I remained for four and a half years before being sent back to Okinawa (the third time) and assigned to Marine Corps Base Camp Foster.

After my tour at MCB Camp Foster I received orders to Albany GA and arrived here in July 1976. I retired from the Marine Corps in March of 1979 and went to work aboard the base for civil service in November 1979 until I retired 28 years later. I did a short two year stay with a contractor aboard the base before retiring to the Marine Corps League. All-in-all, active duty, civil service and contractor employment, I spent 50 years "working" for the Corps.

I am not totally sure, but would probably do it all again (except maybe spit shining GI cans).

## **FROM THE COMMANDANT**



I bring you greetings from all the reelected officers at the National Convention. Grand Rapids and the Capital Detachment #148 welcomed us all with some great weather and superb hospitality. All of the business sessions went smoothly and much was accomplished. The most significant decisions were:

- January 1<sup>st</sup> membership dues going to National will increase from \$18 to \$20. This doesn't mean our annual dues will go up, it means the Detachment will get \$2 less per annual renewal.
- January 1<sup>st</sup> life members' dues will increase for those 61-64 from \$150 to \$300 and those 65 and older will go from \$150 to \$200.

- No uniform changes were made but expect a new Enclosure 4 to be presented for approval at Mid-Winter.
- Unfortunately the Ritual Change submitted by our very own Bob Adams was rejected.
- To allow for maximum productivity of the National Staff all members are being asked to use their chain of command. Inquiries should go from member to Detachment, to District, to Department, to Division and the National Vice Commandant for the Division will contact National and send the reply back down the chain. This also serves to keep everyone informed and allows for resolution at the lowest possible level.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to attend the 2014 National Convention in Charleston, WV August 3-8 2014. It will also be the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs with a special dog tag presented to all Dogs that attend regardless of degree.

I was proud to accompany Sr. Vice Elmore and Young Marines Coordinator Fisk in presenting checks to both the Albany and Syrup City Young Marines Detachments on behalf of the Department of Georgia prior to them departing for their Camp Hicita "One Team" Retreat. Our support and participation in their events is welcomed and we will seek to expand that commitment.

Our new District 5 Vice Commandant is Levi McKenna of Central Georgia Detachment #1373.

Welcome aboard our newest member Willie Qualls. Roger and I had the pleasure of meeting him at the Retiree's Breakfast a couple of months ago. It's good to have him with us.

Congratulations to Roger Paulin for successfully defending his Department Recruiter of the Year award and Ernie Elmore for giving him a run for his money. The Department of Georgia and our neighbors in Alabama were among a select few that had growth last year. These two Marines show how it can be done. Out of a couple thousand Detachments only slightly over three hundred were successful in increasing their membership. Keep up the good work we are among the few!

The furloughs are over but our nation is not out of the woods. We need to be vigilant and prepared to support any

of our Marines, Corpsman and families that have been impacted and may now be struggling to make ends meet.

Each and every one of you is encouraged to spend some time with other members over the coming months as the fall activities get going. The First Responders events, POW/MIA and retiree breakfasts in September, Department Staff meeting in October and of course Marine Corps Ball and Veteran's Day in November. If I haven't talked to you or seen you in a while, I'm not ignoring you; I'm interested to know what is going on with you. Call me, email me or join me at any of these functions.

Semper Fi

## CHAPLAINS' CORNER



### Marines and Families that are ill and need prayer

Remember to pray for our Marines and Families that are ill or are experiencing various problems. 95 yr old Marine Benjamin Franklin McKinney continues to recover from a Heart Attack. Also remember Marines Jim Reilly, Rob McCarty, and Tom & his wife Orva Voth.

Need to remember Ken Berggren who is recovering from surgery, also remember Carl Wilcox who has not been feeling well lately.

**We have had no Marines to report as "fallen" this period - Praise God.**

### Devotion: (Deuteronomy 4:16-20)

***Remember that the Lord rescued you....to become his own people and special possession; that is what you are today. Deuteronomy 4:20.***

God isn't a beautician or a magician! He's more concerned with our inside thoughts, beliefs, and attitudes than our outside looks, he doesn't snap his fingers and make everything instantly better. His wiser way is to change us little by little.

Here's some food for thought of what he would like to work in you. Think and talk about these: Of the following three statements, which is the toughest for you to accept?

- (a) *I am lovable.* God loves me just as I am and wants me for his child.
- (b) *I am valuable.* God would have sent Jesus to die for me even if I were the only person on the earth.

- (c) *I am useful.* God trusts me to reach out and help others see who he is.

Maybe you can say each of those truths with a smile brought on by the knowledge that God loves you so intensely. But if you're like most Christians, you maybe choke a bit when you try to say one or more of those statements.

Your feelings about those facts probably hint at the area where God wants to rearrange your thinking first - to work a major change that helps you see yourself as his truly loved son or daughter.

Whatever your need, God wants to meet it. He wants you to know the truth *about* you: You are lovable . . . You are valuable . . . You are useful. **God says so.**

My prayer is: "God, help us to know the area you would most like us to grow in and to understand your view of us. Help us to feel lovable, valuable, and useful. Amen"

R/S:

**Bob Breton**

**Det. Chaplain**

Chaplain Bob Breton can be reached at 434-1169 or [msgtrabret@yahoo.com](mailto:msgtrabret@yahoo.com) to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.

## MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

(This is a condensed version of the minutes. You can read them in their entirety on our website)

20 August 2013

Commandant Kirstatter called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Course, Albany, GA. All officers were present with exception to Judge Advocate Wilcox. There were a total of 21 members and 2 associate members present. We had 1 guest, National Vice Commandant for the Southeast Division Michael Clark.



Willie Qualls was sworn in by Commandant Kirstatter.

Chaplain Bob Breton reported a need for continued prayer for our National Sr. Vice Commandant John Kovalcik. Chuck Bushnell's mother, Mrs. Dera Tucker has since passed. Unfortunately, his wife has gone to California to care for her father who has become quite ill. We need to remember Marine Kelly Fisk's brother who is in ICU in Atlanta and Marine Joe Caldeira who is recovering from surgery.

Jr. Vice Paulin reported he has 6 potential new members with one being a possible life member.

Patriotism Committee: Dave Aldrich reported there have been 191 flags replaced.

Veteran's Coalition, Dave Aldrich reported the Field of Flags is coming up. They walked the area and the 1,000 flags will be reduced to 345 flags and 146 crosses.

There are still cookbooks to sell @ \$12 each.

Announcements: The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Friends of GNGA Championship will be Saturday, September 28, 2013 at the Cherokee Run Golf Course, Conyers, GA. Cost is \$60, first tee time @ 0830. RSVP with handicap by September 20<sup>th</sup> to Tom McDermott at [tommcdermott@bellsouth.net](mailto:tommcdermott@bellsouth.net).

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament, Helping our Marines deliver the Spirit of Christmas will be Monday November 18, 2013 at Berkeley Hills Country Club. 10:00am first tee time. RSVP with team and later with handicaps to Tom McDermott at [tommcdermott@bellsouth.net](mailto:tommcdermott@bellsouth.net).

Announcements: We need a volunteer to step in as Adjutant for the September and October meetings.

Meeting adjourned @ 1930

## GET INVOLVED



### THE FIELD OF FLAGS

SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 0900

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MARKING!!!!**

## PATRIOTISM



A quick reference guide to help us all on the correct ways to handle our National Colors. The guide itself listed below is about 17 pages long so I've noted just a few reminders for us to pass onto our younger folks!

The Federal Flag Code guides civilians on how to display and handle the American flag. Here are just a few of the guidelines that the code provides:



The flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset, though it may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.



The flag should never touch anything beneath it.



The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery.



The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle, train, or boat.



The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress.



The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

For additional information on flying your flag go to:  
<http://www.senate.gov/reference/resources/pdf/RL30243.pdf>

Until next Month!  
Semper Fi

Dave Aldrich, Patriotism Chairman

## BOY SCOUTS



On 10 August our Boy Scouts of America South Georgia Council conducted two Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. Troop 0007 of Leesburg recognized Josh Bacon and Brent Bazemore and Troop 321 of Tifton recognized Gage



Tenhagen. Marine Dan Gillan spoke and presented the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award to the new Eagle Scouts at Troop 0007 and Marines Ernie and Bobbie Elmore presented the same award at Troop 321. We also have two other new Eagle Scouts of Troop 321 to recognize. These are John Adams and John Burtle. Thanks to Marines Ernie and Bobbie Elmore for establishing contact with Troop 321! Got to love teamwork! Oorah! Semper Fi!

