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FROM THE COMMANDANT



Happy New Year Everyone!

In my final column as your Commandant I wish to thank each and every one of you that have contributed to our success as a Detachment over the last two years. Even if time has not

permitted you to participate in all that you would have liked to, your continued loyalty to our Marines is appreciated. I hope that in 2014 you will support the new leadership and participation will continue to increase. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment. I will certainly continue to serve as your Jr. Past Commandant and in whatever other capacity that is appropriate.



The turnout for the annual Awards Banquet was great. MGySgt Brent Dorrough, our guest speaker, delivered the simplest of messages with poignant emphasis, what is it that makes Marines the way we are? The shiver you feel down your spine during the

Marine's Hymn and National Anthem. The fact we never leave a fellow Marine behind. And that we have all earned the title Marine, regardless of the uniform we wear today. My thanks to MGySgt Dorrough and his wife for taking the time to share in our revelry.

Congratulations to Tim McClelland, our 2013 Marine of the Year. Tim continues to advance his knowledge, responsibilities and contributions not only to the Detachment but to Pound #360 and the community. His participation at Department functions has also not gone unnoticed. Our Associate of the Year, Ruthie Breton seemed genuinely surprised of her selection but nothing could be further than reality. Ruthie stepped it up this year leading and volunteering at every turn. These two exemplify everything our mission statement says. Congratulations to all the other awardees of the evening, each and every one of them well deserved.

Don't forget our next meeting will be for elections and we must once again select the best candidates for our four elected positions. Our Nominations Chairperson Bob Adams 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.

Semper Fi!

Commandant Kirstatter

CHAPLAINS' CORNER



Marines and Families that are Ill: Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, She is in the process of recovering from a serious illness.

Fallen Marine Program

This month the Lord has taken home:

Marine Adrian J. Faulk, passed on 23 Nov

MSgt Don W. Underwood, USMC Retired; passed on 25 Nov

Marine Sergeant, (1953- 1956) Ivey J. Willis, Jr., Passed on 3 Dec

Marine Corporal John W. McGhee, (1951-1954) Passed On 12 Dec

Devotion: (John 3:1-21)

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)

Some gifts are so big and so good that there no hope of ever paying them back . . . like a Dad who donates an organ to his brother. . . a police officer who dies to save a child . . . a Savior who dies for the sins of the world.

Those gifts are given with no strings attached. But lots of the so-called love we get in life falls short of that incredible care.

Much love is an "I love you if . . ." or "I love you because . . ." kind of love. It says "I love you if you behave well" or "I love you if you act or dress a certain way" or "I love you if you disappear and don't bug me." Or it says "I love you *because* you are so beautiful" or "I love you *because* you make me laugh." That's love we have to earn by being the right person, doing the right thing, or having the right stuff. This "*if*" and "*because*" is conditional love.

"I love you, *period*" is the kind of love we're all looking for. It comes with no conditions. It sticks around whether we deserve it or not. It says I love you no matter what you might be like

inside. I love you no matter what might change about you. I love you no matter what you can or can't do for me.
"Love, *period*" is unconditional. That is the love the Lord has for all of us.

My prayer is: ***"Lord, help us to love unconditionally. Amen"***

May you all have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

R/S:

Bob Breton

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msgtrabret@yahoo.com to report sickness, injury or for spiritual needs.*

MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

No minutes were kept at Decembers' meeting. We held our Annual Awards Banquet and here are some results.



Dan Gillan and Carl Wilcox receive the Community Service Award from Commandant Kirstatter.



Dave Aldrich and Richard Chaffin (not pictured) receive the Individual Meritorious Commendation Award.



Dave Aldrich, Bob Breton, Tim McClelland and Bob Adams receive the Distinguished Citizen Award.



Nick Nicholson, Sheila Kirstatter, Tim McClelland and Richard Chaffin (not pictured) receive the Distinguished Service Award.



Roger Paulin receives the Recruiter of the Year Award.

GET INVOLVED



RIVER WALK CLEAN-UP
February 3rd

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

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

January 25th, 2013; Department of Georgia Staff Meeting, Pooler, Georgia ([click here for more info](#))

<http://www.mcldeptofga.org/docs/Events/Welcome%20Letter%20for%20the%20Staff%20Mtg%202013.pdf>



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.

PATRIOTISM



Now that we are entering into another year (2014) and those who Fly our National Colors on only special occasions. I figured it would be good to publish a check list to follow, as a reminder, when it would time to break out your colors and display with pride on this special day! The notes below provide a little instruction and reason for the particular day to fly your colors to include a little History and rational.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Calendar

U.S. Special Flag Flying Days

1-Jan	New Year's Day
20-Jan	Inauguration Day (every fourth year)
3 rd Monday in Jan	Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday
3 rd Monday in Feb	President's Day (note 1)
(Variable)	Easter Sunday
6-Apr	Army Day (Navy only)
13-Apr	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday (Army only)
14-Apr	Pan American Day (embassies in Latin America)
1-May	Loyalty Day/Law Day (Army only)
2 nd Sunday in May	Mothers Day
2 nd Monday in May	Peace Officers Memorial Day (note 5)
3 rd Saturday in May	Armed Forces Day (note 2)
22-May	National Maritime Day (Army & Navy only) (note 2)
Last Monday in May	Memorial Day (note 3)
14-Jun	Flag Day
3 rd Sunday in June	Father's Day (Army only)
4-Jul	Independence Day (note 4)
27-Jul	Korean War Armistice Day
19-Aug	National Aviation Day (Army only)
1 st Monday in Sept	Labor Day
11-Sep	Patriot Day (note 5)
17-Sep	Constitution Day
3 rd Friday in Sept	POW/MIA Recognition Day
Last Sunday in Sept	Gold Star Mothers Day (Army only)
2 nd Monday in Oct	Columbus Day (October 12 at Foreign Service posts)
27-Oct	Navy Day (Navy and Marine Corps only)
10-Nov	Marine Corps Birthday (Marine Corps only)
11-Nov	Veterans Day
4 th Thursday in Nov	Thanksgiving Day
7-Dec	Pearl Harbor Day (note 5)
17-Dec	Pan American Aviation Day (embassies in Lat Am)
25-Dec	Christmas Day

On the days specified:

Army posts fly the garrison flag, measuring 20 by 38 feet in lieu of the usual post flag 8.95 by 17 feet. This has been the approximate size of the garrison flag since at least 1834, when the Regulations

of the U.S. Army decreed that the garrison flag would not exceed 20 by 40 feet. In addition, Army posts may display the garrison flag for regional celebrations when directed by the post commander.

Naval vessels and installations fly holiday-size colors of the next larger size from those normally flown. The size of the flags used depends on the size of the ship or, at shore facilities, the height of the flagpole. Holiday-size colors for the largest ships (over 450 feet) are normally 8.95 by 17 feet. Holiday-size colors of 20 by 38 feet are used by shore installations with flagpoles of 55 feet or more. In addition to the days listed above, ships and installations may fly holiday size colors on the anniversary of the admission to the Union of the state in which they are located, or on foreign holidays when in foreign waters.

Marine Corps posts fly the 20 by 38 foot garrison flag only on flagpoles 65 feet or taller. In addition to the days listed above, garrison flags are displayed every Sunday.

The **Air Force** does not use holiday-size colors or fire gun salutes.

American **diplomatic and consular missions** normally display flags measuring 5 by 9.5 feet but use larger or smaller flags depending on the size of the building housing the mission and the height of the flagpole. Chiefs of mission may fly larger-than-usual flags on the days indicated above.

NOTES:

1. Navy and Coast Guard ships in commission, not underway, full-dress ship from 0800 to sunset. (This entails displaying the largest national ensign available at the flagstaff, additional national ensigns at each masthead (except those displaying a personal flag or command pennant), and an array of signal flags from stem to stern in accordance with the sequence specified in the pertinent signal directives.) Saluting ships and Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard installations with saluting batteries fire a 21-gun national salute at noon.
2. Navy and Coast Guard ships in commission, not underway, dress ship from 0800 to sunset. (This is the same as full-dressing ship, but without the array of signal flags from stem to stern.)
3. The flag is displayed at half-staff until noon (except as indicated below), then hoisted to the top of the flagpole for the remainder of the day.
At Army installations with a band, an "appropriate air" is played immediately before noon. Installations equipped with the necessary equipment fire a national salute of 21 guns (at three-second intervals) beginning at noon, at the conclusion of which the flag is hoisted to the top of the pole. The flag is then saluted by the band's playing of "appropriate patriotic music."

Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard ships and installations fly the national ensign at half-mast beginning at morning colors (0800). At noon, saluting ships and installations with saluting batteries fire a salute of 21 minute guns. At the conclusion of this salute (or at 1220 aboard ships and installations not firing the salute), the ensign is hoisted to the peak or truck and remains there until evening colors at sunset.

4. At noon, Army installations with saluting equipment fire a salute to the Union consisting of one gun for every state (50 guns) at three-second intervals. Ships in commission not under way full dress ship from 0800 to sunset. Saluting ships and Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard installations with saluting batteries fire a national salute of 21 guns (at five-second intervals) at noon. If July 4 falls on a Sunday, the gun salutes and full dressing of ships are postponed to July 5.
5. The flag is displayed at half-staff for the entire day.

Semper Fi
Dave Aldrich - Patriotism Chairman

BOY SCOUTS



On Friday 20 December at The Point, Marine Joe Najjar had the privilege to recognize new Eagle Scout Matthew David Howard of Boy Scout Troop 7 with his Good Citizenship certificate and Eagle Scout coin from the Marine Corps League.

Thanks again for being our MCL representative for this important ceremony.

Semper Fi!
Dan



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING		
TYPE	Regular	Associate
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	18	1
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	63	20
DELINQUENT		
TYPE	Regular	Associate
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	11	1
SUB-TOTALS	92	22
TOTAL	114	

MEMBERSHIPS UP FOR RENEWAL		
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Katherine Bushnell	Bob Brooks	Joseph Caldeira
	James Johnson	Robert Cerney Jr.
	Dawaine Lake	Richard Knepp
	Patrick O'Lear	Charlie Plunkett
	Tom Voth	
INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NATIONALS' LATEST QUARTERLY REPORT		

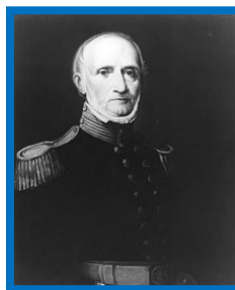


THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

1 January 1804: The tradition of the Marine Band serenading the Commandant was established.



3 January 1945: VMF-124 and VMF-213 from USS Essex struck Formosa and the Ryukyu Islands in the first Marine land strike from a carrier.



6 January 1859: BGen Archibald Henderson died in office after serving 39 years as the 5th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

8 January 1815: Marines with Andrew Jackson's help repulsed the British at New Orleans.

11 January 1945: MAG-24 landed in the Philippines to provide air support to the U.S. Army.



16 January 1991: Marines participated in the offensive air action against Iraq as Operation Desert Storm.

18 January 1961: SgtMaj Bertha Peters became the first women promoted to Sergeant Major in the Marine Corps.



20 January 1968: The 26th Marine Regiment killed 100 of the enemy as the second Battle of Khe Sanh, Vietnam, began.

20 January: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day





22 January 1969: Vietnam, Operation Dewey Canyon began, 1,617 enemies KIA.

28 January 1914: Marines with British, French, and German units landed in Haiti.

29 January 1991: Marines participated in the first major ground action of Operation Desert Storm, repulsing an Iraqi mechanized battalion.

IN THE NEWS

Marines Prepare for 3rd Annual Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl Kickoff

By Marine Corps Recruiting Command

QUANTICO, Va., -- The teams are set and the Marine Corps Recruiting Command (MCRC) is gearing up for the kickoff of the 2014 Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl. This nationally televised bowl, featuring the nation's best and brightest high school football players, will take place at The StubHub Center in Carson, CA. The game will be aired on the Fox Sports 1 Network live January 5, 2014; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (PST) / 9:00 – 11:00 p.m. (EST).

The main objective of the Semper Fidelis Football Program is to provide Marines with opportunities to purposefully engage well-rounded student athletes in order to share Marine Corps leadership lessons that will enable future success. The Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl is the culmination of a nationwide All-American player selection tour that collectively celebrates academic excellence, proven physical fitness, and quality of character.

"There are thousands of highly skilled football players in the country we could have selected to play in our All-American Bowl," said Col. Robert G. Golden III, Chief of Staff, MCRC, "But we only offer this opportunity to elite players who also demonstrate high moral character and leadership in all aspects of their lives."

The Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl is designed to be different than other bowls. The players selected to represent the Eastern and Western halves of the country were chosen

not only because they are among the most talented players in the nation, but also because they bring something more to the game.

"The Semper Fidelis Football Program provides Marines with the opportunity to engage America's youth and influencers," said Golden. "This Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl will bring together some of the most talented high school football players our nation has to offer. These players possess the character, academic excellence and leadership ability to represent the world's finest – the United States Marines."

Additional articles you may find interesting

SOME U.S. TROOPS HAUNTED BY ANTI-MALARIA DRUG'S DRASTIC SIDE EFFECTS

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/some-us-troops-haunted-by-anti-malaria-drugs-side-effects/>

MARINES TO PLAY BIG PART IN PACIFIC PUSH

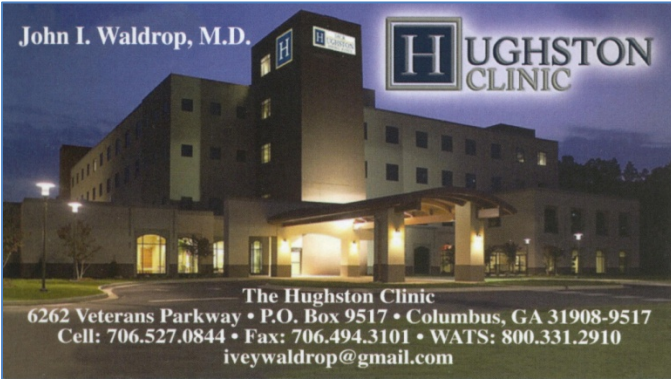
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12 – Karolyn Sutherland
20 – Robert Jarrett
21 – James Reily
25 – Dan Gillan
26 – Bobbie Elmore
27 – Dave Aldrich
Bob Brooks

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Up Coming Events



January

4 TH	1000	Pound 360 Growl Commons Church, 3014 Sylvester Rd, Albany, GA
13 th	1830	SOWEGA Veterans Coalition Meeting, Ameircan Legion Post #30, Albany, GA
21 st	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Country Club, Albany, GA
25 th	0900	Depatment Staff Meeting, Pooler, GA

February

5 th	0615	Retirees Breakfast MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
13 th		Mid-Winter Board of Trustees Meeting, Fairview Park Marriott, Fall Church, VA
14 th – 15 th		Mid-Winter National Staff Conference, Fairview Park Marriott, Fall Church, VA



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Installation of Officers



Commandant Ernie Elmore being sworn in by Jr. Past Commandant Ron Kirstatter



Installation of Officers from L to R: Commandant Ernie Elmore, Adjutant Melba Harrell, Sr. Vice Tim McClelland, Jr. Vice Roger Paulin, Judge Advocate Carl Wilcox, Chaplin Bob Breton, and Sgt-At-Arms Richard Chaffin.



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FROM THE COMMANDANT



"Always faithful", that describes the United States Marines and Marine and Past Detachment Commandant Ron Kirstatter in particular.

He has left me some pretty large boot prints to follow. During his term of office he has made our Detachment look very good. We have had good growth in membership, payment of dues and increase in participation of our events. He has represented us well at all Staff Meetings and State, District and National Conventions. It is amazing to all of us how he carried out all of these duties, including Department Webmaster, and hold down a demanding full-time job as well and being a devoted husband and grandfather. In all his dealings he was kind and put a positive face on all undertakings. And his can-do attitude was infectious. So I am very grateful to him for his leadership and example and hope to uphold the path he has set forth for us all.

As the members of Detachment 1260, I couldn't be prouder of you. You have been seen all around our community doing a variety of worthwhile endeavors and in each case Detachment 1260 has stood out as a positive influence in Lee and Dougherty counties. Everyone loves the Marine Corps (except for a few in our sister services - ahem), and we of our detachment, are the ones the local civilian community sees the most of and because of our good attitude, we are always welcome. Let us, in the year ahead, capitalize on our good relationship with our community by stepping out and enhancing our strengths - those things that work so well for us. And, let's not grow stale limiting ourselves to the activities we do over and over again, but planting some new outreaches. In the next months to come, I will be revealing some goals that I would like us to consider.

The Staff and I cannot do this alone. It takes all of us working together, always speaking well of each other and coming along side each other in the good and the bad times as well. If you have a problem with anything, or any suggestions you would like to make, please feel free to come to me and I will take the time to consider what you have to say and do all in my ability to assist you, and if I don't have the answer, I will find it. I look forward to the coming year with my brothers and sisters of Detachment 1260.

Semper Fi,

Ernie Elmore
Commandant

CHAPLIN'S CORNER



Marines and Families that are Ill: Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, She is in the process of recovering from a serious illness. Marine Herb Bradley and his wife Monica.

Fallen Marine Program

This month the Lord has taken home:

Marine 1st Lt. G. F. Hobaugh, (Ret. 1968), Passed on 21 Dec 2013.

Marine PFC Fred A. Grant, (1942-1945) passed on 16 Jan 2014, Miles and I attended the viewing.

Devotion: (2 Timothy 3:2-5)

Bad company corrupts good morals. 1 Corinthians 15:33

Ever have someone nag you about the company you keep. Being smart about choosing our friends helps us become the people God want us to be. **If** we're willing to admit to ourselves that our close friends have a big influence on us – and they do – then we want to be careful whom our closest friends are.

Here's one sure way: ask yourself how a friend changes your behavior – and don't kid yourself when you answer. Let's assume you are a sweet, kind, obedient, thoughtful, responsible person. Suppose

you find a new friend, and after a few weeks or so you find yourself goofing off or getting really lazy and arrogant at home. What happened? You might feel that your new friend is helping you loosen up, but “friends” that drag you into trouble are not really friends, even if you think of them as fun.

Do you have a friend that is steering you away from God? Then it's time to back off, reassess and find a better friend. That's tough, but you cannot find a better friend than the Lord God Almighty.

My prayer is: ***“Lord, Help us to assess and define our friendships. Amen”***

R/S:

Bob Breton
Det. Chaplain

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MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

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

21 January 2014

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 31 members and 5 associate members present.

Visitors/Guest: There were 2 guests present; Mary Kirstatter and Jerry Smith.

Applications for Membership: Billy Hill was approved for membership and will be sworn in at next meeting he attends.

Commandant's Report: Commandant Kirstatter reported that as Commandant for the past two years the Detachment accomplished his primary goals, to grow in membership and set up a MODD Pound.

Sr. Vice Elmore let everyone know that Kim Robins head Ranger from Andersonville will be guest speaker at next months' meeting. He also shared that the State of Georgia gives Veterans free driver's license.

(Note from Editor: Reference Dispatch Vol. 4, Issue 3 March 2013 IN THE NEWS

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/drivers/dldata.aspx?con=1741838154&ty=dl>.)

Jr. Vice Paulin announced he has 3 applicants pending, 1 paid just wanting to be sworn in. perspective members.

River Walk Committee Report: Clean up on Saturday February 8th at 0930 at Cox Landing.

Patriotism Committee: Chairman Dave Aldrich reported 207 flags replaced and inventory is being restocked.

Veteran's Coalition Committee: Nick Nicholson announced that they are planning an all day activities event for the Salute to Veteran's on November 8th January 31, February 1 & 2 is the Purple Heart Hunt in Calhoun County. They need 12-14 passenger vans to transport some of the attendees and 12 gauge shotgun shells for the event. Contact Ray Humphrey and Ray Jennings.

Correspondence: The Detachment received a Christmas card from Dr. Stacey Henderson.



Old Business: Marine Richard Chaffin (pictured above) received the Meritorious Commendation Award and the MCL Distinguished Service Award.

New Business: New officers were sworn in as follows:

Commandant:	Ernie Elmore
Sr. Vice:	Tim McClelland
Jr. Vice:	Roger Paulin
Judge Advocate:	Carl Wilcox
Adjutant:	Melba Harrell
Chaplin:	Bob Breton
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Sgt-At-Arms:	Richard Chaffin

Good of the League: VA Clinic at the Marine Base has been delayed until July. If you're drawing VA benefits of any kind and you are married make sure your spouse is listed as such, it may result in more benefits.

Meeting adjourned @ 1930

GET INVOLVED



RIVER WALK CLEAN-UP

February 8th
0930 - 1100

We will meet at Cox landing located on the south side of Philema Rd (SR91) just before you cross the bridge coming from Jefferson Rd.

There will be coffee, doughnuts, and juice provided.



Transition Readiness Seminar

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany

We need Volunteers

All it takes is 10-15 minutes of your time to talk about the opportunities and assistance the Marine Corps League offers to Marines transitioning out of the Corps. Pick your date and contact Carl Wilcox @ CarlWilcox@ymail.com 229-435-1086. Tentative dates and times are as followings:

February 7th @ 1000
March 7th @1000
April 18th @ 1000
May 9th @1000
June 6th @ 1000
August 8th @1000
September 12th @1000



Members needed to hand out water and promote membership.

Saturday February 22nd

Lee County Courthouse, Leesburg, Ga

Race Starts: 3pm

5K & 1M

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS IS OPEN

http://www.travismanion.org/tmf_911run_race/911-heroes-run-leesburg-ga/

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A review of our US Armed Forces Colors is a great reminder of each Service's Mission and how they are tied together in their Joint Mission of protecting our Great Nation. I plan in future editions to the Patriot Corner, to attempt a short and to the point column of how each Service interfaces with each other, in the overall Mission of protecting our Nation. Any help or pointers are most welcome or any other areas you all would like to see in the Patriot Corner column of the Dispatch.

Semper Fi –
Dave Aldrich, Patriot Chairman

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FEBRUARY 18TH



Detachment Meeting
Guest Speaker

KIM ROBINS
Andersonville National
Historic Site Cemetery
Director

Kim Robins has been employed by Andersonville National Historic Site for 9 years. Andersonville National Historic Site consists of the historic Camp Sumter, National Prisoner of War Museum, and Andersonville National Cemetery. Kim started her career as a seasonal employee and worked her way up to Lead Park Ranger until she became the Cemetery Director in 2010. Kim is married to Dr. Glenn Robins who is a history professor at Georgia Southwestern State University. Kim lives in Americus with her husband, 13 year old son Blake, 2 golden retrievers (Sampson and Moses), a miniature schnauzer named Katie, and Son Tay the cat. Kim's Dad Edward "Buddy" Douglas is a retired Marine who served in Vietnam and is a Purple Heart Recipient.



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MEMBERSHIPS UP FOR RENEWAL

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	Dawaine Lake	Richard Knepp
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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

2 February 1968: Operation Hue City, Tet Offensive began in Vietnam.

4 February 1868: Marines landed at Osaka, Japan to protect foreign nationals.



6 February 1968: 1/1 and 2/5 recaptured Thua Thien Province headquarters, Hue City, Vietnam.

10 February 1945: Task Force 58, with Marine Fighter Squadrons 123, 216, 217, 212, and 451 aboard carriers, attacked Tokyo and provided air support for Iwo Jima landing forces. They also bombed and strafed Okinawa.

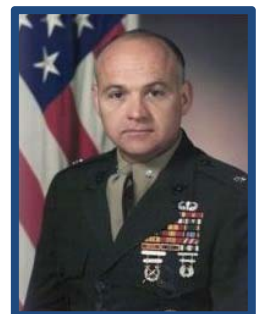
12 February 1918: WWI Marines landed at Scapa Flow, Great Britain.

12 February: President Lincoln's Birthday



15 February 1898: 28 Marine lives were lost when USS *Maine* sank in Havana Harbor, Cuba.

17 February 1988: Marine LtCol William R. "Rich" Higgins, assigned to the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, was abducted and later killed by pro-Iranian terrorists.



17 February: President's Day (Washington's Birthday)

18 February 1814: The British schooner *Phoenix* fell to Marines of USS *Constitution*.



22 February 1943: The 3d Raider Battalion consolidated positions on Pavuvu, Solomon Island.

26 February 1919: The 15th Marine Regiment landed in the Dominican Republic.



28 February 1991: Operation Desert Storm ended; 23 Marines were killed in action or died of wounds.

IN THE NEWS

State of the Marine Corps

The Marine Corps will be faced once again with doing more with less this year.

Defense One...Carlos Munoz

The Marine Corps are facing an uphill fight heading into 2014, as budget pressures tied to the Obama administration's sequestration plan will force the Corps to do more with less -- less troops, less training and less equipment -- just as service leaders are preparing to shift fire from the battlefields of Afghanistan to Asia, Africa and elsewhere across the globe.

Branded by senior service leaders as the U.S. military's go anywhere, do anything "middleweight" force, the Marine Corps is already drawing down to a 182,000-man total force from about 202,000 in order to pay its share of the Pentagon's 10-year cut of \$487 billion required by the 2011 Budget Control Act. The services and the Pentagon are also facing an additional \$500 billion in cuts under the White House's sequestration plan, which if fully implemented, would drive down the Corps' total numbers even further -- down to an estimated 174,000-man force, according to service leaders.

Pentagon and service leaders anticipate those first rounds of cuts to be included in the Pentagon's fiscal year 2015 budget plan, due to Capitol Hill this February.

Even with the Marine Corps' minimal presence in the final year of the U.S. war in Afghanistan -- only 5,000 Marines remain on the ground in the southern part of the country -- the proposed total force numbers projected for the Corps under sequestration may still not be enough to support the service's future missions.

"The 174,000 force accepts great risk when our nation commits itself to the next major theater war," Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos told the Senate Armed Services Committee late last year. "Under sequestration, we will effectively lose a Marine division's worth of combat power. This is a Marine Corps that would deploy to a major contingency, fight and not return until the war was over. We will empty the entire bench. There would be no rotational relief."

Buying fewer weapons, including the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter and Joint Light Combat Vehicle, will help pay the Marines' share of the sequestration bill. With fewer pilots in the ranks, the Marines simply would not need as many F-35 jets in the arsenal, according to service leaders. That's convenient, given the Marine Corps' short take off and vertical landing version of the jet has experienced the most difficulty throughout the F-35 testing and development program.

The Joint Light Tactical Vehicle program, a joint Army and Marine Corps effort to build a replacement for the venerable Humvee combat truck, has such skyrocketing cost estimates and ever-changing development deadlines that the vehicle is squarely in the crosshairs of Marine Corps budget officials.

"My priorities have remained consistent: first and foremost, the near-term readiness of our forward-deployed forces...but this readiness comes at the expense of [equipment] sustainment and modernization," Amos told Congress. "This is unsustainable and it can't continue over the long term."

These troop, training and equipment cuts slated to begin this year come as the Corps is poised to take on new and more demanding missions across the globe. State Department officials were forced to shutter several embassies and consulates in the Mideast and Africa, due to slew of pending terror threats from al Qaeda factions in the region over the course of last year. As a result, lawmakers agreed to include funding for 1,000 additional Marines to the service's embassy security force, assigned to protect American diplomatic outposts across the globe.

At the same time, in response to the deadly attack on an American compound in Benghazi, Libya, the Pentagon deployed additional Marines and Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft across the Atlantic to be closer to Africa for rapid response. Most recently, Marines stationed with U.S. Africa Command were deployed to Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, tasked with guarding against potential threats to U.S. personnel and facilities stemming from the recent unrest in South Sudan. But with the sequester-driven funding cuts to Marine Corps units taken into account, it remains unclear whether that additional funding set aside by Congress will be enough to back the embassy security force.

In Asia, Marines stationed in Okinawa, Japan, already are scheduled to redeploy to bases in Guam and a new outpost in Australia as part of the Pentagon's new and constantly evolving Pacific strategy. The base in Darwin is expected to house 2,500 Marines once fully staffed. But as the Marine Corps continue to feel the fiscal effects from sequestration, the cash-strapped service may have a difficult time getting those Pacific plans off the ground.

But aside from future operations in Asia, Africa, the Mideast and elsewhere, the biggest fight in 2014 facing the Marine Corps will be the budget battle with Congress and making its fiscal case to a weary American public, exhausted after over a decade of war.



