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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT



CALLING ALL Red Hats



Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, GA Covella Pond Re-dedication

Joseph Francis Covella was born on October 17, 1928 and hailed from Brooklyn, New York. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1947 and fought during the Korean War with the 1st Marine Division's 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. He received the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry in action on September 20, 1951.

Covella remained in the Marines into the 1960s and was sent to Vietnam in 1965 as an advisor to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN). His specialty was weapons instruction, and he was assigned to South Vietnam's 1st Infantry Division in the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment. Our brave men and women in uniform, when serving with allied units as advisors, are held to the same standards of conduct and expected behavior in the face of an enemy as if they were with our own forces.

On January 3, 1966, then Gunnery Sergeant Covella volunteered to remain with a rear guard to cover the withdrawal of the Vietnamese infantry company he was with as they were in danger of being overwhelmed by the enemy and was forced to withdraw. He remained behind with the wounded providing covering fires as those who could escape did so. His "extraordinary heroism" cost him his life, and he was posthumously decorated with the second-highest award he could have received: the Navy Cross.

The Covella family has a deep appreciation for the Marine Corps League. When GySgt Covella was KIA the Detachment in Chicago was there for the family in many ways and they have always remembered that time and how the League supported them in their time of need. On January 8, 2016 at 1100, 50 years after his death there will be a rededication and wreath laying ceremony by the Marine Corps League Det. 1260 and the Covella Family at Covella Pond in honor of GySgt Joseph Frances Covella who served in Albany in 1964 & 1965.



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FROM THE COMMANDANT



Marines,

I hope that everyone had a joyous Christmas with family and friends and that

all who were traveling back home had a safe journey.

Thanks to all for an awards banquet that was a big success. The food was great and all seemed to have had a good time. A big thank you to the River Point Staff for all of their support.

January is when the Detachment elects new officers that will serve the Detachment membership in 2016. The election committee is currently in the process of coming up with a slate of officers. Members at the January meeting will also have the opportunity to place names in nominations for officers from the floor of the meeting.

In the coming year let each of us strive to bring at least one potential new member to at least one

meeting. Let's all work to not only grow the Detachment in numbers, but also in service to the community.

On Saturday, December 19th I had the honor of accompanying Department Commandant Ron Kirstatter to Americus Georgia to present an Eagle Scout Certificate and coin. The Boy Scouts of America are doing a wonderful job with young men and if Saturday's honoree is any example, there is still hope for this country with the future leaders of this country. Everyone who takes time to work with the youngsters of today, that will become the leaders of the future, deserve a special award themselves.

Let us continue to remember and lift up our members who are sick or recovering from a sickness, a medical procedure, or the loss of a loved one.

It is an honor to serve a Commandant for Detachment 1260. Thank each of you for all you do.

Semper Fi,
Tim McClelland
Commandant



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Prayer Requests:

- Bill Hammack
- Carl Wilcox
- Sy Barnes and wife

Fallen Marines:

This month one Marine has gone home to be with the Lord. Captain Earnest J. Jones USMC (Ret) passed on December 9, 2015.

Let us remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, Lawrence DesJardines, Joseph Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, and Harry McDole.

Devotion: Soaring Above the Storm

(Galatians 6:7-10) Don't get tired of doing what is good, (Galatians 6:9)

Imagine your ten year old daughter or granddaughter dives outside just after a snowstorm to shovel the sidewalk and driveway for the elderly neighbor next door. She does it not to get paid but because the person cannot do it and even cannot afford it.

A twelve year old student has a school requirement to tutor 2nd graders in reading. He does it not because of the requirement, but

because he has seen that a couple of the students can read because of his efforts.

Maybe you're looking for an outstanding way to show your love for others and Christ. There's a simple way to start that probably won't make you squirm with nervousness: *DO GOOD to others.*

All through the Bible we can spot instructions to do for others what is right and good:

- "If we do what helps (others), we will build them up in the Lord" (Romans 15:2)

- “Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially our Christian brother and sisters” (Galatians 6:10)
- “Never tire of doing what is right” (2 Thessalonians 3:13 NIV)
- “Let us not become weary of doing good” (Galatians 6:9)

When we do good for others, they have the chance to see the Savior in us.

Just because you’re working for someone else doesn’t mean you can go at it halfheartedly. People see God acting through us when we do good. They also see good in us when we jump on every situation as an opportunity to do our best. Paul challenged the Galatian Christians, for example, “Be sure to do what you should, for then you will enjoy the personal satisfaction of having done your

work well, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else.” (Galatians 6:4). Doing your best for other’s peels people’s eyes of your actions and lets them see God in your actions.

Prayer: **God, Open our eyes to the opportunities all around us to do good for others. AMEN**

Hope You all had a Very Merry Christmas and expect a very Prosperous New Year.

Bob Breton
Detachment Chaplain

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



MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

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

December 2015



December 15th we held our annual Awards Banquet therefore no minutes were taken. Results from the Banquet will be featured in February’s edition of The Major Lawrence DesJardines Dispatch.



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 follows:



January 15th @1015
February 5th @1015
March 11th @1015
April 8th @1015
May 6th @1015
June 10th @1015
July - No Class

*Chaplain Bob Breton is
seeking
volunteers to be
placed on a
“Pallbearers”
call list for
funeral services.*



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*or
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*We are starting a new year and it's time to mark your 2016
Calendar with the special days of the year to Fly "Old Glory"!*

*Use the list below to help you decide what "Official" days
you would like to honor our Flag!*

*There are twenty-one (21) days each year designated as
"Official" flag flying days by the U.S. Flag Code. The list has
evolved over the years to include newer holidays, but this is
the official list.*

() The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on ...*

- New Year's Day, January 1

- Inauguration Day, January 20
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday, 3rd Monday in January
- Lincoln's Birthday, February 12
- Washington's Birthday, 3rd Monday in February
- Easter Sunday (variable)
- Mother's Day, 2nd Sunday in May
- Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15 (**half-staff all day**)
- Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May
- Memorial Day (**half-staff until noon**), the last Monday in May
- Flag Day, June 14
- Independence Day, July 4
- Labor Day, first Monday in September

- Patriot Day, September 11 (**half-staff all day**)
- Constitution Day, September 17
- Columbus Day, second Monday in October
- Navy Day, October 27
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November
- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7 (**half-staff all day**)
- Christmas Day, December 25

and such other days as may be proclaimed by the

President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

I'm looking forward to another successful and Happy New Year! Hope you all will join me and fly our GREAT National Colors on the above dates!

Semper Fi

*Dave Aldrich,
Chairman, Patriotic Committee*



BOY SCOUTS



Our local scouts were busy in December as we prepared to bring 2015 to a close and to welcome all the promise of 2016. We had four Eagle Scout Courts of Honor representing three local Boy Scout troops. We also conducted a landscaping service project at St. Teresa's Catholic School and Church. These boys were busy representing all the good that scouting represents. On Saturday, 5 December St. Teresa's Troop 3 celebrated the advancement of two young scouts to the rank of Eagle Scout. Marine Joe Najjar presented Trevor Barajas and Brandon Strain their Good Citizenship Certificate and Eagle Scout coin. On Sunday, 13 December Marine Gillan presented Benjamin Walker of Avalon Church Troop 11 his Good Citizenship Certificate and Eagle Scout coin. On Saturday, 19 December Marines Tim McClelland and Ron Kirstatter presented the Good Citizenship Certificate and Eagle Scout coin to Mycah Jones of First Baptist Church Troop 26 in Americus. Congressman Sanford Bishop, an Eagle Scout himself, was on-hand to recognize Mycah as well. Finally, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Troop 3 worked very hard at St. Teresa's in order to clear the school garden, spread mulch and to trim bushes. These boys were definitely ready for Christmas!

Semper Fi!

Dan Gillan
Boy Scout Coordinator



(L-R) Brandon Strain, Marine Joe Najjar, and Trevor Barajas



(L-R) Commandant Tim McClelland, Mycah Jones, and Department of Georgia Commandant Ron Kirstatter



GOOD OF THE LEAGUE



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS



MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

TYPE	Regular	Associate
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	16	2
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	56	16
NEW MEMBERSHIPS	7	1

DELINQUENT

TYPE	Regular	Associate
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	13	2
<i>SUB-TOTALS</i>	92	21
<i>TOTAL</i>	113	

Become a **LIFE MEMBER**

Contact: **Ron Kirstatter**

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Monthly Veterans Breakfast

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

6:00 a.m.