Dan Gillan  
Boy Scout Coordinator



Joshua Bacon (L) and Brent Bazemore (R) receiving Good Citizenship Awards



Gage Tenhagen receiving Good Citizenship Award

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE



In October the following member's annual dues come up:

Tom Collins  
Jim Vaught

**To become a LIFE MEMBER  
contact Bob Adams**



## POW/MIA BREAKFAST

13 September 2013  
Town and Country  
Grand Ballroom

Activities begin at 7 a.m. with a  
buffet breakfast

Tickets: MCCA Main Office  
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Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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Base 2nd Annual  
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16 November 2013

<http://beta.active.com/albany-ga/running/mud-runs/mclb-dirty-devil-dog-mud-run-2013?int=29-114-1>



## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

**5 September 1918:** Marines participated in the battle of Mobile Bay in Alabama.



**8 September 1863:** Marines joined in the unsuccessful attack on Fort Sumter, SC.

**9 September 2010:** U.S. Marines boarded and seized control of a German-owned vessel that pirates had captured the day before off the coast of Somalia.



**11 September:** *Patriot Day.*  
Fly your flag.

**13 September 1990:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment arrived in Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Storm.

**15 September 2011:** Sgt. Dakota Meyer was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in Afghanistan.

**20 September:** *POW/MIA*  
Recognition Day.



**21 September 1951:** Cpl Jack Davenport, G/3/5, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for throwing himself on a grenade to protect others in Korea.

**23 September 1776:** Continental Marines were ordered to reinforce Gen George Washington in New York.



**27 September 1942:** Signalman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Douglas A. Munro, U.S. Coast Guard, rescued Marines of 1/7 during Operation Pestilence on Guadalcanal. He is the only Medal of Honor recipient from the U.S. Coast Guard.

**29 September 1812:** Seminole Indians ambushed Marines at Twelve Mile Swamp, FL.

**30 September 1969:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Regiment was presented the Presidential Unit Citation for Operation Hue City (Vietnam).

## IN THE NEWS

Kyodo News  
August 26, 2013

### China Building 1st Amphibious Assault Ship In Shanghai

By Kyodo

TOKYO -- China is building in Shanghai its first amphibious assault ship capable of carrying multiple hovercraft and many helicopters, according to a think tank that monitors Asian defense issues.

The full displacement of the assault ship, which may be put into commission as early as 2015 to strengthen China's naval landing operations, is 35,000 tons, according to the Kanwa Information Center, a Canada-based private think tank.

China already has three 20,000-ton class amphibious warfare ships, known as Type 071, and is currently building another one, but it has not yet had such a large-scale ship designed to carry many helicopters and landing vessels.

The think tank believes that the construction of the new aircraft carrier-like ship is connected to China's territorial claims over the Japan-administrated Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea and over islands in the South China Sea disputed with Vietnam, the Philippines and other countries.

The think tank, which had obtained its information on the construction from Ukrainian military sources, among others, said China started building the hull earlier this year at a shipyard on Shanghai's Changxing Island, in the Yangtze River Delta.

The amphibious assault ship is expected to carry four hovercraft, one of which was already bought from Ukraine last year, and about 20 helicopters.

Earlier this month, the IHS Jane's Defense Weekly reported that China has apparently started building its first indigenous aircraft carrier in Shanghai, citing satellite photos.

But the Kanwa Information Center said it believes that the weekly is likely to have mistaken the assault ship for an aircraft carrier.



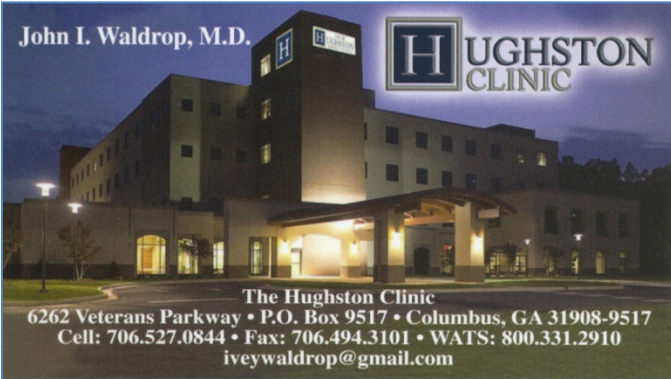
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<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>Marking of the Field of Flags, Albany Mall</b>
	<b>1800</b>	<b>MGySgt Nicholas J. Retza Jr. Pound #360 Growl, Commons Church, 3014 Sylvester Road, Albany, GA</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>First Responders Ceremony, Veterans Park</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1830</b>	<b>GA State Firefighters Association 9/11 Remembrance, Veterans Park</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>Teardown Field of Flags, Albany Mall</b>
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<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>MajGen Warren Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament, Towne Lake Hills East Country Club, Atlanta. Contact Christian Roberts <a href="mailto:marine82164@att.net">marine82164@att.net</a></b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0830</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of GNGA Championship, Cherokee Run, Golf Course, Conyers, GA</b>

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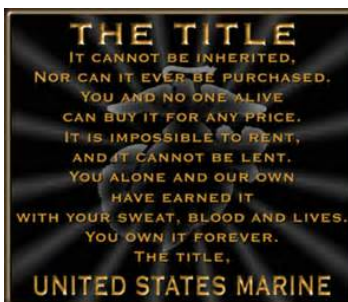
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## *A Marine's Last Will and Testament*

I, an old Mud Marine, being of sound mind, do hereby create this Marine codicil to my Last Will and Testament, through which I bequeathed all my worldly goods and possessions to those beloved of me in life. This Marine codicil is to pass on the intangible gifts I received as a Marine, which were beyond the price men put upon worldly possessions.



I have attested "Sound Mind." challenged by that all Marines have enjoyed that reputation, to being of That may be those who think are crazy. We and magnified of course, to bemuse our friends and intimidate our enemies. As a Navy psychologist once told me, "The trouble with treating Marines is that if you cure them, they can't be Marines!" But ours are really the soundest of minds, for the life of our free society depends on warriors. If you do away with us, our civilization commits suicide, surely the ultimate mark of insanity. If there comes a day when there is no longer a Marine Corps, the American idea will die soon after.

To all my Marine brothers and sisters, now and in generations to come, I leave the legacy of our Corps, stretching back to November 10, 1775. It was bequeathed to me by generations of Marines who served before me, who "grew gray in war," and who gave me those priceless traditions "such as regiments hand down forever." I have tried in my small way to add to its strength and burnish its luster. Go you and do the same.

To those Marines I served with, I leave my rich stock of sea stories, a few of which are even true, that you may embellish them and pass them on to other Marines, to awed members of our sister services and, sanitized for language, to civilians. I also leave you the gratitude of a Brother, for you stood by me, cared for me in trouble,



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and inspired me with your deeds. The poet Alan Seegar, who was KIA in France, on July 4, 1916, said it well, "Comrades, you cannot think how thin and blue, look the leftovers of mankind that rest, now that the cream has been skimmed off in you."

To my Marine DIs, I leave a debt unpaid. The discipline and pride you instilled in me guided me long after I had to shed the uniform for the last time. Thanks to what you did in a few short months, I have had a great life. I've tried to make you proud of me every day and to pay a bit on that debt through my service to my country and my fellow Marines, both in the Corps and in civilian life afterwards.

To my family I leave a few old photos, a few mementos and a service to country in which I hope you take pride as I have. However they serve, I hope future generations of our family find something larger than self to serve, worthy of their time and commitment. There is no happiness in serving the ever-greedy god of self, the root of our world's troubles.

To our nation's elected leaders, I leave the core values of our Corps; Honor, Courage, Commitment. Imagine if candidates for public office adopted our values as a campaign platform. Imagine candidates with the honor to tell people the truth and to not trade their support on issues for campaign contributions or personal perks. Imagine elected officials with the courage to do what was right for the next generation, rather than what was popular to win cheap votes for the next election? Imagine office holders with the commitment to serve selflessly, live austere, and do the right regardless of personal cost?