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FROM THE EDITOR




Several years ago I had the pleasure of meeting and having many conversations with Al Meade. "Big Al", as he is known in the Marine Corps League served as Department of Georgia Commandant 1998-1999 and is the source for the "Big Al" Meade Award presented to the District with the largest percentage gain in total paid members of the current year. . A few days ago we received news that "Big" Al is in ICU at Kennestone Hospital in Marietta and is in an induced coma to help battle an infection. Please keep our fellow Marine in your thoughts and prayers for a quick recovery. Cards can be sent to:

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Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260

Up Coming Events

February

2nd - 3rd		Purple Heart Hunt, Calhoun Co., Contact Ray Humphrey or Ray Jennings 229-435-5450
5th	0615	Retirees Breakfast MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
7th	1000	Transition Readiness Seminar, to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox 229-435-1086
8th	0930 – 1100	River Walk Clean-Up, Cox Landing, Albany, GA
14th – 15th		Mid-Winter National Staff Conference, Fairview Park Marriott, Fall Church, VA
14th	1830 – 2300	Valentine's Day Theme Dinner & Dance, American Legion Post 30, 2916 Gillionville Road, Albany, GA
18th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Country Club, Albany, GA
22nd	After Lunch	9/11 Heroes Run, Leesburg Courthouse, Leesburg, GA, Race starts at 1500

March

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6th – 9th	1600	Southeast Division Conference, The Inn at Opryland, Nashville, TN
18th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Country Club, Albany, GA



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MARCH SPOTLIGHT



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68TH SOUTHEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE



We are fortunate to be a part of the Southeast Division also known as "The Magnificent Seven". Every March The Magnificent Seven come together at a location that was voted on at the previous years' Conference to discuss current Marine Corps League policies, SED elections and training.

**Marine Corps League
Department of Georgia**

We have members of our Detachment that have attended this Conference and know what to expect. For those members who are attending or planning to attend for the first time the following is a condensed schedule of events.

**Marine Corps League
Department of South Carolina**

Thursday:

Registration for MCL/MCLA members and guests begins at 1200 and will close at 1900. The hosting Detachment will have a designated area which is referred to as the Hospitality Suite for socializing with various snacks and beverages. This suite opens at 1400 and closes at 2200. To end the evening events there will be a Commandants Council from 1900 to 2030.



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Marine Corps League Department of Alabama



Opening Ceremony



Hospitality Suite: (L to R) Janie Long from GA, A.B. Grantham from Alabama, Pat Tutor from Mississippi, and David Hatfield from Tennessee. Southeast Division Conference 2013.



**Marine Corps League's
Department of Louisiana**

Friday:

Registration begins at 0800 and the Joint Opening Ceremony begins at 0900 and ends at 1030. The business meeting begins at 1045 and runs until 1200 when we'll break for lunch. The business meeting will resume at 1300 and ends at 1500. The Hospitality Suite will open at 1500 and the MODD Growl will be held from 1900 to 2100.



MODD Growl

Saturday:

Registration will begin at 0800 and end at 1300. At 0900 the Business Meeting will begin and run until 1200 when we'll break for lunch. The business meeting will resume at 1300 and end at 1500. There will be cocktails from 1500-1815. The Banquet begins at 1830 and ends at 2200. The Hospitality Suite is usually open after the Banquet.



National Commandant Vic Voltaggio, wife Janet and General Olstead with Department of Georgia at Southeast Division Conference 2012

The Saturday evening Banquet is considered a formal event. Although some Leaguers who pay to attend the banquet may not have the Marine Corps League's Formal Wear, they could wear the Casual Uniform (Red Blazer) of the MCL or a coat and tie. However, if the Leaguer has neither they will not be denied attendance to the Banquet if wearing the MCL Undress Uniform, long or short sleeve shirt. The banquet is a sit down affair, not buffet. There is a minimum of two entrées offered for you to choose from. During the Banquet there will be a guest speaker and awards ceremony.

Sunday:

The only scheduled event is the Board of Trustees Meeting from 0900-1030. Check Out by 1200.

FROM THE COMMANDANT



Greetings Members,
I want to begin by saying how proud I am of our Detachment. You are a hardy bunch of hard workers and I am happy to be a part of you. There isn't a day that goes by

that I don't receive more than one call from members offering to help out in some way, or alerting me to a need or letting me know how much they enjoy being part of our close membership. We are truly a happy band of brothers and sisters.

We had an outstanding turnout for our February meeting and we were especially glad to be joined by Department Commandant Joe Barbee and District Vice Commandant Levi McKenna.

During recess we were treated to very informative presentation by Cemetery Director Kim Robins of Andersonville giving us background and current information on the historic site.



A highlight of the meeting was the inducting of three new members - Bill Hill, Randolph Scott and Jim Valentine. Welcome aboard brothers! All members should be on the look-out for more Marines to recruit into our Detachment. Our Department would like to win back the Grits Bowl from Alabama this year, and to do this we must have a higher recruitment than they do. Let's do our part. And be sure to KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE!

By the time you read this some great events will have taken place in which we were a part. We had a high turn- out for the River Walk Clean Up and thanks to Richard Chaffin for his leadership. On February 22nd we were there to help with the Hero's Run in Leesburg. Marine Charles Bushnell set up a great headquarters area for us and I had the privilege of offering the prayer before the race. Our Detachment Piper, Dan Gillan gave a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace.



On hand to help Chuck Bushnell pass out water bottles were Bob Breton, and Sheila & Ron Kirstatter. By the time you read this, many of us, spearheaded by Dave Aldrich, will have prepared and fed 90+ college students who have come to Albany to build a house for Habitat for Humanity.



Nick Nicholson informs us that there is word of a possible Veteran's Day parade in Albany this year. It is my hope that we can make plans to participate in it. More to come on that.

I'm wondering if anyone has a full idea of the effort that Chaplain Bob Breton puts into his position. He daily scans the web for word of a Fallen Marine and when finding one, contacts the Funeral Home involved, sends out letters of condolence from our Detachment, prepares a Certificate of Service for the next of kin and in full MCL uniform attends the memorial service and often the graveside service of the deceased where he presents his condolences on behalf of the Detachment and presents a certificate to the widow. Other days he is busy visiting shut-ins and mailing out get-well cards. He keeps track of all who are sick or infirmed and devotes time in prayer to them all. We are indeed blessed to have such a man as Chaplain Breton. Be sure to thank him when you see him.

A big thank you to Marine Henry Jackson for always being there to take pictures of our activities and jumping in to help out. Al Fasekas is always doing the same. We are happy to continue to have our monthly meetings at River Run Golf Club and word has it that sandwiches will again be available at our meetings.

I am always available to you so please do not hesitate to contact me (886-3017 or ernieelmore@att.net).

Semper Fi,

Ernie Elmore
Commandant



CHAPLIN'S CORNER



Remember our fellow Marines and their families that are ill: Marine James R. (JR) Edwards' wife, she is in the process of recovering from a serious illness. Also remember Marine Herb Bradley and his wife Monica and Marine Al Meade with Detachment #647 who is still battling an infection.

Remember in your prayers Carl Wilcox & Family with passing of his Mother on 15 Feb 2014. Remember also Roger Paulins' Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL.

This month the Lord has taken home:
Corporal of Marines Harold H. Plasky, Jr., passed on 2 Feb 2014

Devotion: (Proverbs 16:25)

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends up in death.

Don't you hate it when someone rewrites rules?

Now you may think that you know someone who is a cheat, and if that person takes that attitude and applies it to all of life, then he is more than a cheat. He's what we can call a relativist and his attitude is called relativism.

Relativism has nothing to do with your relatives. It's a way of looking at life that says that right and wrong, good and bad are constantly changing. No one-not your parents, not your teachers, not a holy book like the Bible can say what is right or wrong.

Relativism is an attitude that says:

1. God's rules are meant to ruin my fun.
2. God's rules don't apply to me.
3. I can make up my own rules.

That's the exact opposite of the Bible's attitude:

1. God's rules are meant for my good.
2. God's rules apply in all times and places to all people.
3. God alone makes the rules.

When individual people start picking right from wrong, life ends up like that chaotic football game. Aren't you glad that God gave us commands that don't change-not ones that people can remake to benefit themselves and hurt others?

My prayer is: "*Lord, Help us to draw close to you so we can know your unchanging commands for our lives. Amen*"

R/S:

Bob Breton Ret.

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)

18 February 2014

Commandant Elmore 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 Carl Wilcox. There were a total of 31 members and 5 associate members present.

Visitors/Guest: Department of GA Commandant Joe Barbee, District 5 Vice Commandant Levi McKenna, Tuffy; Mrs. Kim Robins - Andersonville Cemetery Director and her husband.

Meeting was recessed and Mrs. Kim Robins talked about the qualifications at Andersonville Cemetery.

Meeting was called back to order.



(L-R) Commandant Elmore sworn in Jim Valentine, Randolph Scott, and Bill Hill

Applications for Membership: Jim Valentine's application was approved for membership. Commandant Elmore swore in Jim Valentine, Bill Hill, and Randolph Scott.

Jr. Vice Paulin reported he is still pursuing perspective members.

River Walk Committee Report: Richard Chaffin thank the following who braved the frigid weather on February 6 and did their part in the River Walk clean-up.

Bob Adams	Buff Askey
Ray Murphy	Jerry Wessels
Tim McClelland.	

He also thanked those who came out on February 15, a much warmer day.

Bob Breton	Ernie Elmore
Charles Bushnell	Tim McClelland
Henry Jackson	Carl Wilcox
Luis Garza and son	Richard Chaffin
Ron Kirstatter	Sheila Kirstatter

Just a little note: Thanks Ron, Sheila, and Charles on their effort in finding a very large pile of trash off the beaten path.

Patriotism Committee: Chairman Dave Aldrich reported 213 flags replaced and the program will be three years old in March.

Veteran's Coalition Committee: Nick Nicholson announced that on Saturday 8 November there will be a Salute to Veterans, motorcade to the Post. Possible Veteran's Day parade and also release balloons for POW's.



Young Marines/JROTC: Marine Nathaniel Lowman requested support for the Young Marines who will be going to boot camp. They require both monetary and physical assistance to help these young boys and girls become leaders among their peers. Ron Kirstatter made a motion to match the Department's donation of \$500 and Tim McClelland 2nd the motion and the vote carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 1950

GET INVOLVED



Transition Readiness Seminar
Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany

We need Volunteers

All it takes is 10-15 minutes of your time to talk about the opportunities and assistance the Marine Corps League offers to Marines transitioning out of the Corps. Pick your

date and contact Carl Wilcox at CarlWilcox@ymail.com 229-435-1086. Tentative dates and times are as followings:

March 7th @1000
April 18th @ 1000
May 9th @1000
June 6th @ 1000
August 8th @1000
September 12th @1000

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I mentioned in last month's Dispatch that I would try to give a short "look see" at our sister Services to bring to light how we all are tied together under the saying "UNITED WE SERVE"! As I progress through the Services, I do solicit any input you all would like see in this column!

Overview of the United States Coast Guard

The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. Since 1790 the Coast Guard has safeguarded our Nation's maritime interests and environment around the world. The Coast Guard is an adaptable, responsive military force of maritime professionals whose broad legal authorities, capable assets, geographic diversity and expansive partnerships provide a persistent presence along our rivers, in the ports, littoral regions, and on the high seas. Coast Guard presence and impact is local, regional, national and international. These attributes make the Coast Guard a unique instrument of maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship.

Today's U.S. Coast Guard, with nearly 42,000 men and women on active duty, is a unique force that carries out an array of civil and military responsibilities touching almost every facet of the U.S. maritime environment.

Missions:

By law, the Coast Guard has 11 missions:

(Listed in order of percentage of operating expenses)

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The Coast Guard's motto is *Semper Paratus*, meaning "Always Ready."

S/F

Dave Aldrich

Patriotism Committee Chairman

BOY SCOUTS



Our local Scouts have been busy. Troops 3 and 23 were on-hand in Leesburg on 22 February in support of the Heroes Run in Leesburg. We not only had 19 Scouts and adult leaders present and in uniform to honor our heroes, but we also had our Marines represented by Ernie Elmore for the



invocation, Greg Frich as the emcee and Dan Gillan playing the pipes in support of the opening ceremonies. We also have two Eagle Scout Courts of Honor coming up. On Saturday, 1 March, Marine Dan Gillan will present the Good Citizenship Award to Desmane Thomas of Troop 3. Then on Saturday, 15 March, Marine Kent Morrison will present the

Good Citizenship Award to Ethan May of Troop 23. Pictures of the award presentations will be provided next month.

Thanks.

Dan Gillan
Boy Scout Coordinator

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Battle Color Ceremony

1300

March 17, 2014

Marine Base, Albany, GA

If you are planning to attend and wish to be seated in the reserved area, please contact Tim McClelland at gunnymac79@gmail.com or (229) 436-4539 by March 10



March 21, 2014
Time: 1000
Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall
The National Infantry Museum
Columbus, Georgia

A dedication ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. on March 21, 2014. Following the graduation of about 200 new Infantrymen from Charlie Company, Second Battalion, 19th Infantry, on the adjacent parade field, visitors will be ushered to the site of the memorial alongside Heritage Walk.

<http://www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org/vietnam-memorial/>



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TOTAL	112	



MEMBERSHIPS UP FOR RENEWAL		
MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Bob Brooks	Joseph Caldeira	Eugene Coutu
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Dawaine Lake	Richard Knepp	Robert Jarrett
Patrick O'Lear	Charlie Plunkett	Angela Kearby
Tom Voth		Tina Lee
		John Richard
		Cynthia Sacca-Goodman
		Gerald Wessels
		Joe Wingard
INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NATIONALS' LATEST QUARTERLY REPORT		



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

2 March 1968: Vietnam, Battle for Hue declared finished. Allied estimates of North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong casualties ranged from 2,500 to 5,000, while Marines had 142 dead and 1,000 wounded.

6 March 1932: Marine Band leader John Philip Sousa died at age 77 in Reading, PA.



8 March 1965: Marines landed at Red Beach, Da Nang, Vietnam.

11 March 1853: Marines from USS Cyane land at San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua.



13 March 1945: The 1st and 3d Battalions of the 9th Marine Regiment attacked through “Cushman’s Pocket,” Iwo Jima. This was the last enemy strongpoint on the island.

16 March 1922: Marines guarded the U.S. mail during a national crime wave.

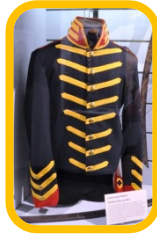
17 March:



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

20 March: First Day of Spring

21 March 1945: Gen A.A. Vandergrift, 18th Commandant, became the first Marine four-star general on active duty.



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

29 March 1917: Marines garrisoned St. Croix in U.S. Virgin Islands to deny harbor to German submarines.

IN THE NEWS

SYRIA

Syria War Stirs New U.S. Debate on Cyber attacks

New York Times, Feb. 25, Pg. A1 | David E. Sanger

WASHINGTON — Not long after the uprising in Syria turned bloody, late in the spring of 2011, the Pentagon and the National Security Agency developed a battle plan that featured a sophisticated cyber-attack on the Syrian military and President Bashar al-Assad’s command structure.

The Syrian military’s ability to launch airstrikes was a particular target, along with missile production facilities. “It would

essentially turn the lights out for Assad,” said one former official familiar with the planning.

For President Obama, who has been adamantly opposed to direct American intervention in a worsening crisis in Syria, such methods would seem to be an obvious, low-cost, low-casualty alternative. But after briefings on variants of the plans, most of which are part of traditional strikes as well, he has so far turned them down, according to officials familiar with the administration’s long-running internal debate.

Syria was not a place where he saw strategic value in American intervention, and even covert attacks — of the kind he ordered against Iran during the first two years of his presidency — involved a variety of risks.

The considerations that led Mr. Obama to hesitate about using the offensive cyber weapons his administration has spent billions helping develop, in large part with hopes that they can reduce the need for more-traditional military attacks, reflect larger concerns about a new and untested tactic with the potential to transform the nature of warfare. It is a transformation analogous to what happened when the airplane was first used in combat in World War I, a century ago.

The Obama administration has been engaged in a largely secret debate about whether cyber arms should be used like ordinary weapons, whether they should be rarely used covert tools or whether they ought to be reserved for extraordinarily rare use against the most sophisticated, hard-to-reach targets. And looming over the issue is the question of retaliation: whether such an attack on Syria’s air power, its electric grid or its leadership would prompt Syrian, Iranian or Russian retaliation in the United States.

It is a question Mr. Obama has never spoken about publicly. Because he has put the use of such weapons largely into the hands of the N.S.A., which operates under the laws guiding covert action, there is little of the public discussion that accompanied the arguments over nuclear weapons in the 1950s and ’60s or the kind of roiling argument over the use of drones, another classified program that Mr. Obama has begun to discuss publicly only in the past 18 months.

But to many inside the administration, who insisted on anonymity when speaking about discussions over one of America’s most highly classified abilities, Syria puts the issue back on the table. Mr. Obama’s National Security Council met Thursday to explore what one official called “old and new options.”

Caitlin Hayden, the spokeswoman for the National Security Council, declined to discuss “the details of our interagency deliberations” about Syria. “But we have been clear that there are a range of tools we have at our disposal to protect our national security, including cyber,” she said, noting that in 2012 “the president signed a classified presidential directive relating to cyber operations that establishes principles and processes so that cyber tools are integrated with the full array of national security tools.”

The directive, she said, “enables us to be flexible, while also exercising restraint in dealing with the threats we face. It continues to be our policy that we shall undertake the least action necessary to mitigate threats.”

One of the central issues is whether such a strike on Syria would be seen as a justified humanitarian intervention, less likely to cause civilian casualties than airstrikes, or whether it would only embolden American adversaries who have themselves been debating how to use the new weapons.

Jason Healey, the director of the Cyber Statecraft Initiative at the Atlantic Council, argues that it is “worth doing to show that cyber operations are not evil witchcraft but can be humanitarian.”

But others caution whether that would really be the perception.

“Here in the U.S. we tend to view a cyber-attack as a de-escalation — it’s less damaging than airstrikes,” said Peter W. Singer, a Brookings Institution scholar and co-author of the recently published book “Cybersecurity and Cyberwar: What Everyone Needs to Know.”

“But elsewhere in the world it may well be viewed as opening up a new realm of warfare,” he said.

There’s little doubt that developing weapons for computer warfare is one of the hottest arenas in defense spending. While the size of the Army and traditional weapons systems are being cut in the Pentagon budget that was released on Monday, cyber weapons and Special Forces are growth areas, though it is difficult to tell precisely how much the government spends.

But Mr. Obama has made no secret of his concerns about using cyber weapons. He narrowed Olympic Games, the program against the Iranian nuclear enrichment program, to make sure that it did not cripple civilian facilities like hospitals.

What he liked about the program was that it was covert and that, if successful, it could help buy time to force the Iranians into negotiations. And that is exactly what happened. But when a

technological error in the summer of 2010 resulted in the broadcast of the Stuxnet computer worm around the world, ultimately leading to the revelation of the program’s origins with the N.S.A. and Unit 8200 of Israel, Mr. Obama’s hopes of keeping such programs at arm’s length were dashed.

Since then, there has been no clear evidence that the United States has used the weapons in another major attack. It was considered during the NATO attacks on Libya in the spring of 2011, but dismissed after Mr. Obama’s advisers warned him that there was no assurance they would work against Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi’s antiquated, pre-Internet air defenses.

The head of the N.S.A., Gen. Keith B. Alexander, said in an interview last year that such weapons had been used only a handful of times in his eight-year tenure.

But Syria is a complicated case, raising different issues than Iran did. In Syria, the humanitarian impulse to do something, without putting Americans at risk or directly entering the civil war, is growing inside the administration. Most of that discussion focuses on providing more training and arms for what are seen as moderate rebel groups. But cyber weapons are in the conversation about stepping up covert action.

Part of the argument is that Syria is a place where America could change its image, using its most advanced technology for a humanitarian purpose.

“The United States has been caught using Stuxnet to conduct a covert cyber campaign against Iran as well as trawling the Internet with the massive Prism collection operation,” Mr. Healey wrote recently, referring to the N.S.A.’s data-mining program. “The world is increasingly seeing U.S. cyber power as a force for evil in the world. A cyber operation against Syria might help to reverse this view.”

Yet that would require openly taking credit for an attack, something the United States has never done. “The question is whether the president would be willing to give the kind of speech he gave about why it would be justified to shoot off missiles in response to Assad’s use of chemical weapons,” a senior administration official said. Mr. Obama pulled back from that strike at the last moment.

Even if the United States wanted to act covertly, a cyber-attack on Syria would be hard to keep secret. Anything that grounded the air fleet, or turned out the lights at key facilities in Damascus and

at major military outposts, would be instantly noticed — and would not necessarily be accomplished quickly.

American military planners concluded after putting together options for Mr. Obama over the past two and a half years that any meaningful attack on Syria’s facilities would have to be both long enough to make a difference and targeted enough to keep from making an already suffering population even worse off.

For those and other reasons, there are doubters throughout the military and intelligence establishment. “It would be of limited utility, frankly,” one senior administration official said.

For instance, an attack could disrupt or shut down the navigational systems for Syria’s aircraft, including the Russian-designed Mi-8 and Mi-17 helicopters that are carrying out many of the so-called barrel-bomb attacks against civilians in Homs and Aleppo.

But Syrian commanders would probably just shift to other weapons in their arsenal, like an array of rockets and missiles, including longer-range Scud missiles that Mr. Assad’s forces have already employed with deadly effect.

Syria is no stranger to these attacks, either on the receiving or the giving end. A September 2007 strike by Israel that destroyed a nuclear reactor being built in the Syrian Desert was accompanied by an ingenious cyber-attack that blinded Syria’s air defenses. When the Syrian military awoke the next morning, the reactor being built with North Korean help was a smoking hole in the ground, as were some associated facilities.

On the offensive end, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, which follows these issues, assembled evidence in a report published late last year that the Syrians had used a “spear phishing” ploy, which gets the target to click on a link in an email, in this case videos of war atrocities, to identify people who are aiding the rebel groups and get inside their computer systems.

And the Syrian Electronic Army, which American intelligence officials suspect is actually Iranian, has conducted strikes against targets in the United States over the past year, including the website of The New York Times. Mostly these have been denial-of-service attacks, annoying and disruptive, but not truly sophisticated.

The chances that Syria could manage a significant response are low, American officials and outside experts said. But the precedent could embolden the Russians and the Iranians into taking a greater part in a new and escalating form of warfare.

-Eric Schmitt contributed reporting




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Up Coming Events

March

5 th	0615	Retirees Breakfast MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
6 th – 9 th	1600	Southeast Division Conference, The Inn at Opryland, Nashville, TN
7 th	1000	Transition Readiness Seminar, to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox 229-435-1086
17 th	1300	Battle Color Cereony, MCLB, Albany, GA –Front Lawn of Bldg. 3500
18 th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Country Club, Albany, GA
21 st	1000	Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall, The National Infantry Museum, Columbus, GA

April

2 nd	0615	Retirees Breakfast MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
15 th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Country Club, Albany, GA
18 th	1000	Transition Readiness Seminar, to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox 229-435-1086



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

On 9 January 2007 officials from the Department of Georgia, Marine Corps League presented the Albany Detachment Charter and conducted the installation of officers. This month we'll begin to introduce you to the Detachment's Charter Members. Our first member was also the Detachments' first Commandant.

Mr. Kent D. Morrison

LtCol USMC (Ret)

Executive Director

Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany

LtCol USMC (Ret) Mr. Morrison joined the USMC in June of 1974 and was designated a 0311 Infantryman upon graduation as an honor graduate from Parris Island, South Carolina. In December of 1974 he reported to the Detachment, USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) where he served as a "Sea-Going Marine" until December 1976. He then reported to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines 2nd Marine Division for duty as a Squad Leader in a Rifle Company until he was discharged from the USMC in June of 1977. He attended Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, Georgia, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Commercial Art.



Mr. Morrison was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in August 1983 upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Virginia. Upon completion of the Basic School, Quantico, Virginia, in April 1984, he reported to the Ground Supply Officer's Course at Camp Johnson, North Carolina.



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He then reported to Parris Island, South Carolina, where he served as Series Commander, 1st Recruit Training Battalion and as the Commanding

Officer, Headquarters Company, Weapons Training Battalion, MCRD, Parris Island from June 1988 to June 1991. He attended Amphibious Warfare School from August 1991 to June 1992.

At the 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2D Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, he served as the Supply Officer, S-4 Officer, and the Executive Officer from August 1992 until June 1996. In October of 1994 he made a lateral move to the occupational field of Logistics Officer and attended the Logistics Officers Course.

Mr. Morrison deployed twice to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from March 1995 to April 1996 in support of JTF-160 during OPERATION SEA SIGNAL. He served first as the Commanding Officer, Combat Service Support Detachment 61, and then second as the Joint Movement Control Officer, J-4 JTF Headquarters and the J-3 of the Joint Logistics Support Group.

He attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from June 1996 to June 1997 at which time he reported to MCLB, Albany, GA, where he served as the Executive Officer and eventually the Commanding Officer of Headquarters Battalion, MCLB from September 1998 to June 2000. He then reported to the Marine Corps Materiel Command as the Deputy Director, Plans Division. Following his promotion to LtCol, he was assigned as the Executive Officer of the Marine Corps Logistics Base. In March of 2002 he was ordered to report to United States Marine Forces, United States Central Command for duty with the Joint Operations Center in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. He retired on 1 Nov 2003. Following his retirement, he has served in various billets aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, to include, Director, Marine Corps Community Services, Logistics Specialist, Marine Corps Logistics Command and Deputy Director, MCLB Operations and Training Division.

He has also attended the Advanced Logistics Officers Course, Quantico, Virginia, and the U.S. Army Airborne School. His

personal decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4) and the Army Commendation Medal. He is also an Eagle Scout. He is married to the former Christine Veatch and they have 3 sons, Michael, Adam and Trey.

FROM THE COMMANDANT



Greetings to All,

I have returned from my journey to Israel which was fantastic. You should see their version of "Home Security"!!! Wow. I came home with a torn ligament in my hip from a fall I took on my last day there, but will recover shortly with rest and meds.

I got the word from several that your March meeting was a good one and I want to thank Sr. Vice Commandant Tim McClelland for taking the "con" in my absence. I am sorry that I missed the Battle Color Ceremony but understand that in spite of a little rain, it was well attended and the performance was excellent as usual. Our own Henry Jackson was one of the Reviewing Officers.

As we continue to move forward in our Detachment, I want to challenge each of you in three areas.



Montford Point Marine Henry Jackson, MCLB Commanding Officer Col Don Davis and LOGCOM Commanding General MajGen John J. Broadmeadow.

The first is Communications: This is the most important thing that can bring a detachment together or cause it to stumble and fall apart. Contacting the people that comprise our detachment is very important and this includes providing the important factors such as updated phone numbers and emails. One of our 11 General Orders is to

Report all calls more distant from the guardhouse than our own. This means to pass on information to all others. But communications is not a one-way affair; it takes everyone to make this happen effectively.

The second is Purpose: The Marine Corps League is embedded into our community to further assist Veterans in need whether it is just providing information to further help during a situation or in mentorship or with assistance. This, I believe, we do but we can do a lot better.

The third is Participation: In the many events that we do, there are those which step forward and accomplish some of the amazing things that we do. My challenge is to get everyone involved in something. National is emphasizing recruitment, mentorship, and retention. Participation means to get involved and be part of the Marine Corps League. I have heard about detachments right here on the east coast that have over two thousand members but can only get 20 to show up for events or to participate. It's not about having the quantity of membership but the quality of our membership. The Marine Corps League not only has Marines, Navy Corpsmen who have served with Marines but has also now included Navy Chaplains which have served with Marines as full members. My intention is not to just have these full members but to also encourage and emphasize our Associate Members as they are an integral part of our detachment. Do you know of someone who stands out and is a cut above the rest? Are they interested in helping our community? Do they want to participate? If the answer is yes, invite them to our musters so they see us and understand our desire to serve in our community.

My challenge to you is all of the above. Will you step forward and participate or sit on the sidelines and watch? Let's make this year a successful year ever moving forward in our membership and mission.

Semper Fidelis!
Ernie Elmore
Commandant

CHAPLIN'S CORNER



Remember our fellow Marines and their families that are ill: Marine James R. (JR) Edwards' wife, she is in the process of recovering from a serious illness. Also remember Marine

Herb Bradley and his wife Monica and Marine Al Meade with Detachment #647 who is still battling an infection.

Remember in your prayers Carl Wilcox & Family with the passing of his Mother on 15 Feb 2014. Also remember Jane Wilcox she is recovering from a minor stroke and your continued prayers for Roger Paulins' Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, of Lakeland FL.

This month the Lord has taken home:
Marine Lee Andrew Davis passed on 20 Feb 2014.
Marine John P. Shackelford passed on 1 Mar 2014.
Marine Charles E. Scott of Dawson passed on 12 Mar 2014.

Devotion: (Luke 6:27-35)

Do for others as you would like them to do for you.

You might forget all sorts of facts. But here's a totally right, most basic command you'll want to remember: Always love.

God's command to love is one of his *absolutes*. That means there are no exceptions – even if we don't like someone, even if someone is mean to us, even if we think someone's breath stinks.