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



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Become a member of the Major Lawrence
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Albany, GA

**Covella Pond
Re-Dedication & Wreath Laying Ceremony
Friday, January 8, 2016
1100
Covella Pond, MCLB, Albany, GA**

Marine Corps League Department of Georgia
Commandant along with Major Lawrence
DesJardines Det. #1260 Commandant and the
Covella Family will lay wreaths in honor of
GYSGT Joseph Francis Covella.





*Greater Atlanta Marine Det. #647
Re-Chartering as*

LCPL Squire "Skip" Wells Detachment #647

Saturday, January 9, 2016

1100-1300

*Cobb County Senior Wellness Center
1150 Powder Springs Street
Marietta, GA 30064*

Detachment 1260
Next Meeting



Tuesday
January 19, 2016
1830
at



801 River Pointe Drive
Albany, GA 31701

For more information on the activities of
Detachment #1260 and the Marine Corp League
visit <http://www.mclalbanyga.org>

ATTENTION

DETACHMENT 1260 MEMBERS!!!!

Bring a potential member to our next monthly meeting

MEMBERSHIPS UP FOR RENEWAL

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Ludovic Baudoin d'Ajoux		Bob Brooks
Andrea Gillan		George Butner
Daniel Gillan		Don Dally
Alexander Hart		James Johnson
Harold Hart		Dawaine Lake
Billy Hill		Patrick O'Lear
David Lee		James Taylor
Gregory Maine		Tom Voth
Camellia Paulin		Jane Wilcox
Gale Rodgers		
James Rodgers		
Richard Roe		
Bobby Sanders		

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM PAYMASTER' LATEST ROSTER



Department of Georgia
Staff Meeting

27 February 2016

1000-1200

Coweta County Veterans Club
130 Veterans Club Drive
Newnan, GA 30263



VA Plans to Propose Expanded Disability Benefits Eligibility for Veterans Exposed to Contaminated Water at Camp Lejeune

December 17, 2015, 02:27:00 PM

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that it plans to propose expanded disability compensation eligibility for Veterans exposed to contaminated drinking water while assigned to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

From 1953 to 1987, water sources at the base were contaminated with industrial solvents that are correlated with certain health conditions. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald decided to propose presumptions of service connection for certain conditions associated with these chemical solvents following discussions between environmental health experts at the Veterans Health Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

“The water at Camp Lejeune was a hidden hazard, and it is only years later that we know how dangerous it was,” said Secretary McDonald. “We thank ATSDR for the thorough review that provided much of the evidence we needed to fully compensate Veterans who develop one of the conditions known to be related to exposure to the compounds in the drinking water.”

ATSDR determined that the drinking water at Camp Lejeune was contaminated with perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene, vinyl chloride, benzene and other petroleum contaminants from leaking storage tanks from 1953 to 1987. ATSDR also determined that prolonged exposure to these chemicals increases the risk of certain health conditions.

Based upon VA’s review of current medical science and ATSDR’s findings, Secretary McDonald intends to propose creation of a presumption of service connection for the following conditions:

- Kidney Cancer
- Liver Cancer
- Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- Leukemia
- Multiple Myeloma
- Scleroderma
- Parkinson's Disease
- Aplastic Anemia / Myelodysplastic Syndromes

The Secretary’s proposal would also expand benefits eligibility to Reserve and National Guard personnel who served at Camp Lejeune for any length of time from August 1, 1953, through

December 31, 1987. These personnel would be presumed to have been exposed to the contaminated water during their Reserve or National Guard service and, in appropriate circumstances, to have been disabled by such exposure during service, thus allowing them to qualify for VA benefits under the statutory definition of “Veteran.”

This would make them eligible for VA disability compensation and medical care for any of the presumptive conditions, and their surviving dependents would be eligible for dependency and indemnity compensation and burial benefits.

VA is working on regulations that would establish these presumptions, making it easier for affected Veterans to receive VA disability compensation for these conditions. While VA cannot grant any benefit claims based on the proposed presumption of service connection for these conditions until it issues its final regulations, it encourages Veterans who have a record of service at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, and develop a condition that they believe is related to exposure to the drinking water at the base, to file a disability compensation claim with VA.

VA will continue to grant claims for disabilities claimed to be associated with exposure to the contaminants that can be granted under current regulations and review of the evidence in each case. If a claim for service connection for one of the proposed presumptive conditions would be denied under current regulations, the denial will be stayed until VA issues its final regulations. VA will announce when the regulations are final and presumptive benefits can begin to be awarded. For more information on applying for these benefits, visit: <http://benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-postservice-exposures-camp-lejeune-water.asp>.

Veterans who served at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or more between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, are already eligible to receive VA healthcare for up to 15 health conditions. More information, including a full list of covered conditions, can be found online at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/PUBLICHEALTH/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp>.

Veterans can establish eligibility for healthcare benefits by submitting VA Form 10-10EZ online at www.1010ez.med.va.gov/, downloading it at www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/1010EZ-fillable.pdf and returning it to any VA Medical Center or Clinic, or by calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387), Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM (Eastern Time).

VA is reimbursing certain veterans’ family members for eligible out-of-pocket medical expenses related to the 15 covered conditions. More information can be found at: <https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov>



THIS MONTH IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY



04 January 1991: Marines evacuated 281 from American Embassy, Mogadishu, Somalia.



19 January 1929: BGen Smedley Butler's 3d Marine Brigade was disbanded at Tientsin, China.

05 January 1944: The 5th and 7th Marine Regiments overran the 53rd Japanese infantry, New Britain.

09 January 1847: Marines participated in the Battle of La Mesa, CA, during the Mexican-American War.

13 January 1943: 2dMarDiv launched a westward coastal attack at Guadalcanal. 2dMarDiv launched a westward coastal attack at Guadalcanal.



14 January 1920: Caco insurrectionists were defeated in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

17 January 1944: Company B, 1st Tank Bn spearheaded the assault against Japanese positions on Arawe Peninsula, New Britain.

22 January 1925: 2d Expeditionary Force organized at Cavine, Philippine Islands, for duty as Shanghai, China, to protect American lives.

25 January 1928: Marines participated in the Battle of El Chipote, Nicaragua.



28 January 1942: The 4th Marine Regiment was assigned to support Philippine Scouts on Bataan.



30 January 1943: Marines participated in the Battle of Rennell Island in the Solomon Islands chain.

Remember!

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Remember!

1st



18th



Happy Birthday



13	Lawrence "Bud" Simpson	25	Dan Gillan
20	Robert Jarrett	27	Dave Aldrich
21	James Reilly	27	Bob Brooks



After Afghanistan, Marines Seek Lighter, More Agile Artillery

Military.com, Dec. 22 | Hope Hodge Seck

The Marine Corps is in the early stages of a complex revamp of its artillery doctrine that will enable the force to be lighter, faster and more lethal in order to respond to future conflicts and a new style of fighting.

At the heart of this revamp is Expeditionary Force 21, the Corps' new concept of fighting that emphasizes smaller units functioning independently over distributed areas in Pacific littoral zones and other regions. Among the ideas the Corps is testing out is that of having artillery platoons provide direct support to Marine companies for ship-to-shore maneuvers and other expeditionary movements. Earlier this month, some 200 troops from 10th Marine Regiment out of Camp Lejeune, N.C. participated in an experiment that paired different weapons from their artillery arsenal with a company landing team to determine the feasibility of this approach in realistic fighting conditions.

It's a departure from the Marines' traditional approach, which has larger artillery batteries supporting entire battalions of Marines.

"Artillery support in support of ground forces, our infantry, it provides bigger bang for the buck, the ability to reach out and touch the bad guys with large caliber indirect weapons systems," Capt. Jay Dodge, artillery training school director for 10th Marine Regiment, told Military.com. Dodge said the idea of deploying gun platoons in support of smaller infantry elements was new territory for the Marines.

"This is not how we fight. It's a change to our doctrine," he said.

The eight-day experiment, which also involved personnel from Lejeune's 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, ran a company landing team through the same series of movements with a sequence of three artillery pieces: the M327 120mm mortar; the M777A2 155mm howitzer; and the Army's M119A3 105-mm cannon.

Col. Jeffrey Holt, experimentation division director for the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab, said the use of an Army weapon demonstrated the willingness of the units involved to venture beyond convention to develop the best solution for future warfighting.

"We're pushing hard on the envelope with 2nd Marine Division and specifically 10th Marine Regiment to find out what can be used," he said. "They had the courage to look past programs of record."

The teams conducted a movement to contact, set up fire support positions, and executed a breach through a dense urban environment, simulated by Lejeune's Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility.