And to the Republic, the country I love, I leave my service. It was little enough payment on the debt every American owes her for the freedoms we have, for the life we live and for the opportunities we and our loved ones have received in this land. When people thank me for my service, I say, "It was a privilege to wear the uniform of the Republic and to earn the title Marine."

I must go now, but I leave my country a new generation of Marines, standing watch out on the lines, putting their bone and blood between the barbarians and our free people, the few guarding the many with their lives.

God, grant it may ever be so.

Author Unknown

## FROM THE COMMANDANT



First let me say **THANK YOU** to all of you that participated in the preparation, setup, events and teardown of the Field of Flags and First Responders Ceremonies. The display received nationwide recognition (at least on Facebook) and proved that even without a lot large enough for 1,000

flags the show can go on. I would also like to thank District Vice Commandant Levi McKenna for joining us in September.

The next three months are some of the most important for our Detachment and I hope you all will dedicate yourselves to the tasks at hand. In accordance with our bylaws, the Board of Trustees will meet early in October and appoint a Nominations Chairperson to "seek out the best-qualified members to fill elected positions" for the coming year. Serving my second year as your Commandant means I will be stepping into the position of Jr. Past Commandant and passing the gavel to my "duly elected successor." I encourage each of you to revisit your oath, search your conscience and commit as appropriate to serving our Marines, Navy Corpsman and their families.

I will be attending the District 6 staff meeting and the Department staff meeting in October and also hope to join our newest Detachment #1402 in Columbus for their election and installation of officers.

Most are making plans now to attend one of the many Marine Corps Balls. I am planning on reuniting with many of those I served with and some of our District League members in Jacksonville, FL for the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, Kings Bay Ball. November also allows me to celebrate the birthdays of three children and 1 grandchild, one on the Marine Corps' birthday and one on Veteran's Day.

It is also time to start planning our annual awards banquet dinner and get those pens warmed up to make submissions to the Sr. Vice on those that have served conspicuously and are due recognition. The awards and criteria are available

on the Detachment website. Our Detachment is well known throughout the Department for our growth, commitment and Esprit de Corps, our members are well deserving of a night in the spotlight.

Finally, I want to welcome our two newest members: Regular Member – Randolph Scott and Associate Member – Sheila Kirstatter our newsletter editor in hiding. Don't forget, "Marines, the Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment 1260, thanks you for your (attention) attendance, and requests you to secure new members, and further, that you favor us at every future (event) meeting with your presence so far as your circumstances will permit."

Semper Fi!

## CHAPLAINS' CORNER



Remember to pray for our Marines and Families that are ill or are experiencing various problems. Marine Benjamin Franklin McKinney is recovering from a heart attack. Also remember Marine Jim Reilly, Marine Rob McCarty, and Marine Tom Voth & his wife Orva. Orva's daughter had passed at the beginning of the month but they are still living near Orva's other daughter in Minnesota. Continue to remember Ken Berggren and Marine Joe Caldiera who are recovering from surgery.

We had two Marines to report as "fallen" this period. Marine Sergeant Major Jimmy L. Payne of Leesburg and Marine Larry E. Yeager of Newton both passed on 30 August 2013.

### Devotion: (Proverbs 18:24)

***There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.***

Not every Human friend acts means towards us. If you've ever had a "friend" dump you, then you know how great it is to have a friend that you can depend on. As great as some friendships get, however, we have one totally unique friendship that outshines and outlasts all others. It's our friendship with Jesus Christ. He's promised to stay with us forever (Matthew 28:20). Check out these facts about your perfect friend:

Jesus is a *full-time* friend. He's always there for you. He doesn't treat you one way when you're alone and another when others are around.

Jesus is your *unconditional* friend. He always forgives you when you fail him. He sticks with you no matter what happens in your life.

Jesus is your *dependable* friend. You don't need to fear him mocking you, ditching you, or spilling your secrets. And his promises are even more certain than the fact that the sun will rise tomorrow.

He wants a life-changing relationship with you. He treats you with love and respect when you open your heart to him. He shows intense, personal care for you. In Jesus you have one great, faithful, unconditional friend. Cultivate your friendship with him every day-and you'll experience the kind of love that lasts forever.

My prayer is: ***"Jesus, make our friendship with you our best, most important friendship of all. Amen"***

R/S:

**Bob Breton**  
**Det. Chaplain**

Chaplain Bob Breton can be reached at 434-1169 or [msgtrabret@yahoo.com](mailto:msgtrabret@yahoo.com) to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.

## MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

(This is a condensed version of the minutes. You can read them in their entirety on our website)

17 September 2013

Commandant Kirstatter called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Course, Albany, GA. All officers were present with exception to Adjutant Harrell and Sgt at Arms Rodgers. There were a total of 27 members and 2 associate members present. We had 2 guests, District 6 Vice Commandant Levi McKenna and Marine Rex Baker's wife Michelle.

Correspondence, The Detachment received word that Korean War Veterans who desire to return to Korea for a re-visit should be aware this year may be the last year the South Korean government will be funding those trips.

Chaplain Bob Breton reported a need for continued prayer for our National Sr. Vice Commandant John Kovalcik and Department Commandant Joe Barbee who is recovering from knee surgery.

Commandant Kirstatter attended the POW/MIA breakfast on September 13<sup>th</sup> and presented a brief at the Transition Readiness Seminar along with Judge Advocate Wilcox.

Sr. Vice Elmore continues work on the dictionary project and has recently spoken with the Dougherty County School Board about the project.

Jr. Vice Paulin announced that Miles Martin (retired Marine recon) wants to join the Detachment.

Patriotism Committee: Dave Aldrich reported there have been 191 flags replaced. He also expressed a thank you to Marines Dave Aldrich, Roger Paulin, Tim McClelland, Richard Chaffin, and Bob Breton for their assistance in the set-up and take-down of the Field of Flags.

Fundraising Committee, Commandant Kirstatter and Bobbie Elmore announced that the Belk's department store is allowing charitable organizations to sell \$5 off a purchase tickets to a ticket-only sale event on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The Detachment will get to keep the proceeds from the ticket sales. Members present were given 5 tickets a piece to sell.

Old Business, Marine Nicholson said all the needed funds have been raised for the WWII Memorial. Thanks to Bill Hamby for putting them over the top. Stone is being cut now and will be dedicated on November 11 at 1100. The next project will be a Korean War Memorial; any unused funds will go to that effort.

New Business, Commandant Kirstatter presented an associate member pin to Bob Brooks.

Good of the League: District 6 Vice Commandant McKenna announced that Marines should pay their dues directly to their detachments, not to National. Detachment #1373 is planning a trip to Parris Island soon.

Announcements: The Board of Trustees will meet in October to appoint a nominations committee chair for the upcoming officer elections. Also, Sr. Vice Elmore will chair the awards committee, so get your award nominations ready.

Meeting adjourned @ 1930

## GET INVOLVED



**OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>  
RIVER WALK CLEAN UP!**

**CONTACT: RICHARD CHAFFIN**

## SELL YOUR TICKETS!!!!

### Charity Sale



PRIVATE TICKETED EVENT

4 hours only!  
Saturday, Nov. 9 | 6-10am

[HTTP://WWW.BELK.COM/AST/FEATURED/PROMO\\_DETAILS/CHARITY\\_DAY\\_SALE.JSP](http://www.belk.com/ast/featured/promo_details/charity_day_sale.jsp)

**THERE IS ALSO A CHANCE, IF DETACHMENT MEMBERS VOLUNTEER ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT TO WORK IN THE STORE, THE DETACHMENT WILL GET A SHARE OF THE TICKETS SOLD BY THE STORE THAT DAY.**

**CONTACT BOBBIE ELMORE**

## PATRIOTISM



*Field of Flags; looking down Flag Avenue on 9-9-2013*

Well folks, I don't have a lot to say about the picture above of this Year's "Field of Flags" display which I believe speaks for itself! What a pleasure that our Marine Corps League members



were included as participants during the laying out of the field for placement of flags and crosses for the memorial of those lost during 9/11/ 2001. Truly a Beautiful site with Flags around the outside of the two pools to include the Crosses between them, Flag Avenue (displayed above) and Flags displayed completely around the Mall. The day of the Ceremony having the Albany Fire Ladder truck with the large American Flag displayed at the end of the raised ladder blowing in the late afternoon breeze. Also at the end of the Ceremony hearing the Bag Pipes off in the distance fading away made for a terrific program and all who attended being PROUD to be an American!