Some people argue that there's no way a command could apply to *all people at all times in all places*. But we can be sure that the command to love fits whatever situation we face. Have you ever noticed how mean people don't like it when others blast them with the same meanness? They feel okay about ignoring others or starting rumors about people or calling them names. But if anyone does that stuff to them they feel wronged. That's how we know that anything less than love is wrong.

Think about yourself. You no doubt want loving treatment from others. And you no doubt feel bothered when you fail to receive the treatment you expect. When you help a friend with his work, for example, you expect him/her to appreciate your help – and you feel disappointment, hurt, or frustrated when he doesn't say thanks.

All people demand nothing less than to be loved. If you admit that you hope for loving treatment from others, then your job is to love others with the same love you expect for yourself.

My prayer is: ***“Lord, Help us to Love, Amen!”***

R/S:

**Bob Breton Ret.
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)

18 March 2014

Sr. Vice Commandant McClelland 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 Commandant Ernie Elmore and Judge Advocate Carl Wilcox. There were a total of 26 members and 5 associate members present.

Jr. Vice Paulin reported he is still pursuing perspective members.

Patriotism Committee: Chairman Dave Aldrich reported 218 flags replaced since the program started.

Veteran's Coalition Committee: Nick Nicholson announced that on Saturday 8 November 2014 at 1000 in the Civic Center there will be a Salute to Veterans turkey shoot, car show, band, and a release of black balloons in honor of the POW's. Then move to Post #30. The dedication for the Korean Memorial will take place on 11 November 2014. Not sure about the Veteran's Day parade.

Young Marines/JROTC: Ron Kirstatter informed everyone that Jerry Rice has resigned as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Young Marines and Bill Smith has stepped up to lead. Their schedule will be posted to the website and that two new companies have been formed.

Correspondence: National Commandant sent the Legislative Report. At this year's Department of Georgia Convention in LaGrange, a Saturday tour <http://www.mcldeptofga.org/docs/Events/Tour.pdf> (May 3rd) is arranged for those interested in the Explorations in Antiquities Center. Cost will be \$10.00. We also received information about the MCL Rifle and Pistol Program.



Clyde Thomason Detachment, Albany, GA, 1954

Old Business: Tim McClelland, John Belk, and Roger Paulin attended the Clyde Thomason Detachment monthly meeting in Peachtree City and presented them with the Bible that had been that Detachments when they were in Albany, GA back in the 50's. The Detachment gave each of them a challenge coin and gave John a standing ovation for keeping the Bible for all these years.

On February 26, 2014 the Detachment prepared lunch for Habitat construction crews from St. Frances Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada and Baltimore Maryland University, Baltimore, MD and staff members consisting of approximately 90 people. The cost was \$140 and the following people helped to make the luncheon a huge success:

Dave Aldrich	Tim McClelland
Bob Breton	Bob Adams
Roger Paulin	Dale Chambliss
Ruth Breton	Bobbie Elmore
John Belk	Maxine Belk
Deanna Nicholson	

New Business: Henry Jackson and Tim McClelland volunteered to help with Marines transitioning out recruitment for the MCL.

Good of the League: The Detachment will have the ability to pay membership dues by credit card as soon as it is approved. Membership for the Southeast Division is up 440 members this year.

Announcements: Fantasy Cruise Lines will have a cruise leaving Port Charleston, SC in November. This is not a Marine Corps League sponsored event. Contact Robert Mastrion at (843)881.7586 for additional information.

Meeting adjourned @ 1930

GET INVOLVED



Transition Readiness Seminar
Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany

We need Volunteers

All it takes is 10-15 minutes of your time to talk about the opportunities and assistance the Marine Corps League offers to Marines transitioning out of the Corps. Pick your date and contact Carl Wilcox at CarlWilcox@ymail.com 229-435-1086. Tentative dates and times are as followings:

April 18th @ 1000
May 9th @1000
June 6th @ 1000
August 8th @1000
September 12th @1000

Keep Georgia Beautiful



Keep Albany- Dougherty Beautiful Clean-Up

April 18th and 19th
0830

Since t-shirts will be provided, if you plan to help in the clean-up please contact Richard Chaffin know as soon as possible at richard.chaffin1954@gmail.com or (229)886-3438

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Thanks to our editor, the following information about our Marine Corps Colors is provided for us to bring back memories. In the following Dispatch Column, I plan on displaying the 54 Streamers that are attached to the Marine Corps colors. Some are really interesting and may cause some of you to follow up the streamers battle history. Remember this column is not mine but all of you readers. If you would like to place a Patriot article of interest in this column, please let our Editor or myself know and provide the information you would like to see printed.



History of the Marine Corps Flag

Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., holds the official Battle Colors of the Marine Corps. A duplicate is maintained in the office of the Commandant of the Marine Corps in the Pentagon.

Very little information is available regarding the flags carried by early American Marines, although indications are that the Grand Union flag was carried ashore by the battalion led by Captain Samuel Nicholas on New Providence Island, 3 March 1776. It is quite possible that the Rattlesnake flag was also carried on this expedition.

The standard carried by the Marines during the 1830s and 1840s consisted of a white field with gold fringe, and bore an elaborate design of an anchor and eagle in the center. Prior to the Mexican War, this flag bore the legend "To the Shores of Tripoli" across the top. Shortly after the war, the legend was revised to read: "From Tripoli to the Halls of the Montezuma." During the Mexican and Civil Wars, Marines in the field apparently carried a flag similar to the national flag, comprised of red and white stripes and a union. The union, however, contained an eagle perched on a shield of the United States and a half-wreath beneath the shield, with 29 stars encircling the entire design.

Beginning in 1876, Marines carried the national colors (the Stars and Stripes) with "U.S. Marine Corps" embroidered in yellow on the middle red stripe. At the time of the Vera Cruz landing in 1914, a more distinctive standard was carried by Marines. The design consisted of a blue field with a laurel wreath encircling the Marine Corps emblem in the center. A scarlet ribbon above the emblem carried the words "U.S.

Marine Corps," while another scarlet ribbon below the emblem carried the motto "Semper Fidelis."

Orders were issued on 2 April 1921 which directed all national colors be manufactured without the yellow fringe and without the words "U.S. Marine Corps" embroidered on the red stripe. This was followed by an order dated 14 March 1922, retiring from use all national colors still in use with yellow fringe or wording on the flag.

Following World War I, the Army practice of attaching silver bands carrying inscriptions enumerating specific decorations and battles was adopted. This practice was discontinued on 23 January 1961.

Marine Corps Order No. 4 of 18 April 1925 designated gold and scarlet as the official colors of the U.S. Marine Corps. These colors, however, were not reflected in the official Marine Corps standard until 18 January 1939, when a new design incorporating the new colors was approved. The design was essentially that of today's Marine Corps standard.

SEMPER FI

Dave Aldrich, Chairman, Patriot Committee

YOUNG MARINES



2014
Young Marines
Training Schedule

<u>5 Apr</u>		
0745-0805	FORMATION	BLDG 7108
0810-0915	DRILL REVIEW	PARADE DECK
0925-0950	MILITARY COURTESY	PARADE DECK
1000-1100	CHOW	RESTAURANT
1115-1215	DRILL REVIEW	PARADE DECK
1220-1300	UNIFORM CARE	CLASSROOM
1304-1325	1STSGT	CLASSROOM
1330-1345	FIRST AID	CLASSROOM
1345-1400	FORMATION	PARADE DECK

12 Apr **BOOT CAMP WEEKEND**

<u>9-Apr</u>		
0745-0805	FORMATION	BLDG 7108
0810-0915	DRILL REVIEW	PARADE DECK
0925-0950	YM OBLIGATION/CREED	PARADE DECK
1000-1100	CHOW	RESTAURANT
1115-1215	MILITARY COURTESY	PARADE DECK
1220-1300	UNIFORM CARE	CLASSROOM
1304-1325	1STSGT	CLASSROOM
1330-1345	FIRST AID	CLASSROOM
1345-1400	FORMATION	PARADE DECK

<u>26-Apr</u>		
0745-0830	FORMATION/PLEDGE	BLDG 7108
1000-1200	GRADUATION CEREMONY	THEATER



GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

NOTICE:

Due to the closing of Rooster's on Wednesday April 2nd at 0900 the Detachment will meet for breakfast at The Quickie Restaurant 1906 N. Slappey Boulevard. Join us if you can.



COMING SOON!

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE

<u>1st Phase</u>		
Podiatry	Audiology	Optometry
<u>2nd Phase</u>		
Mental Health	Primary Care	
<u>3rd Phase</u>		
Dental	Pharmacy	



**Department of
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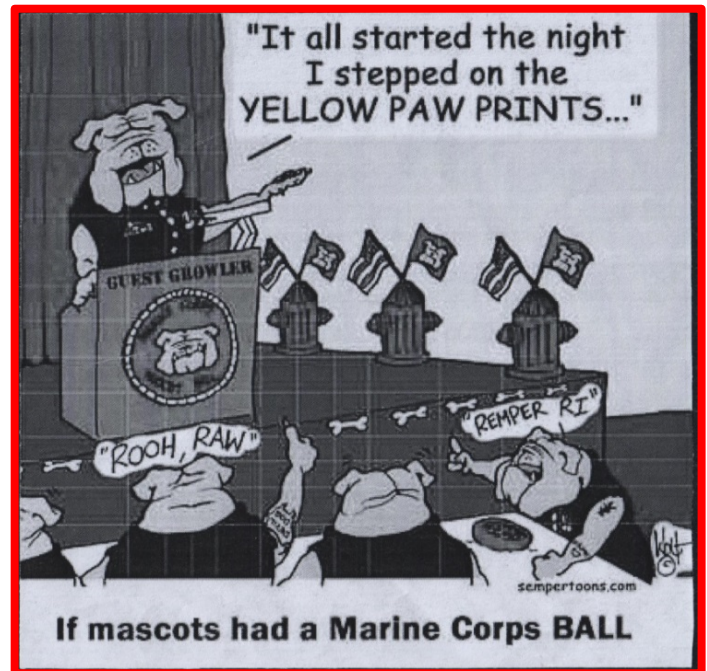
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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS		
MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING		
TYPE	Regular	Associate
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	19	2
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	66	17
DELINQUENT		
TYPE	Regular	Associate
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	7	1
SUB-TOTALS	92	20
TOTAL	112	



NEXT MEETING
DETACHMENT #1260
15 APRIL 2014
1830
RIVER POINTE GOLF CLUB

MEMBERSHIPS UP FOR RENEWAL		
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Joseph Caldeira	Eugene Coutu	Ray Murphy
Robert Cerney Jr.	Donald Gray	
Richard Knepp	Robert Jarrett	
Charlie Plunkett	Angela Kearby	
	Tina Lee	
	John Richard	
	Cynthia Sacca-Goodman	
	Gerald Wessels	
	Joe Wingard	
INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NATIONALS' LATEST QUARTERLY REPORT		



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

3 April 1847: Marines and Sailors from *USS Portsmouth* landed and captured San Lycas, Mexico.

5 April 2004: Units from I MEF launched Operation Vigilant Resolve in Fallujah, Iraq (1st Battle of Fallujah), designed to pacify violent elements in the area.



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



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



11 April 1904: One officer and 20 enlisted men became the first Marines to garrison Midway Island.

13 April 1847: Marines captured LaPaz, CA, during the Mexican-American War.



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

17 April 1849: Marines were aboard USS *Preble* when she became the first American warship to visit Okinawa.

23 April 1914: The 3d Marine Regiment joined in a show of force at Veracruz, Mexico, after an insult to the American flag.



25 April: 101st Anniversary of the Marine Corps Association.

27 April 1805: Lt Presley O'Bannon raised the American flag over Derna, Tripoli.



29 April 1975: Marine choppers from HMH-462, HMH-463 and HMH-165, with BLT 2/4, evacuated 6,968 people from Vietnam during Operation Frequent Wind.

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



IN THE NEWS

VA clinic plans move to base

By Joycelyn Biggs | Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany



John Goldman (center) director, Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, Dublin, Ga., signs a Master Sharing Agreement Friday that allows veterans to soon receive health care services aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga., as Capt. Gayle Shaffer, commanding officer Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Fla., (left) and Col. Don Davis (right) commanding officer, MCLB Albany look on. **(Photo by Joycelyn Biggs)**

March 20, 2014

Officials from the Department of Veterans Affairs and Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Fla., signed a Master Sharing Agreement Friday allowing veterans to soon receive new health care services aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany.

The agreement, signed in the MCLB Albany's Carson Conference Room, had been in the works for more than a year.

The agreement relocates VA health care services to the Naval Branch Health Clinic Albany aboard the installation, according to Colie Young, public affairs officer, MCLB Albany.

"This is a great day for the Navy, Veterans administration, the 5,800 veterans and 1,500 active-duty military living in the Albany, Ga., area," Young said. "It is a great day because accessibility to health care services has been expanded and

enhanced thanks to an agreement between Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Fla., and the Department of Veterans Affairs." There were many hurdles along the way, including budget cuts, sequestrations, employee furloughs, a hiring freeze and even a government shut-down, according to Capt. Gayle Shaffer, commanding officer, Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Fla.

"This facility shows when we all work together what we can accomplish," Shaffer said. "By combining Navy medicine and Veterans Affairs resources, we will bring the best in patient care. Our collaboration not only expands and enhances care, but we are able to deliver that care in a cost-effective manner and be good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

"Caring for our nation's heroes, whether they are active duty or veterans, is an honor and a privilege," she said.

The additional care will begin as early as April.

"We plan to actually open the clinic in August, but we are going to open some (expanded) services in April," John Goldman, director, Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, Dublin, Ga., revealed.

Some of the services to be provided include podiatry, eye care, physical therapy and audiology, Goldman noted.

Col. Don Davis, commanding officer, MCLB Albany, said, "this is a great opportunity to serve those who have paid their dues and this gives veterans better access to care."

"Once (service members) have completed their service in Iraq, Afghanistan or some other place in the world; when they come home and have some wounds left over, it's nice to be able to come to a place like this for treatment," Davis said.

Davis said some veterans are required to drive to Dublin, Ga., or Tallahassee, Fla., for medical care.

"To have a high-quality care experience here seems like an absolute win," Davis said. "This initiative will provide veterans with a sense of comfort."

According to Davis, many veterans served on bases that have a Commissary, Marine Corps Exchange and officers' lounges and staff noncommissioned officers' clubs.

"Anytime they can go somewhere and feel a sense of home, veterans will be more comfortable," he said.

Davis also pointed out the clinic will encourage economic development.

More than 50 jobs will be added to this area, he said. Additionally, having this facility will also encourage veterans to live here.

Davis said he hopes to have a larger health care facility on base.

"I envision 10 or 15 years down the road, a (Dwight D.) Eisenhower-type (VA hospital) here, in Albany, Ga., right on the edge of the base," Davis said. "But the first step to that is the clinic we are doing right now."



03	Richard Knepp
04	Will Davis
04	Marilyn Retza
07	Charlie Plunkett
08	Gale Rodgers
12	Bob Sanders
23	Michael Brown
25	Jeffery Lark
25	Rob McCarty
26	Kevin Stanley
29	J.J. Kraus
30	Miles Martin



VETERAN'S MEMORIALS

During our travels throughout Georgia and the Southeast Division States we've had the privilege to visit and photograph some beautiful Veteran Memorials. Over the months to follow I'll be sharing with you one of these Veteran Memorials located in a town near you.

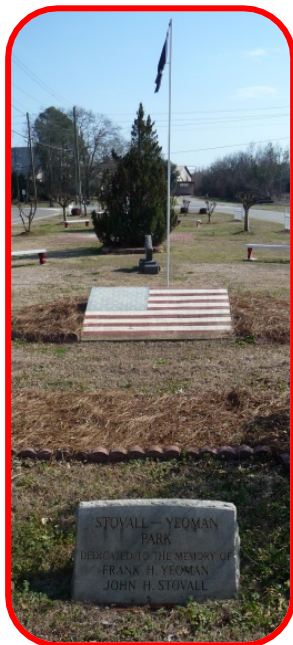
If you're planning a trip to see family and friends or attending a MCL function, please take the time to see as many Veteran Memorial Parks as you can. While you're there take a few pictures and share them with me. Just let me know what town you visited and I'll publish it in the article.

Leesburg Georgia established June 9, 1825 is a city in Lee County, Georgia. The population was 2,896 at the 2010 census. The city is the county seat of Lee County and is part of the Albany, Georgia Metropolitan Statistical Area.

STOVALL – YEOMAN PARK

Leesburg, Georgia

<http://www.lee.ga.us/>



Frank Heath Yeoman, SGT USAF, Killed in Action WWII, b. 26 Sep 1915 – d. 7 Oct 1944; John Hines "Buck" Stovall, Petty Officer USN, Killed in the Battle Of Iwo Jima WWII, b. 6 Jan 1916 – d. Unknown . Dedication date unknown.



In Honor of Lee County Veterans, Dedicated May 26, 2008



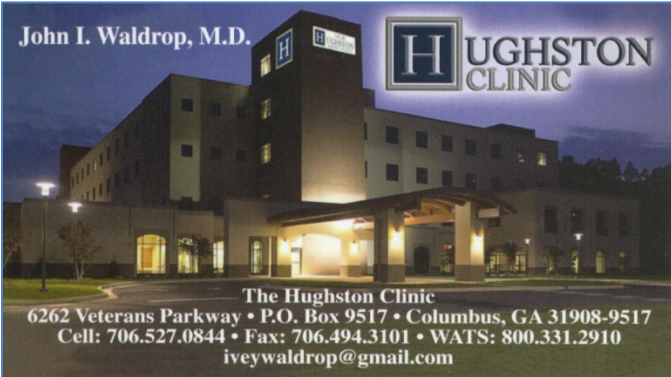
For the Brave that Served, Desert Storm Iraqi Freedom, Lee County, Dedicated By Boy Scout Troop 210, May 26, 2008



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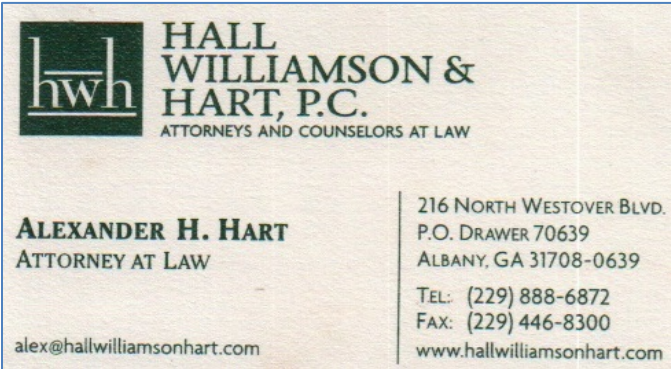
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Up Coming Events

April

2 nd	0600	Retirees Breakfast MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
5 th	0745	Young Marines Training Begins, MCLB Building 7108
15 th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA
18 th	1000	Transition Readiness Seminar, to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox 229-435-1086
18 th – 19 th	0830	Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful River Walk Clean-up

May

2 nd -4 th	1500	Department of Georgia Convention, Best Western Plus, LaGrange, GA
7 th	0600	Retirees Breakfast MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
9 th	1000	Transition Readiness Seminar, to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox 229-435-1086
20 th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA
26 th		Memorial Day



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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

THE GRITS BOWL AWARD

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The "GRITS BOWL" is a ceramic bowl that has been hand painted with the MCL logo and the names of the two Departments on opposite sides. It is held in a custom made cypress case that can be opened to display the bowl. Along the sides are brass plates that are engraved with the name of the winning Department and the year they won.

The "GRITS BOWL" is a challenge trophy for the Department membership growth that is to be awarded to either the Department of Alabama or the Department of Georgia. The "GRITS BOWL" will be awarded to the Department that has the highest increase in Total Paid Membership from the previous year. The increase is determined by taking the National MCL Membership Report from March 31 of the previous year to March 31 of current year.

The "GRITS BOWL" will be awarded annually to the winning Department at the Banquet of the winning Department's annual convention by the losing Department Commandant or his/her representative. The winning Department will keep possession of the "GRITS BOWL" until the other Department succeeds in claiming the "GRITS BOWL". The challenge history is as follows:

2012-2013 – ALABAMA

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2011-2012 – GEORGIA

2009-2010 – ALABAMA

2008-2009 - GEORGIA



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FROM THE COMMANDANT



Greetings to All,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter. I know that I did. I am heartened by the turnout we have been having at our monthly Detachment meetings! And along with that, I notice more are stepping up to help in the various services we do for our community. To add to all of this, since we have been gathering on Wednesday mornings for breakfast at our new location, Quickies Restaurant at 1906 N. Slappey Blvd, we are filling their backroom. We had 32 there on the 23rd!!

All of that tells me that we are a healthy and growing Detachment and ready to take on new projects as listed in our Mission Statement.

I made a contact on base this week and got the skinny on how you go about requesting hearing aids. First call Dublin Carl Vinson VA Medical Center audiology (1-800-595-5229 or 1-478-272-1210) and ask the operator for the audiology clinic. When you reach them ask for an appointment at the new VA Clinic at the Albany Marine Corps Logistics Base for hearing aids and then they will call you or send you a letter with the appointment. Please inform me if this does not work because I spoke with the Commander at the Clinic. As more is revealed to me at the new clinic, I plan to keep you informed.

The Department Convention will take place in LaGrange in two weeks. I am pleased that we have 9 of our members going. We will be electing new Department officers and we can all be proud that our Jr. Past Detachment Commandant and current Paymaster and Webmaster and Sr. Vice Commandant of the Department of Georgia, Ron Kirstatter, will be running for Department Commandant. In my humble opinion, he will do an excellent job.

I want to keep our line of communication open so please contact me (886-3017 or ernieelmore@att.net) if you have anything you want to discuss or suggestions for the betterment of our Detachment.

Semper Fi,

Ernie Elmore
Commandant

CHAPLIN'S CORNER



Marines and Families that are Ill: Marine James R. (JR) Edwards' wife, she is in the process of recovering from a serious illness. Also remember Marine Al Meade with Detachment #647 who is still battling an infection.

Prayer Requests: Carl Wilcox & Family with the passing of his Mother on 15 Feb 2014. Also remember Jane Wilcox she is recovering from a minor stroke and your continued prayers for Roger Paulins' Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, of Lakeland FL. Marine Kelly Fisk has had shoulder surgery. Marine Jim Valentine will be having knee surgery in the very near future. Bob Brooks is ill and needs prayer.

Fallen Marine Program - This month the Lord has taken home. Purple Heart recipient Marine Lester Whatley, passed 28 Mar 14. Marine SSgt Richard A. Williams, 85, Passed on 11 Apr 14.

Devotion: (Proverbs 8:17-21) I love all who love me. Those who search for me will surely find me.

When have you heard someone describe God in a way that doesn't match what the Bible says, such as taking his name in vain?

Remember the first three *Star Wars* movies? Luke Skywalker was the big hero. In the first movie Luke meets Obi-Wan Kenobi and learns that he is a Jedi knight who fought in the Clone Wars with Luke's father. Obi-Wan gives Luke a light saber that once belonged to his father and in the course of the conversation mentions "The Force".

"The Force" Luke asks. The idea of the force sounds spookily familiar – not just because we hear about it over and over in the movies. The force is what many people imagine God to be, a faceless, formless energy.

That idea is extraordinarily off the mark, a myth.

Think hard about these truths: GOD created, surrounds and guides the universe. GOD is present everywhere. GOD is spirit. GOD is not some mysterious, elusive energy force out there somewhere, and most importantly, GOD is not a thing, or an it, he is a person.

GOD, the true God, is personally interested in you. He knows YOUR name. "See", he said to his people, "I have written your name in the palm of my hand". He cares what happens to you and said to the apostle Peter "the very hairs of your head are numbered". Those are personal promises that could only come from a loving, personal God.

My prayer is: ***"God, thank you for being a personal God who is involved in each one of our lives, Amen!"***

R/S:

Bob Breton Ret.

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)

15 April 2014

Commandant Elmore called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present with exception to Jr. Vice Roger Paulin. There were a total of 26 members and 5 associate members present.

Applicant Jerry Smith was accepted and sworn it by Commandant Elmore.

Patriotism Committee: Chairman Dave Aldrich reported 222 flags replaced since the program started.

Veteran's Coalition Committee: Denzil Harrell announced that they are still in need of a guest speaker and band for the Salute to Veterans on November 8, 2014. The VA will be at the American Legion Post 30 on May 20th and 21st to discuss transportation for Veterans to the new location on the Marine Corps Logistics Base.

Correspondence: Ron Kirstatter received a flyer from the VA stating that Gulf War veterans are 37% more likely to have chronic illnesses than non-deployed Veterans.

Good of the League: Make plans to attend the following Conventions in 2014:

Department of Georgia, May 2 - 4 in LaGrange, GA
Department of Alabama, June 6 - 8 in Montgomery, AL.
National Convention, August 3 - 9 in Charleston, WV

Meeting adjourned @ 1930

GET INVOLVED



Transition Readiness Seminar

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany

We need Volunteers

All it takes is 10-15 minutes of your time to talk about the opportunities and assistance the Marine Corps League offers to Marines transitioning out of the Corps. Pick your date and contact Carl Wilcox at CarlWilcox@ymail.com 229-435-1086. Tentative dates and times are as followings:

May 9th @1000

June 6th @ 1000

August 8th @1000

September 12th @1000

FLAG & CROSS SET-UP

MAY 24, 2014

8:00 am

Pools at the Albany Mall



FLAG & CROSS TAKE-DOWN

MAY 27, 2014

Time: TBA

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Last edition of the Dispatch I mentioned that I had planned to display the 54 Streamers that are attached to the Marine Corps colors. Some are really interesting and may cause some of you to follow up the streamers battle history.

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Dave Aldrich,
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BOY SCOUTS



Our Boy Scouts have been busy. We have three new Eagle Scouts and three Life Scouts working on their Eagle rank. Desmane Thomas of St. Teresa Troop 3 earned his Eagle Scout rank on March 1st and Marines Dan Gillan and Joe Najjar were on-hand to recognize Desmane with his Marine Corps League Good Citizenship certificate and coin.



(L-R) Joe Najjar, Desmane Thomas and Dan Gillan

Ethan May of Troop 23 earned his Eagle rank on March 15th and Marine Kent Morrison was on-hand to present Ethan with his Good Citizenship certificate and coin. Marine Morrison will also be presenting Anthony Patterson of Troop 23 with a certificate and coin on May 4th.



Ethan Ward was presented the Good Citizen Award and coin from Kent Morrison

Our Commandant Ernie Elmore will be presenting the Good Citizenship certificate and coin to his grandson Brett Lamphere as well.

In addition to these new Eagle Scouts, Marine Gillan is working as a mentor for Jefferson DeMott of Troop 3 as he plans his Eagle Scout Service Project. Marine Gillan is also coordinating with Scout Master Derrick Jackson of Mount Zion Troop 99 in order to mentor Life Scouts Devonta Williams and Lee Jackson as they work on their Eagle projects. It is a privilege to work so closely with these young men and see them successfully plan, execute and complete their projects.

Semper Fi!

Dan

JROTC/YOUNG MARINES



Young Marines of Albany volunteering at BMW for the Breast Cancer Walk.



Commandant Ernie Elmore presenting Cadet Major Kelly M. English with the Honor Graduate Certificate at Westover High School.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

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U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

UPDATE FOR GULF WAR VETERANS: 2014

Information for Veterans who served in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm and their families.

<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/gulfwar/gulfwar-newsletter-march2014.pdf>

GRITS BOWL COMPETITORS

Department of Georgia Convention

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MEMBERSHIPS UP FOR RENEWAL

MAY	JUNE	JULY
Eugene Coutu	Ray Murphy	Jeffrey Lark
Donald Gray		Robert McCarty
Robert Jarrett		Joseph Najjar
Angela Kearby		Laurence Olson
Tina Lee		George Palaima
John Richard		Marilyn Retza
Cynthia Sacca-Goodman		Kevin Stanley
Gerald Wessels		
Joe Wingard		
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OOH RAH!!!

Welcome New Member
JERRY SMITH



**Commandant Ernie Elmore swearing in New
Member Jerry Smith**



" How can you make so many mistakes when
you only have two options: left or right ? "

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

1 May 1992: BGen Marvin Hopgood Jr. led, 1,500 Marines from Camp Pendleton to help quell the Los Angeles riots.

2 May 1965: 1st Battalion, 8th Marines participated in the intervention in the Dominican Republic.



6 May 1937: Marines at NAS Lakehurst, NJ, helped rescue survivors of the Hindenburg disaster.



11 May 1920: The 16th Marine Regiment organized at Philadelphia for duty in Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.