"When you have tight confines, it's really challenging to maneuver

some of these pieces on the battlefield," Holt explained.

Holt said the lab found each of the guns had different strengths for company landing team support. The 120mm mortar, which can be transported inside an MV-22 Osprey with its all-terrain transport vehicle, was attractive with its lightness and ease of set-up, he said. However, the system isn't capable of direct fire.

"If you're going to break a wall down, you need a direct-fire asset to do that," Holt said.

The 155mm howitzer offers a reliable weapons system, a heavier one that requires a helicopter to insert it and a 7-ton truck to pull it.

"You've got to figure out, 'how do I move that,'" he said.

The 105mm gun presented an attractive alternative: a smaller, more maneuverable piece capable of direct fire that was very similar, mechanically, to the 155mm howitzer. Holt said the system was less accurate than the 155mm, but had improved with recent updates.

"It definitely has us thinking," he said.

The Warfighting Lab is still assessing data collected from the experiment to determine conclusions and next steps. But for Dodge, the effort provided some immediate insights. He said the biggest challenge was streamlining communication and developing a protocol regarding who reported to whom in the chain of command. It also illuminated the importance of joint training between infantry and artillery elements, he said. During the wars Iraq and Afghanistan, he said, this kind of joint training had fallen by the wayside.

"One ancillary benefit that came from this is we're doing our part to meld that relationship again between infantry and artillery," Dodge said.

The Warfighting Lab is preparing a report for the commanders of the Marines' operating forces on the experiment, which will determine future steps to develop the concept. Meanwhile, Holt said, a range of other efforts to modernize the Corps' artillery elements are also underway.

The Marines recently announced that it would field GPS-guided rounds for the 120mm mortar system in 2018, allowing troops to reduce the number of rounds needed to destroy a target. The Marines are also working to develop a more complex role for its high-mobility artillery rocket system, or HI-MARS, including the development of advanced guided munitions that would be able to hit a moving target, or launch from a ship while it's underway. And as rockets become more accurate, Holt said, the Marine Corps is examining different uses for them, including the possibility of making certain rockets organic to a company-sized element.

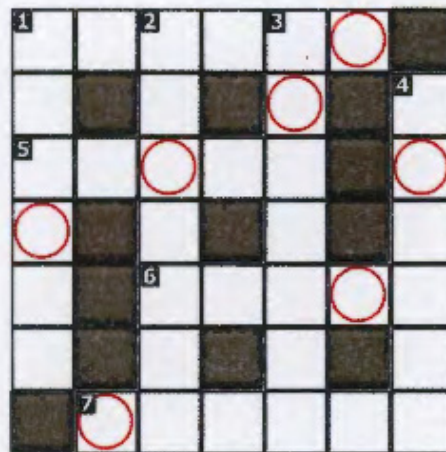
Marines will have a chance to test out some of these concepts at the Rim of the Pacific joint exercise this summer in Hawaii, Holt said.

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Up Coming Events

January

02	1000	MODD Pound 360 Growl, American Legion Post 30, 2916 Gillionville Rd, Albany, GA 31721
06	0600	Retiree's Breakfast, Town & Country Restaurant, MCLB, Albany, GA
08	1100	Covella Pond Re-Dedication, Covella Pond, MCLB, Albany, GA
09	1100	Greater ATL Marine Det. 647 Re-Charting Ceremony, Marietta, GA
18		Martin Luther King Jr. Day
19	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Point Golf Club, Albany, GA

February

03	0600	Retiree's Breakfast, Town & Country Restaurant, MCLB, Albany, GA
16	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Point Golf Club, Albany, GA
27	1000	Dept. Staff Meeting, Coweta County Veterans Club, 130 Veterans Club Dr., Newnan, GA



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Marine of the Year **Richard Chaffin**



(L-R) Richard Chaffin receiving
Marine of the Year Award from
Commandant McClelland

Associate of the Year



Sheila Kirstatter



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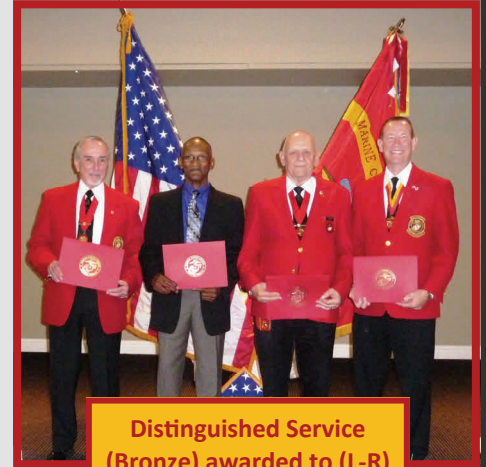
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Meritorious Individual Commendation awarded to Sheila Kirstatter



Distinguished Citizen (Bronze) awarded to Richard Chaffin



Distinguished Service (Bronze) awarded to (L-R) Tim McClelland, Nathaniel Lowman, Bob Breton, and Ron Kirstatter

Community Service Awards



Carl Wilcox (L) and Don Mills Sr. (CTR)



Front Row(L-R) Bob Adams, Dan Gillan, Tim McClelland, Ray Murphy, and Nick Nicholson. Back Row (L-R) Joe Najjar, Denzil Harrell, Dave Aldrich, Jerry Wessels, Bob Breton, and Ron Kirstatter



Richard Chaffin

Certificates of Appreciation



Commandant McClelland presents Toney & Angie Bowles of River Pointe Golf Club a Certificate of Appreciation



Left Photo Bill Hamby. Right Photo (L-R) Henry Jackson, Bob Askey, John Belk and Larry Olson



Chuck Bushnell (CTR) receives award on behalf of our sponsor Raytheon.

FROM THE COMMANDANT



Marines,

I would like to take this time to thank each member for their support of myself and the staff this past year. It has been an honor and privilege to be

your commandant. At the January Detachment meeting officers were elected to serve the membership for the coming year. Each of these Marines will need the support of the membership to make the coming year successful.

Congratulations go out to the Marine of the Year, Richard Chaffin (even though he was visiting family in Florida). Richard received his award during the January Detachment meeting. Way to go Richard!

Congratulations also go out to our Associate of the Year, Sheila Kirstatter. Sheila spends untold hours supporting the Detachment not only with the Award Winning DISPATCH, but provides many hours of assistance to the Department of Georgia Commandant, Ron Kirstatter. Great job Sheila!

Although we have a great Detachment, there is always

room for improvement. Take some time to think about how you might help by participating in some of the various programs the Detachment sponsors such as the flag program. You may not be able to replace an unserviceable flag, but contacting Marine Dave Aldrich who heads up the program, Dave will see that the flag is replaced. Also, do not forget that each member should be seeking out potential new members and bring them to monthly meetings. Each one of us are recruiters for new members.

The upcoming Hero's Run in Leesburg is scheduled for Saturday, 27 February. Support from the Detachment will be needed to help make this event a success. Please start planning on making yourself available to help out with this most worthy cause.

A reminder: Do not forget the Southeast Division Conference taking place in Augusta, GA at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. The dates are March 24th thru the 26th, 2016. This is a good time to possibly meet and greet old friends and make new ones.

Let us not forget those members or family members who are going through a sickness or the loss of a loved one.

Semper Fi,

Tim McClelland
Commandant



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Prayer Request for Marines and Families that are Ill:

Sy Barnes and wife.

Fallen Marine Program:

This month four Marines have gone to their final rest. Marine 2nd Lt William N. Mitchell, passed 18 Dec 2015, Marine Clifford F. Baltzell, passed on 20 December 2015, Marine William A. Cox, passed on 31 Dec 2015, and MGySgt William T. Banks, passed 6 Jan 2016.

Let us remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, Lawrence DesJardines, Joseph Smith, Sam

Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, and Harry McDole.

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
Detachment Chaplain

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



MUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

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



19 January 2016

Commandant McClelland called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present. There were a total of 25 present; 22 Regular and 3 Associates members.

Visitors/Guest: 3 guests; Michael Bryant, District 10 Vice Commandant Al Yates, and Department Commandant Kirstatter.



Michael Bryant, Field Representative for Congressman Sanford Bishop presented information on Georgia's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). Michael is the southwest region representative for 37 counties including Dougherty and Lee. The ESGR promotes cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers and assists in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. Michael asked that members assist in any way they can by advocating ESGR's

mission, recognizing employers for supporting Guard and Reserve members and connecting those needing assistance with the ESGR organization.