Semper Fi

Dave Aldrich  
Patriotism Chairman

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**



In November the following member's annual dues come up:

Bob Adams  
David Aldrich  
Robert Cerney  
Felix Cheshire  
Melba Harrell  
Bob James  
Joann Kraus  
J.J. Kraus  
Kent Morrison  
Gregory Satterfield

**October 5, 2013**  
**District Meeting in Macon, GA**

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

**The new Columbus Detachment #1402 will hold their elections and installation of officers on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 1100. Members are encouraged to attend to show our support for the District and Department.**



## **Marine Corps Logistics Base 2nd Annual Dirty Devil Dog Mud Run 16 November 2013**

<http://beta.active.com/aalbany-ga/running/mud-runs/mclb-dirty-devil-dog-mud-run-2013?int=29-114-1>

**MCLB 238<sup>th</sup>**

## **Marine Corps Birthday Ball**

**8 November 2013**  
**1730 to 2345**



**Albany State University**  
**Hyper Gymnasium**  
**504 College Drive Albany, GA 31705**

Tickets on sale 23 September – 1 November @ Town &Country Restaurant lobby Monday – Friday 1100 – 1300  
Civilians and Retirees \$50/per person.

For more information:

<http://www.albany.marines.mil/Resources/MarineCorpsBall.aspx>

Tricare Prime Service Areas change: October 1<sup>st</sup> check [www.tricare.mil/Welcome/CurrentTopics/ChangestoPSAs/PSALookup.aspx](http://www.tricare.mil/Welcome/CurrentTopics/ChangestoPSAs/PSALookup.aspx) to see if you live in an area that is affected by the PSA changes.



## **UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 238<sup>TH</sup> Birthday Ball**

**Saturday, 9 November 2013**  
**Hilton Garden Inn**  
**Cocktail Hour: 1800**  
**Ceremony Begins: 1900**  
**Attire: Formal/Black Tie**

Bar will remain open thru out the evening. (Except during the Ceremony)

### **CASH BAR ONLY**

Beer = \$4.00, Wine = \$5.00 Mixed Alcohol Drink = \$6.00 Soda = \$2 Tea, Coffee & Water -free

### Cost

\$25.00 each for LCpl's, PFC's, Privates and their first guest

\$35.00 each for NCO's and their first guest

\$45.00 each for Officer's/SNCO's and their first guest

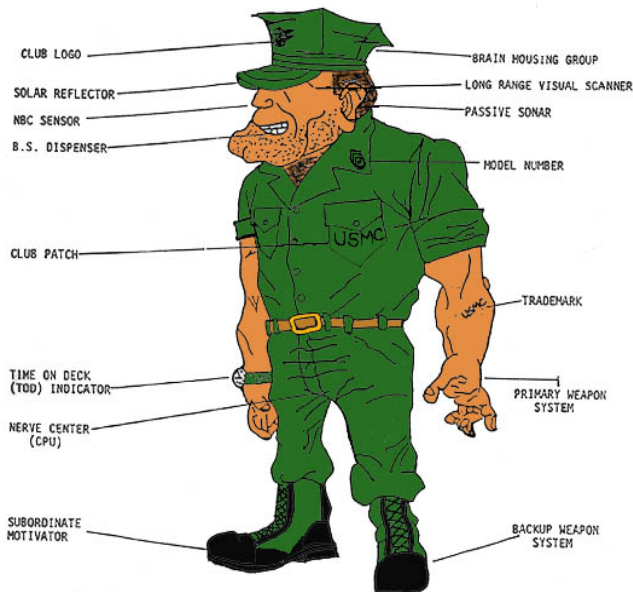
\$50.00 Retirees, civilians, and additional guests

\$45 Group rate 10+

**Tickets available for purchase September and October drill weekends 2013. See Sgt Usher on the I&I Staff building #7106 for purchasing tickets. For further information contact Sgt Usher @ 639-5477.**



## MARINE



### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



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

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

**8 October 1899:** A force of 376 Marines captured the insurgent town of Novaleta, Philippines.

**10 October 1968:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division and 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, Da Nang, Vietnam.



**12 October 1917:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aviation Squadron and 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aeronautic Company formed at Philadelphia.

**14 October 1950:** MAG-12 began operations out of Wonsan Airfield in North Korea.

**15 October 1925:** The *Marine Corps Gazette* founded.

**18 October 1859:** John Brown and his men were captured after the Marines attacked the fire engine house in Harper's Ferry, WV.



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

**24 October 1915:** MCRD was moved from Norfolk and established at Parris Island, SC.

**26 October 1898:** Marine Barracks was established at Naval Station San Juan, Puerto Rico.



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

**31 October 1955:** Lewis B. “Chesty” Puller, who earned five Navy Crosses, retired as a LtGen.

## WATCH OUT FOR TRICK OR TREATERS



## IN THE NEWS

### Marines continue fight against drug cartels across Americas

By Gina Harkins

Marine Corps leaders remain committed to training militaries across the Western Hemisphere that are fighting on the front lines of the drug war and forging new partnerships to deal with humanitarian and disaster relief efforts and other types of crises in the region.

In missions to Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia and other nations, Marines have deployed to help combat a violent drug trade that has devastating effects across the Americas. It's a fight that requires coordination with countries across a vast geographic area.

But as the Pentagon considers ways to cut costs, there is talk of combining the two combatant commands that are leading the fight — U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command — into a single “Americas command.”

Although critics worry that the merger could signal to Latin American partners that they don't matter, Marine officials insist that is not the case.

In fact, the Corps wants to engage more nations in Central and South America for the same reason it is expanding in the Pacific: to build familiarity with allies so that when crises emerge, there are existing relationships on which to build, said Maj. Gen. Frederick Padilla, director of operations at Marine Corps headquarters.

“We haven't been able to do that to the extent we can because, frankly, we've been focused on Iraq and after that Afghanistan,” the general said. “We would certainly like to have a presence down there to conduct theater security cooperation, to build partnerships and build relationships.”

The Corps is preparing to add a crisis-response force for the U.S. Southern Command region that would train with other militaries and also be in place to respond to emergencies.

Padilla cited the forthcoming World Cup soccer competition in Brazil in 2014 and the Summer Olympics there in 2016 as examples of events the U.S. military must be prepared for in case something goes wrong.

The commanders of Marine Corps Forces North and South, Lt. Gen. Richard Mills and Brig. Gen. David Coffman, respectively, believe U.S. partnerships with other countries in the Americas are vitally important to nations inundated with drug-related violence, and they'll continue to be a priority, even as budget cuts sweep across the service.

Mills oversees Marines working with Mexican marines, and maintaining that partnership is one of his top priorities, he said. Mexican marines have been essential to the fight against drug cartels that have infiltrated the nation's institutions and contributed to widespread corruption. The marines have taken down several high-ranking targets, including Miguel Angel Treviño Morales, leader of the violent Zetas cartel, who was arrested in July.

“We were very pleased to be able to complement [Vice Adm. Marco Antonio Ortega Sui, coordinator general of the Mexican marine corps] on the recent take downs of three or four very high-visibility targets,” Mills said. “[They were] very important criminals who were doing their best to destroy lives of young Mexicans and young Americans through this scourge of drugs.”

Marine Corps training teams go to Mexico regularly, Mills said. They work at their training sites to help the Mexican marines expand the capabilities and skills needed in the counter-drug fight.

“We work with them on close quarter combat,” he said. “All those sorts of skills you'd need to be in a fight against a pretty well-armed, criminal, rogue element within the country.” They also work with Mexico's noncommissioned officers to increase their small-unit leadership capabilities, Mills said. A number of junior and middle-ranking Mexican marine NCOs have attended Marine Corps schools in Quantico, Va., to better their skills, he added.

Mills, who also heads Marine Corps Forces Reserve, said his command works closely with MARFORSOUTH and the Reserve could take a growing role in missions there.