13 May 1928: Marines participated in the Battle of Cua River in Nicaragua.

15 May: Peace Officers Memorial Day



17 May 1962: The 3d MEB landed in Thailand, easing Communist pressure.

17 May: Armed Forces Day.

19 May 1927: The 11th Marine Regiment arrived at Esteli, Nicaragua, for garrison duty.



21 May 1847: A Marine Regiment formed for duty with MajGen Winfield Scott's army in Mexico.

26 May: Memorial Day (observed).



31 May 1900: Marines guarded Peking Diplomatic Quarters during the Boxer Rebellion.

MEMBERS GETTING INVOLVED



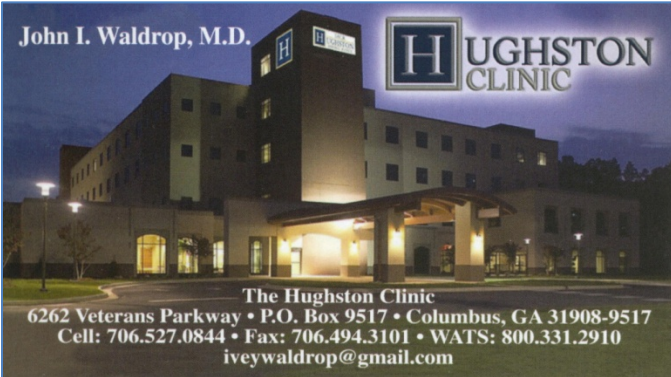
Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Pappas, Marine Corps Logistics Command, visits with Montford Point Marine Henry Jackson during the Education and Career Fair March 26 at Thomason Gym. Henry Jackson, Bill Hammack and Tim McClelland represented the Marine Corps League Detachment #1260, Albany, Ga.



08	Maxine Belk
16	Kathy Fazekas
20	Randolph Scott
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Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260

Up Coming Events

May

2 nd -4 th	1500	Department of Georgia Convention, Best Western Plus, LaGrange, GA
6 th	0900	Unveiling of Newly Named Veteran's Memorial HWY, Government BLDG, Leesburg, GA
7 th	0600	Retirees Breakfast MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
9 th	1000	Transition Readiness Seminar, to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox 229-435-1086
20 th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Dr. Albany, GA
24 th	0800	Set-up Flags & Crosses, Ponds at Albany Mall, contact Ernie Elmore 229-886-3017
25 th	1530	Memorial Day Ceremony, Albany Mall, Albany, GA
26 th		Memorial Day Observed
27 th	TBD	Take Down Flags & Crosses, Ponds at Albany Mall, contact Ernie Elmore 229-886-3017

June

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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

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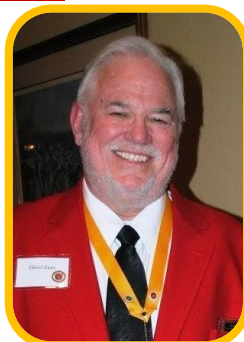


On May 3, 2014 at the Best Western in LaGrange, Georgia National Sr. Vice Commandant John Kavolick conducted the Installation of New Officers.

Elected Officers



**Commandant
Ron Kirstatter**



**Sr. Vice Commandant
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**Judge Advocate
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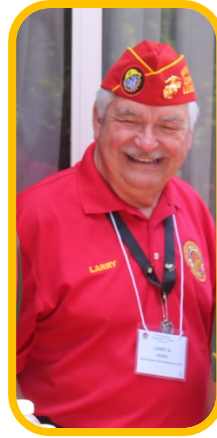
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Paymaster
LuAnn Miller



Sergeant-at-Arms
Larry Heard



Sergeant-at-Arms
Lamar Scott

(Not pictured)

Chaplain: Guy Mitchell

Web Sergeant: Bill Stevens

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District 1: Vacant

District 2: Bill Craig

District 3: Herb Bradley

District 4: Tom Oakes

District 5: Barbara Brammer

District 6: Reggie Walters

District 7: Bobby Edwards



Convention Announcements



Marines, after much thought and careful consideration, I am seeking the position of National Junior Vice Commandant of the Marine Corps League. This decision is based on nothing more than a desire to make the League a stronger, growing organization! The pool of membership candidates that we have drawn from in the recent years,

Vietnam-era Marines and FMF Corpsmen, is becoming harder to reach; it is therefore incumbent upon us to design new and positive recruiting methods.

Michael P. Clark

National Vice Commandant
Southeast Division

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Marines, my name is Johnny Baker and I am running for the position of National Judge Advocate for the Marine Corps League. I am sincerely humbled by this opportunity. Marines, I am motivated and energized to become your next National Judge Advocate and to make a difference to "our" Marine Corps League. You deserve a Marine that will work for you. I have done that my entire career and will continue that legacy if you would humble me with your vote of confidence for the position of National Judge Advocate.



Johnny B. Baker

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FROM THE COMMANDANT



Greetings Detachment 1260,

Well, I don't know about you, but I am very pleased. Our Detachment is very healthy and growing (four more Marines were sworn in this month). Our community participation is active and more of you are joining in our activities. Just as I see new plants blossoming in my yard, I see more members rising into potential leadership roles. As visible as we are, we must always be aware that there are other Marines out there who honestly don't know about us - men and women who need our contact and recruitment. If you need some advice on how to do that, speak with our Jr. Vice Commandant Roger Paulin. He holds the award for Department Outstanding Recruiter and continues to lead the Detachment to this very day.

Your Commandant has been busy. Marine Miles Martin and Sr. Vice Tim McClelland, and I have installed a flag pole this month and the three of us raised a flag over the new Second Harvest Building in Thomasville. Tim and I presented two JROTC awards at Westover High School and I presented two at Leesburg High School. I even put on my ministers hat and officiated at the wedding of Marine Miles and Fay Martin. Many of us were there for the unveiling of the new Veteran's Highway Memorial dedication of State Highway 19 at the Lee County courthouse. Always in the flag folding business, I helped American Legion Post 30 do one in Thomasville for a Fallen Marine.

You can be happy to know that 11 of our members attended the Department Convention in LaGrange (the second largest delegation) where we proudly cast our votes for your new Department Commandant -our very own Past Commandant and our Paymaster, Ron Kirstatter. You can be confident that our Department has very good leadership with Ron at the helm. He is a dedicated Marine, able leader and his heart is with the Marine Corps League. He has put untold hours, over the years, into helping make the Georgia MCL and our own Detachment one of the best in the nation. He has shown his skill and devotion in every aspect of the League. He is a good listener and a good advisor. He is very approachable and brings to the office the promise of being one of the best Commandants this Department has had in a very long time. Sir Commandant, we wish you well!!

Memorial Day is here again. Some of us helped prepare the field at the Mall to install flags and crosses in remembrance of all our brave uniformed men and women who have served our nation and gave the ultimate sacrifice. By the time you read this we will have participated at two more Memorial Day services. This is a solemn occasion and I hope that all of you will take time to lower your flag and bow your heads as we remember those who went before us.

Semper Fi,

Ernie Elmore
Commandant

CHAPLIN'S CORNER



Marines and Families that are Ill: Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, she is in the process of recovering from a serious illness. China Marine MGySgt Jim Martsching, in Nursing home in Sylvester. Marine Joe Caldiera is in the hospital with water around his heart.

Prayer Requests:

- Roger Paulin's Mother-in-law Alice Conibear 91, in Lakeland FL.
- Marine Jim Valentine – Knee surgery, will be out for a while.
- Associate Member Marilyn Retza has requested prayer for severe back pain.
- Remember Bernard Bledsoe with the loss of his son Steve.
- Marine Dan & Andrea Gillan's daughter Abby recovering from surgery.
- Marine Kelly Fisk who continues to recover from shoulder surgery.

Fallen Marine Program:

This month the Lord has taken home:

- 16 year Marine Earl Lee McGie, Sr. 86, – passed on 17 April 2014.
- MGySgt Richard Zupko, 68 - passed on 30 April 2014.
- Korea Purple Heart Marine PFC Madison Tucker, 87 - passed 13 May 2014.

Let us remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, Nick Retza and Billy Stewart.

Devotion: Are you Power-Packed?

(Job 42: 1-5) Job replied to the Lord: "I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you."

Have you ever done something you wished you hadn't, stupid stuff-like getting angry for no apparent reason? Then someone pointed out that you need to find better ways to deal with those situations and maybe ask the Holy Spirit to help you find those answers. Like most of us, we don't understand exactly how the Holy Spirit works within us.

Here's a hint: Unlike your heart which beats whether you ask it to or not, the Holy Spirit does His best work when you invite him to do His thing-to make you more like the Lord.

Inviting the Holy Spirit in is like letting a clean-up crew into a messy house. The first step is to open the front door. If you are a Christian you should have already done that, but even at that, it's never too late to do it. The Holy Spirit comes to live within you at the time you trust Christ. So you don't have to ask the Holy Spirit into your life, He's already there.

But your job is to let Him into the rest of your house. When you recognize the Holy Spirit and His power, you are teamed up with God, who can do all things. He will stick with you and do all that he has promised to do; no fooling and no leaks.

My prayer is: **"God, change whatever you see inside of me that need changing, Amen!"**

R/S:

**Bob Breton Ret.
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)

15 April 2014

Commandant Elmore called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present. There were a total of 28 members and 6 associate members present.

Applicants Donald Dally, Charles Stewart and Don Mills Sr. were accepted and sworn in by Commandant Elmore.

Commandant's Report: Commandant Elmore and Sr. Vice McClelland installed a flag pole at Marine Miles Martins' home; Presented JROTC awards at Westover and Lee County

High Schools and preformed a marriage ceremony for Miles and Faye Martin at the American Legion Post #30. On May 6th he was present at the unveiling of Veteran's Memorial Highway in Leesburg, GA. Then on May 10th he assisted the American Legion Post #30 in a flag folding ceremony in Thomasville, Ga. Commandant and Sr. Vice also raised a flag at the 2nd Harvest building in Thomasville, GA.

Sr. Vice McClelland reported that Our Detachment had 11 members at the Department Convention which was the 2nd most number of Detachment members present. The largest was the host Detachment.

Judge Advocates Report: The new Department of Georgia bylaws have been posted to the website.

Patriotism Committee: Chairman Dave Aldrich reported 233 flags replaced since the program started.

Veteran's Coalition Committee: Nick Nicholson announced there will be a Veteran's Outreach at the American Legion Post 30 on June 17th at 1200

Young Marines/JROTC: Kelly Fisk met with new SgtMaj at Westover and is looking forward to working with him.

Old Business: Larry Olson announced he has red Albany MCL T-Shirts for sale at \$5 each.

New Business: We will have a tent set up for recruiting new members at the MCLB Independence Day Celebration on June 27 between 4 and 10. Nick Nicholson will donate an old bottle of liquor to raffle off.

Announcements: Commandant Elmore will be out of town June 1-7. Sr. Vice Commandant McClelland will step in on his behalf. He is also working on a guest speaking from VA for next months' meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 1930

GET INVOLVED



Transition Readiness Seminar
Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany
We need Volunteers

All it takes is 10-15 minutes of your time to talk about the opportunities and assistance the Marine Corps League offers

to Marines transitioning out of the Corps. Pick your date and contact Carl Wilcox at CarlWilcox@ymail.com 229-435-1086. Tentative dates and times are as followings:

June 6th @ 1000
August 8th @1000
September 12th @1000

Independence Day Celebration
June 27th
4pm - 10pm
Open to the public
The Detachment will have a
tent set-up for recruiting.



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It has been six months since we published a “Flag Display Days” card. Because We are going into a very busy Holiday Season with Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day just to name a few. I figured it would be good to republish a Flag Display Card that can be put on your desk or in your wallet as a reminder of these important days! So print it, cut it out, and display in a location that you won’t forget!



Flag Display Days

New Year’s Day.....	January 1st
Inauguration Day (Presidential).....	January 20th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.....	3rd Monday in January
Lincoln’s Birthday.....	February 12th
Washington’s Birthday (Presidents’ Day).....	3rd Monday in February
Easter Sunday.....	variable
Mother’s Day.....	2nd Sunday in May
Peace Officers Memorial Day (half-staff)*.....	May 15th
Armed Forces Day.....	3rd Saturday in May
Memorial Day (half-staff until noon).....	last Monday in May
Flag Day.....	June 14th
Father’s Day.....	3rd Sunday in June
Independence Day.....	July 4th
National Korean War Veterans	
Armistice Day.....	July 27th
Labor Day.....	1st Monday in September
Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance (half-staff).....	September 11th
POW/MIA Recognition Day.....	3rd Friday in September
Constitution and Citizenship Day	September 17th
Columbus Day.....	2nd Monday in October
Navy Day.....	October 27th
Veterans Day.....	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day.....	4th Thursday in November
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (half-staff).....	December 7th
Christmas Day.....	December 25th

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. Information outlined above is part of the Federal Flag Code or enacted by Federal legislation. Fly your POW/MIA flag with United States Flag on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans Day.

**The flag shall be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day.*

Stay Safe over theses Holidays!

SEMPER FI
Dave Aldrich, Chairman, Patriot Committee



BOY SCOUTS



On May 20 Marine Joe Najjar presents the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award and Eagle Scout Coin to Shawn Yates of Troop 321 in Tifton, GA.



Eagle Scout Brett Lamphere of Centralia, WA, receives a Certificate of Service from Maj Lawrence DesJardines Detachment, at his Court of Honor. It was presented to him by the Commandant of the Lewis County Washington Marine Corps League on the behalf of his Grandfather Commandant Ernie Elmore.

Semper Fi!

Dan Gillan
Boy Scout Coordinator

JROTC/YOUNG MARINES



Commandant Ernie Elmore presents Lee County High School Cadet Lt William Bloodworth with the JROTC Honor Graduate Award and receives the Marine Corps NCO Handbook.



Lee County High School JROTC Cadet Lt JG Randolph Pierce receives the Community Service Award and Ribbon from Commandant Elmore.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

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Important!! Veterans who are already enrolled should ensure the address we have on file is correct so you can receive your VHIC in a timely manner. To update or to confirm your address with us, please call 1-877-222-VETS (8387). If the post office cannot deliver your VHIC, the card will be returned to the VA.

If you are not currently enrolled with the VA for your health care, we encourage you to apply for enrollment online at www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll or by calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387). You may also apply for enrollment in person at your local VA medical facility. Once your enrollment is verified, your picture will be taken at your local VA medical center so that, once production begins, a VHIC will be mailed to you. To ensure your identity, you must provide either one primary or two secondary documents. To read entire article and view **Acceptable Documents for Identity Proofing** go to the following website or by calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

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	Laurence Olson	Willie Qualls
	George Palaima	James Taylor
	Marilyn Retza	Carl Wilcox
	Kevin Stanley	
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Welcome New Members



Commandant Elmore swearing in Charles Stewart and Donald Dally



New Member and Westover High Schools JROTC Senior Instructor Don Mills Sr. being sworn in by Commandant Elmore.



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



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

3 June 1918: The 4th Marine Brigade fought at Les Mares Farm, Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry, France.



7 June 1912: Company A, 1st Marines landed at Santiago, Cuba

10 June 1871: A Marine battalion made the first landing against Korean forts.

14 June: FLAG DAY!



18 June 1945: Army LtGen Simon Bolivar Buckner was killed and Marine MajGen Roy S. Geiger assumed command of the Tenth U.S. Army on Okinawa.



25 June 1981: HMH-464 at MCAS, New River, NC received its first CH-53E "Super Stallion".

28 June 1814: War of 1812, Marines on board USS Wasp helped defeat HMS Reindeer.



30 June 1834: Congress placed the Marine Corps under Navy jurisdiction.

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Shooting Times

By: Joel J. Hutchcroft

As a companion piece to this month's cover story on the new Colt USMC CQBP 1911, I'm taking a good look at the USMC's first official handgun. I'm diverging from our usual treatment because I was not able to come up with a shooting sample gun. You see, it was a flintlock pistol called the Harper's Ferry Model 1805, and it was produced at the Harpers Ferry Armory from 1805 until 1808. According to several sources, it was the first pistol manufactured by an American national armory.

Mechanicals

The U.S. Model 1805, as it is also known, is a .54-caliber, single-shot, smoothbore, flintlock pistol with a 10 1/16-inch round barrel. An iron rib holds an iron ramrod ferrule that runs underneath the barrel. Ramrods are either brass-tipped hardwood or steel. Stocks are walnut with brass mountings.

These pistols were made with or without sights. When sights are present, the front is a brass bead, and the rear is an open type on the tang.

The Model 1805's lockplate has an integral forged iron flashpan with fence. Standard lock markings include "HARPERS FERRY" over the date of manufacture (located at the rear on the right-hand side) and a spread eagle over "US" ahead of the hammer. The serial number, eagle-head cartouche, and "P" are marked on the barrel ahead of the breech. Inspector markings are on the left side of the stock near the sideplate. Pistols produced in 1805, 1806, 1807, and 1808 were identical, and there were no changes in design during that sequence.

Harper's Ferry Model 1805 flintlock pistols were known as "horsemen's pistols" and were produced in pairs with the two pistols having identical serial numbers. According to *Flayderman's Guide to Antique American Firearms and their Values*, 4096 Harper's Ferry Model 1805 pistols were produced; consequently, no serial number higher than 2,048 has been found. Today, between 200 and 300 of these pistols are known to exist.

Provenance

The U.S. Model 1805 shown here is one in Lot No. 3176 for sale at Rock Island Auction Co. It was made in 1807 and is so marked. It was made without sights, and its ramrod is the

wood variety. It has "1311" stamped on the barrel next to the oval "US" and eagle-head cartouche.

At the time of this writing, it had not been sold, but it was expected to go for between \$3,500 and \$6,500. That puts it in the Good condition range according to *Flayderman's*. U.S. Model 1805s in Fine condition made in 1805 (the rarest) are valued at \$50,000, and those in Good condition made in 1808 are rated at \$4,500.

Performance

As I said, I wasn't able to get my hands on a shooting sample of the U.S. Model 1805, but noted firearms historian and *Guns & Ammo* contributor Garry James recently wrote about the .54-caliber U.S. Model 1836 flintlock pistol, which was made from 1836 until 1844 and was the last official U.S. military sidearm produced with a flintlock ignition system (it was issued to mounted infantrymen). He fired .525-inch round balls propelled by 30 grains of FFFg black powder through that pistol's 8.5-inch, smoothbore barrel and was able to keep shots within a 10-inch bull at 25 feet. I'm guessing the older Model 1805 might not do quite as well because most experts consider the Model 1836 flintlocks to be the best performing pistol of that type.

For anyone interested in modern reproduction firearms, Dixie Gun Works offers a flintlock "Harper's Ferry Model 1805" made by Pedersoli, and it is fairly close to the original except it is .58 caliber rather than .54, the lockplate is color-case-hardened, the front sight is a brass blade, and the barrel is rifled.

Early martial flintlock pistols often wore metal pieces on the butt of the grip, as does the U.S. Model 1805. Some say that was so they could be used to club an attacker after being fired. The half-dozen or so antique flintlock pistols that I have handled make me inclined to agree with that notion, and I think the U.S. Model 1805 could have been effective in close quarters battle with either end.

USMC HANDGUNS

According to my research, the USMC has had 10 official handguns since its formation 1794. They are:

- Harper's Ferry Model 1805
- Colt 1851 Navy
- Colt 1861 Navy
- Colt 1873 Single Action Army
- Colt 1905 Marine Revolver
- Smith & Wesson Model 66
- Smith & Wesson Model 10
- Colt Model 1911
- Beretta M9
- Colt USMC CQBP 1911 (2012)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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07	Gregory Maine
08	Harold Hart
10	Al Fazekas
13	Robert Cereny
20	Henry Jackson
21	Bob James
23	Rex Baker
	Chuck Bushnell
	Eugene Coutu
25	James Valentine
29	Joe Wingard

MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

LEESBURG, GEORGIA



Leesburg, GA; Unveiling the new sign for HWY 19 to Veteran's Memorial Highway.



Pictured (L-R) Bobbie Elmore, Melba Harrell, Bob Breton, Bob James, Dan Gillan, Ernie Elmore, Chuck Bushnell, and Denzil Harrell.

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John Belk and Ernie Elmore



Marilyn and Tim McClelland



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and Ernie Elmore**



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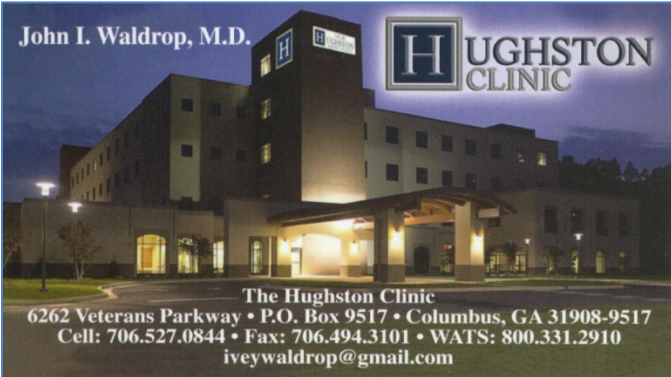
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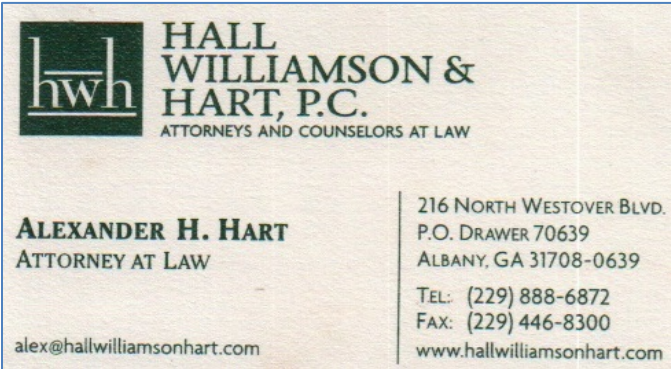
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Up Coming Events

June

4 th	0600	Retirees Breakfast MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
6 th – 8 th		Dept. of Alabama Convention, Embassy Suites Downtown Montgomery, AL
6 th	1000	Transition Readiness Seminar, to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox 229-435-1086
7 th	0600	Retirees Breakfast, Crossroads Restaurant, MCLB Albany
15 th		Happy Father's Day
17 th	1200	Veteran's Outreach; American Legion Post 30 contact: Nick Nicholson 229-435-5450
17 th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Dr Albany, GA
27 th	1600	Independence Day Celebration, MCLB , Albany, GA

July

2 nd	0600	Retirees Breakfast, MCLB Albany, Crossroads Restaurant
5 th	1000	Pound 360 Growl, Commons Church, 3014 Sylvester Road, Albany, GA
9 th	1000	Transition Readiness Seminar, to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox 229-435-1086
15 th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Dr. Albany, GA



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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

MCLB Albany



A car passes the Main Gate of Marine Corps Depot of Supplies in 1952. The depot's name changed two more times before it became Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany on Nov. 1, 1978

History of the Command

Native American artifacts, more than 200 to date, have been unearthed here. The artifacts indicate that a Native American hunting camp once stood on the high ground at the east end of Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany.

University of Georgia archeologists believe the flint knives, scrapers, drills, agricultural tools, arrowheads and spearheads found here date back some 8,000 to 10,000 years. These items are evidence that Native Americans also used the site where MCLB Albany is located as a center of resupply or a supply base.

Of special interest was a piece of black flint found at the site. Black flint comes from North Georgia, so it is thought that South Georgia Native Americans, through early trade, made this a very early example of commerce in the Southeast.



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A large oak tree is also a historical landmark here. It was named after Col. A.E. Dubber, who from March 1951 to July 1955, was in charge of planning and construction of the Marine Corps Depot of Supplies, Albany, Ga.

He was insistent that the construction of the depot be aligned on this oak tree and during the depot's construction, the tree was affectionately known as "Dubber's Oak."



Construction of base buildings, roads, warehouses and railroad tracks were begun soon after existing structures were demolished and the necessary land areas cleared.

Brig. Gen. Raymond P. Coffman assumed command and a small contingent of Marines established headquarters in temporary buildings when the base was commissioned on March 1, 1952, as the Marine Corps Depot of Supplies. The depot's name changed two more times before it became Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany on Nov. 1, 1978.



Brig. Gen. Raymond P. Coffman (center), Marine Corps Depot of Supplies' first commanding general, sits with his staff in the early 1950s.

On Jan. 17, 1990, the commandant of the Marine Corps directed the base's commanding general to also take on the responsibilities of commander, Marine Corps Logistics Bases, which placed MCLB Albany, MCLB Barstow, Calif., and Blount Island Command, Jacksonville, Fla., under this single commander.

On Oct. 4, 2005, the Marine Corps regionalized all installations, and the organization here was divided into a

base command with a colonel as its commanding officer, and Marine Corps Logistics Command headed by a commanding general. MCLB Albany became one of seven regional installations reporting to Marine Corps Installations East. Logistics Command became a separate tenant with its headquarters here and subordinate maintenance centers (now known as production plants) in Albany; Barstow, Calif.; as well as the Blount Island Command in Jacksonville, Fla. An integrated workforce of military and civilian men and women accomplish the base's mission of supporting its organizations that help sustain Marines around the world.

During Overseas Contingency Operations, a new Mobile Trauma Bay was used in combat on Oct. 28, 2009, in Now Zad, Afghanistan. Maintenance Center Albany's (now known as Production Plant Albany) engineers and craftsmen were responsible for the concept. The bays enable personnel in theater to provide emergency trauma care through task-organized tactical trauma teams with a means of force protection and environmental control.

On the homefront, in a landmark ceremony, Sept. 23, 2011, base and local officials flipped the switch on a \$20 million generator plant designed to produce 1.9 megawatts of renewable electric power and steam by burning landfill gas collected from a nearby landfill. MCLB Albany, Dougherty County, Ga., and Chevron Energy Solutions officials inked the Department of the Navy's first landfill gas-to-energy partnership in December 2009. The plant opened here on Sept. 23, 2011.

The green technology recovers methane gas from the neighboring landfill and converts it into energy and steam to help power the Marine Depot Maintenance Command/Production Plant Albany. This is only one effort by MCLB Albany in creating the premiere green base in the Department of Defense.

On the seventh anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, more than 3,900 Marines, Sailors and Airmen from Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., sought safe haven at MCLB Albany on Aug. 27, 2012, to escape Hurricane Isaac's impending landfall between the panhandle of Florida and the Louisiana Gulf Coast.

The displaced military personnel, who stayed in warehouses during their evacuation, returned home on Aug. 30, 2012. This wasn't the only time MCLB Albany provided a safe haven for military personnel. In 2005, MCLB Albany hosted military evacuees from NAS Pensacola due to Hurricane Katrina and they stayed for about 21 days

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Front gate today with "Dubber's Oak."
Photo by: Nathan L. Hanks Jr.

FROM THE COMMANDANT



Greetings from your
Commandant,

Another busy month has gone by in our Detachments and once again I must express my pride in all I see you doing. Our detachment grew again this past month by two new members and one new associate. More of you are starting to step up to participate in our activities and actually suggesting new activities for our involvement. I am happy to see more of you being motivated to purchase our uniform so we can make a unified showing at various functions in the community which in turn will cause others to want to know who we are and how to be involved with us. Please strongly consider buying our white uniform shirt if you don't already have one. See our quartermaster.

We are all proud of our own detachment member, Ron Kirstatter being elected recently as the Department Commandant. That position is an extremely busy one. With that in mind, I had a conversation with Ron and asked him to consider stepping aside from his detachment position as our Paymaster in order to free up more of his much-needed time in his new state position. He gave it serious thought and has stepped down. In the short time he had that position he made some fine changes to the position and continued the outstanding job that Bob Adams held before him. I am

pleased to tell you that Bill Hammack has now been sworn in as our new Paymaster. Bill has been a member for a long while and was our Judge Advocate until he came down with a serious illness which side-lined him for over a year. He is now ready to take on this new position and is very qualified to do so.



Commandant Elmore swearing in Paymaster Billy Hammack

As the summer rolls on, let us enjoy each other's camaraderie both in service to our community and in social gatherings. The first Wednesday of each month there is a retiree's breakfast aboard base at 0600 at the Town and Country Restaurant. It is very informative and it is good to see our "red covers" there. Detachment members meet Monday mornings at the IHOP on Ledo Road next to Wal-Mart at 0830 for breakfast, Wednesday mornings at Quickies on Slappey Blvd at 0830 for breakfast and on Fridays at Pearly's Restaurant also on Slappey Blvd at 0830 for breakfast. Actually the time for these breakfasts is 0900 but many are so anxious to see each other that they show up by 0830. No one is expected to show up for these breakfasts but if you can, that's great. We can all look forward to our annual Picnic (and swim party) this year at Bob and Ruthie Breton's house in September. Watch the Dispatch for the exact time and date. Last but not least, I hope that many of you have signed up for the National Convention in August to be held in Charleston, WV August 3-9. I can't emphasize enough how much fun you will have and how much you will grow in your knowledge of our beloved Marine Corps League.