Officer's Reports:

Commandant: Tim McClelland reminded members of the Department of Georgia staff meeting on 27 February in Newnan, GA and the Southeast Division Conference in Augusta, GA, March 24 thru 26.

Standing Committee Reports:

Patriotism Committee: Marine Aldrich reported a total of 85 flags in 2015. Grand total 354 flags since the program began 6 years ago.

River Walk: The next clean-up is scheduled for 19 March. Meet at Cox landing at 0830.

Veterans' Coalition/TRS: After warmer weather comes Post #30 will be pressure washing the seats and walks at Veterans Park and will need volunteers to operate the washers. 20 February is a tentative date for the presentation of Vietnam Veterans certificates.

Boy Scouts: Sunday one Scout was approved for Eagle and another was approved for a project.

Young Marines: Just finished Division Conference and classes in Atlanta. Preparing for the National Conference



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in Reno, NV in June. Marine Randolph Scott was selected at both the Regiment and Division levels as Young Marine Registered Adult of the Year. He will be one of the candidates for the National Award. NCO schools are coming up, both Corporals and Sergeants course in March, we have one SSgt and 2 Cpls going. Two Young Marines will be going to Reno for the SgtMaj course for two weeks. Upon graduation they will be promoted and return to run the training courses and bootcamps.

JROTC: Westover JROTC Color Guard is in high demand. 9 Jan performed at Darton, 18 Jan at the Civic Center, 20 Jan will be at the grand Opening of the new Walmart on N. Slappey, and on 23 Jan at the Tift Building for the 7th Annual Albany Weight Lifting Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. On 25 Feb they will undergo the Inspector General's Inspection. The program is currently screening candidates for the Assistant's position.

New Business: Dave Aldrich chairman of the Elections Committee announced the recommended candidates for Detachment officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

Commandant—Tim McClelland
Sr. Vice Commandant—Roger Paulin

Jr. Vice—Carl Wilcox
Judge Advocate—Joe Najjar

Floor was opened for the nominations of other candidates to which there were none. Adjutant cast on unanimous vote for the recommended candidates.

Officer Installation was conducted by District 10 Vice Commandant Al Yates.

Good of the League: For the coming year, the Detachment is in need of an adjutant.

Southeast Division ad was displayed for all to see before submission.

Announcements: SWEGA is in need of a few individuals to augment the Burial Detail. The flag can be folded by two people, but the rifle detail really needs some additional people. The only requirement is your cover, grey slacks, and a blue suit coat, white shirt and tie. Post 30 will supply a short sleeve shirt and cord. Please contact Nick Nicholson or Marvin Mixon.

Meeting adjourned @ 1939 with singing of Marines Hymn



District 10 Vice Commandant Al Yates conducts the installation of officers. (L-R) Sgt-At-Arms Richard Chaffin, Chaplain Bob Breton, Paymaster Ron Kirstatter, Commandant Tim McClelland, Sr. Vice Commandant Roger Paulin, Jr. Vice Commandant Carl Wilcox, and Judge Advocate Joe Najjar.



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 follows:

February 5th @1030
March 11th @1030
April 8th @1030
May 6th @1030
June 10th @1030
July - No Class
August 5th @1030
September 16th @1030
October 7th @1030
November 4th @1030



River Walk Clean-Up
March 19th

Meet at Cox Landing @0830 for donuts, coffee, and juice

FEBRUARY 27TH 1PM



HEROES
RUN

1 MILE FUN RUN , 5k & 10.1k



Proceeds go to The House that Valor Built.
A Habitat home for a local Veteran family.

HeroesRunLeesburg.com

Register online or submit completed Registration Forms
to Lee County Chamber of Commerce



Hosted By:



Lee County
Family
Connection



call #229-759-2422

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment 1260
will be handing out bottled water to the runners.

Contact Chuck Bushnell @

chuck_bushnell@raytheon.com for additional
instructions he will begin set-up at 1030.

Chaplain Bob Breton is seeking volunteers to be placed on a "Pallbearers" call list for funeral services.



Email:
msgtrabret@yahoo.com

or
(229) 434-1169

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA VETERANS COALITION



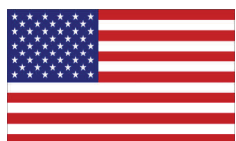
We need volunteers to assist in burial, rifle, and flag folding ceremonies.



Please contact
Marvin Mixon
at
(229) 435-5450



PATRIOT CORNER



Flag of the United States of America



Flag of the United States Army



Flag of the United States Marine Corps



Flag of the United States Navy



Flag of the United States Air Force



Flag of the United States Coast Guard

The Story Behind the Star Spangled Banner

How the flag that flew proudly over Fort McHenry inspired an anthem and made its way to the Smithsonian

By Cate Lineberry
Smithsonian.com

"On a rainy September 13, 1814, British warships sent a downpour of shells and rockets onto Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor, relentlessly pounding the American fort for 25 hours. The bombardment, known as the Battle of Baltimore, came only weeks after the British had attacked Washington, D.C., burning the Capitol, the Treasury and the President's house. It was another chapter in the ongoing War of 1812.

A week earlier, Francis Scott Key, a 35-year-old American lawyer, had boarded the flagship of the British fleet on the Chesapeake Bay in hopes of persuading the British to release a friend who had recently been arrested. Key's tactics were successful, but because he and his companions had gained knowledge of the impending attack on Baltimore, the British did not let them go. They allowed the Americans to return to their own vessel but continued guarding them. Under their scrutiny, Key watched on September 13 as the barrage of Fort McHenry began eight miles away.

"It seemed as though mother earth had opened and was

vomiting shot and shell in a sheet of fire and brimstone," Key wrote later. But when darkness arrived, Key saw only red erupting in the night sky. Given the scale of the attack, he was certain the British would win. The hours passed slowly, but in the clearing smoke of "the dawn's early light" on September 14, he saw the **American Flag** not the British Union Jack—flying over the fort, announcing an American victory.

Key put his thoughts on paper while still on board the ship, setting his words to the tune of a popular English song. His brother-in-law, commander of a militia at Fort McHenry, read Key's work and had it distributed under the name "Defence of Fort M'Henry." The *Baltimore Patriot* newspaper soon printed it, and within weeks, Key's poem, now called "The Star-Spangled Banner," appeared in print across the country, immortalizing his words—and forever naming the flag it celebrated.

Nearly two centuries later, the flag that inspired Key still survives, though fragile and worn by the years. To preserve this American icon, experts at the National Museum of American History recently completed an eight-year conservation treatment with funds from Polo Ralph Lauren, The Pew Charitable Trusts and the U.S. Congress. And when the museum reopens in summer 2008, the Star-Spangled Banner will be its centerpiece, displayed in its own state-of-the-art gallery.

"The Star-Spangled Banner is a symbol of American history that ranks with the Statue of Liberty and the Charters of Freedom," says Brent D. Glass, the museum's director. "The fact that it has been entrusted to the National Museum of American History is an honor."

Started in 1996, the Star-Spangled Banner preservation project—which includes the flag's conservation and the creation of its new display in the renovated museum—was planned with the help of historians, conservators, curators, engineers and organic scientists. With the construction of the conservation lab completed in 1999, conservators began their work. Over the next several years, they clipped 1.7 million stitches from the flag to remove a linen backing that had been added in 1914, lifted debris from the flag using dry cosmetic sponges and brushed it with an acetone-water mixture to remove soils embedded in fibers. Finally, they added a sheer polyester backing to help support the flag.

"Our goal was to extend [the flag's] usable lifetime," says Suzanne Thomassen-Krauss, the conservator for the project. The intent was never to make the flag look as it did when it first flew over Fort McHenry, she says. "We didn't want to change any of the history written on the

artifact by stains and soil. Those marks tell the flag's story."

While the conservators worked, the public looked on. Over the years, more than 12 million people peered into the museum's glass conservation lab, watching the progress.

"The Star-Spangled Banner resonates with people in different ways, for different reasons," says Kathleen Kendrick, curator for the Star-Spangled Banner preservation project. "It's exciting to realize that you're looking at the very same flag that Francis Scott Key saw on that September morning in 1814. But the Star-Spangled Banner is more than an artifact—it's also a national symbol. It evokes powerful emotions and ideas about what it means to be an American."



This article will continue in next month's Dispatch.