“The problems they're having down there in Central America and parts of South America have a direct impact on our lives here in the United States,” Mills said. “So if we can get down to the source and solve the problems, we save everybody an awful lot of trouble later on.”

Coffman said partner nations across the Caribbean and Central and South America don't want large-scale operations, so his command focuses on small, enduring engagements. Four security cooperation teams just returned from Belize, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, where they worked with local militaries to counter illicit trafficking. Civil affairs teams continue their work in Belize and Honduras to help counter transnational crime and trafficking. Marines are also working



with Brazilians to improve interoperability and will soon do the same in Chile.

Working across the hemisphere often means relying on joint operations, but with fewer ships sailing due to budget constraints, the command could face difficulty getting to all the places it wants to reach.

Marine officials have said previously they were considering the development of a jungle warfare training center in South America, supplementing a facility the service has in Okinawa, Japan. That's still the case, but federal budget cuts and other operational commitments could make it difficult to do in the short-term, Padilla said.

"The idea was that we were looking for something in the Western Hemisphere, a different time and place, a different kind of jungle, frankly," he said. "We're looking for opportunities to do that, but with some of the responsibilities on our plate now and with the crisis-response MAGTFs, it's a little bit problematic but not off our scope."

The Corps hasn't advanced planning on the project much, but Marines have conducted jungle training in South America in the past, including in Belize, Padilla said.



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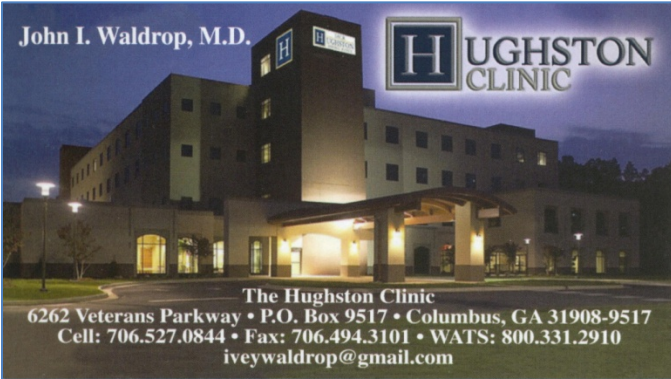
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*Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260*

*Up Coming Events*

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***November***

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	<b>1800</b>	<b>DET 2 238<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Hilton Garden Inn, Albany, GA</b>
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<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>WWII Memorial dedication, Memorial Park, Albany, GA</b>
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<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1830</b>	<b>Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Country Club, Albany, GA</b>





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## HAPPY 238TH BIRTHDAY!



### OLDEST MARINE



**John Belk**

Born: 30 October 1923  
 Enlisted: 3 July 1942  
 Discharged: 3 July 1946

### YOUNGEST MARINE



**Sgt. Michael T. Trevino**

Born: 25 May 1985  
 Enlisted: 13 Sept 2003  
 Active



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## FROM THE COMMANDANT

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I've lost track how many times I've sent or received birthday wishes in the last 35 years but without a doubt the majority of them had the word Marine in them. For me it is an honor and a privilege to stand for my brothers past and with those present while the Marines Hymn sends shivers down my

spine. Whether you celebrate among friends on one of the many days when a Ball brings everyone together, or individually on November 10<sup>th</sup>, know that we celebrate together.

### Happy 238<sup>th</sup> Birthday Marines!

Please join me in welcoming aboard our newest member Ira Thompson.

At the services for Marine Luther Charles Terrell Jr. in Leesburg several of our members chatted with Michael Ortega, a friend of the deceased, and shortly after I received an email asking where to send the application. Thank you to Bob Breton, Ernie Elmore, Tim, McClelland and Rodger Paulin for representing us well.

Sadly we had no volunteers to help organize our annual awards banquet so Sr. Vice Elmore has talked to River Pointe and we are moving ahead with a December 17<sup>th</sup> dinner. Details will be available as soon as we get a head count on those attending.

At the October Department staff meeting, much of the discussion took place over delinquent members. I don't believe after all was said and done that a miracle cure was reached but some of the actions by other Detachments had merit. We have the third largest paid membership in the Department and we are still growing. Don't let our size influence your impression of our need or your worth. With every member's participation there are so many things we can do for our fellow Marines, their families and our community. As for our delinquents, some were just a little late, some intended to renew and forgot, and some we probably won't see again. I can only hope that those who

choose not to renew rationalize doing so with as much conviction as it took to first don that Eagle, Globe and Anchor. You don't have to be retired, independently wealthy or crazy to support the Marine Corps League and all those that served (but luckily there is a little of all of that out there).

## CHAPLAINS' CORNER

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Continue to pray for Marine Tom Voth and his wife. Marine Jim Reilly, says all is well on the way to recovery, feeling better but still on oxygen. Marine Joe Caldiera, had surgery for a bypass and valve implant, is doing rehab and still has shortness of breath but coming along.

Remember Marines Ken Berggren & Rob McCarty (emailed them with no response). Also, continue to remember our National Sr. Vice Commandant John Kovalcik and our Department Commandant Joe Barbee as they continue to recover from surgery.

This month the Lord has taken home:  
Corporal James W. Barnhill served 7 yrs in the Marine Corps and retired from the Army, Corporal Timothy R. Collins who served from 1979 to 1987 and retired from Marine Base and Marine PFC David L. Reed who served in Vietnam.

R/S,

Robert A. (Bob) Breton  
Detachment Chaplain

*Chaplain Bob Breton can be reached at 434-1169 or  
msgtrabret@yahoo.com to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.*

## MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

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(This is a condensed version of the minutes. You can read them in their entirety on our website)

15 October 2013

Commandant Kirstatter called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Course, Albany, GA. All officers were present with exception to Adjutant Harrell and Sgt at Arms Rodgers. There were a total of 22 members and 2 associate members present.

Correspondence: Mary DesJardines called to thank us for continuing to send her the monthly Detachment newsletter. The National Fall Headquarters Project Midwinter Raffle will be drawn on February 15, 2014. Tickets are \$5 each.

Chaplain Bob Breton reported that Marine Bobbie Elmore is home recovering from knee surgery.

Sr. Vice Elmore continues working on the dictionary project and has recently spoken with the Worth County School Board about the project.

Jr. Vice Paulin announced that Marine Randolph Scott is still pending the membership oath.

Patriotism Committee: Dave Aldrich reported there have been 195 flags issued since the program began. He has a goal to reach 200 by the Detachment meeting.

Veteran's Coalition Committee: Marine Nicholson announced there will be a Salute to Veterans on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 0830 at Veteran's Park. Also on November 11<sup>th</sup> Post 30 will host a breakfast with a guest speaker. Colors will be at 0630 followed by the WWII Monument dedication at Veteran's Park.

Old Business: Marine Nicholson said all the needed funds have been raised for the WWII Memorial. Thanks to Bill Hamby for putting them over the top. Stone is being cut now and will be dedicated on November 11 at 1100. The next project will be a Korean War Memorial; any unused funds will go to that effort.

New Business: The Nominations Committee will be chaired by Paymaster Adams.

Good of the League: Sr. Vice Elmore needs awards nominations as soon as possible. He also stated that our members are fortunate to belong to a well-led, cohesive Detachment. Marine Newton said Judy Bowles of Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful continues to sing the Detachment's praises for its steadfast commitment to cleaning up the Riverwalk. She is inviting a member of the Detachment who lives in Dougherty County to serve on her organization's board of directors.

Meeting adjourned @ 1925

## GET INVOLVED

### SELL YOUR TICKETS!!!!

#### Charity Sale



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Saturday, Nov. 9 | 6-10am

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**THERE IS ALSO A CHANCE, IF DETACHMENT MEMBERS VOLUNTEER ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT TO WORK IN THE STORE, THE DETACHMENT WILL GET A SHARE OF THE TICKETS SOLD BY THE STORE THAT DAY.**

CONTACT BOBBIE ELMORE

## PATRIOTISM



November is the Month we recognize and pay tribute to our Nations Veterans therefore; I want to publish a quick Poem as a reminder of this Day on November 11, 2013.

### Veteran's Day

**We honor you, who fought for us,  
for country's sake of freedom's plight.  
You kept the greatest country great,  
by sacrifice of you who served.**

**Honor to military, soldiers served.  
There seems no risk in peace to serve.  
When war breaks the silent peace,  
no peace when security cease.**

**Sacrifice of civilian life,  
careers succumb to enlist, or draft.**



Families wait in fear, in prayer,  
for loved ones return alive, not dead.