Semper Fi,
Ernie Elmore



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Marines and Families that are Ill:

- Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, still is in the process of recovering from a serious illness.

Prayer Requests:

- Roger Paulin's Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL.
- Marine Jim Valentine – Recovery from Knee surgery.
- Remember MCL Auxiliary President Jackie Hunter with the passing of her mother.

Fallen Marine Program - This month the Lord has taken home:

- Marine MGySgt James Thomas Reed passed on 19 May of complications with Alzheimer's.
- Marine MSgt Barry Richards passed on 27 May after a long illness.

Let us remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, Nick Retza and Billy Stewart.

Devotion:

Romans 15: 5-7 (*Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you. Romans 15-7*)

You're baffled. You used to think your room was pretty big. But as you look around you realize – well –that you can hardly turn your head. A few months ago you could do gymnastic back-flips in here. Now you can hardly budge an elbow. And while you're trying to figure out how to make your place roomier, you're suddenly squeezed from the comfy home that's been yours for the last nine months.

Bright lights suddenly hit your eyes. Loud noises blast your ears. You definitely have more room to stretch. And now you have a new job. You have to breathe.

You don't remember the huge change that came about when you were *born*. But think for a moment what happens when we're *born again*. When you were born into this world you had to trust your parents for all your needs, but accepting Christ as your savior, he accepts you as his child and you become:

- An heir of God (See Ephesians 1: 13-14).
- Adopted into God's Family (See Ephesians 1:5)
- Your heart is filled with God's love (See Romans 5:5)

- Unable to be separated from God's Love (See Romans 8:38-39)
- Able to spend eternity with God in the place he has prepared for you (See John 14: 1-4)
- Welcomed into a new family, and you are in good standing throughout eternity (See 1 Corinthians 12: 13, 27).
- God wants us to accept our selves the way we are – knowing that we have weaknesses as well as strengths, shortcomings as well as abilities. And God challenges us to show the world the same kind of love that he shows us. "Accept one another then, just as Christ accepted you in order to bring praise to God. (Romans 15:7). And if you want to love as God loves, then start by seeing yourself as God sees you: Totally acceptable and totally lovable.

My prayer is: ***"God, Help us to see ourselves and others through your eyes, Amen!"***

R/S:

**Bob Breton, MSgt USMC Ret.
Det. Chaplain**

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mngtrabret@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 June 2014

Commandant Elmore called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present with exception to Jr. Vice Paulin. There were a total of 28 members and 6 associate members present.

Applications: Applications for Marines Richard Frank Rice and John Vanderhoof along with Associate Alice Fay Martin were accepted and sworn in by Commandant Elmore. An Application for Lawrence E. Simpson was submitted for review.

Bill Hammack was sworn in as Paymaster by Commandant Ernie Elmore.

The Detachment was represented at the Department Convention in LaGrange and received a steamer for our flag. Commandant Elmore and Sgt-at-Arms Richard Chaffin placed it on the flag at this time.

Commandant's Report: Commandant Elmore attended a meeting at MCLB to discuss the opening of the VA Clinic scheduled for August 1, 2014. For Veterans who do not have access to the base you must show your VA identification card which will have a decal showing you have had your background check and appointment card when entering. They were told that Navy Corpsmen will be arriving from Jacksonville to assist.

Sr. Vice McClelland announced that we should consider volunteering to shuttle Veterans who have no transportation from the bus station to the base for their appointments. Sr. Vice also stated that he has been viewing other Detachments' newsletters and Sheila has done by far the best.

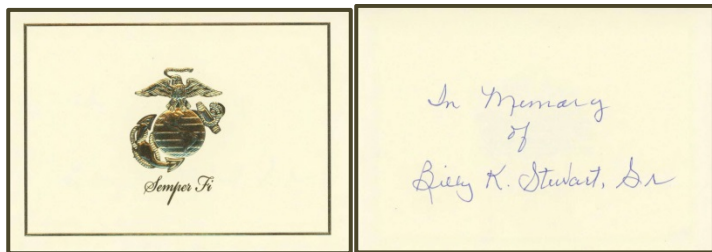
River Walk Committee: Richard Chaffin announced we will have a clean-up on the 3rd Saturday in August. More details at a later date.

Patriotism Committee: Chairman Dave Aldrich reported 239 flags replaced since the program started.

Veteran's Coalition Committee: Denzil Harrell announced that COL Thomas Cardin will be the guest speaker at the Veteran's Day celebration.

Boy Scouts: Joe Najjar reported that a young man received an award in Tifton. He also announced that Mike Johnson with the Boy Scouts office in Albany is in need of a flag pole. Denzil Harrell of American Legion Post 182 in Lee County will match what the Detachment donates to have one installed.

Young Marines/JROTC: Lee County JROTC will be going to the Jr. Olympics next week. Lee County approved a 3rd instructor which needs to be approved by the Board of Education. They now have 220 students enrolled in the program. We are now awarding the Billy Mitchell Award which is equivalent to the Boy Scout's Eagle Scout Award. There are two young men now to receive this award.



Correspondence: The Detachment received a note from Cherry Stewart with a monetary donation in memory of her husband.

Announcements: Marine Kirstatter announced that the National Convention being held August 4-9 in Charleston, WV is most likely to be the largest Convention there has been.

Meeting adjourned @ 1930

GET INVOLVED



Transition Readiness Seminar Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany **We need Volunteers**

All it takes is 10-15 minutes of your time to talk about the opportunities and assistance the Marine Corps League offers to Marines transitioning out of the Corps. Pick your date and contact Carl Wilcox at CarlWilcox@ymail.com 229-435-1086. Tentative dates and times are as follows:

July – No Seminar
August 8th @1000
September 12th @1000
October 10th @1000
November 21st @1000
December – No Seminar



RIVER WALK CLEAN-UP
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0900
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

"The Star-Spangled Banner"

by Francis Scott Key, September 1814
(Sung to the tune "To Anacreon in Heaven")

*"O say! can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say! does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"*

*"On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream.
'Tis the Star-Spangled Banner. O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."*

*"And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."*

*"O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and war's desolation,
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n-rescued land
Praise the pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, 'In God is Our Trust.'
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."*

Semper fi
Dave Aldrich – Chairman, Patriotism committee

BOY SCOUTS



All of our local scout organizations are busy with summer camp, planning Eagle Scout projects, working on other community service projects so there are no Eagle awards to report at this time. I look forward to sharing some good news about our local scouts in upcoming editions.

Semper Fi!

Dan Gillan – Boy Scout Coordinator



New Flag Pole at the Boy Scouts of America located at 1100 N. Madison, Albany, GA donated and erected by Detachment #1260.

JROTC/YOUNG MARINES

GENERAL BILLY MITCHELL AWARD



The General Billy Mitchell Award is earned by Civil Air Patrol cadets who have successfully completed the second phase of the cadet program. It marks the end of the enlisted phase of the cadet program; cadets are promoted to Cadet Second Lieutenants upon receipt and, by extension, Cadet Officers. The award is given in honor of Maj Gen William "Billy" Mitchell, former Deputy Chief of the Army Air Service and military aviation visionary.

In order to earn this award, cadets must pass a series of leadership, aerospace and physical fitness tests and attend character development training for each achievement from Cadet Airman Basic through Cadet Chief Master Sergeant. In addition, cadets must attend a military-style encampment before this award is made, and have maintained active membership in the Civil Air Patrol for at least 18 months since joining. 15% of Civil Air Patrol cadets achieve the Mitchell Award.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Every Wednesday at 0900 the Detachment meets for breakfast at The Quickie Restaurant 1906 N. Slappey Boulevard. Join us if you can.



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Acting Secretary Gibson Meets with MSOs and VSOs Following Release of Data on Quality, Access to Veterans Healthcare

WASHINGTON –Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Sloan Gibson met with the leadership of 27 Military and Veterans Service Organizations (MSOs and VSOs) following the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) release of results from its Nationwide Access Audit, and other facility level access data.

In the meeting, Acting Secretary Gibson thanked MSOs and VSOs for being VA's valuable partners in serving Veterans and continuing to improve the department. He told MSO and VSO leaders that he looks forward to working with them to better serve Veterans and address the unacceptable, systemic problems in accessing VA healthcare.

Acting Secretary Gibson outlined the actions announced today in response to the audit findings, and how the data shows the extent of the systemic problems VA faces. He reemphasized his commitment to earn the trust of Veterans who VA is privileged to serve, and told the MSO and VSO leaders that VA has contacted 50,000 Veterans across the country to get them off of wait lists and into clinics.

The actions announced and data released today can be found at:

<http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2552>

Base welcomes new physical therapist



(Photo by Verda L. Parker)

June 26, 2014

Dr. Joseph Pioquinto is the new physical therapist at the Veterans Administration Clinic aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany. Pioquinto was introduced by Col. Don Davis, commanding officer, MCLB Albany to attendees at the installation's retiree breakfast, June 4. Pioquinto moved into his office at the Navy Branch Health Clinic at MCLB Albany, April 20.

A former Marine, Pioquinto, has also worked as a physical therapist at Warner Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Georgia. He said he is in the process of setting up the VA clinic's office, here, and is currently waiting for the final word on when he can begin seeing patients.



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During the 2014 convention, the Marine Corps League would like to recognize and honor West Virginia's last surviving Medal of Honor recipient for his actions "above and beyond the call of duty" at the Battle of Iwo Jima.

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Monthly Retiree Breakfast
Wednesday, July 2nd
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JIM TUOHY
National Commandant

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NEXT MEETING
DETACHMENT #1260
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Detachment Staff Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2014
@1800
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Welcome New Members



(L to R) Commandant Elmore swearing in John Vanderhoff and Richard Frank Rice



Commandant Elmore swearing in Associate Alice "Fay" Martin



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

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



4 July: Independence Day

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

6 July 1905: Marines escorted the body of John Paul Jones from France to Annapolis, MD.



11 July 1798: The U.S. Marine Corps was re-established by an Act of Congress, succeeding the Continental Marines.

12 July 1798: Maj William W. Burrows was appointed the 2nd Commandant of the Marine Corps by President John Adams.



15 July 1958: BLT 2/2 landed across the beaches in Beirut.

18 July 1918: The 4th Marine Brigade sustained 1,972 casualties in an attack at Soissons, France.

21 July 1944: The 3dMarDiv, 1st Provisional Marine Brigade, and Marine Aircraft Group 21 landed to recapture Guam.



23 July 1972: 33dMAU participated in relief operations in the Philippines following Typhoon Rita.

25 July 1777: Congress authorized a \$4 weekly subsistence for Marine Officers.



30 June 1834: The 1st Marine Aviation Force Arrived in France.

IN THE NEWS

Marines Won't Take The Beaches Head-On Any More;
'Find The Gaps'

June 26, 2014
By COLIN CLARK



WASHINGTON: Tarawa. Saipan. Iwo Jima. Peleliu. Okinawa, Inchon. These are among the most sacred names in Marine Corps history. They define the sea-borne warriors’ in so many ways: sacrifice, grit, honor, competence. To most Americans, and to many Marines, those amphibious assaults are the soul of the Corps.

Lt. Gen. Kenneth Glueck, deputy commandant for combat development and integration, made clear this morning that the Marines will sidestep the full force of an enemy’s firepower in future amphibious operations. I asked him at a Defense Writers Group breakfast how the Corps would cope with the environment of death expected in an anti-access/area denial (A2/AD) battle for which the US military now trains and equips. “We want to pit strength against weakness,” Glueck told me, adding the Marines would look to exploit the “seams” in an enemy’s force and position.

The A2/AD battle is predicated on in-depth and layered defenses such as China’s advanced CSS-6 and CSS-7 short-range ballistic missiles (SRBMs), SA-10 SAMs, anti-ship cruise missiles and over-the-horizon targeting systems. A battle group of ships launching Marines in ship-to-shore connectors like the Amphibious Combat Vehicle (ACV) could be decimated by the rain of steel from such a power.

Careful not to identify any particular scenarios (though we were all thinking China), Glueck offered one other characterization: “The intent is not to go in force on force. The intent,” he said, “is to find the gaps.”

That sounds very much as if the Marines have read Chinese doctrine and decided they are going to fight fire with fire and rely more on speed, agility, intelligence and assets such as the V-22 and the F-35 and the Navy Department’s growing expeditionary fleet to leapfrog the strengths of an opponent and strike where they are not or to an unexpected front, a la D-Day.

As my colleague Sydney Freedberg wrote in a recent article about amphibious assault, taking a front will be complex. “Only once the first small force of Marines — along with airstrikes by F-35s and other planes, jammers like the EA-18G Growler, and cyber-attacks — have wreaked sufficient ‘havoc’ on the enemy’s defenses can the fleet come in close enough to launch the main assault.”

Bear in mind that Glueck spearheaded Expeditionary Force 21, the new Marine capstone doctrine (their guiding light in how they will fight and with what).

As Rob Holzer, former naval reporter at Defense News, put it in a recent op-ed for us:

“Over the next decade, the Navy will take delivery of at least 32 Littoral Combat Ships (LCS); 10 Joint High Speed Vessels (JHSV); three Mobile Landing Platforms (MLP); several Afloat Forward Staging Bases; and new versions of amphibious assault ships and Ship-to-Shore connector craft. New riverine boats, upgraded patrol craft and new versions of Lewis and Clark-class T-AKE ships may also be added to this interesting platform mix.”

Those ships will play key roles in making the Marines faster and able to bring more weapons such as the V-22 and F-35 to bear, along with the requisite Marines ready to take that beach.

Glueck’s best line of the morning came as he talked about the limitations on ship-to-shore connectors like the ACV: “The John Wayne factor goes way down after about an hour in one of these things.” Pick your own disturbing image as you’re eating *your* eggs and bacon....




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Up Coming Events

July

2 nd	0600	Retirees Breakfast, Crossroads Restaurant, MCLB Albany
5 th	1000	Pound 360 Growl, Commons Church, 3014 Sylvester Road, Albany, GA
8 th	1800	Detachment Staff Meeting , Quickie Restaurant, Slappey Blvd., Albany, GA
15 th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Drive Albany, GA
19 th	0900	Department Staff Meeting. Location TBD

August

6 th	0600	Retirees Breakfast, Crossroads Restaurant, MCLB Albany, GA
8 th	1000	Transition Readiness Seminar, to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox (229) 435-1086
16 th	0900	River Walk Clean-up, Cox Landing, Albany, GA contact Richard Chaffin (229) 446-4528
19 th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Drive. Albany, GA



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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

NJROTC cadets experience Marine life



Sgt. Aspen Thompson, distant professional military education program manager, Base Operations, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, demonstrates the proper use of a compass for Coffee County High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets July 11 at MCLB Albany. (Photo by Joycelyn Biggs)

Coffee County High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets ages 14 to 18 converged on Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany July 9-11 for their annual basic leadership training.

The 26 cadets gained basic leadership training, learned teamwork, practiced drill training and experienced living on a military installation, according to Debra Woods, Coffee County High School NJROTC instructor.

Living in the barracks on base gave cadets an opportunity to experience military living, Woods said.

She revealed some of the cadets have never been away from home. She said this gave participants a glimpse of what it may feel like to live away from home.



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The cadets also participated in several military training events. They maneuvered through obstacle courses, practiced drill techniques, navigated through the woods using a compass and learned Marine Corps martial arts under the watchful eye of active-duty Marines here.

"I get a lot of satisfaction in this," Sgt. Aspen Thompson, distant professional military education program manager, Base Operations, MCLB Albany, said. "I feel a sense of accomplishment when a child who has never used a compass before gains knowledge in how to use it."

In addition to learning to read a compass, cadets were also tasked with displaying their physical fitness level by completing the combat fitness test and obstacle course.

After completing the CFT, Vernetta Watts, Coffee County NJROTC cadet confessed it was difficult.

"It was hard, but it was good training," she said. "This is giving me an idea of what to expect when I go into the service."



Vernetta Watts, Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet, Coffee County High School, performs a buddy drag of Erica Steedley, NJROTC cadet, Coffee County High School, to complete the Combat Fitness Test July 9 at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany. (Photo by Joycelyn Biggs)

By Joycelyn Biggs
Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany

Portions of the CFT required cadets to run, low-crawl, carry sand-filled ammunition cans, toss a simulated grenade and carry a simulated victim.

Leisurely activities were not omitted from the schedule for the cadets.

They shopped at the Marine Corps Exchange, saw a movie at the Base Theater and went

on a tour of the Marine Depot Maintenance Command.

Woods said visiting the base was a great opportunity for the cadets. She added she believes the experience enhanced some skills necessary for success in future endeavors.

FROM THE COMMANDANT



Greetings Detachment,

This past month has not been as fast-paced as we are used to due to so many of us being away on vacation. I want to thank our

Department Commandant, Ron Kirstatter, for conducting our last meeting while I was under the weather.

The National Convention, to be held in Charleston, West Virginia is almost upon us (3-8 August) and there are seven from our Detachment who will be going, four of whom are going up for promotion to Pedigree Devil Dog. I really wish that more of you would attend these conventions as there are old friends to meet, much to learn and a whole lot of fun to be had. Three years ago up in Charleston, SC, I ran into a Marine sitting at my table. I didn't know him but soon found out that I was his Series Officer when he was in Boot Camp, small world. But we run into this kind of thing all the time at the conventions. You'll never be sorry that you attended one or more. Watch The Dispatch for more information on upcoming conventions. We normally share rooms together to save the expense and travel together whenever possible. I will be reporting on the National Convention at our next meeting which is 19 August.

I am very proud to tell you that the Paymaster has informed me that we have no delinquents within our membership. I can't remember how long it's been since we could brag on that. It is due to hard work on the part of the Paymaster and all of you who have kept in touch with each other.

Your staff has decided that we would like to give one or two scholarships to children or grandchildren of our Detachment members. Be thinking about that and we will discuss it more at our August meeting.

We are hoping to put on another Rose Sale during two days the end of August. I'll be contacting you to help out by signing up to stand duty. Enjoy yourself during the rest of the summer, keep safe and always be alert to bringing in more members for our great Detachment.

Semper Fi,

Ernie Elmore – Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Marines and Families that are Ill:

Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards still is in the process of recovering from a serious illness. Sent Jim an email but haven't heard anything.

Continue to remember the wife of our Detachment JA, Carl Wilcox who has been ill recently.

Prayer Requests:

Roger Paulin's Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL.

Marine Jim Valentine – Recovery from Knee surgery.

Marine MSgt. R.A. Miller is in the VA Hospital in Gainesville Remember the Family of our Detachment Namesake Maj. Lawrence DesJardines whose wife Mary passed on 16 July 2014.

Fallen Marine Program:

This month the Lord has taken home.

Marine Sgt Anthony LaSalle passed on 27 June 2014.

Marine Staff Sergeant, Ret. and Detachment Life member Sherman Braden, passed on 28 June 2014.

Also let us remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, MGSgt Nick Retza and GYSgt Billy Stewart.

Devotion:

Psalm 37:1-7 (Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart).

You say: "I'm doing all that universal stuff." "I obey God as best as I know how, but how do I figure out all the specific little things God wants each day?"

You're in a great spot! When you commit to following God's clear, universal will, it's time to dig in and discover his specific will.

God gives us four 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, for example, if it's ok to swear to fit in with our friends. Ephesians 5:4 says, "Course jokes-these are not for you". If our idea of God's specific will doesn't match up with Scripture, then it's not God's will.
2. Look for God's will in prayer: God's word teaches his disciples to pray for God's will to be done on the earth. 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 lives to help us spot God's specific will, people like parents, grandparents, Sunday School teachers, and pastors. They have the experience we lack.
4. Look for God's will in your circumstances: God can direct us by opening and closing doors in life.

Being sure of God's will happens when we make the most out of all four ways God wants to guide us. But how do we settle on the final choice? 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. And guess what? If what you want doesn't line up with God's will, he will make it his job to kindly point that out to you.

My prayer is: ***"God, thanks for having a specific plan for each of us, help us to do your will in every detail. Amen!"***

R/S:

**Bob Breton, MSgt USMC Ret.
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)

15 July 2014

Jr. Past Commandant Kirstatter called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present with exception to

Commandant Elmore, Sr. Vice McClelland, and Judge Advocate Wilcox. There were a total of 27 members 3 associate members, and 5 guests present.

Young Marines: Young Marines Program officers Randolph Scott and Nathaniel Lowman brought Young Marines MSgt Baisden, GySgt Crawford, and Sgt Wilson who just returned from summer camp in Smyrna, TN. They talked about their experiences at camp and meeting the 2014 Young Marine of the Year.



Young Marines (L-R) MSgt Baisden, Sgt Wilson, and GySgt Crawford

They meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and welcome any assistance in their training. Jr. Past Commandant Kirstatter mentioned that the Marine Corps League Commendation Award can be awarded to the Young Marines unit. He will get with Commandant Elmore with the details so that recognition can be given.

Applications: Application for membership for Doug Hamblin was accepted and he was sworn in by Jr. Past Commandant Kirstatter.

Commandant's Report: During the staff meeting on July 8th we discussed having a scholarship fund for the Detachment members' children and grandchildren.

Jr. Vice Commandant Paulin reported during the July 4th celebration we received 11 possible applicants.

River Walk Committee: Richard Chaffin announced a clean-up will be Saturday, August 16. We will meet at Cox Landing at 0830.

Patriotism Committee: Chairman Dave Aldrich reported 249 flags replaced since the program started.

Veteran's Coalition Committee: Friday, September 5, 2014 Field of Flags, we will mark the field all around the mall. Last year we had approximately 600 and expect more this year. Estimating it will take about 4 hours and need volunteers. The flags and crosses will be set-up on Saturday, September 6, 2014.

Correspondence: The family of Barry Richards, acknowledged the kind expression of condolences. Anthony Parker sent acknowledgement of our participation in the Memorial Day Program at Albany Technical College. Director of Mid-Winter Conference has announced a change in the dates for future conferences. In an effort to dodge the winter months snow storms, 2016 conference will be held March 3,4, & 5. Sherman Braden's daughter donated his retirement flag to the Detachment.

Old Business: Commandant Elmore is working on a date to have our next fundraiser at Sam's before Labor Day weekend. Both Pound 360 and Detachment 1260 will participate.

Announcements: Marine Corps Birthday Ball Golf Tournament fundraiser Friday, August 22, 2014 at Grand Island Golf Club, deadline for registration is August 15, 2014. Contact GySgt Mallard at jasonmallard@usmc.mil or 229-639-8475.

Meeting adjourned @ 1930

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Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany

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August 8th @1000
September 12th @1000
October 10th @1000
November 21st @1000
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During my research for this month's Dispatch column. I looked up the word "PATRIOTISM" and found this short Essay about our Nations Colors that may help all of us to fully understand this powerful word and its relationship to our American Flag.

The Meaning of Our Flag

Henry Ward Beecher

If one asks me the meaning of our flag, I say to him: It means just what Concord and Lexington meant, what Bunker Hill meant. It means the whole glorious Revolutionary War. It means all that the Declaration of Independence meant. It means all that the Constitution of our people, organizing for justice, for liberty and for happiness, meant.

Under this banner rode Washington and his armies. Before it Burgoyne laid down his arms. It waved on the highlands at West Point. When Arnold would have surrendered these valuable fortresses and precious legacies, his night was turned into day and his treachery was driven away by beams of light from this starry banner.

It cheered our army, driven out from around New York, and in their painful pilgrimages through New Jersey. This banner streamed in light over the soldiers' heads at Valley Forge and at Morristown. It crossed the waters rolling with ice at Trenton, and when its stars gleamed in the morning with a victory, a new day of hope dawned on the despondency of this nation.

Our Flag carries American ideas, American history and American feelings. Beginning with the Colonies, and coming down to our time, in its sacred heraldry, in its glorious insignia, it has gathered and stored chiefly this supreme idea: *divine right of liberty in man*. Every color means liberty; every thread means liberty; every form of star and beam or stripe of light means liberty - not lawlessness, but organized, institutional liberty - liberty through law, and laws for liberty!

This American Flag was the safeguard of liberty. Not an atom of crown was allowed to go into its insignia. Not a symbol of authority in the ruler was permitted to go into it. It was an ordinance of liberty by the people, for the people. That it meant, that it means, and, by the blessing of God, that it shall mean to the end of time!

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Semper Fi -

Dave Aldrich Chairman, Patriot Committee



BOY SCOUTS



This year the Marine Corps League Department of Georgia awarded the following:

EAGLE SCOUTS	225	Good Citizenship Award
GIRL SCOUTS	115	Gold Award
CIVIL AIR PATROL	5	Billy Mitchell Award

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Every Wednesday at 0900 the Detachment meets for breakfast at The Quickie Restaurant 1906 N. Slappey Boulevard. Join us if you can.



MCL Detachment Picnic

Our Annual Detachment picnic is to be held at the home of Bob & Ruthie Breton, 397 Northampton Road, Leesburg, GA on 20 Sept 14, beginning at 1400 and ending ????. For all who may desire, a swimming pool is available.

Detachment will provide hamburger, hotdogs, rolls paper products, condiments and drinks (sodas and water).

All who attend are asked to bring a dish of your choice, with enough to feed yourselves and at least 4 others. Also you will need to bring chairs.

Parking will be a premium and all who can are asked to carpool.

Please RSVP (434-1169 or msgtrabret@yahoo.com) so that a count may be obtained for planning.

Directions:

Off the Bypass - from the Jefferson Ave exchange head toward CheHaw park but go straight past Philema Rd. across the Flint River bridge to the first right (Lovers Lane - follow Lovers Lane 1.5 miles to Northampton Rd (immediately past Pirates Cove nature walk sign) turn onto Northampton, Proceed 1.3 miles to 397 on left (Watch the speed bump) We are the second drive past the bump.

From US19 north, just past the new Harvey's on right, to Cedric Ave (Traffic light and Bank on the corner) turn right and follow Cedric across Jefferson Ave (Old Leesburg Hwy) to Lovers Lane turn right and then the first left (Northampton Rd). Proceed 1.3 miles to 397 on left (Watch the speed bump) We are the second drive past the bump.

3rd ANNUAL

“DIRTY DEVIL DOG MUD RUN”



MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE ALBANY - Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany's third “Dirty Devil Dog Mud Run” is scheduled for Nov. 22 at Boyett Park aboard the base. The event is open to the general public. The annual mud run introduces members of the community to a Marine Corps-style 5K course run, complete with obstacles, challenges and plenty of mud. The purpose of the event is to provide a fun, healthy and wholesome athletic event for military personnel, family members and civilians of the base and local community. **Photo By: The Emblem staff**

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<i>Alabama</i>	<i>350,001 - 650,000</i>
<i>South Carolina</i>	<i>350,001 - 650,000</i>
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NEXT MEETING

DETACHMENT #1260
19 August 2014
at 1830

RIVER POINTE GOLF CLUB
801 River Pointe Drive
Albany, GA

Guest Speaker:

Judge Nancy Stephenson
Probate Judge for
Dougherty County

MEMBERSHIPS UP FOR RENEWAL

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Billy Hammack	Kenneth Berggren	Rex Baker
Denzil Harrell	Joseph Bernardoni	Maxine Belk
Nathaniel Lowman	Edward Pender	Ruthie Breton
Willie Qualls	Richard Stevens	James Edwards
James Taylor	Karolyn Sutherland	Kathy Fazekas
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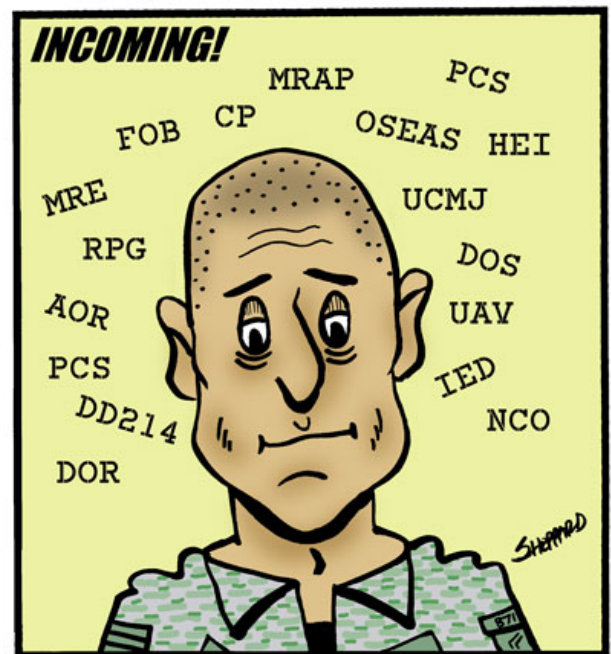
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OOH RAH!!!

Welcome New Members



MARINE DOUG HAMBLIN



"The longer I stay in the military, the deeper I get into learning a second language."

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



2 August 2004: Marines from BLT 1/4 11th MEU began battling units of the Mahdi Militia insurgency in Najaf and Kufa in the Battle of Najaf.