Semper Fi

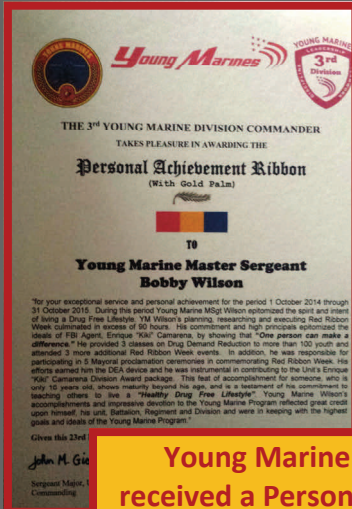
*Dave Aldrich,
Chairman, Patriotic Committee*



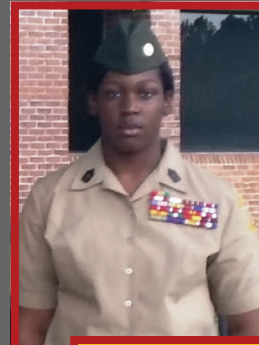
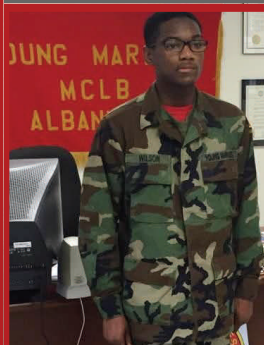
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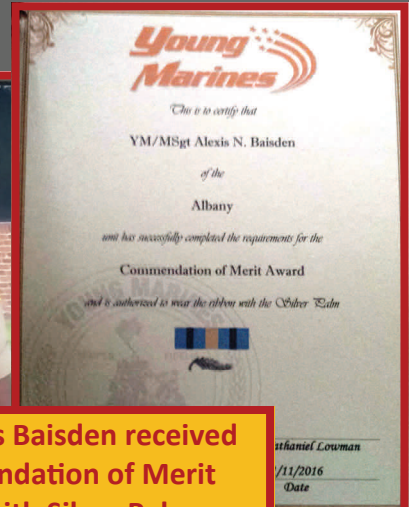
Promotions & Awards



Young Marine MSgt Bobby Wilson received a Personal Achievement Ribbon with Bronze Palm for his accomplishments during the period of 1 Oct 2014 to 31 Oct 2015.



MSgt Alexis Baisden received a Commendation of Merit Award with Silver Palm.



YM LCpl Jordan Morgan with his Mother



YM LCpl McKenzie Williams with his brother YM SSgt Kanigel Farmer.



(L-R) CPL Malik Peoples and Sgt Amauri Dukes.



(L-R) YM Sgt. Amauri Dukes and YM SSgt Kanigel Farmer.



GOOD OF THE LEAGUE



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS



MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

TYPE	Regular	Associate
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	16	2
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	54	15
NEW MEMBERSHIPS	6	1

DELINQUENT

TYPE	Regular	Associate
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	16	3
SUB-TOTALS	92	21
TOTAL	113	

Become a **LIFE MEMBER**

Contact: Ron Kirstatter

229-809-0084

or

semperfi@mclalbanyga.org

Detachment 1260

Next Meeting



Tuesday
February 16, 2016
1830

at



801 River Pointe Drive
Albany, GA 31701

For more information on the activities of
Detachment #1260 and the Marine Corp League
visit <http://www.mclalbanyga.org>



Contact Jr. Vice Commandant
Carl Wilcox

carlwilcox@ymail.com
(229) 435-1086

Become a member of the Major Lawrence
DesJardines
Detachment #1260
Albany, GA



Monthly Veterans Breakfast

Wednesday, February 3, 2015
6:00 a.m.

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

ATTENTION

DETACHMENT 1260 MEMBERS!!!!

Be a potential member to our next monthly meeting

MEMBERSHIPS UP FOR RENEWAL

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
	Bob Brooks	Joseph Caldeira
	George Butner	Richard Knepp
	Don Dally	Don Mills Sr.
	James Johnson	Charlie Plunkett
	Dawaine Lake	
	Patrick O'Lear	
	James Taylor	
	Tom Voth	
	Jane Wilcox	

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM PAYMASTER'S LATEST ROSTER

Department of Georgia Staff Meeting



27 February 2016
1000-1200

Coweta County Veterans Club
130 Veterans Club Drive
Newnan, GA 30263

MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MARCH 3 – 5, 2016

MARRIOTT FAIRVIEW PARK

3111 Fairview Park Dr.,
Falls Church, VA 22042

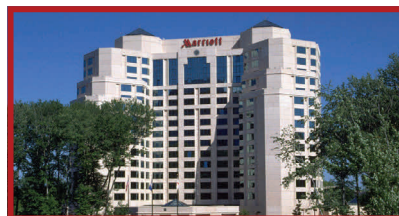


Phone: (703) 849-9400
\$103.00 per night



ALL DEADLINES ARE 8 FEBRUARY 2016

<http://www.mclnational.org/Programs/Mid-Winter/tabid/730/Default.aspx>



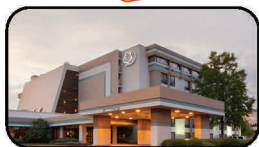
Southeast Division



THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN



2016 Conference
March 24-26



\$91/night
Pet Friendly



2651 Perimeter Parkway
Augusta, Georgia 30909
706-619-1781



Wi-Fi
RV Parking—No Hook-up

GUEST SPEAKER

MajGen Perry M. Smith USAF (R)



Arthur of Courage,
Compassion,
Marine: The Unique
Story of Jimmie
Dyess. The book is a
biography of the
only person to have
earned America's
two highest awards
for heroism, the
Medal of Honor and
the Carnegie Medal.

Mr. Smith is married to the daughter of LtCol
Jimmie Dyess the Detachment namesake.



PERFORMING

Parris Island Marine Corps Band



March 25th
Lady Antebellum Pavilion

Host Detachment
LtCol Jimmie A. Dyess #921
PO Box 12447
Augusta, Georgia 30914



Bill Regan
Commandant
Sr. Vice
Joe Anderson
Jr. Vice
Terry Chalk
Judge Advocate
Jonus Whitley

25th Annual Department of Georgia Convention

May 13, 14, & 15

**Wyndham Peachtree Hotel &
Conference Center**

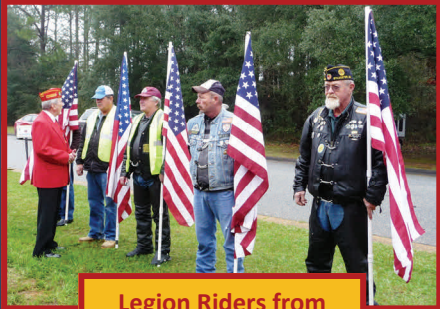
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Peachtree City, Georgia 30269

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Double Occupancy Standard Room \$109
Single Occupancy Upgraded Room \$109
Double Occupancy Upgraded Room \$119



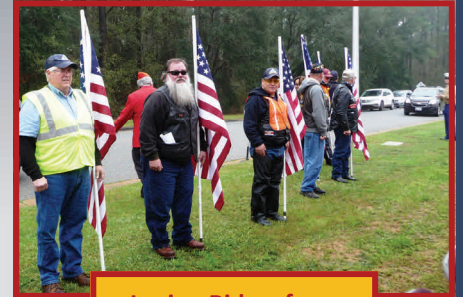
Rededication of Covella Pond



Legion Riders from
Sylvester, GA



(L-R) Det. 1260 Commandant McClelland ,
Department of GA Commandant Kirstatter,
and Det. 59 Past Commandant Covella



Legion Riders from
Sylvester, GA



Commandant McClelland and
Department Commandant Kirstatter
laid a wreath on behalf of Maj Lawrence
DesJardines Detachment 1260.



GySgt. Joseph Frances Covella
October 17, 1928—January 3, 1966



Joseph Covella Jr. and Hope Owens
laid a wreath at the Covella Pond
monument honoring the 50th
anniversary of their father's death.



Past Commandant MCL
Det. 59; SSgt. Joseph
Covella Jr. (ret) and oldest
son of GSgt Covella.



Covella Family



Marine Chief Warrant
Officer 4 Roxanna Covella
Barnes (ret) read her
father's Navy Cross
Citation.

Greater Atlanta Detachment 647 Re-Chartered LCpl Squire "Skip" Wells Detachment 647



Department of Georgia
Commandant Ron Kirstatter
presents the Charter.



Commandant Bill Craig
presented Skips' mother Cathy
Wells with a Detachment coin
and made her an Honorary
Member of the LCPL Squire
"Skip" Wells Detachment 647.



Commandant Bill Craig retires
the Greater Atlanta Detachment
#647 flag to Past Commandant
Christian Roberts.