Returned Heroes and those deceased,  
we honor, thank, though insufficient.  
Parades, programs, our pride convey,  
We honor you on Veteran's Day

*Roger W Hancock - © 12-28-2001*

"Thank you all for your Service"  
Have a GREAT November!

Semper Fi

Dave Aldrich  
Patriotism Chairman

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE



In December the following member's annual dues come up. Renew early so you don't end up on the delinquent list.

Ludovic Baudoin d'Ajoux

Michael Brown

Will Davis

Al Fazekas

Greg Freed

Thomas Gieryic

Andrea Gillan

Dan Gillan

Alex Hart

Harold Hart

Henry Jackson

Gregory Maine

Kevin McCutcheon

Harry McDole

Deanna Nicholson

Cam Paulin

Gale Rodgers

Jim Rodgers

Richard Roe

Bobby Sanders

Burt Sutherland

Stanley Thomas

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



Marine Corps Logistics Base  
2nd Annual  
Dirty Devil Dog Mud Run  
16 November 2013

<http://beta.active.com/aalbany-ga/running/mud-runs/mclb-dirty-devil-dog-mud-run-2013?int=29-114-1>

**MCLB 238<sup>th</sup>**

## Marine Corps Birthday Ball

8 November 2013  
1730 to 2345

Albany State University  
Hyper Gymnasium  
504 College Drive Albany, GA 31705



Tickets on sale 23 September – 1 November @ Town & Country Restaurant lobby Monday – Friday 1100 – 1300  
Civilians and Retirees \$50/per person.

For more information:

<http://www.albany.marines.mil/Resources/MarineCorpsBall.aspx>

Tricare Prime Service Areas change: October 1<sup>st</sup> check [www.tricare.mil/Welcome/CurrentTopics/ChangestoPSAs/PSALookup.aspx](http://www.tricare.mil/Welcome/CurrentTopics/ChangestoPSAs/PSALookup.aspx) to see if you live in an area that is affected by the PSA changes.



**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
238<sup>TH</sup> Birthday Ball**

**Saturday, 9 November 2013**  
**Hilton Garden Inn**  
**Cocktail Hour: 1800**  
**Ceremony Begins: 1900**  
**Attire: Formal/Black Tie**

Bar will remain open thru out the evening. (Except during the Ceremony)

### **CASH BAR ONLY**

Beer = \$4.00, Wine = \$5.00 Mixed Alcohol Drink = \$6.00 Soda = \$2 Tea,  
Coffee & Water -free

### Cost

\$25.00 each for LCpl's, PFC's, Privates and their first guest

\$35.00 each for NCO's and their first guest

\$45.00 each for Officer's/SNCO's and their first guest

\$50.00 Retirees, civilians, and additional guests

\$45 Group rate 10+

**Tickets available for purchase September and October drill weekends 2013. See Sgt Usher on the I&I Staff building #7106 for purchasing tickets. For further information contact Sgt Usher @ 639-5477.**



## **THIS MONTH IN HISTORY**

**2 November 1931:** VS-14M on USS *Saratoga* and VS-15M on USS *Lexington* were the first Marine carrier-based squadrons.

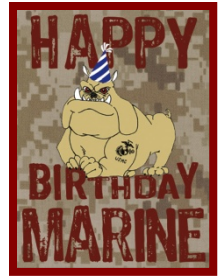
**5 November 1915:** Marines under Maj S.D. Butler captured the stronghold at Fort Capois, Haiti.

**7 November 2004:** I MEF launched Operation Phantom Fury (Operational-Fajr) against Insurgents in Fallujah, Iraq. Second Battle of Fallujah began.

**10 November 1775:** The Continental Congress authorized the creation of the Marine Corps. **HAPPY 238<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!**



**11 November: VETERAN'S DAY**



**12 November 1946:** Gerald C. Thomas, the first Marine to rise from private to general, rank by rank, received his second Legion of Merit.

**15 November 1950:** Elements of the 1stMarDiv reached the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea.

**18 November 1955:** A memorial honoring the 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Brigade was dedicated at Belleau Wood, France.



**20 November 1947:** Maj Bill Hendricks and Marine reservists started Toys for Tots in Los Angeles around this date. The Marine Corps Reserve adopted the program one year later.

**22 November 1943:** Tarawa was secured after 72 hours of bitter fighting.

**25 November 1958:** The Marine Corps grade structure was revised to make room for additional grades (E8/E9).



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

**29 November 1804:** Lt Presley O'Bannon and seven Marines landed in Alexandria, Egypt.

## IN THE NEWS

Washington Post  
October 28, 2013

### Retired Marine Gen. John R. Allen considers U.S. resolve in a troubled world

By Walter Pincus

How does the United States provide global leadership when its military and economic powers — still the world's greatest — can no longer provide the threat or financial rewards necessary to stabilize areas such as the Middle East and Central Asia?

Critics of the Obama administration argue that diplomacy only works when political, economic and security conditions make them possible. Heavy emphasis on the latter.

"What has sustained us as a superpower has been the sheer capacity that we have across many of the measures of national power, enormous political capacity, enormous diplomatic capacity, the strongest economy on the planet.

"But undergirding all of that . . . has been in the end the ability for us to exert coercive power, and no diplomacy in the end can be effective without the potential coercive arm necessary to drive diplomacy home if diplomacy fails."

Those are the words of retired Marine Corps Gen. John R. Allen at the Foreign Policy Institute, where he gave a thoughtful tutorial on global leadership, explaining how things have changed over the past decade.

Allen sees instability "bordering on chaos" in the Middle East and along Africa's northern tier. It requires, he said, the exertion of U.S. leadership "where we can have an outcome that can bring about stability."

The question is, he added, "What means do we have to facilitate that end over the long term?"

- Afghanistan: Allen, a former commander there, sees the April 5, 2014, presidential election as critical. He worries that if the voting date slips or there is a runoff, the formation of a new government will come at the same time that the U.S. and allied military mission ends "and the next mission begins."

The post-January 2015 advisory military element would be needed to continue development of the Afghan National Security Force, which will offer stability for the new administration and give it the "ability to get its legs under it."

A hang-up is the status-of-forces agreement that Allen said requires the Afghans to compromise on sovereignty by giving legal jurisdictional protection to U.S. troops there. President Obama has made clear that without that safeguard, "He will not leave our forces in Afghanistan," Allen said.

"The Afghan people need to ask themselves what they need to trade in terms of sovereignty for the long-term security of the country and a relationship with the West," he said.

- Pakistan: The U.S. relationship has been troubled, Allen said, primarily because of insurgents who traveled into Afghanistan from sanctuaries in Pakistan. Allen noted that the Pakistan army's counterinsurgency operations in tribal areas meant more casualties for them than for U.S. forces in the areas in a shorter period of time.

"I'm always very careful about the natural reflex in this town [Washington] to punish Pakistan over policy differences," Allen said.

- Iran: With the Tehran regime as "a supporter of terrorism and instability in the region," he said talks on its nuclear program are "important right now." The rhetoric of President Hassan Rouhani sounds good, but "it's about the action that backs up the rhetoric," Allen said.

- Iraq: Because the United States withdrew its combat forces when a status-of-forces agreement fell through, Allen said, "We weren't there long enough to provide the top cover for the solution of many of the political difficulties that might have resolved itself if we had been there for a longer period of time." The Shia leadership has cracked down on the Sunni minority, creating a violent situation exacerbated by al-Qaeda elements who Allen said "have been commuting back and forth across the Syrian border to assist the resistance in Syria."

- Syria: Allen describes it as "emblematic of how bad the Middle East problem can be." He sees regional Arab states divided in their support of the insurgents and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, Shia vs. Sunni, moderate Sunni resistance elements against al-Qaeda resistance elements and some Arab states against others. One result may be "satellite states in some form or another around the periphery," he said.

- Jordan: Beset with a humanitarian crisis from the influx of Syrian refugees — on top of Iraqis and Palestinians from the past — the United States must offer more aid to help King Abdullah II "maintain the demographic balance."