4 August 1855: Marines from USS *Powhatan* captured 17 pirate junks near Hong Kong.

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

9 August 1876: SecNav declared that the Corps would have the place of honor, "First on Foot and Right of the Line," in any naval formation.

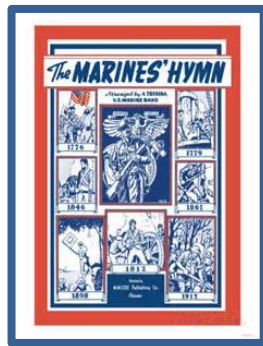


12 August 1918: The Secretary of the Navy authorized the enlistment of women in the Marine Corps Reserve.

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

18 August 1965: Operation Starlite (Vietnam) began. 964 Viet Cong were killed in action.

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



21 August 1814: Marines defended Washington, D.C., at Bladenburg, MD, against the British.

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



26 August 1942: The first black Marines to serve with the Corps in modern times enlisted.

27 August 1893: A giant tidal wave swept across Parris Island, Port Royal, SC.



REMEMBER OUR FALLEN

Mary DesJardines



Mary DesJardines in 2008 at the Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260 charter dinner.

Mary DesJardines, our namesakes' wife passed on July 16, 2014. There will be a memorial service at St Theresa's Catholic Church on Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 10:00 am. There will be no graveside service at this time. Try to make arrangements in your schedule to attend the memorial.

MGySgt Nick Retza



Correspondence

I look forward to receiving The Dispatch each month and read **EVERY WORD** of it. It is good to see the Detachment growing. I appreciated seeing Nick's name mentioned in Bob Breton's column, please thank him for me. Just a note my girls and myself drove down to Arlington Cemetery to visit him over the Memorial weekend, it was also his birthday. It was amazing to see how many headstones have been interned since he was. I miss seeing everyone; hope you all have a great summer.

Semper Fi,
Marilyn Retza

GySgt Billy Stewart



Staff Sergeant Sherman Braden



IN THE NEWS

Effort advances to add names of 74 sailors to Vietnam Memorial

Defense bill amendment urges SecDef to add names to wall

NavyTimes.com, July 27 | Lance M. Bacon

The crew of the destroyer Frank E. Evans is fighting once again, 45 years after their ship sank in the South China Sea after a terrifying collision.

This fight is on behalf of 74 shipmates who died that day in 1969 — and whose names are absent from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial because of what survivors and family members call a technicality.

The Allen M. Sumner-class destroyer was ordered from combat operations off Vietnam in 1969 to participate in an international exercise called Sea Spirit that involved more than 40 ships. But that exercise turned tragic on June 3, 1969, when the Australian aircraft carrier Melbourne cut the destroyer in half.

Among the lost were three brothers: Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Gary Sage, Radarman 3rd Class Gregory Sage and Seaman Apprentice Kelly Jo Sage. Master Chief Gunner's Mate Lawrence Reilly survived while his 20-year-old son, Boiler Technician 3rd Class Lawrence Reilly Jr., perished. And Tim Wendler, who now serves as president of the USS Frank E. Evans Association, lost his father days before his own second birthday.

Survivors and family members, many of whom donated to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, were incensed to learn in 1982 that the names of their loved ones were not etched into it. The crew had been deemed ineligible because the collision happened 110 miles outside the geographical combat zone defined by an executive order.

Survivors and families called the ruling inconsiderate and have been working to overturn it for decades. They recently made headway, when House lawmakers passed a defense bill May 22 that included an amendment urging Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to add the names to the Vietnam Memorial, a move supported by Navy Secretary Ray Mabus.

"There is no reason to cling to this rigid definition of the combat zone," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., who proposed the amendment. "This is a ship that was providing support in Vietnam. It was called away on a training exercise. It was going to return to combat duty. These are sailors who would not have been there but for their duty in Vietnam."

Schiff said he is hopeful the names will be added after meetings with Hagel, who is the first Vietnam vet to lead the Pentagon.

The crew provided supporting fire for combat operations days before the collision and would have returned after the exercise. The survivors also point to exceptions made in the past, such as inclusion of those

who died in transit to or from Vietnam. For example, President Ronald Reagan in 1983 ordered that 68 Marines who died on a flight outside the combat zone be added to the wall. In all, more than 300 names have been added to the wall since it's unveiling — the most recent 14 were added May 11.

Even if the defense bill is signed into law, the amendment cannot force Hagel to make the change. But Hagel can order the names added without legislation.

Spokesmen for Hagel's office did not respond to questions by July 18 about whether Hagel intended to add the names under his own authority or after the bill's passage.

To grant their inclusion on the wall "would be enormously meaningful to the families," Schiff said. "It would really provide great solace to them to see their loved ones memorialized this way, and it doesn't detract at all from the more than 58,000 other people who are on the wall. None of them, I think, would begrudge the sailors their place."



The destroyer Frank E. Evans, after it was cut in half in a 1969 collision with an Australian aircraft carrier in the South China Sea. The names of the 74 sailors killed in the incident do not appear on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. (Navy)

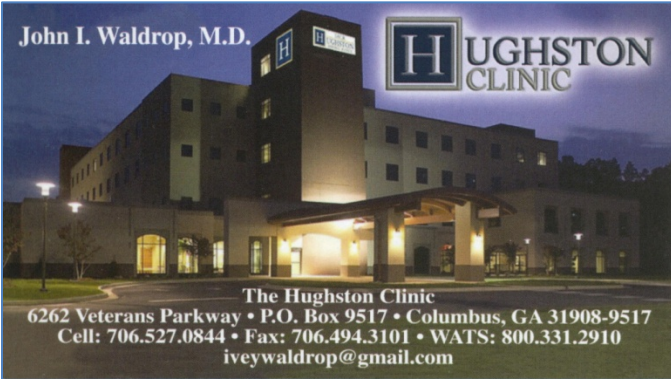


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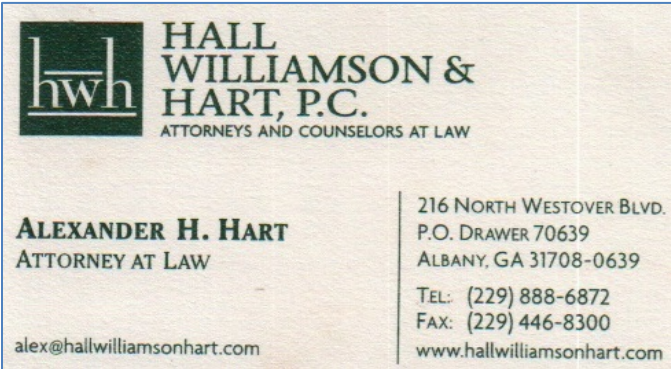
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Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260

Up Coming Events

August

1 st	0900	VA Clinic opens, MCLB, Albany, GA
2 nd	1000	Mary DesJardines Memorial Service; St. Teresa's Catholic Church, Albany, GA
6 th	0600	Retirees Breakfast, Crossroads Restaurant, MCLB Albany, GA
8 th	1000	Transition Readiness Seminar, MCLB to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox (229) 435-1086
15 th		Registration ends for Golf Tournament contact GySgt Mallard (229) 639-8475
16 th	0830	River Walk Clean-up, Cox Landing, Albany, GA contact Richard Chaffin (229) 446-4528
19 th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Drive. Albany, GA
22 nd		MC Birthday Ball Golf Tournament Fundraiser contact GySgt Mallard (229) 639-8475

September

1 st		Labor Day
5 th	0800	Mark the field Albany Mall, Dawson Road, Albany, GA
6 th	0830	Set-up Field of Flags and Crosses, Albany Mall, Dawson Road, Albany, GA
12 th	1000	Transition Readiness Seminar; MCLB to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox (229) 435-1086
20 th	1400	Maj Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260 picnic @ Bob & Ruthie Breton's



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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

2014

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Elected Officers

National Commandant

John Kovalcik

Marine Kovalcik has been a member of the Marine Corps League since 1991 when he joined the Lakeland New Jersey Detachment. After moving to South Carolina, he joined the Grand Strand Detachment where he served as Trustee and later as Detachment Commandant. He went on to serve for the South Carolina, Vice three years, and Division Vice the Southeast years. In August 2008, John was elected National Jr. Commandant and elected National Commandant. In 2012 he was Sr. Vice recognition of his service to his the Marine Corps League, John was selected as National Marine of the Year in 2008. He has also received the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award. Marine Kovalcik was elected National Commandant of the Marine Corps League in Charleston, West Virginia at the National Convention.



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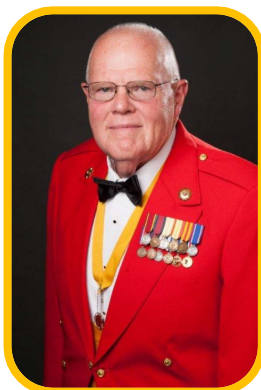
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**National Judge Advocate
Dennis Tobin**



I have been a member of the Marine Corps League for over 22 years. I've served at both the Detachment and Department levels, from Junior Vice Commandant to Commandant. I also served 2½ years as the Northeast Division Vice Commandant. I then served on the By-Law Committee for a year before being elected the new National Judge Advocate. I was a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps and a New York City Police Officer for 19 years before being injured in the line of duty and retiring. I now devote all my free time to the Marine Corps League, my kids, and my grandchildren.

I consider it an honor to serve as your National Judge Advocate, as I stated during my campaign I will work hard for the League and will render fair and impartial decisions as

fast as possible. I look forward to working with all of you, and thank you again for your support.

FROM THE COMMANDANT



Greetings,

This will be my final column in the Dispatch as your Commandant. As most of you already know, Bobbie and I will be moving back to the State of Washington on 26 September. Words can't describe how much we will miss all of you and the great times we have had together. It has been a real blessing to serve you as your Commandant. I am so proud of this detachment and all that it accomplishes. I am leaving you in excellent hands with a great team of officers and committee chairmen. The Detachment is growing every month, our finances are excellent, our morale is high and our determination to make the detachment and the Marine Corps League an excellent example of leadership in our community is as strong as ever.

My admonishments to you are to:

- (1) Come beside your officers. Being a great detachment such as ours, doesn't happen in a vacuum. It takes a lot of dedicated planning and work. They juggle a lot of various plans and requirements, all the while interacting with detachment members almost daily, to keep the cohesiveness and respect that we have for each other.
- (2) Find and keep new members. You have plenty of Marine Corps and FMF friends around you that need you to reach out to them. But once they make the step to join us, we need to remain in close contact with them between meetings and events.
- (3) Start attending conventions. Whether department, Southeast or National. It is here that you truly learn the "ins and outs" of the Marine Corps League and get a greater sense of what you are a part of. You will run into old Marine Corps friends and make new ones.
- (4) Buy and start wearing our League uniform. See our Quartermaster and he will guide you on what you need and he will order for you.

(5) Start new initiatives. Help us show a greater presence in our community and outside our community, such as participating in parades, visiting vets in nursing homes, and create a color guard. We will recruit many more members when we show ourselves in such a way.

Well, I could think of several others, but I think you see my heart. I have been a member of the Marine Corps League since 1990 and I have never regretted one day of it. I am rich in friends from the League and know I can always count on them when I have a need. It truly is a band of brothers.

And so, I say goodbye. Bobbie and I will be joining the Detachment in Centralia, WA as soon as possible, so I'm sure I will run into some of you along the way at conventions. Has it been hard work? A few times. Was it worth it? More than you'll ever know.

Semper Fidelis,
Ernie Elmore

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Marines and Families that are Ill:



Wife of Marine James R. "JR" Edwards, still recovering from a serious illness. Sent Jim an email but haven't heard anything.



Continue to remember the wife of our Detachment JA, Carl Wilcox who has been ill recently.



Roger Paulin's Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL.

Prayer Requests:



JV Roger Paulin for a swift recovery from his broken shoulder.



Marine Jim Valentine – Recovery from Knee surgery.

Fallen Marine Program:

This month the Lord has taken home. Vietnam Vet LCpl Clayton Hall, 76, passed 7 Aug 14.

Also let us remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, LtCol Joseph Smith, MGySgt Nick Retza, GySgt Billy Stewart and SSgt's Sam Tucker and Sherman Braden.

Devotion:

Exodus 20:1-7 (***I am the Lord your God. . . Do not worship any other gods besides me.***)

Do you wear a permanent frown? That's a problem especially if people know you are a Christian. It makes them think that knowing Jesus makes you a crab.

I'll bet you have run into Christians who seem to have forgotten that God puts Love into the center of what it means to follow him. It's not enough to claim we love God. It is our task to love in two directions: God and other people.

God teaches, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt 22:37-39). Everything that we're supposed to do is summed up in these two commands. We love God with our whole self – that's "vertical love". And we love others as we love ourselves – That's "horizontal love."

Loving God means we worship him and recognize his total greatness in everything we think, say, and do. And to love people means we treat them in a way that fits their incredible worth to God. That's nothing to be crabby about!

My prayer is: ***"God, increase us in love both for you and for people.***

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)

19 August 2014

Commandant Elmore called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present with exception of Adjutant Melba Harrell. There were a total of 37 members 3 associate members, and 5 guests present.



Guest Speaker; Dougherty County Probate Judge Nancy Stephenson received a Challenge Coin and Detachment Cookbook from Commandant Elmore

Visitors/Guests: Guest Speaker Dougherty County Probate Judge Nancy Stephenson and husband John. Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter, District Vice Commandant Barbara Brammer and husband Paul Webb a Marine veteran who served with 1st Tank Battalion in Iraq and Afghanistan.



District Vice Commandant Barbara Brammer.



Commandant Elmore swore in Marine Dave Aldrich as Detachment Paymaster

Commandant Elmore administered the oath of office to Marine Dave Aldrich, who agreed to assume the duties of Detachment Paymaster from Marine Kirstatter.

Jr. Vice Commandant Paulin reported he was working on 11 potential applicants, including Chief Charlie Whitehead of Dawson, GA Police Department.

Patriotism Committee: Chairman Dave Aldrich reported 254 flags replaced since the program started. Marine Aldrich also announced that volunteers are needed beginning at 0800 on 5 September 2014 to mark the field for the annual Field of Flags at the Albany Mall. Marine Gillan will play the bagpipes during the ceremony.

Boy Scouts: Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter announced that the Department was recognized during the National Convention for being 7th in the nation for total number of Eagle Scouts awarded in 2014.

JROTC/Young Marines: Marine Nathaniel Lowman reported that Young Marines from the Lee County Chapter are signing up for "Boot Camp" on 6 September 2014; he also announced that one of his former Young Marines was wounded in action in Afghanistan while serving as a Captain in the Army. Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter announced the Department will donate \$500 to the Albany Young Marines.

Veteran's Coalition Committee: Judge Advocate Carl Wilcox announced the Vietnam Traveling Wall will be in Ashburn September 4th – 7th 2014.

Good of the League: Marine Gillan announced the 9/11 Heroes Run in Leesburg, and the \$50,000 has been raised to build a Habitat Home for a Veteran in need. The home will be built the last Saturday in February 2015.

Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter presented Associate Member Sheila Kirstatter with the First Place (Battalion Level) National Newsletter Award. Commandant Elmore then presented her with a Meritorious Commendation Award and Ribbon.



Department of Georgia Commandant Ron Kirstatter presents Newsletter Editor Associate Member Sheila Kirstatter with the Certificate of Participation in the National Newsletter Competition.

Correspondence: On November 8th, 2014 the 8th annual Salute to Veterans will take place at the Albany Civic Center Veterans Park Amphitheater with a band prelude to begin at 0945 with ceremony commencing at 1000.

Announcements: Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter presented the Detachment streamers and certificate for its' significant growth last year. At the end of the first quarter the Detachment is up 4.49%. He also reported various changes to the MCL National bylaws following the recent Convention in Charleston, WV. One significant change is members who have been deemed ineligible for League membership may now resign. The 2015 MCL National Convention will take place in Scottsdale, Arizona at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort (800-832-2025) August 9, 2015.

Commandant Elmore stated the Wounded Warrior Regiments would appreciate any donations.

Meeting adjourned @ 1945

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We need Volunteers

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September 12th @1000

October 10th @1000

November 21st @1000

December – No Seminar

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As I searched the web for more information about our great flag and all the several stories that appear about our National Colors. I ran across this story written by Ms. Rous called, "I am the Flag" better known by some of us as our National Colors and/or Old Glory. This story was extracted from the USFlag.org Web Site. Hope you all enjoy this short story.

I am the Flag ***By Ruth Apperson Rous***

I am the flag of the United States of America.

I was born on June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia.

There the Continental Congress adopted my stars and stripes as the national flag.

My thirteen stripes alternating red and white, with a union of thirteen white stars in a field of blue, represented a new

constellation, a new nation dedicated to the personal and religious liberty of mankind.

Today fifty stars signal from my union, one for each of the fifty sovereign states in the greatest constitutional republic the world has ever known.

My colors symbolize the patriotic ideals and spiritual qualities of the citizens of my country.

My red stripes proclaim the fearless courage and integrity of American men and boys and the self-sacrifice and devotion of American mothers and daughters.

My white stripes stand for liberty and equality for all.

My blue is the blue of heaven, loyalty, and faith.

I represent these eternal principles: liberty, justice, and humanity.

I embody American freedom: freedom of speech, religion, assembly, the press, and the sanctity of the home.

I typify that indomitable spirit of determination brought to my land by Christopher Columbus and by all my forefathers - the Pilgrims, Puritans, settlers at James town and Plymouth.

I am as old as my nation.

I am a living symbol of my nation's law: the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights.

I voice Abraham Lincoln's philosophy: "A government of the people, by the people, for the people."

I stand guard over my nation's schools, the seedbed of good citizenship and true patriotism.

I am displayed in every schoolroom throughout my nation; every schoolyard has a flag pole for my display.

Daily thousands upon thousands of boys and girls pledge their allegiance to me and my country.

I have my own law—Public Law 829, "The Flag Code" - which definitely states my correct use and display for all occasions and situations.

I have my special day, Flag Day. June 14 is set aside to honor my birth.

Americans, I am the sacred emblem of your country. I symbolize your birthright, your heritage of liberty purchased with blood and sorrow.

I am your title deed of freedom, which is yours to enjoy and hold in trust for posterity.

If you fail to keep this sacred trust inviolate, if I am nullified and destroyed, you and your children will become slaves to dictators and despots.

Eternal vigilance is your price of freedom.

As you see me silhouetted against the peaceful skies of my country, remind yourself that I am the flag of your country, that I stand for what you are - no more, no less.

Guard me well, lest your freedom perish from the earth.

*Dedicate your lives to those principles for which I stand:
"One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

I was created in freedom. I made my first appearance in a battle for human liberty.

God grant that I may spend eternity in my "land of the free and the home of the brave" and that I shall ever be known as "Old Glory," the flag of the United States of America.

Semper Fi

Dave Aldrich - Patriotism Chairman



BOY SCOUTS



Summer is winding down, summer camps are over and many of our scouts are focused on back to school. We have had the opportunity to recognize two Civil Air Patrol cadets who were recently promoted and received the Billy Mitchell Award. C/2ndLt. Gregory G. Frich and C/2ndLt Anthony A. Case-Hill were promoted to their current rank and recognized with the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Certificate on 7 July at the Albany Airport. Our Detachment Commandant Ernie Elmore was on hand to present the certificates.



We also have two Boy Scouts who are working on their Eagle Scout service projects. They are Jefferson DeMott of Troop 3 and Devonta Williams of Troop 99. Once completed with their projects they will not only attain their Eagle Scout rank but also be presented with the Good Citizenship certificate.



Scouts from Troop 99 of Mount Zion Baptist Church upon completion of Devonta Williams' Eagle Scout Service Project where he led a group of scouts and scouters refurbishing the YMCA Child Care playground on July 9. Devonta is sitting in the middle front.

Semper Fi!

Dan

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Every Wednesday at 0900 the Detachment meets for breakfast at The Quickie Restaurant 1906 N. Slappey Boulevard. Join us if you can.



MCL Detachment Picnic

The Annual Detachment Picnic will be held at the home of Bob & Ruthie Breton, 397 Northampton Rd, Leesburg, GA 31763, on Sept 20 beginning at 1400 (2 pm) until? For all who may desire a swimming pool is available.

The Detachment will provide hamburger, hot dog, rolls, condiments and drinks. Paper products will be provided.

All who plan to attend are asked to bring a dish, of your choice, with enough to provide for others. Those who have them should bring chairs. Parking will be a premium and all who can should car pool.

Please RSVP (434-1169 or msqtrabret@yahoo.com) so that a planning account can be made.

Directions:

From Jefferson St. - proceed past Philema Rd over the Lake to Lovers Lane Rd. Turn right and proceed 1.3 miles to Northampton Rd on right (just past sign for Pirates Cove Nature walk) turn right and proceed 1.4 miles to 397 on left (Second Drive past entrance to Pirates Cove, look for Red sign in the Front by the Road.)

From US19 (North Toward Leesburg) - Proceed past the Harvey's Shopping center to the Light (Cedric Drive) follow straight across Jefferson Rd (Old Leesburg Hwy) approx. 1.4 miles to Lovers Lane Rd, turn right and make the first left (just past sign for Pirates Cove Nature walk) proceed 1.4 miles to 397 on left (Second Drive past entrance to Pirates Cove, look for Red sign in the Front by the Road.)

If you're coming from any other direction let me know and I will give directions.



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16 September, 2014

at 1830

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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS		
MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING		
TYPE	Regular	Associate
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	18	2
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	72	20
DELINQUENT		
TYPE	Regular	Associate
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	5	1
SUB-TOTALS	95	23
TOTAL	118	

MEMBERSHIPS UP FOR RENEWAL		
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Kenneth Berggren	Rex Baker	Tom Collins
Joseph Bernardoni	Maxine Belk	Melba Harrell
Edward Pender	Ruthie Breton	Ira Thompson
Richard Stevens	James Edwards	
Karolyn Sutherland	Kathy Fazekas	
	William Kicklighter	
	Sheila Kirstatter	
	Daulton Luttrell	
	Frederick Miller	
	James Reilly	
	Randolph Scott	
	Patrick Walsh	
INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NATIONALS' LATEST QUARTERLY REPORT		

National POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 12, 2014
 Town and Country
 Grand Ballroom

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

Tickets:
 MCCS Main Office, Bldg. 3600
 Bldg. 3500 Snack Bar
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 September 9, 2014)
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September 19, 2014
 Missing... Seeking Answers





We Can All Do Something to End Veteran Homelessness

VA is committed to ending Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015. No one who has served our country should ever go without a safe, stable place to call home.

The entire department has put its energy and resources into ending Veteran homelessness. VA's programs provide individualized, comprehensive care to Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Still, VA cannot do it alone. Organizations and individuals in communities across the country are integral to providing services to Veterans and spreading the word about the resources VA provides to end and prevent homelessness among Veterans.



Monthly Retiree Breakfast
Wednesday, September 3, 2014
6:00 a.m.

The Monthly Retiree Breakfast will be held at the Town and Country Restaurant. The event is open to all retirees regardless of service or rank. Please join us!

Explore <http://www.vagov/homeless> to learn about VA's programs for Veterans and to find out what you, your neighbors, and your community can do to help Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Know that one phone call can be the difference in the life of a Veteran who is homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Make the Call to 877-4AID-VET (424-3838) to be connected 24/7 with VA's services to overcome or prevent homelessness for yourself or a Veteran you know.



I know it hurts like the dickens but you have to admit... it really looks impressive!



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



1 September:

1 September 1936: Mitchell Paige, Medal of Honor recipient for heroism during the campaign for Guadalcanal (1942), enlisted in the Marine Corps in Baltimore, MD.



4 September 1910: A Marine battalion, under Maj Smedley D. Butler, sailed from Nicaragua for Panama.

7 September 1903: Marines from USS Brooklyn landed in Beirut to protect American lives.

11 September:



11 September 1990: The 4th MEB embarked in the Gulf of Oman in support of Operation Desert Shield.



19 September : POW/MIA Recognition Day

20 September 1814: With the U.S. Capitol destroyed by the British, Marines protected Congress in a hotel.

24 September 1854: USS Susquehanna departed Japan with Marine Jonathan Goble on board. He later returned as a missionary and invented the rickshaw.

28 September 1900: Marines withdrew from Peking after the Boxer Rebellion.



30 September 1945: Return of the Marine Corps to China. III Amphibious Corps with 1stMARDiv and 6thMARDiv landed in China.



01 Jeffrey Wilson
03 Denzil Harrell
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10 Patrick Walsh
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August 15, 2014

Major Lawrence Des Jardines Detachment #1260
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U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:

The enclosed is in fond memory of Mary Des Jardines, wife to my first cousin Major Lawrence Des Jardines (our fathers being brothers).

My father, Robert Gardner, was also a Marine, serving as a Tech Sgt. (AVN) in Fighter Squadron 322 in the Pacific during WWII.

Semper Fi -

Alice Gardner-Boreta

Alice Gardner-Boreta

(Perhaps of interest, the family name, Des Jardines, and our paternal heritage originated in Quebec, Canada. The word "jardin" in French means "garden", and Des Jardines "of or from the gardens". A branch of the family immigrated to the United States in the mid-1800's, where very few people could pronounce or spell the name properly, so family members "translated" or "anglicized" the name to Gardner. However, until Larry's and my generation, everyone was baptized Des Jardines, but with a few exceptions (Larry's father being one of them), were known by the name of Gardner).

VETERANS' MEMORIAL

During our week at the National Convention in Charleston, WV we visited the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery. It was nestled among the hills in such a peaceful location.

Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery

The Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery is a 354 acre facility designed to provide an honorable, dignified resting place for West Virginia's cherished veterans and their closest family members. Throughout its lifetime, the cemetery will accommodate burial space for approximately 60,000 qualified individuals.



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<http://www.veterans.wv.gov/Documents/Don%20Bio%203.pdf>






[HTTP://WWW.VETERANS.WV.GOV/PAGES/DONELKINNARDMEMORIALST/ATEVETERANSCEMETERY.ASPX](http://www.veterans.wv.gov/pages/donelkinnardmemorialst/ateveteranscemetery.aspx)

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Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260

Up Coming Events

September

3rd	0600	<i>Retirees Breakfast, Crossroads Restaurant, MCLB Albany, GA</i>
4th-7th		<i>Vietnam Traveling Wall, Carroll's Sausage, 315 Whittle Circle, Ashburn, GA</i>
5th	0800	<i>Mark the Field for Flags, Albany Mall, Dawson Road, Albany, GA</i>
5th	1000	<i>Vietnam Traveling Wall-Opening Memorial Ceremony, Ashburn, GA</i>
6th	0800	<i>Set-up Field of Flags and Crosses, Albany Mall, Dawson Road, Albany, GA</i>
9th		<i>Last day to purchase POW/MIA Breakfast tickets,</i>
11th	1900	<i>Patriotic Field of Flags Patriotic Program, Albany Mall, Albany, GA</i>
12th	0700	<i>POW/MIA Breakfast, Town & Country Grand Ball Room, MCLB, Albany, GA</i>
12th	1000	<i>Transition Readiness Seminar; MCLB to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox (229) 435-1086</i>
13th	1900	<i>Patriot Field of Flags Concert featuring Albany's home town band RELAPSE</i>
16th	1830	<i>Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Drive, Albany, GA</i>
20th	1400	<i>Maj Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260 picnic @ Bob & Ruthie Breton's</i>



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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

JROTC

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program prepares high school students for leadership roles while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American citizens. It is a stimulus for promoting graduation from high school and it provides instruction and rewarding opportunities which will benefit the student, community, and nation. JROTC teaches young men and women the kind of self-discipline, self-confidence, and leadership skills that can help them successfully meet the challenges of adulthood. This program is conducted at accredited secondary schools throughout the nation, by instructors who are retired Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel.

The JROTC curriculum emphasizes citizenship, character development, leadership development and community service. Education classes introduce cadets to the elements of Leadership, Drill instruction and ceremonies, military customs, Uniform Inspections, Physical Fitness Training, Marksmanship, and Military history. Classroom instruction is augmented throughout the year by community service activities, drill competition, field trips, marksmanship training, and other extra-curricular activities. Cadets are required to participate in civic service, wear a uniform and dress up at least twice a month. Uniforms, textbooks, training aids, and a substantial portion of instructors' salaries are provided by the Military. The programs, run through the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines, are taught as elective courses at more than 3,000 high schools nationwide.

Special thanks to *Westover High School JROTC* for their Participation with the *Field of Flags Celebration*.



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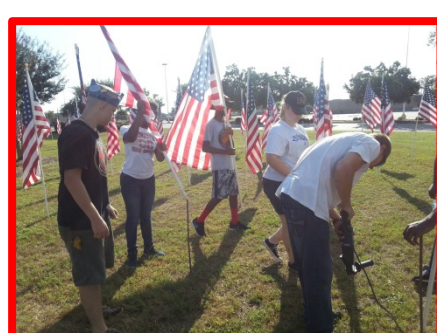
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FROM THE COMMANDANT



Marines,

This is my first
"Commandant's
Corner" so I am still a
little unsure of myself.