LCpl Squire "Skip" Wells
Detachment #647
members present at the
re-chartering.





U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Georgia Department of Veterans Service

Serving Those Who Served



The mission of the Department of Veterans Service is to serve the 752,000+ veterans residing in Georgia, their dependents and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans benefits.

This responsibility falls into two basic tasks: informing veterans and their families about veterans benefits; and directly assisting and advising veterans and their families in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

To support these missions, the department maintains an appeals division, field offices, two veterans nursing homes, two veterans cemeteries, and a public information division.

The Appeals Division's mission is to process appeals of Georgia veterans.

The Veterans Field Service Offices, located throughout the state, provide direct assistance to veterans at the local level. The department representatives provide counsel and assist veterans in gathering the documents and information required to support their claims.

The War Veterans Nursing Homes provide skilled nursing care to Georgia's war veterans who need those services.

The Veterans Memorial Cemeteries provide final resting places for Georgia's veterans and their spouses and serve as shrines to their memory and their service to our nation.

The Public Information Division's mission is to keep Georgia veterans informed about these issues.

The uninformed may be prone to use the phrase

"duplication of effort" when referring to the functions of the Department of Veterans Service and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; nothing could be further from the truth.

To a veteran seeking benefits from the VA, the role played by the Department of Veterans Service might be compared to that of an attorney representing a client in court.

The necessity for personal assistance in filing and pursuing claims and in maintaining a continuing information program results from the legal principle that veterans benefits are not awarded automatically – all must be applied for.

The VA pays a veteran exactly what he or she applies for when they are entitled, and no more. The aim of the Department of Veterans Service is to obtain for a veteran or dependents the earned benefits to which they are entitled, to tell them when they are entitled, and to assist them in gathering and preparing evidence needed to justify a claim and prove their entitlement.



The advancing age of Korean and Vietnam War veterans, and the frequent changes that occur in veterans benefits legislation, will necessitate the continuance of a variety of veterans programs in the years ahead.

As the Congress continues to seek ways to reduce the deficit, veterans benefits will continue to be in a state of flux.

This means veterans will continue to need assistance in interpreting the changes and determining how they impact their personal situation.



THIS MONTH IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY



01 February 1967: Operation Prairie II begins in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3rd Marine Division.

02 February 1944: The 4th Division, as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the start of World War II, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll.

06 February 1929: The only enlisted Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor twice. Gunnery Sgt Dan Daly retires from the Marine Corps.

09 February 1904: Captain A. Catlin's 49 Marines established the first permanent Marine garrison in Honolulu.



17 February 1944: Tactical Group One, including the 22d Marine Regiment, assaulted Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.

20 February 1945: For his bravery at age 17 during the battle of Iwo Jima, PCK Jack Lucas becomes the youngest Marine ever to earn the Medal of Honor.

24 February 1991: The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces begin a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm. In 100 hours, U.S. and allied forces defeat the Iraqi Army.



28 February 1928: Marines participated in the battle of Bromaderos, Nicaragua.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Remember!

Remember!



12th

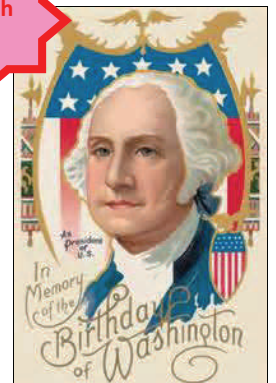
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15th



14th





Broken and Unreadable
William Melancon

Title

Did you just blind them
with your JTAC laser

Hey, you said use non-leathal
counter-measures, I was just
being creative

Ahhh
Aaahh
My Eyes



© 2012 - William Melancon

Happy Birthday



01 Bill Kicklighter
02 Jim Rodgers
04 Melba Harrell
04 Carl Wilcox

15 Marilyn McClelland
18 Bob Breton
19 Bill Hamby

Marine wounded in Chattanooga attack receives Purple Heart

MarineCorpsTimes.com, Jan. 26 | Jeff Schogol



Marine Sgt. DeMonte Cheeley wears his Purple Heart to recognize the bravery of the five service members killed in the July 16, 2015, attacks in Chattanooga.

"I feel honored, but at the same time, I still don't want to take away from the fallen five," Cheeley told Marine Corps Times Tuesday after receiving the Purple Heart. "I'll definitely wear it in honor of the fallen five."

Cheeley was shot in the leg when Mohammad Youssef Abdulazez sprayed the Chattanooga recruiting office with bullets. Abdulazez then drove to Navy Operational Support Center Chattanooga, where he killed four Marines and a sailor: Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Sullivan, Staff Sgt. David Wyatt, Sgt. Carson Holmquist, Lance Cpl. Squire K. Wells and Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Randall Smith.



Navy Secretary Ray Mabus announced in December that Cheeley and the five fallen service members would receive the Purple Heart after investigators determined that Abdulazez was inspired by foreign terrorists to carry out the attacks.

After being deployed to Afghanistan in 2011, Cheeley never suspected he would be in a combat situation back home, and that is why he has "mixed feelings" about receiving the Purple Heart, he said.

"Whenever I hear 'Purple Heart,' I think of a combat award," he

said. "By that I mean being forwarded deployed [in] Iraq or Afghanistan or anything like that — not necessarily here on the home front."

But he also knows the award is about all Purple Heart recipients.

"Those that came before me that truly distinguished themselves in combat and received an award like that, I'll wear it for them also," Cheeley said.

Cheeley's most vivid memories of the attacks include hearing the first gunshot and then not believing he had been hit, he said.

"I honestly didn't believe it while I was at the recruiting station, waiting on the ambulance," he said. "I didn't believe it when I got to the hospital because the doctors couldn't see anything on X-Rays. They only saw an entrance and exit wound. Not until I got home and I saw the PT shorts I was wearing had a hole in the back right where the wound was, that's when I believed them. I'm like: OK, I guess it really did happen."

Since the shooting, people have come into the recruiting station to ask him how the attacks unfolded and if recruiters are allowed to arm themselves, he said.

"I tell them, 'Hey, that's not really up to me,'" Cheeley said. "I'll do whatever my chain of command tells me to do. If they say, 'You don't need to arm yourselves,' I'll just act accordingly."

In the aftermath of the shooting, Cheeley has been on guard more often, keeping a watchful eye on what is happening around him, he said.

"It made me realize: Just don't take anything for granted; anything could happen at any time," Cheeley said.

Cheeley felt it was important to get back to work as soon as possible. He returned to the recruiting station just two days after the attacks. Likewise, he went right back to work on Tuesday after receiving the Purple Heart.

"My whole thought process behind it was: I still have a job; I'm still a Marine Corps recruiter, and who knows, maybe one day I might recruit the next Gunnery Sgt. Sullivan or Staff Sgt. Wyatt or the other three fallen," he said.

Cheeley also wants to show that he will not be fazed by the terrorists whose ideology fueled the Chattanooga attacks, he said.

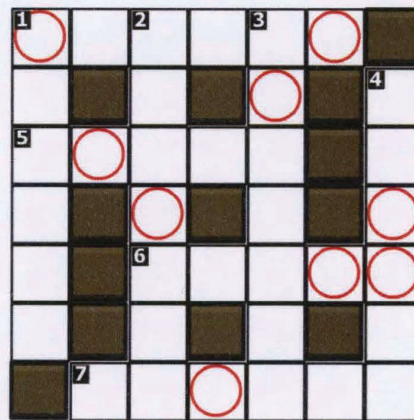
"After hearing stories from the Reserve center that some of those individuals actually went back into the fight, knowing that they were putting their lives in jeopardy, it is extremely important for me to get out there and just continue my job and let them know: Yes, you kind of shook the Marine Corps that day, but you didn't stop us. We're still moving forward."

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February

03	0600	Retiree's Breakfast, Town & Country Restaurant, MCLB, Albany, GA
05	1030	Transition Readiness Seminar; contact Carl Wilcox carlwilcox@ymail.com or (229)-435-1086
16	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Point Golf Club, Albany, GA
27	1000	Dept. Staff Meeting, Coweta County Veterans Club, 130 Veterans Club Dr., Newnan, GA
27	1030	Heroes Run, Leesburg, GA; Contact Chuck Bushnell at 229-886-6005

March

02	0600	Retiree's Breakfast, Town & Country Restaurant, MCLB, Albany, GA
03-05		Mid-Winter Conference, Marriot Fairview Park, Falls Church, VA; (703) 849-9400
11	1030	Transition Readiness Seminar; contact Carl Wilcox carlwilcox@ymail.com or (229)-435-1086
15	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Point Golf Club, Albany, GA
19	0830	River Walk Clean-Up; Cox Landing
24-26		SEDiv Conference; Doubletree, 2651 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, GA 706-619-1781



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Commandants Corner



Marines,

Well, the ground hog did not see his shadow and although we are due a couple of days of cool weather, spring seems to have arrived. It's time to start yard clean-ups in preparation for the coming summer. It is also time to start thinking about making a commitment towards providing a little support to the Detachment by seeking new potential members. We have a great Detachment but we seem to have leveled off in the area of gaining new members.