- Egypt: The U.S. relationship is "extraordinarily important," he said. But he called attention to Egypt's "enormous social, economic and political challenges, which ultimately prompted the departure of [former elected president Mohamed] Morsi and the ascendancy of the military."

- Israel: There is "a potential for progress on Middle East peace, two-state outcome," Allen said. "Any progress . . . is useful not just to the region but ultimately to the United States."

Allen compared today with the 1990s post-Gulf War period when the Middle East was quieter. Many of the countries and kingdoms in flux today joined the United States in the coalition that solved the Kuwait issue.



Instead, Allen said, "From the northern tier of Africa, the African Sahel [including Mali, Niger, Chad, Sudan], across the Middle East, across South Asia, all the way to the border of India and Pakistan, we've got some very substantial challenges."

In an era of constrained budgets, Allen asked whether the military forces "can really be the underwriting safety net . . . to enforce our political intent, our strategic outcomes, our strategic objectives and our diplomacy?"

He said he did not think the country had answered that question. My view: Washington needs limited objectives. Led a decade ago into a \$1 trillion war, we have endured upwards of 30,000 dead and wounded. Americans have little stomach for more such adventures. Perhaps we should straighten out our own politics and financial base before telling others how to manage their affairs.



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05 – Tom Collins  
06 – Felix Cheshire  
06 – George Palima  
07 – Kelly Fisk  
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12 – Willie Qualls  
15 – Ralph Scoccimaro  
16 – James Johnson  
18 – Ernie Elmore  
18 – Nathaniel Lowman  
25 – Tom Voth



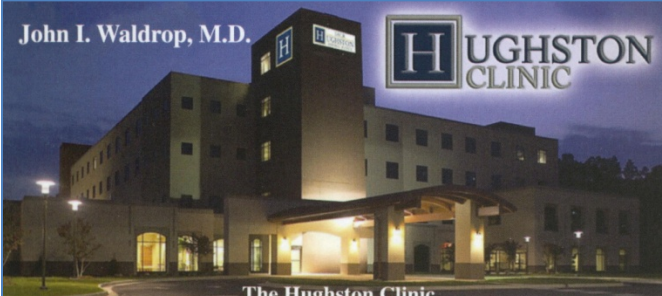
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*Marine Corps League*  
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*Up Coming Events*

***November***

2 <sup>nd</sup>	1000	Pound 360 Growl, Commons Church, 3014 Sylvester Rd, Albany, GA
6 <sup>th</sup>	0615	Retiree Breakfast, MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
8 <sup>th</sup>	1730	MCLB 238 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Ball, ASU HYPER-Gymnasium, Albany, GA
9 <sup>th</sup>	1111	32 <sup>nd</sup> GA Veterans Day Parade, Honoring our Korean War, Downtown Atlanta, GA
	1800	DET 2 238 <sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Hilton Garden Inn, Albany, GA
	0600	Belk Charity Sale, Albany Mall, Albany, GA
	1111	WWII Memorial dedication, Memorial Park, Albany, GA
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17 <sup>th</sup>	1830	Detachments' Awards Banquet





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**A YEAR TO REMEMBER**

**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Al Fazekas, Kathy Fazekas, Henry Jackson, Dick Stevens, Tim McClelland, Dave Aldrich, Roger Paulin, Bob Breton, Ernie Elmore & Ron Kirstatter. Veterans Day at Crown Hill Cemetery honoring Maj. Lawrence DesJardines



Dave Aldrich, Ray Murphy, Roger Paulin, Jerry Wessels, Bob Breton, Tim McClelland, Kathy Fazekas, Maxine Belk, Al Fazekas, & John Belk during the Flag Raising Ceremony at the American Legion Post 30 on Veterans Day.

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## FROM THE COMMANDANT



Hope everyone had the kind of Thanksgiving we pause and celebrate for: family, friends, good fortune throughout the year and a bountiful harvest. My second year as Commandant has almost come to an end and I had all those things to be thankful for. Our active

membership is growing, our visibility through community service is increasing and our drive to assist Marines & FMF Corpsman is unparalleled.

The birthday and Veteran's Day celebrations this year were plentiful. Many attended the flag raising and breakfast at American Legion Post #30, a prayer and honors to our Detachment's namesake Major Lawrence DesJardines and the tremendous turnout at the World War II memorial dedication at Veteran's Park.

As we ready to recognize those that contributed so much this year at our Annual Awards Banquet all I can say is THANK YOU! We have nearly 50 confirmed for the banquet at River Pointe but I'm sure there is room for more. We have a great meal planned and the cost is only \$25. Our guest speaker is the C4 Operations Chief for Marine Corps Logistics Command, MGySgt Brent Dorrough.

If the November meeting is any indication of what is to come, I am very excited for our new staff. Bob Adams has done a fantastic job as the Nominations Chairman and in January we will need your vote to elect new officers to lead your Detachment. There will also be many opportunities for those that wish to seek appointed positions within the new staff. Do a little research and find a niche for yourself.

If I don't see each of you at the banquet on December 17<sup>th</sup>, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## CHAPLAINS' CORNER



**Marines and Families that are Ill:** Marine Joe Caldiera had surgery for a bypass and valve implant he is doing rehab and still has shortness of breath but coming along. Continue praying for Marine Bobbie Elmore

and her continued recovery, and the wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, she is in the process of recovering from a serious illness.

**Chaplains help desk:** On Saturday 8 Nov I received a call from Commandant Kirstatter about some aid needed by the new Detachment 1402 in Columbus. They had a fallen Marine, 88 year old James Lett and needed a Certificate of Appreciation and Letter of Condolence. There wasn't enough time on Saturday to get all the information and prepare the required package for mailing and the Post Office could not guarantee delivery of overnight package on Tuesday 12 Nov, so I hand delivered it to Commandant Jedd DePope's residence. Got a call from Columbus this morning 18 Nov, all is well and the memorial went very well. Mr. DePope's wife has been in the hospital and requires our prayers.

### **Fallen Marine Program**

This month the Lord has taken home.

GySgt James L. Jankowski, USMC Retired; passed on 17 Oct.  
LCpl Luther C. Terrell, Jr.; passed on 17 Oct.

### **Devotion:** (Genesis 37:18-28; 50:20)

*God turned into good what you meant for evil. Genesis 50:20*

Joseph was in a bad spot. He had a special relationship with God and his father-a marvelous thing. Those special friendships, however, made his brothers extremely jealous, in fact, they thought about killing him. Instead they came up with a cruel plan to sell him into slavery and report to their father that he had been killed by wild animals. Not only was Joseph sold as a slave, but he wound up in an Egyptian prison for refusing to do wrong.

You might not have experienced what Joseph did, but maybe you've been rejected by friends. Maybe you've been punished for something you didn't do or ridiculed for doing what was right.

We can only guess at what Joseph felt as he wasted away in a prison cell. But, he didn't let his circumstances keep him from trusting in God and doing what was right. Why? Because he still believed that God was in control.

Joseph's story proves how God unfailingly sticks to his people and turns even evil circumstances to our good.

None of us can escape being roughed up by others. But we can remember that when people poke us with evil, God will bring good out of the pain. Even when you feel ditched by others, God hasn't ditched you. He's right there with you and is still in control.



My prayer is: *“Lord, help us to trust that you are in control, even when things seem to be out of control. Help us to know that you are always there for us. Amen”*

R/S:

**Bob Breton**

**Det. Chaplain**



Chaplain Bob Breton can be reached at 434-1169 or [msgtrabret@yahoo.com](mailto:msgtrabret@yahoo.com) to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.

## **MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS**

(This is a condensed version of the minutes. You can read them in their entirety on our website)

19 November 2013

Commandant Kirstatter called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Course, Albany, GA. All officers were present. There were a total of 32 members and 7 associate members present.

Applications for Membership: Regular Member sworn in was Miles Martin and Will Davis. Sheila Kirstatter was sworn in as an Associate Member.

Chaplain Bob Breton reported that Marine Randolph Scott is recovering from a hernia operation.

Sr. Vice Elmore shared a letter of approbation from the daughter of GySgt James L. Jankowski - RET who passed on and the family needed some help getting a uniform to bury him in, she sent a check for \$150 to the Detachment for their assistance. Sr. Vice also made a motion for the Detachment to pay Henry Jacksons Lifetime dues as a WWII Vet.