Having to step in the
footprints of the Detachment's
Past Commandant, Ernie Elmore, is going to be quite the
challenge. Ernie has served this Detachment and the
Department of Georgia above and beyond the call and
Detachment 1260 shows Ernie's efforts. I want to thank
Ernie for the time he has taken in the past couple of years to
try and guide me in what is expected of a Detachment
Commandant. I hope some of his instructions have settled
in my mind so that I will not disappoint him.

We have a great Detachment and one of which to be proud.
The Detachment is growing and there seems to be a
renewed interest by Marines in the area looking to the
Detachment for the Esprit de Corps that maybe got lost once
they left active duty. I would like to challenge all current
members to take a look at their busy schedules to see if just
a couple of hours a month can be spared for a meeting or a
river walk clean-up or some other activity that benefits not
only the Detachment, but the community as well.

As I said, I will be trying to fill some mighty big foot prints as I
take on the responsibility of working with each one of the
members of the Detachment. I am asking for your support
and covet your prayers.

Semper Fi,
Tim McClelland

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Marines and Families that are Ill:



Wife of Marine James "JR" Edwards continues to
recover from a serious illness. Sent Jim an email
but haven't heard anything.



Continue to remember the wife of our Detachment
JA, Carl Wilcox who has been ill.



Roger Paulin's Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, in
Lakeland FL.



Prayer is requested for Valerie Knowles, Daughter of
JA Carl Wilcox.

Prayer Requests:



Sr. Vice Roger Paulin for a swift recovery from his
broken shoulder.



Marine Jim Valentine – Recovery from knee
surgery.



Marine Dave Aldrich's wife Ann Aldridge for a swift
recovery from knee surgery.

Fallen Marine Program:- This month the Lord has taken
home:



Viet Nam Vet: Gunnery Sergeant David W.
Akstulewicz, aka "AtoZ", passed 11 Sept 14

Also, let us remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, LtCol
Joseph Smith, MGySgt Nick Retza, GySgt Billy Stewart and
SSgt's Sam Tucker and Sherman Braden.

Devotion: (Proverbs 18:24): *There are "friends" who
destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a
brother.*

Have you ever had a summer friend that just seemed like a
dream that could never end? As soon as summer ended
things just seemed to erode into oblivion. You are not able
to communicate like you did in that summer relationship. Of
course, not every friend acts like that summer friend. If
you've ever been dumped like that, then you know how
wonderful it is to have a friend you can depend on. As great
as some human friendships get, however, we have one
totally unique friendship that totally out shines and outlast
all the others. It's our friendship with Jesus Christ. He's
promised to stay with us forever (Matt 28:20).

What makes Jesus the perfect friend? How is the friendship
he offers different from friendship with any human friend or
family member? 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.

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

He's 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 is your *deep* friend. He's never shallow or stupid. 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"***

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 September 2014

Commandant McClelland called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present with exception of Judge Advocate Wilcox. There were a total of 25 members 5 associate members, and 2 guests present.

Visitors/Guests: Department of Georgia Jr. Past Commandant Joe Barbee and Marine Tuffy Phillips both from Middle Georgia Detachment 970.



Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter swore in Commandant McClelland and Sr. Vice Commandant Paulin.

Ceremony of Installation: The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday September 9, 2014 to discuss replacement for Commandant Elmore who resigned due to moving out of state. Tim McClelland was sworn in as Commandant and Roger Paulin as Sr. Vice Commandant.

Patriotism Committee: Dave Aldrich gave special thanks to Richard Chaffin, Roger Paulin, Bob Adams, Larry Olson, and Tim McClelland for helping with the Field of Flags. There were 146 crosses and 656 flags. To date there have been 255 flags put up around our area.

JROTC/Young Marines: During the Red Ribbon Week they have a goal to get 1,000 youth to sign a pledge to be drug free. They are working with MCLB and Chehaw Park to take Young Marines there to identify plant life and earn their Conservation Ribbon.

Veteran's Coalition Committee: Korean Memorial is being carved and will be dedicated on November 11, 2014. Salute to Veteran's is November 8, 2014 and the guest speaker will be Command SgtMaj of Georgia National Guard.

Correspondence: The YMCA will be partner with "Habitat with Kindness" to build housing for any Veteran that is in need.

New Business: A booth has been reserved for the Detachment during the Exchange Club Fair to recruit new members.

Meeting adjourned @ 1906

GET INVOLVED



Transition Readiness Seminar

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany

We need Volunteers

All it takes is 10-15 minutes of your time to talk about the opportunities and assistance the Marine Corps League offers to Marines transitioning out of the Corps. Pick your date and contact Carl Wilcox at CarlWilcox@ymail.com 229-435-1086. Tentative dates and times are as followings:

October 10th @1000
November 21st @1000
December – No Seminar

RIVER WALK CLEAN-UP AT COX LANDING



SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2014
0830

*Meet at Cox Landing for coffee and donuts
before we get started.*



The Exchange Club of Albany

68th Annual Southwest Georgia Regional Fair

November 4-9, 2014

(Exchange Club Fairgrounds)

Maj Lawrence DesJardines Det. 1260 will have a booth during the hours of 1800 – 2000 each day and request volunteers to man the booth and recruit prospective members.

To volunteer; please, contact Commandant Tim McClelland at gunnymac79@gmail.com or 229-436-4539.

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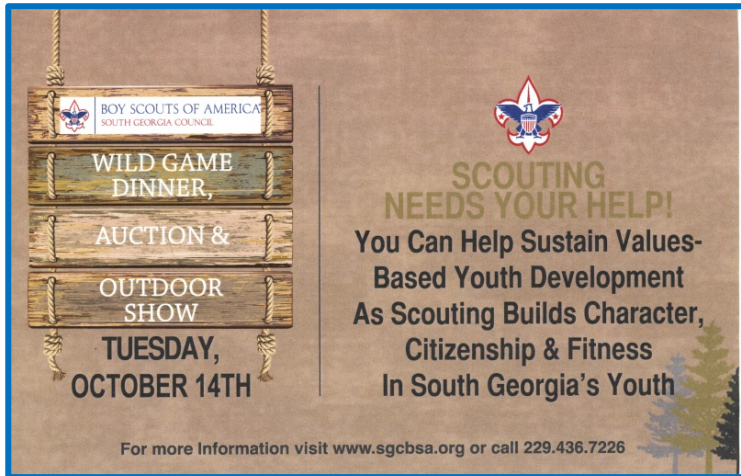


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BOY SCOUTS



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YOUNG MARINES



One of the pillars of the Young Marine program is to lead positive, drug free lifestyles...and to educate and encourage others to do the same. Young Marines follow the Project Alert curriculum, standardized all across the nation. The Project Alert curriculum focuses on the Gateway Drugs, but also stays current with drugs that affect our youth. It also gives senior Young Marines the opportunity to become certified instructors and teach their younger Young Marines and peers.

In addition to Project Alert, Young Marines participate year round in community projects and events that focus on reducing and eliminating drug abuse by our

youth. We encourage our adults and parents to stay educated on the drugs that affect our youth and to participate in and support our drug free message.

RED RIBBON WEEK October 23-31

One of the primary nationwide events that Young Marines participate in is Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week represents a national anti-drug effort and awareness campaign observed annually in October throughout the United States.

Red Ribbon Week began after the kidnapping, torture and murder of DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in 1985. Camarena, a former Marine, worked against bringing illegal drugs into the United States. In his memory, citizens of his hometown of Calexico, California, donned red ribbons in his honor; the red ribbon became a symbol for prevention in order to reduce the demand for illegal drugs.



According to the Drug Enforcement Agency and the National Family Partnership, approximately 80 million people participate in Red Ribbon events every year.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE





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21 October, 2014
at 1830
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801 River Pointe Drive
Albany, GA

**A Message From
Ernie & Bobbie Elmore**

Farewell to all of you in Detachment 1260. You all are very dear in our hearts and although we plan to join another Detachment out in Washington, no one in it can possibly come as close to us as you have. We want to thank all of you who gave us cards and gifts and all the phone calls with your good wishes. We hope you will cherish and nurture Detachment 1260, because it stands out as one of the best you'll ever come across. May God bless and keep you until we meet again up yonder guarding the streets of Heaven. Semper Fi

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VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic cuts ribbon

By Nathan L. Hanks Jr. | Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany
September 25, 2014

Marine Corps, Navy and Veterans Affairs officials marked the VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic's opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Friday.



Richard Alvin Zipperer checks in to see the primary care physician at the Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located inside the Naval Branch Health Clinic aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Friday.
Photo by: Nathan L. Hanks Jr.

The VA clinic, formerly located on West Broad Avenue in Albany, Georgia, is now co-located inside the Naval Branch Health Clinic Albany in Building 7000.

Through a joint effort, veterans will receive primary care and ancillary services, such as audiology, podiatry and optometry. Additional specialty health care services, including mental health, will be provided in Building 7200, adjacent to NBHC Albany.

According to Col. Don Davis, commanding officer, MCLB Albany, the community within the Southwest Georgia region is filled with veteran service members, who have provided faithful service to the country and respective military service branches.

"My hope is that veterans feel at home aboard the base," Davis said. "The gates of MCLB Albany and the new VA clinic are a beacon of hope."

"(It's) a continued way forward in regard to good care and services for a veteran community that has given so much here, nationally and globally in the capacity they served," he added.

Navy Capt. John Le Favour, CO, Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Florida, said this is a collaborative effort "to deliver quality health care to our veterans both past and present."

"Through the collaboration, 6,000 veterans in the Albany area will now (receive) on base services by their VA providers," Le Favour said.

"In fact, (they will be) integrated with our military providers here (who) provide care to 1,300 military members as well as their family members, and 2,800 civilians on board this base," he commented.

"It is truly an honor and a privilege to care for all those who entrust their care to us and it is certainly an honor and a privilege to be able to welcome the veterans into this care and Naval Branch Health Clinic Albany," he said.

John S. Goldman, director, Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, Dublin, Georgia, said he believes veterans will enjoy coming to MCLB Albany and to the new clinic.



Col Don Davis, Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base; John S. Goldman, Director at Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, Dublin, GA; Veteran Jason Maxwell; Capt. John Le Favour, Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, FL. Photo by: Nathan L. Hanks Jr.

“(This is) a good deal for veterans, a good deal for retirees and a good deal for the active-duty (service members) and families, too,” Goldman said.

“All the veterans I’ve talked to are very enthusiastic (about the opening),” he added. “With a facility such as this, veterans don’t have to drive to Augusta, Dublin or Atlanta, (Georgia), for services — they can get them right here.”

Additional future services veterans will be able to use include physical therapy and pharmacy services, he said.

Jason Maxwell, a 15-year Army veteran, took part in cutting the ribbon for the VA clinic.

“It’s a beautiful clinic,” Maxwell said. “I’ve actually come here twice to check it out. It’s a great resource for this community. It keeps veterans from traveling four to six hours away to get treatment.”

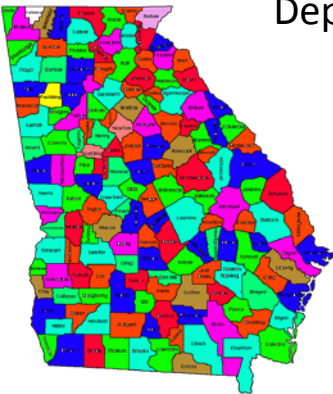
“Everything I have received from the constituent point of view has been outstanding,” Maxwell said. “I am really happy that this has worked so well. The Marine Corps, Navy and VA have all done a great job.

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MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING		
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2 October 1918: Marines participated in the Battle of Blanc Mont Ridge in France.

5 October 1912: Leon, Nicaragua, was captured by Marines after a short battle.



7 October 2001: 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) secured two airfields in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

9 October 1917: The 8th Marine Regiment was activated at Quantico.

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

13 October 1965: Marine Squadron 211 was awarded the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Gallantry Cross for Vietnam services, 13 October



17 October 1814: Marines and Sailors landed on Grand Terre, Island, LA, to punish pirates.



22 October 1777: Continental Marines helped foil Gen William Howe's plans to capture Philadelphia.

27 October 1962: The 2dMarDiv and 2d Marine Aircraft Wing deployed during the Cuban missile crisis.

31 October 1955: Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, who earned five Navy Crosses, retired as a lieutenant general.




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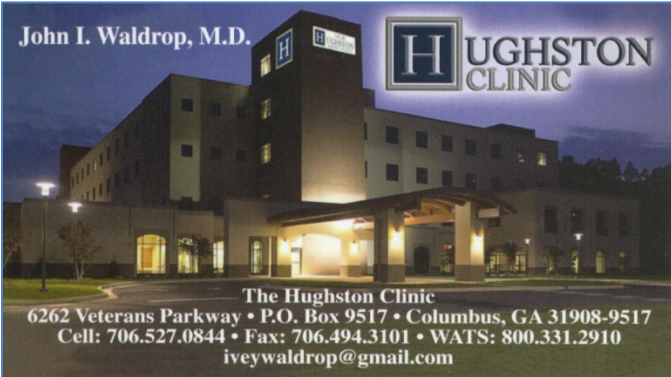
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Up Coming Events

October

1st	0600	<i>Retirees Breakfast, Crossroads Restaurant, MCLB Albany, GA</i>
4th	0830	<i>River-Walk Clean Up, Cox Landing, Albany, GA</i>
10th	1000	<i>Transition Readiness Seminar; MCLB to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox (229) 435-1086</i>
12th	1100	<i>Charity Bowling Tournament, All American Fun Park, Albany, GA (229) 436-8362</i>
14th	1600	<i>Boy Scouts Wild Game Dinner, Auction, & Outdoor Show, Potters Comm. Center</i>
21st	1830	<i>Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Drive, Albany, GA</i>

November

4th-9th	1800	<i>Southwest Georgia Regional Fair, Exchange Club Fairgrounds, Albany, GA</i>
5th	0600	<i>Retirees Breakfast, Crossroads Restaurant, MCLB Albany, GA</i>
8th	0945	<i>Salute to Veterans, Albany Civic Center Veteran's Park Amphitheater, Albany, GA</i>
11th		
18th	1830	<i>Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Drive, Albany, GA</i>
21st	1000	<i>Transition Readiness Seminar; MCLB to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox (229) 435-1086</i>
22nd	0900	<i>3rd Annual Mud Run, MCLB, Albany, GA; www.active.com</i>
22nd	1000	<i>Department of GA Staff Meeting, VFW Post 6605, 1011 Corder Rd, Warner Robins, GA</i>



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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

HAPPY 239TH BIRTHDAY

All U.S. Marines are gung-ho. But, few can match the vision and total commitment of the famous 13th Commandant, Gen. John A. Lejeune. In 1921 he issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921.

Gen. Lejeune's order summarized the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps. It further directed that the order be read to all Marines on 10 November of each year to honor the founding of the Marine Corps. Thereafter, 10 November became a unique day for U.S. Marines throughout the world.

Soon, some Marine commands began to not only honor the birthday, but *celebrate* it. In 1923 the Marine Barracks at Ft. Mifflin, Pennsylvania, staged a formal dance. The Marines at the Washington Navy Yard arranged a mock battle on the parade ground. At Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Marine baseball team played a Cuban team and won, 9 to 8.

The first "formal" Birthday Ball took place in Philadelphia in 1925. First class Marine Corps style, all the way! Guests included the Commandant, the Secretary of War (in 1925 the term "politically correct" didn't exist; it was Secretary of *War*, not Secretary of *Defense*), and a host of statesmen and elected officials. Prior to the Ball, Gen. Lejeune unveiled a memorial plaque at Tun Tavern. Then the entourage headed for the Benjamin Franklin Hotel and an evening of festivities and frolicking.

Over the years the annual Birthday Ball grew and grew, taking on a life of its own. In 1952 the Commandant, Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., formalized the cake-cutting ceremony and other traditional observances. For example, Marine Corps policy now mandates that the first piece of cake must be presented to the oldest U.S. Marine present. The second piece goes to the youngest Marine. Among many such mandates is a solemn reading of the Commandant's birthday message to the Corps.



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Like the U.S. Marine Corps itself, the annual Birthday Ball has evolved from simple origins to the polished and professional functions of today. Nonetheless, one thing remains constant, the tenth day of November! This unique holiday for warriors is a day of camaraderie, a day to honor Corps and Country. Throughout the world on 10 November, U.S. Marines celebrate the birth of their Corps – the most loyal, most feared, most revered, and most professional fighting force the world has ever known.

MCL DETACHMENT 1260'S

OLDEST MARINE



Lawrence "Bud" Simpson



YOUNGEST MARINE



John Vanderhoff

36th COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE FOR ALL MARINES

Marines, I am truly honored and humbled to serve as your Commandant. I'd like to begin my tenure by thanking General and Mrs. Amos for their four decades of extraordinary service and commitment. They transition to the next phase of their lives with the admiration, appreciation, and affection of all Marines and their families.

The Marine Corps is in great shape. We are recruiting and retaining high quality Marines who are fit, tough, and smart. Our Marines are well led, well trained, and well equipped. The infrastructure at our posts and stations -- our barracks, family housing and training facilities -- has been significantly enhanced over the past decade.

We remain **forward deployed and forward engaged** in the Pacific, South America, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. Just in the last year, we have **responded to crisis** in the Philippines, South Sudan, Libya, and Iraq. In Afghanistan, we have remained engaged in **combat operations**. We have clearly demonstrated our flexibility, versatility, and adaptability. Marines are relevant and in high demand.

We have answered the call and we have delivered! Throughout the last decade, Marines have enhanced their reputation as the Nation's premier force in readiness. Today's Marines, like their predecessors, can be very proud to claim the title United States Marine.

Despite these accomplishments, much work remains to be done. As Marines, we maintain the highest standards and we constantly seek to improve. We will continue to attack by:

- Maintaining a first-rate, well-trained total force of Marines in a high state of readiness.
- Prioritizing the support of those Marines in harm's way.
- Developing and fielding MAGTF capabilities that will ensure that the Marine Corps remains an innovative, relevant, naval, expeditionary force-in-readiness.
- Building upon our success in leader development, professional military education, wounded warrior care, and family readiness.

Our Corps is informed by your input. I will continue to engage with Marines of all grades to solicit feedback. Your ideas will help us improve our warfighting and crisis response capabilities and provide the foundation for detailed Commandant's Planning Guidance in the New Year.

Know that I'm extraordinarily proud to stand in your ranks.

Thanks for who you are and what you do.

Continue to march . . .

FROM THE COMMANDANT



Marines,

Here we are on the eve of another birthday! We are looking pretty good for standing on the door steps of 239 years of age. Our Detachment has come a long way and accomplished much over the past year but there is no time to “take our pack off” yet. Here are just some of the activities coming up this month:

The recruiting booth the 4th thru the 8th at the fair and thanks to all the Marines that stepped up to man the booth.

Vet Health Care Awareness Seminar on the 13th at 335 W. Society Ave from 1500 to 1800 (drop in). There will be guidance on how to navigate the health care system, and other helpful health related info for vets.

Do not forget the Staff Meeting on Saturday, the 22nd from 1000 to 1200 in Warner Robins. There will be a Devil Dog GROWL at 1300.

We also have our annual Awards Banquet at our December meeting. Plans are already under way for a great time for all. We will be providing more info.

December is also the time we will be looking for a “few good men” as we start recruiting members willing to step up and serve the Detachment by accepting an elected or appointed position for the next year.

It is not too early to start thinking about the Southeast Division Conference taking place in Altamonte Springs, FL (Orlando area). The dates are March 26th thru the 29th. This is a good time to meet fellow Marines from other Detachments and states and get a feel for how other Detachments are doing. It will be great fun and who knows; you could learn something or run into an old friend.

This Corner will not be complete without me mentioning two Marines from our Detachment that stepped up and gave a hand to a veteran’s widow in need of a wheel chair ramp. Marines Kenn Berggren and Dan Gillan. You two get a big SHOUT OUT. That is what Marines do for those in need.

Semper Fi and Happy 239th

Tim McClelland

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Marines and Families that are Ill:



Roger Paulin’s Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL.

Prayer Requests:



Sr. Vice Roger Paulin for a swift recovery from his broken shoulder.



Marine Jim Valentine – Recovering from knee surgery.



Marine Dave Aldrich’s’ wife Ann, still recovering from knee surgery.

Fallen Marine Program:- This month the Lord has taken home:

Retired First Sergeant Troy F. Allegood, passed on 22 Sept 14.

Retired Master Sergeant Richard A. Miller, passed on 11 Oct 14.

Also, let us remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, LtCol Joseph Smith, MGySgt Nick Retza, GySgt Billy Stewart and SSgt’s Sam Tucker and Sherman Braden.

Devotion: Soaring above the Storm

(Isaiah 40:25-31): Those who wait upon the Lord will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Suppose you just got a “D” on your report card, or were cut from the team or even backstabbed by someone you thought to be a good friend. Situations like these can be devastating. Many things happen to us that just don’t seem fair, like our parents divorcing or even the death of a very good friend and worse than that a diagnoses of cancer.

Have you ever noticed that no one escapes hard times? Some of those times are life-and-death situations. Others are just frustrations or setbacks. But without exception, they all cause agonizing pain. They make us feel like our world is caving in on us, and at times like these there is nothing we need more than to get an eye-popping look at who God is! Think about the wonderful description in Isaiah 40:

God is all powerful. He created all of the universe-from the intricate design of the tiniest cell to the massive grandeur of the vast heavens. Nothing is too big or too difficult for Him.

God is entirely loving. Since God created all the stars and calls each burning ball by name, how do you think he feels about you, his child created in his image? Jesus answered that question: "Look at the birds" he said. They don't need to plant or harvest or put food in barns because your heavenly Father feeds them. And you are far more valuable than they (Matt: 6:26). God loves you more than you can ever imagine.

God gives strength to the weak. You might feel bogged down and beat up by difficult circumstances in your life. But you can put your trust in the Lord and not give up. He sees your needs and will give you strength to keep going-even to run, take flight, and soar above the pressures of life.

Ponder what it means that God is *both* all-powerful and all-loving. If he were mighty but didn't love, we would spend our life fearing his anger and judgment. If he were loving but weak, he couldn't help us through our trials. The God we serve is both strong and kind, and that's why we can trust him.

Prayer: ***We praise you, God, because you love us enough to help us through our difficulties. And you are powerful enough to do it. AMEN***

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)

21 October 2014

Commandant McClelland called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present. There were a total of 27 members 5 associate members, and 2 guests present.

Visitors/Guests: District Vice Commandant Barbara Brammer and her husband Paul.

Patriotism Committee has put out 259 flags to date. The Committee is asking for more volunteers to assist in the placement of flags.

JROTC/Young Marines: Westover had 159 cadets complete their IG training scoring Above Average to Excellent in Knowledge and Average in Uniform with no Failures.

Veteran's Coalition Committee: Salute to Veterans Nov. 8, 2014. Band prelude begins at 0945 and ceremony at 1000.

Correspondence: The Detachment received a letter from Alisha Gray thanking the Detachment for the scholarship she received.

Announcements: Leesburg will have their Christmas Parade on December 6, 2014.

Meeting adjourned @ 1930

GET INVOLVED



Transition Readiness Seminar

Marine Corps Logistics Base
Albany

We need Volunteers

All it takes is 10-15 minutes of your time to talk about the opportunities and assistance the Marine Corps League offers to Marines transitioning out of the Corps. Pick your date and contact Carl Wilcox at CarlWilcox@ymail.com or (229) 435-1086. Tentative dates and times are as followings:

November 21st @1000
December – No Seminar

Special thanks to Roger Paulin and John Belk for representing The Marine Corps League at last month's Seminar.





VETERANS COALITION

We need volunteers to assist in burial, rifle and flag folding ceremonies.

Please contact Marvin
Mixon @ (229) 435-
5450.



The Exchange Club of Albany

68th Annual Southwest Georgia Regional Fair

November 4-9, 2014

(Exchange Club Fairgrounds)

**The following members have volunteered their
time to man the booth from 1800-2000:**

Tuesday, 04 Nov.
Dawaine Lake and Jim Valentine

Wednesday, 05 Nov.
Will Davis and Roger Paulin

Thursday, 06 Nov.
Ron and Sheila Kirstatter

Friday, 07 Nov.
Carl Wilcox and Charles Bushnell

Saturday, 08 Nov.
Charles Steward and Bob Breton

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The American's Creed

"I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

Historical Notes: The American's Creed was a result of a nationwide contest for writing a National Creed, which would be a brief summary of the American political faith founded upon things fundamental in American history and tradition. The contest was the idea of Henry Sterling Chapin, Commissioner of Education of New York State. Over three thousand entries were received, and William Tyler Page was declared to be the winner. James H. Preston, the mayor of Baltimore, presented an award to Page in the House of Representatives Office Building on April 3, 1918. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the commissioner of education of the state of New York accepted the Creed for the United States, and the proceedings relating to the award were printed in the *Congressional Record* of April 13, 1918. It was a time when patriotic sentiments were very much in vogue. The United States had been a participant in World War I only a little over a year at the time the Creed was adopted.

The author of the American's Creed, William Tyler Page, was a descendant of John Page, who had come to America in 1650 and had settled in Williamsburg, Virginia. Another ancestor, **Carter Braxton**, had signed the Declaration of Independence. Still another ancestor, John Tyler, was the

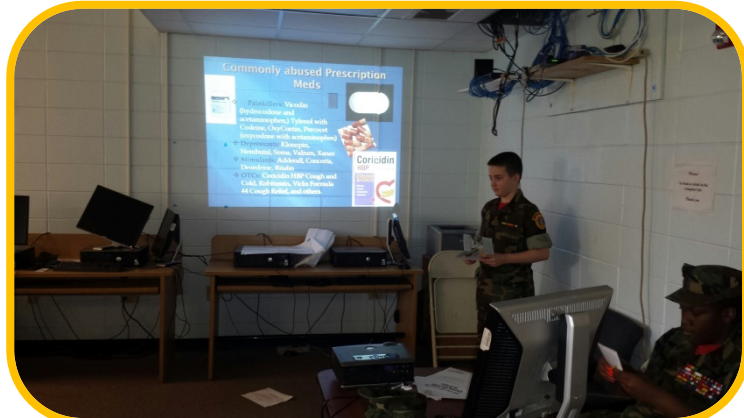
tenth president of the United States. William Tyler Page had come to Washington at the age of thirteen to serve as a Capitol Page. Later he became an employee of the Capitol building and served in that capacity for almost sixty-one years. In 1919 he was elected clerk of the House. Thirteen years later, when the Democrats again became a majority party, they created for Page the office of minority clerk of the House of Representatives. He held this position for the remainder of his life.

Referring to the Creed, Page said: "It is the summary of the fundamental principles of the American political faith as set forth in its greatest documents, its worthiest traditions, and its greatest leaders." His wording of the Creed used passages and phrases from the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and Daniel Webster's reply to Robert Y. Hayne in the Senate in 1830.

YOUNG MARINES



Young Marines of Albany Georgia traveled to Camilla Georgia to teach a drug, alcohol, and tobacco awareness class at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Mitchell County.



LCPL Ian Stohlman teaches a class.

It is required for the Young Marines to teach an awareness class to young people between the ages of 8-18. They taught about drugs, alcohol and tobacco and the harm it brings to your body and the problems that occur from taking them. They held classes at three locations on October 10th 2014 0800 to 1600. The students were also given time to ask questions. The classes were very successful and many of Boys & Girls Club signed the Say No to Drugs Pledge

During the City Council meeting on October 13th Camilla's Mayor Vernon Twitty Jr., and the City Council proclaimed the week of October 10, 2015 to be Red Ribbon Week.



Young Marines with the Boys & Girls Clubs Camilla Unit



Young Marines at Mitchell County Teen Resource Center



Young Marines with the Boys & Girls Clubs Jester Unit.



(L-R) Pictured with Mayor Vernon Twitty Jr.; Commander Lowman, CPL Broadway, CPL Brown, LCPL Hill, LCPL Rhymes, and LCPL Tucker

Congratulations to the following Young Marines who participated in the training.

GYSGT Alexis Baisden
SSGT Tania Brown
CPL Jabari McPhaul
CPL Kentavions Broadway
CPL Jaynia Brown
LCPL Ian Stohman
LCPL Elizabeth Rhymes

GYSGT Joshua Crawford
SGT Bobby Wilson
CPL Calyssia Boswell
CPL Malik Peoples
CPL Johntavious Brown
LCPL Elijah Tucker
LCPL Anthony Hill

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Veterans Day Proclamation Ceremony



11 a.m. Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building
Plaza Level
Atlanta, Georgia



Rep. John Yates

Keynote Speakers:
Rep. John Yates
Sen. Ed Harbison



Sen. Ed Harbison



Monthly Retiree Breakfast
Wednesday, November 5, 2014
6:00 a.m.