We need to also think about those members that for one reason or another have not attended a meeting in a while. Let's make contact with those members and let them know that they are missed. A quick phone call or a face-to-face may make all the difference in a member attending meetings.

By the time the Dispatch is published, I will have attended the Department of Georgia Staff Meeting in Newnan, GA.

Look for updates that may impact our Detachment.

Upcoming events:

Southeast Convention in Augusta, GA 24 - 26 March 2016. At great time to mix with other Marines in the SE Division and maybe gain some additional knowledge about the Marine Corps League. Who knows, you may meet someone you know.

State Convention in Peachtree City, GA 13 - 15 May 2016. A good way to see how the Department is progressing and maybe there is something you can do to help the Department grow. For more info on upcoming events please contact me by email or phone.

Lastly, please remember those members that are ill or in distress. A word of comfort or a card means a lot. Let's remember Ruthie Breton as she recovers from knee surgery, Cam Paulin's mother Roger Paulin's mother-in-law who is in declining health and Carl Wilcox facing possible back surgery.

Semper Fi,
Tim McClellan
Commandant



Chaplains Message



Marines and Families that are Ill /

Prayer Requests:

WWII Marine Sy Barnes and his wife. Both are in assisted living.

Wife of Marine Johnny Belk, recovering from back surgery.

Fallen Marine Program:

This month four Marines have gone to their final rest.

Marine Gunnery Sergeant, Ret., Charles J. Simpson, Passed 24 Jan 2016.

Marine Master Sergeant, Ret., Thomas J. Clark, Passed on 28 Jan 2016.

Marine LCpl Allison G. Cannon, passed 3 Feb 2016.

Marine Corporal Henry McGeehan, passed 8 Feb 2016

Let's remember our Detachment fallen Brothers; Lawrence DesJardines, Joseph Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, and Harry McDole.

Devotion: You can't be nice enough (John 3:1-8)

(I assure you, unless you are born again, you can never see the Kingdom of God., John 3:3)

See if you can recognize these two guys from the Bible. One getting slammed, and the other doing the slamming. Who are they?

"Hey, I might not be the greatest human being in the world, but I'm not as bad as this other guy. I could tell you stories about him. We grew up in the same neighborhood,

so I know all about him. He was always cocky and arrogant; I kept my mouth shut most of the time. He had a police record; I always cooperated with the authorities. Once he even attacked the High Priest's servant!

Have you figured it out yet? Let's let him finish:

"Like I said, I might not be a saint or anything, but I'll tell you one thing: My name is Judas Iscariot, and I'm not as bad as Simon Peter!.

The Bible doesn't tell us that Judas used those exact words to make himself look good, but everything he says above is true. You probably know that Judas betrayed Jesus. Peter denied Jesus.

But Peter repented of his sin, received Jesus' forgiveness, and became one of the greatest leaders the church has ever known.

"Yea, I swear sometimes, but I don't swear as much as so-and-so."

"I gossip, but I don't stab people in the back like she does."

Making others look bad doesn't make our own faults look any better. And this is really important:

That isn't how God looks at us

when he decides who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven and live with him for eternity. God doesn't compare us to anyone else when he decides who wins or loses.

Jesus explained this to a man named Nicodemus. He was a guy who did, said, and believed all the right things. Jesus didn't say to him, Hey, Nick, you're a better person than anyone else. You'll make it to heaven!" Jesus simply said, "I assure you, unless you are born again, you can never see the

Kingdom of God"

When it comes to spending eternity in heaven, being nicer doesn't get you in. The **only** thing that matters, according to Jesus, is that you have accepted God's free gift of salvation!

Pray: **Lord, we don't claim to be better than other people. Thank you that Jesus died to bring us close to you. AMEN**

Bob Breton
Det. Chaplain



Muster Highlights



17 February 2016

Commandant McClelland called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present except Sr. Vice Wilcox and Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin. There were a total of 17 present, 15 regular members and 2 associate members.

Visitors/Guest: Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter.

Officer's Report:

Commandant: Announced the Detachment partnering with the Kiwanis Club on April 9, 2016 to landscape behind the RiverQuarium.

Standing Committee Reports:

Patriotism Committee: Marine Aldrich reported a total of 359 flags replaced. He has 5 in line to be replaced and 2 flagpoles in inventory. One flagpole is to be erected at Terrell High School.

Veterans' Coalition: The SOWEGA Coalition is now incorporated.

JROTC: Westover JROTC Color Guard performed at Darton College. Both Dougherty and Westover are preparing for the Inspector General's Team visit.

Old Business: Vietnam Veteran's Certificates and lapel pins will be presented at 1800 on 12 March at the American Legion Post 30.

Good of the League: Marine Nicholson announced the plans for the Global Terrorism Monument and asked for input on including Grenada and Panama. The consensus was that the other conflicts should not be included.

Good of the League: The Department website has registration forms with the ability to order the 25th annual convention coin and T-Shirt. See link below:

<http://www.mcldptofga.org/downloads/2016%20Registration%20Form%20Final.pdf>

Meeting adjourned @ 1857 with singing of the Marines Hymn.

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March 11th @1030
April 8th @1030
May 6th @1030
June 10th @1030
July - No Class
August 5th @1030
September 16th @10300
October 7th @1030
November 4th @1030

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River Walk Clean-Up **Saturday**

March 19th @0830
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The Story Behind the Star Spangled Banner

(Continued from February's Dispatch)

By Cate Lineberry
Smithsonian.com

The Flag's Beginnings

The Star-Spangled Banner's history starts not with Francis Scott Key, but a year earlier with Maj. George Armistead, the commander of Fort McHenry. Knowing that his fort was a likely British target, Armistead told the commander of Baltimore defenses in July 1813 that he needed a flag—a big one. "We, sir, are ready at Fort McHenry to defend Baltimore against invading by the enemy...except that we have no suitable ensign to display over the Star Fort, and it is my desire to have a flag so large that the British will have no difficulty in seeing it from a distance."

Armistead soon hired a 29-year-old widow and professional flag maker, Mary Young Pickersgill of Baltimore, Maryland, to make a garrison flag measuring 30 by 42 feet with 15 stars and 15 stripes (each star and stripe representing a state). A large flag, but one not unusual for the time. Over the next six weeks, Mary, her daughter, three of Mary's nieces, a 13-year-old indentured servant and possibly Mary's mother Rebecca Young worked 10-hour days sewing the flag, using 300 yards of English wool bunting. They made the stars, each measuring two feet in diameter, from cotton—a luxury item at the time. Initially they worked from Mary's home (now a private museum known as the Flag House), but as their work progressed they needed more room and had to move to Claggett's brewery across the street. On August 19, 1813, the flag was delivered to Fort McHenry.

For making the Star-Spangled Banner, Mary was paid \$405.90. She received another \$168.54 for sewing a smaller (17 by 25 feet) storm flag, likely using the same design. It was this storm flag—not the garrison flag now known as the Star-Spangled Banner—which actually flew

during the battle. The garrison flag, according to eyewitness accounts, wasn't raised until the morning.

After the Battle of Baltimore

Armistead remained in command of Fort McHenry for the rest of his life. Historians are not sure how the Armistead family came into possession of the flag, but upon Armistead's death in 1818, his wife Louisa inherited it. It is she who is thought to have sewed the red upside-down "V" on the flag, beginning the stitches for the letter "A." She is also thought to have begun the tradition of giving pieces of the flag away to honor her husband's memory, as well as the memories of the soldiers who defended the fort under his command.

When Louisa died in 1861, she passed the flag down to their daughter Georgiana Armistead Appleton over the legal objections of their son. "Georgiana was the only child born at the fort, and she was named for her father," says Thomassen-Krauss. "Louisa wanted Georgiana to have it."

The Missing Pieces

In 1873, Georgiana loaned the flag to George Preble, a flag historian who until that time had thought the flag was lost. That same year, Preble had the first known photograph of it taken at the Boston Navy Yard and exhibited it at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, where he stored it until 1876.