Jr. Vice Paulin announced he has 4 to 5 perspective members.

Patriotism Committee: Chairman Dave Aldrich reported they have replaced 202 new flags.

Veteran's Coalition Committee: Nick Nicholson announced that a Christmas Party will be held on December 6th at 7:00 pm at the American Legion Post 30.

Correspondence: Kristal from Roosters sent a Thank You card to all Marines who go there for breakfast on Wednesday mornings. The Detachment received from National; A 100% Membership Streamer and a Membership Citation.

Announcements: If you haven't already confirmed your attendance for the Awards Banquet on December 17th and would like to attend, please contact Commandant Kirstatter at [semperfi@mclalbanyga.org](mailto:semperfi@mclalbanyga.org) or (229) 809-0084.

Meeting adjourned @ 1930

## **GET INVOLVED**



**RIVER WALK CLEAN-UP**  
**February 3rd**



## ***PATRIOTISM***

CHAIRMAN – DAVE ALDRICH

***MERRY CHRISTMAS***

***AND***

***HAPPY NEW YEAR***

***GOD BLESS AMERICA***



## ***BOY SCOUTS***



Desmane Thomas of Boy Scout Troop 3 successfully completed his Eagle Scout service project and also completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review. We will be planning a Court of Honor in order to present his Eagle Scout rank in the very near future. Other scouts continue to work on their merit badges, religious emblems and of course their school work.

## ***GOOD OF THE LEAGUE***

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



### ***Mid-Winter Meeting***

February 13-15  
Fairview Park Marriott  
Falls Church, VA

<http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php?module=ContentExpress&func=display&ceid=91>



Department of GA Convention will be held on May 2-4 in LaGrange, GA.  
Additional information will be posted as it is received.



## **Georgia Department of Veterans Service**

### **Supermarket of Veterans Benefits**

**Thu, 12/05/2013 - 10:00am to 3:00pm**

**Location: Georgia National Guard Armory  
1248 Eisenhower Drive  
Savannah, GA 31406**

The Supermarket of Veterans Benefits is an annual gathering of 40+ government agencies to provide a "one-stop shop" for Veterans benefits.

For more information on the content of this news release; Please contact the GDVS Public Information Division at 404-656-5933 or [gavetsvc@vs.state.ga.us](mailto:gavetsvc@vs.state.ga.us).



Tasked by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to find ways to preserve force readiness amid sharply falling budgets, his comptroller and the Joint Staff have asked the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) for a plan to close all stateside base grocery stores, say military resale community sources.

<http://spousebuzz.com/blog/2013/11/commissary-closure-plan-everything-you-need-to-know.html>



## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS



### MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

TYPE	Regular	Associate
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	16	
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	60	19
<b>DELINQUENT</b>		
TYPE	Regular	Associate
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	16	2
<b>SUB-TOTALS</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>	

### MEMBERSHIPS UP FOR RENEWAL

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
	Katherine Bushnell	Bob Breton
	Benjamin Holliday	Bob Brooks
	James Johnson	Joseph Caldeira
	J.J. Kraus	Robert Cerney Jr.
	Dennis Lawing	Richard Knepp
	Tom Voth	Patrick O'Lear
		Charlie Plunkett
		Bobby Sisai



Just Dropping In...



...To Wish You  
A Happy Holiday!

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



**1 December 1947:** The Corps' first helicopter squadron, HMX-1, was commissioned at Quantico.

**7 December 1941:** The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor left more than 3,000 Marines and Sailors killed in action.



**8 December 1941:** The Japanese attacked American garrisons at Wake Island, Guam, and the Philippines.



**11 December 1941:** VMF-211 Wildcats sank the Japanese destroyer *Kisaragi* during the defense of Wake Island.

**14 December 1941:** Wake Island defenders were left with one aircraft surviving Japanese attacks.

**15 December 1968:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment commenced search-and-destroy Operation Citrus in Vietnam.



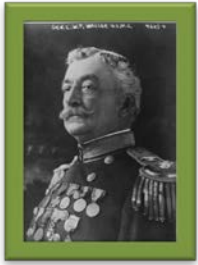
**19 December 1944:** MAG-12 Corsairs blew up Japanese supply dumps at Palompon, Leyte.

**23 December 1817:** Marines in a joint Army-Navy operation forced the surrender of Amelia Island.



**25 December:** CHRISTMAS DAY! Each year at Christmas Marines guard our national security all over the world.





**28 December 1901:** Maj L.W.T. Waller's ill-fated "March Across Samar" began.

**30 December 1927:** Marines participated in the battle of Camino Real (Nicaragua).

## IN THE NEWS

### Marine Wing Commander Endorses Aerial Refueling Mission for V-22 Osprey

By Stew Magnuson  
National Defense Magazine

SAN DIEGO — A Bell Helicopter-Boeing Co. proposal to use the V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft as a refueling tanker has the endorsement of one of the Marine Corp's wing commanders, and at least one of his higher-ups.

Maj. Gen. Steven Busby, commanding general of the third Marine aircraft wing at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., said Nov. 20 at the MilCom conference that he would welcome having some of the service's MV-22 variants serve in that capacity.

"Having a tanker version of the MV-22 coming off an amphibious platform is going to be able to extend the range of the Joint Strike Fighter beyond what we currently have with the F-35B and is going to be able to provide potential refueling capabilities maybe for the CH-53," he said.

The Bell-Boeing consortium that manufactures the tilt-rotor V-22 Osprey successfully demonstrated the aircraft's ability to be used as an aerial refueling tanker last summer, using their own research-and-development dollars.

In a test carried out over north Texas in August, a V-22 equipped with a prototype aerial refueling system deployed, held steady and retracted a refueling drogue with an F/A-18C and an F/A-18D Hornet as test subjects.

In a statement after the test, Vince Tobin, Bell Boeing's V-22 program director, said: "Adding aerial refueling tanker capability to the V-22 will enable operators to execute a wider variety of missions with greater flexibility and autonomy. This will save time and money by maximizing the efficient use of aircraft and personnel."

Busby said: "It will show in my mind to everybody that the MV-22 is not a helicopter. It is an aircraft that can land like a helicopter."

"To be able to put fuel in the back of the MV-22 is going to greatly increase the power of the amphibious force ... It's going to significantly change I think how we push some of those platforms from the sea," Busby added.

While the tilt-rotor aircraft tested its refueling capabilities with the jet fighters, the hoses employed are universal, and the Osprey could refuel any other aircraft, so long as it was going at the proper speed, Boeing officials told National Defense shortly after the test.

No fuel was actually transferred during the test, but the V-22 was able to deploy and retract its refueling equipment as the fighters flew behind.

The Marine Corps and Air Force Special Operations Command are the U.S. military customers; however the companies are marketing the V-22 overseas. A refueling capability would make the aircraft more attractive to foreign buyers, a company official said.

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

01 – Nick Nicholson

01 – Ira Thompson

06 – Felix Demuth

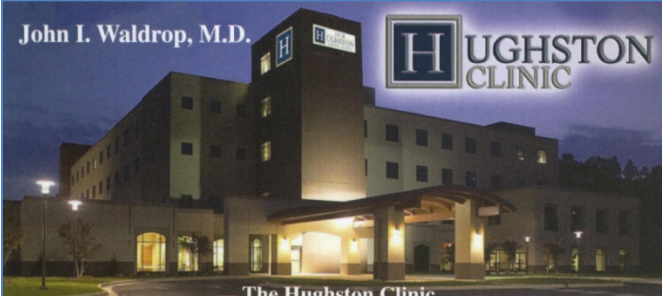
14 – Ruthie Breton

15 – Daulton Luttrell

19 – Richard Roe

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*Up Coming Events*

*December*

4 <sup>th</sup>	0615	Retiree Breakfast, MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
6 <sup>th</sup>	1900	SOWEGA Veterans Coalition Christmas Party Ameircan Legion Post #30, Albany, GA
17th	1830	Detachments' Awards Banquet, River Pointe Country Club, Albany, GA



*January*

13 <sup>th</sup>	1830	SOWEGA Veterans Coalition Meeting, Ameircan Legion Post #30, Albany, GA
21 <sup>st</sup>	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Country Club, Albany, GA





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