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For more information contact:

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Marine Corps Logistics Base 3rd Annual Dirty Devil Dog Mud Run

Due to a resource constrained environment and in order to remain good stewards of taxpayer dollars in regard to mission essential events and programs, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany officials have decided to cancel this years' Mud Run, originally set to take place November 22. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience and having had to come to this decision. It did not come without serious consideration and it is ultimately the most responsible decision at this time.

Our mission and focus remains centered on the success and prosperity of the warfighter, both at home and abroad, as well as the local and surrounding communities. At the current time and under our current fiscal environment, we must focus our efforts and resources on mission essential events and programs. Please direct any questions regarding the Mud Run to Capt Justin Jacobs at 639-7024.

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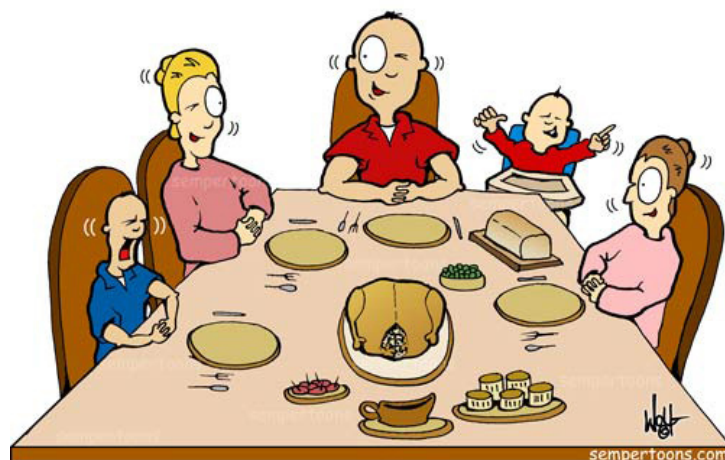
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We thank them all since 1775 and end this prayer by saying
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 Amen!

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.



4 November 1948: Col Katherine Towle became the first Director of Women Marines as regulars, not reservists.

5 November 2005: Marines launched Operation STEEL CURTAIN in Husaybah, Iraq.

10 November: USMC 239TH BIRTHDAY



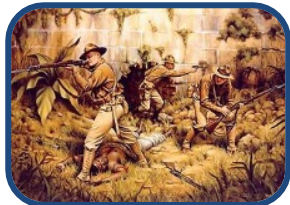


11 November 1918: Armistice Day. WWI ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year.



13 November 1968: Operation Daring Endeavor was commenced by the 7th Marine Regiment in Vietnam.

16 November 1856: Marines participated in the Battle of Barrier Forts in China.



18 November 1915: Marines Participated in the Battle of Fort Riviere during the occupation of Haiti.

21 November 1836: Marines and Soldiers took action against the Seminole Indians at Wahoo Swamp, FL.

25 November 2001: The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (SOC) seizes "Camp Rhino" in first conventional troop action in Afghanistan.



27 November 1941: The 4th Marine Regiment departed Shanghai, China, to strengthen forces at Olongapo, Philippines.



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IN THE NEWS

Young Marines Wins its 6th Dept. of Defense Award for Anti-Drug Education

Monday, October 20, 2014



The Young Marines youth organization's Drug Demand Reduction Program is the winner of the 2014 Annual Fulcrum Shield Award for Excellence in Youth Anti-Drug Education. The award was presented on Thursday, Oct. 16, during a special ceremony in the Hall of Heroes at the Pentagon, Army Navy Drive and Fern Street, Arlington, VA. The award is given annually by the Department of Defense, and the Young Marines have received this prestigious

national award for the sixth time since its inception in 2001. It recognizes military-affiliated youth organizations around the world that have made intensive efforts at spreading anti-drug messages in local communities.

“The Fulcrum Shield Award is the culmination of our work fighting the demand for drugs through peer education of kids age 8 – 18,” said Michael Kessler, national executive director and CEO of the Young Marines. “The award recognizes the drug demand education that our Young Marines share with their communities during Red Ribbon Week. I am very proud, and I speak for all Young Marines and adult leaders when I thank the Department of Defense for this important honor.”

Last June, the Young Marines took its drug demand reduction efforts to the next level by launching a new program titled, “Closing the Gate on Drugs.” The program consists of lessons that help kids learn and practice new skills and strategies for resisting drugs. In addition, the lessons build positive expectations about life without drugs.

“With our new ‘Closing the Gate on Drugs’ program, we consider ourselves the premier drug demand reduction youth organization with national scope and impact,” Kessler said.

The Young Marines is a national non-profit 501c(3) youth education and service program for boys and girls, age eight through the completion of high school. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral and physical development of its members. The program focuses on teaching the values of leadership, teamwork and self-discipline so its members can live and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Since the Young Marines' humble beginnings in 1959 with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to over 300 units with 11,000 youth and 3,000 adult volunteers in 46 states, the District of Columbia, Germany, Japan and affiliates in a host of other countries.

For more information, visit: <http://www.YoungMarines.com>.

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**By Mike Argirion
and Jeff Knurek**



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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4th-9th	1800	Southwest Georgia Regional Fair, Exchange Club Fairgrounds, Albany, GA
4th	1100	Veterans Day Proclamation Ceremony, Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, Atlanta, GA
5th	0600	Retirees Breakfast, Crossroads Restaurant, MCLB Albany, GA
8th	0945	Salute to Veterans, Albany Civic Center Veteran's Park Amphitheater, Albany, GA
10TH		239TH Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Jacksonville, FL
11th	0645	Flag Raising Ceremony at American Legion Post 30, Gillionville Drive, Albany, GA
13th	1500	Health Care Seminar, Senior Life Enrichment Center, W. Society Ave., Albany, GA
18th	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Drive, Albany, GA
21st	1000	Transition Readiness Seminar; MCLB to volunteer contact Carl Wilcox (229) 435-1086
22nd	1000	Department of GA Staff Meeting, VFW Post 6605, 1011 Corder Rd, Warner Robins, GA
27th		THANKSGIVING DAY

December

3rd	0600	Retirees Breakfast, Crossroads Restaurant, MCLB Albany, GA
6th		Leesburg, GA Christmas Parade
16th	1800	Annual Awards Banquet, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Drive, Albany, GA



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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

Merry Christmas, My Friend

By James M. Schmidt

*'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one-bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney, with presents to give
and to see just who in this home did live.*

*As I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand.
On the wall hung pictures of a far distant land.*

*With medals and badges, awards of all kind,
a sobering thought soon came to my mind.
For this house was different, unlike any I'd seen.
This was the home of a U.S. Marine.*

*I'd heard stories about them, I had to see more,
so I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.
And there he lay sleeping, silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor in his one-bedroom home.*

*He seemed so gentle, his face so serene,
Not how I pictured a U.S. Marine.
Was this the hero, of whom I'd just read?
Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?*

*His head was clean-shaven, his weathered face tan.
I soon understood, this was more than a man.
For I realized the families that I saw that night,
owed their lives to these men, who were willing to fight.*



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2014

**National Newsletter
Competition
Battalion Level
First Place Winner**

*Soon around the Nation, the children would play,
And grown-ups would celebrate on a bright Christmas
day. They all enjoyed freedom, each month and all year,
because of Marines like this one lying here.*

*I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
on a cold Christmas Eve, in a land far from home.
Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye.
I dropped to my knees and I started to cry.*

*He must have awoken, for I heard a rough voice,
"Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more.
My life is my God, my country, my Corps."*

*With that he rolled over, drifted off into sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.*

*I watched him for hours, so silent and still.
I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.
So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,
and covered this Marine from his toes to his head.*

*Then I put on his T-shirt of scarlet and gold,
with an eagle, globe and anchor emblazoned so bold.
And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,
and for one shining moment, I was Marine Corps deep
inside.*

*I didn't want to leave him so quiet in the night,
this guardian of honor so willing to fight.
But half asleep he rolled over, and in a voice clean and
pure,
said "Carry on, Santa, it's Christmas Day, all secure."
One look at my watch and I knew he was right,
Merry Christmas my friend, Semper Fi and goodnight.*

How The Words Came To Be Written

The poem's author, James M. Schmidt, was a Lance Corporal stationed in Washington, D.C., when he wrote the poem back in 1986. In Corporal Schmidt's own words (December, 2002):

"The true story is that while a Lance Corporal serving as Battalion Counter Sniper at the Marine Barracks 8th & I, Washington, D.C., under Commandant P.X. Kelly and Battalion Commander D.J. Myers (in 1986), I wrote this poem to hang on the door of the gym in the BEQ. When Colonel Myers came upon it, he read it and immediately had copies sent to each department at the Barracks and promptly dismissed the entire Battalion early for Christmas

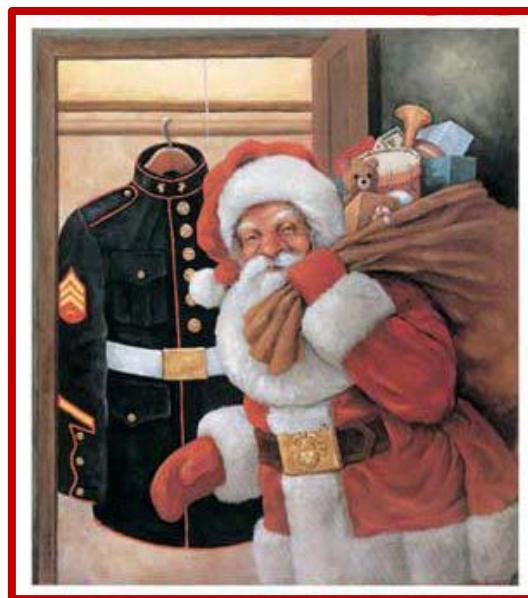
leave. The poem was placed that day in the Marine Corps Gazette, distributed worldwide and later submitted to Leatherneck Magazine."

Schmidt's original version, entitled "Merry Christmas, My Friend," was published in Leatherneck (Magazine of the Marines) in December, 1991.

As Leatherneck wrote of the poem's author in 2003:

"'Merry Christmas, My Friend,'" has been a holiday favorite among 'leatherneckphiles' for nearly the time it takes to complete a Marine Corps career. Few, however, know who wrote it and when. Former Corporal James M. Schmidt, stationed at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., pounded it out over 17 years ago on a typewriter while awaiting the commanding officer's Christmas holiday decorations inspection...while other leathernecks strung lights for the Barracks' annual Christmas decoration contest, Schmidt contributed his poem to his section."

Over the years the text of "Merry Christmas, My Friend," has been altered to change Marine-specific wording into Army references (including the title: U.S. Marines do not refer to themselves as "soldiers") and to incorporate line-ending rhyme changes necessitated by those alterations.



FROM THE COMMANDANT



Marines,

last comments. By the time you read this Thanksgiving will be in the past. I hope everyone had a great holiday with family and friends and all are well.

First off, a big thank you to those Marines that participated in the information/recruitment booth at the fair. Although the interest was minimal, we did get a few interest cards filled out that will be used to contact potential Detachment members. The small number of interest cards filled out indicates to me that there needs to be a renewed effort in recruiting. The Albany area has a large community of retired and “non-active” Marines that could be potential members in the Detachment. Let’s remember the Jr. Vice Commandant is not the only Marine that does the recruiting. With a little extra effort from each of us, the Detachment could realize the benefit of a growing membership.

Those members that are not quite sure how to go about initiating the recruitment process should contact Sr. Vice Commandant Roger Paulin who has been the Recruiter of the Year for the Detachment more than once. And do not forget, an increased membership could return the Grits Bowl to the Department of Georgia from the Department of Alabama.

As long as I am talking membership, let us not forget our current members that for one reason or another do not make meetings. Make a phone call to that member you know that has been absent for a while and see how they are faring and invite them to the next meeting. We never know what is going on in some one’s life and a simple phone call might help that Marine.

Do not forget the Southeast Division Spring Conference taking place in Altamonte Springs, FL (Orlando, FL area). The dates are March 26th thru the 29th 2015.

I want to thank Marines Bob Adams and Roger Paulin for their time working on awards nominations. We have a great Detachment and it shows when you sit down and start listing the efforts of the membership. Thanks to each and every member.

Semper Fi,
Tim McClelland
Commandant

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Prayer Request for Marines and Families that are Ill:



Roger Paulin’s Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL.



Sr. Vice Paulin for a swift recovery from his broken shoulder.



Marine Jim Valentine recovering from knee surgery.



Ann Aldridge recovering from knee surgery.

Fallen Marine Program:-

This month no one has gone home to be with the Lord.

Let us remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, LtCol Joseph Smith, MGySgt Nick Retza, GySgt Billy Stewart and SSgt’s Sam Tucker and Sherman Braden.

Devotion: Soaring above the Storm

(John 8:1-11) “Neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared, “Go and leave your life of sin.” (NIV)

I know we’re supposed to love people just as they are. But what about Christians we know who are walking away from God? Do you know someone who is really doing stupid things? Maybe these things started with a friend or relative drinking or possibly doing drugs. They stop interacting with you and only want to hang with friends you know are not good for them. They stop going to church and act like they never knew you. How can you love them?

Good question: Love sees the hurt that people cause themselves when they disobey God. And love tries to protect people from harm. So the loving thing to do for

Christians who run away from God is to lovingly confront them about their bad behavior with the goal of protecting them from the consequences of what they are doing.

They need someone to lovingly say, "The Bible makes it clear that what you do with those people is wrong, and I hate to see you hurt yourself and others. You need to break off those friendships". They may not want to hear those words, but you have their best interests at heart. You don't want to pretend that evil behavior doesn't exist. You want to do what you can to keep your friends from getting hurt.

You can imagine what kind of reaction people will have to that kind of honesty. That's why it's called 'tough love'. It risks the friendship in order to turn friends away from sin. People you confront may walk away from you for a while - or for good. Your job, though, is to do your best to persuade them. How they respond is between them and God.

When friends sin, you aren't helping them by ignoring their behavior just to spare their feelings or to stay friends. You have an incredible opportunity to be honest and show the tough love they really need.

Prayer: **God, Give us wisdom when it's tough to know exactly how to love. AMEN**

Bob Breton
Det. Chaplain

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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)

18 November 2014

Commandant McClelland called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of the River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present. There were a total of 27 present, 22 regular members and 5 associate members.

Visitors/Guests: Department of Georgia Commandant Ron Kirstatter.

Commandants Report: Everyone should be thinking of our new officers for next year. There appears to be some problems with TriCare Prime and the list of Doctors. If you have any concerns go to the dispensary and they will assist you. Some budget cuts at the base will change hours of operations and fee changes. Brochure ads for National

Convention and Southeast Division Conference were approved

Patriotism Committee: 262 flags have been replaced to date.

JROTC/Young Marines: The JROTC had two units attending the rededication of the Vietnam memorial at Darton College.

Old Business: The Korean War Memorial was dedicated on Veterans Day.

Meeting adjourned @ 1910

GET INVOLVED



Transition Readiness Seminar

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany
We need Volunteers

All it takes is 10-15 minutes of your time to talk about the opportunities and assistance the Marine Corps League offers to Marines transitioning out of the Corps. Pick your date and contact Carl Wilcox at CarlWilcox@ymail.com or (229) 435-1086. Tentative dates and times are as followings:

December – No Seminar



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Not too many of us were born 73 Years ago, when Pearl Harbor was attacked! A lot of time has passed since then, with our commitment to many conflicts around the world to protect Old Glory. Please look back and remember those who have gone in your own way and give thanks to the many men and women who gave their lives, so we may enjoy our freedom of today. Also, December is a time for the celebration of Christmas and may all of you who read this short note, take a minute and stop and think of this wonderful day and of our National Colors and what they stand for in this Great Nation.

S/F

Dave Aldrich, Chairman, Patriot Committee

BOY SCOUTS



In spite of all the added pressure of a new school year, school activities, homework, sports, etc., our local scouts have been busy. As of 14 November 2014 we have three new Eagle Scouts. Jefferson DeMott of Troop 3, Leander Jackson and Devonta Williams of Troop 99 all earned their Eagle rank at a Court of Honor conducted at St. Teresa's on 14 November. This was a unique event in that both Troop 3 and 99 joined together for the Court ceremony. It was inspiring to see all the scouts present get recognized for various merit badge work. Of particular note was that Troop 99 was recognized by the American Red Cross for their support local Red Cross efforts in our community.

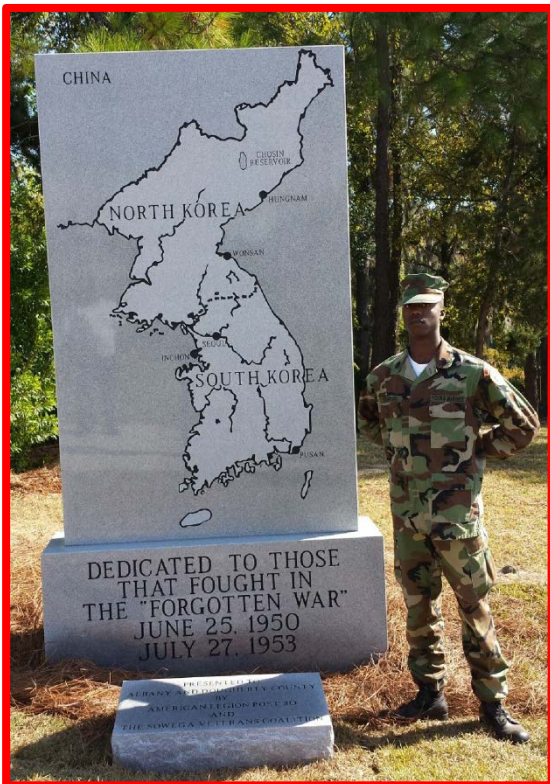


Pictured from left to right are Devonta Williams, Leander Jackson of Troop 99, Jefferson DeMott of Troop 3, and Marine Dan Gillan.

YOUNG MARINES



Young Marines of Albany in front of the Dougherty County Government Center where they received a proclamation for pledging to say no to drugs from Mayor Hubbard during the City Council Meeting.



Young Marines of Albany, Gunnery Sergeant Crawford standing next to the new Korean War Memorial which was dedicated on Veterans Day.



Eighteen Young Marines of Albany Georgia along with Young Marine Gunnery Sergeant Tobias received the Presidential Volunteer Service award from Georgia District 154 Representative Winfred Dukes on Saturday, November 15th at the Marine Corps logistics base.



Young Marines of Albany help at the Marine Corps Logistics Base Exchange collecting toys for the Toys for Tots.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE



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Staff Meeting
February 28, 2015
1000
Peachtree City, GA
Location TBD**



Members needed to hand out water and promote membership.

(Contact Chuck Bushnell @ usmcsarge1@gmail.com)

Saturday February 28, 2015

Lee County Courthouse, Leesburg, GA

Race Starts: 3pm

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THANKS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

October 10, 2014

Marine Corps League
Major Lawrence Des Jardines, Detachment #1260
Ernie Elmore
P.O. Box 70971
Albany, GA 31708-0971

Dear Mr. Elmore:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for taking the time from your busy schedule and assisting me to complete the Marine Corps League National Scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of the scholarship!

As a freshman at Hampton University's College of Liberal Arts, I am pursuing a degree in Political Science and History. During my free time, I plan to engage with service organizations on campus and in the Hampton community. My future goals involve pursuing law school and seeking a career in the justice system where I can be a voice and change agent for those in need.

By receiving the Marine Corps League National Scholarship, has lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Again, thank you, your support will go a long way in achieving my educational and career goals. I wish you the best in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Alesha R. Gray



Chaplain Robert A.. Breton
Sergeant At Arms Richard Chaffin
Marine Corps League
Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
PO Box 70971
Albany, GA 31708

Dear Sirs:

Words can't express our deep gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful and honorable memorial service that you presented for my husband GySgt. David Akstulewicz on September 16, 2014. Our children and I have this wonderful memory to sustain us throughout the years ahead. David was a proud Marine (as you all are) and this service was very fitting to his career.

Please accept the enclosed as a small token of our appreciation.

Thank you again and Semper Fi,

Rachel Akstulewicz
Calyn Akstulewicz
Kevin Akstulewicz

VETERANS DAY

**Major Lawrence DesJardines
&
Mary Louise DesJardines**

Remembering our namesake and his lovely Wife



(L-R) Commandant Tim McClelland, Carl Wilcox, Ray Murphy, Chuck Bushnell, Charles Steward, Bob Breton, Dave Aldrich, and Gerald Wessels placing flowers at the DesJardines' gravesite on Veterans Day.



Georgia Veterans Day Parade & Freedom Ball Atlanta, Georgia November 8, 2014



Old Glory held high above by two cranes in downtown Atlanta marks the start of the parade.



Department of Georgia Commandant Ron Kirstatter was escorted to the VIP stands.



Department of GA Commandant Ron Kirstatter with Freedom Balls Keynote Speaker Capt. Dale Dey USMC (Ret)



(L-R) Department of GA Commandant Ron Kirstatter, WWII Veteran Vincient Melillo, Capt. Dale Dey, USMC (Ret), and Sheila Kirstatter attending the Freedom Ball at the Atlanta Aquirum.

Veterans Day Proclamation Ceremony

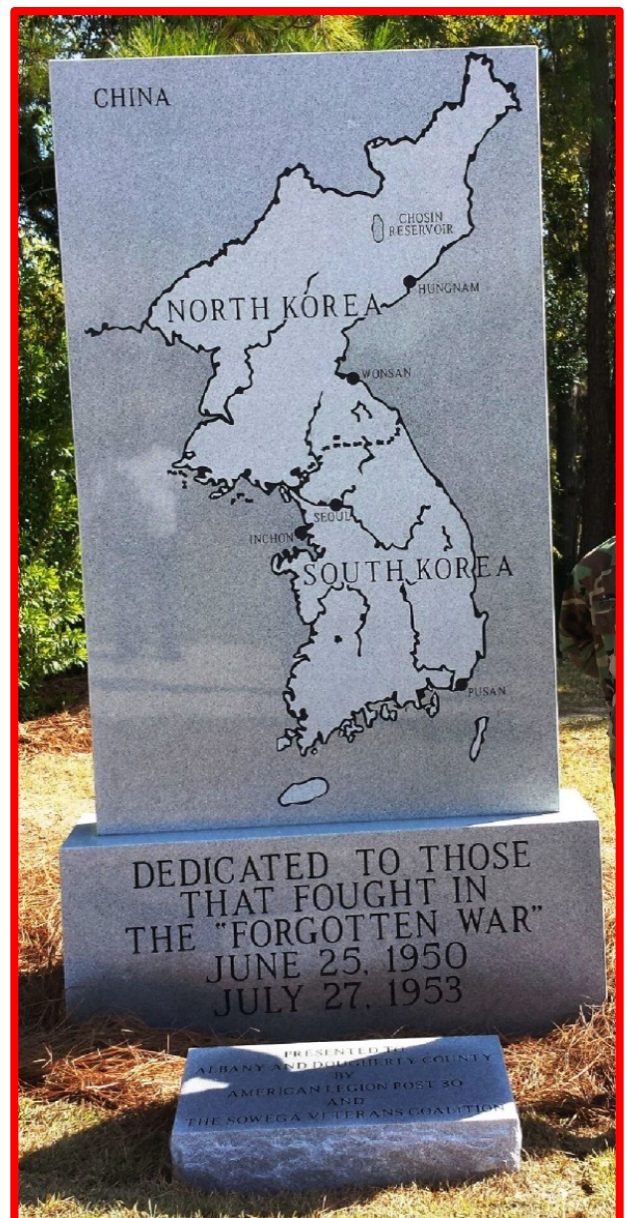
Continuing a tradition started in 1954, veterans and supporters joined the Georgia Department of Veterans Service on Tuesday, Nov. 4, to celebrate the publication of the 2014 Veterans Day in Georgia Proclamation.

<https://veterans.georgia.gov/press-releases/2014-10-29/gdvs-hosts-veterans-day-proclamation-ceremony>



Holding the Proclamation from L-R State Rep. John Yates, Marine Joe Najjar, and Senator Ed Harbison, 15th District.

Veterans Park Amphitheater Albany, GA Korean War Memorial Dedication



Group photo of attendees at the Proclamation Ceremony





THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



1 December 1950: The 1stMarDiv began its bitter withdrawal from Yudamni, North Korea.

3 December 1944: Marine air assets of the 1st and 2nd Marine Aircraft Wings arrived in the Philippines to support Army forces.

5 December 1929: Marine Capt A.N. Parker was the first person to fly over unexplored Antarctica.

8 December 2001: TF58 Marines secured American Embassy, Kabul, Afghanistan.



10 December 1941: With no weapon larger than the .30 caliber MG, 153 Marines defended Guam until overwhelmed.

12 December 1944: Marines participated in the Luzon Operation in the Philippines during WWII.



17 December 1941: 17 SB2U-3s of Marine Scout Bomber Squadron 281 flew 1,137 miles, the longest massed flight over water.

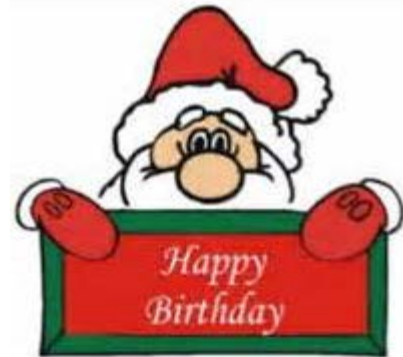


20 December 1989: The 2dMarDiv began combat operations in Panama.

22 December 1942: VMF-121 and VMO-251 pilots downed seven Zeros over Munda.

25 December: Each year at Christmas, Marines guard our national security all over the world.

29 December 1966: The 11th Motor Transport Battalion was awarded the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry for Service 29 December 1966 – 20 September 1969.



01	Nick Nicholson
01	Ira Thompson
06	Felix Demuth
09	Billy Hill
12	Gerald Smith Jr.
14	Ruthie Breton
15	Daulton Luttrell
19	Richard Roe
22	Don Mills Sr.

IN THE NEWS

An important message to Emblem readers:

After careful consideration, deliberation and weighing the options within our current informational environment, I plan to discontinue the hard copy, print version of the base newspaper, The Emblem, with the turn of the New Year, 2015.

Print newspapers are declining as a communication tool at military installations nationwide. Among 28 U.S. Marine Corps commands, only 12 still print hard copy newspapers. Shrinking budgets and saving time are often cited as contributing reasons for this occurrence. We are in the Information Age and the utilization of the Web and social media mediums are becoming the primary, and perhaps the better, venue for communicating to internal and external audiences.

I feel this decision will keep Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany effective, current and with the times by taking full advantage of the communication tools, i.e. social media, available. The last Emblem newspaper will be published on Dec. 18, 2014.

I ask that our audience continue to follow the overall mission, events and activities aboard the installation, to include those of our tenant commands, on our web-based communication resources: www.albany.marines.mil, our Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany Facebook page, twitter, and Flickr sites.

Additionally, we will look to continue expanding in the future with YouTube as well as other web-based communication tools.

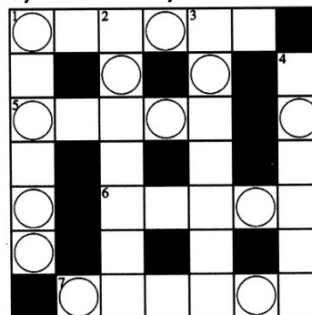
Thank you in advance for your continued support, understanding and all that you do to make MCLB Albany and the surrounding community a wonderful place to serve and call home!

Col. Don Davis
Commanding Officer, MCLB Albany

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CLUE **DOWN** **ANSWER**
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2. Acrobatic apparatus EPTZRA
3. Onlooker ESTNSIW
4. Small energy packet NOPHTO

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: This actor, who was born in Chicago in 1942, is an experienced airplane and helicopter pilot.

BONUS

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Up Coming Events

December

3rd	0600	<i>Retirees Breakfast, Crossroads Restaurant, MCLB Albany, GA</i>
6th	1000	<i>Leesburg, GA Christmas Parade</i>
16th	1800	<i>Annual Awards Banquet, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Drive, Albany, GA</i>

January

7th	0600	<i>Retirees Breakfast, Crossroads Restaurant, MCLB Albany, GA</i>
20th	1830	<i>Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Drive, Albany, GA</i>

February

4th	0600	<i>Retirees Breakfast, Crossroads Restaurant, MCLB Albany, GA</i>
12th – 14th		<i>Mid-Winter Conference http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/2015_Midwinter.pdf</i>
17th	1830	<i>Detachment Meeting, River Pointe Golf Club, 801 River Pointe Drive, Albany, GA</i>
28th	1000	<i>Department Staff Meeting, Peachtree City, GA</i>
28th	1500	<i>9/11 Heroes Run, Leesburg, GA</i>