While the Star-Spangled Banner was in Preble's care, Georgiana allowed him to give away pieces of the flag as he saw fit. Georgiana, herself, had given away cuttings of the flag to other Armistead descendants, as well as family friends. She once noted, "[H]ad we given all that we have been importuned for little would be left to show." This family tradition continued through 1880 with Armistead's grandson giving away the last documented piece, says Thomassen-Krauss.

Several of these cuttings from the Star-Spangled Banner have been located over the years, including about a dozen that are owned by the American History Museum. "We're aware of at least a dozen more that exist in other museums and private collections," says Kendrick.

But a missing 15th star has never been found. "There's a legend that the star was buried with one of the soldiers from Fort McHenry; another says that it was given to Abraham Lincoln," says Kendrick. "But no real evidence has surfaced to support these stories, and the true fate of the star remains one of the Smithsonian's great unsolved mysteries."

100 Years at the Smithsonian

After Georgiana's death, the flag passed to Eben Appleton, Armistead's grandson, who loaned it to the city of Baltimore for the 1880 sesquicentennial celebration. It then remained in a safe-deposit vault in New York City until Appleton loaned it to the Smithsonian in 1907. Five years later, he made the gift permanent, saying he wanted it to belong "to the Institution in the country where it could be conveniently seen by the public and where it would be well cared for."

When the flag arrived at the Smithsonian it was smaller (30 by 34 feet), damaged from years of use at the fort and from pieces being removed as souvenirs. Recognizing its need for repair, the Smithsonian hired Amelia Fowler, an embroidery teacher and well-known flag preserver, in 1914 to replace the canvas backing that had been added in 1873. Having worked on historic flags for the United States Naval

Academy, Fowler had patented a method of supporting fragile flags with a linen backing that required a honeycomb pattern of stitches. With the help of ten needlewomen, Fowler spent eight weeks on the flag, receiving \$1,243 for the materials and work.

For the next 50 years, with the exception of a brief move during World War II, the Star-Spangled Banner was displayed in what is now the Arts and Industries Building. Because of the flag's size and the dimensions of the glass case it was displayed in, the public never saw the entire flag while it was housed in this location.

That changed after architects designed the new National Museum of History and Technology, now the National Museum of American History, with space to allow the flag to hang. The Star-Spangled Banner remained in Flag Hall from 1964 until 1999, when it was moved to the conservation lab.

With the recent completion of the project, the Star-Spangled Banner will remain an icon of American history that can still be seen by the public. Says Glass, "The survival of this flag for nearly 200 years is a visible testimony to the strength and perseverance of this nation, and we hope that it will inspire many more generations to come."

Semper Fi

*Dave Aldrich,
Chairman, Patriotic Committee*



Boy Scouts



Great month to be in scouting! Scouts from Troop 3 enjoyed a really fun time skiing at Maggie Valley, NC over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. Always a great time for scouts, siblings and families. Several scouts got to work on their Skiing Merit badge as well.

On February 20, 2016 the Scouts of Troop 3 participated in an Eagle Scout service project led by Carson Orlowski. The project involved reconstruction of the organic garden at Graceway Recovery Residence for Woman in Albany. Carson did a very thorough job leading the team of 15 fellow scouts and four adult leaders in ensuring the project was successfully accomplished.



Scout Carson Orlowski (r) assisting scouts in preparing holes to anchor the garden sides in the ground.



Boy Scouts



St. Teresa's Troop 3 scouts and adult leaders after completing the Gateway Project.

Additionally, on February 20, 2016 Troop 23 of Leesburg held an Eagle Court of Honor in which Scout Adam Kingsbury was presented with his Eagle Scout rank. On-hand to present the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Certificate and Eagle Scout coin were Ron and Sheila Kirstatter.



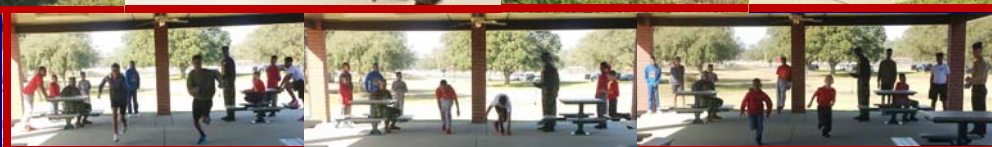
Department of Georgia Commandant Ron Kirstatter and Eagle Scout Adam Kingsbury at Friendship Baptist Church, Leesburg, GA.



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March 15, 2016

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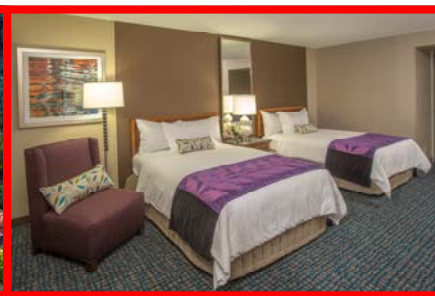
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**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**

DoD and VA kick off new Interagency Coordination of Complex Care Effort

Synchronized Processes will offer Peace of Mind to Service Members/Families

WASHINGTON -- The Departments of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced its ongoing effort to ease the transition for service members who require complex care management as they transition from the DoD system of health care to VA or within each system. The effort is designed to ease the burden for service members and Veterans, who have suffered illnesses or injuries so severe as to require the expertise provided by multiple care specialties throughout both Departments.

"More than a decade of combat has placed enormous demands on a generation of service members and Veterans – particularly those who have suffered wounds, injuries, or illnesses which require a complex plan of care," said Dr. Karen Guice, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, and Co-chair of the DoD-VA Interagency Care Coordination Committee (IC3). "These individuals require the complex coordination of medical and rehabilitative care, benefits, and other services to successfully transition from active duty to Veteran status, and to optimally recover from their illnesses or injuries."

"Our collaborative efforts with DOD have improved and enhanced the process of caring for our military members with serious illness, injuries or disabilities, as they recover and return to their communities. Great attention has been made to developing a system which focuses on continuity of care, holistic support services and a 'warm handoff' for Service members and Veterans as they move from and between military, VA and community health care systems. Our care coordinators now have at their fingertips tools and processes that improve and simplify the lines of communication for our wounded, ill, and injured Service members and Veterans who require complex care coordination, their families, and those who provide their care in both Departments," said Dr. Linda Spoonster Schwartz, Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning for the Department

of Veterans Affairs, and Co-chair of the DoD-VA Interagency Care Coordination Committee (IC3). "This process will enhance and improve the quality of care and services for these Veterans and their families now and in the future."

The hallmark of the effort is the implementation of the role of Lead Coordinator. The Lead Coordinator will be a designated member of a service member's care management team who will serve as the primary coordinator for that individual. The Lead Coordinator will offer personal guidance and assist the service member and their families in understanding the benefits and services to which they are entitled. Service members, Veterans, and their families, working with their Lead Coordinator, will have someone to whom they can turn when they have a question or issue as they actively participate in their care. The first phase of Lead Coordinator Training was completed in November. It is expected that a total of 1,500 DoD staff and 1,200 VA staff will serve as Lead Coordinators.

This effort comes as a result of the work of the DoD-VA IC3, established in 2012 to implement a joint, standard model of collaboration for the most complex cases of care that will require a warm handoff from the DoD to the VA system of care, as well as within the Departments, and is based on many of the best practices of collaboration that have been created over the last decade. This effort was enacted as policy by both departments in 2015, aligning more than 250 sub-policies to one, overarching policy that will govern the coordination of complex care cases that transition between the two departments.

Coordination efforts are synchronized through the IC3 Community of Practice (CoP), a group representing more than 50 DoD and VA programs that provide specialty care, including rehabilitation services for the visually impaired and polytrauma centers. It will be the job of the Lead Coordinator to guide service members through the system, ensuring that they receive the care, benefits, and services they both require and to which they are entitled.



This Month in History



02 March 1932: Birth of Frank Peterson, the first African American fighter pilot and three-star Marine Corps General.



20 March 2003: 1730 zulu I MEF launched the "Opening Gambit" phase Operation Iraqi Freedom 9½ hours earlier than planned, with RCT-5 attacking in the Ar Rumaylah oilfields on the road to Baghdad.

06 March 1932 John Philip Sousa dies at age 79 in Reading, PA.

08 March 1965: The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade land at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam as the first U.S. ground combat troops to be committed to the combat.



09 March 1847: Captain Alvin Edson leads Marine battalion ashore at Veracruz.

11 March 1778: Marines participate in action when the Continental Navy frigate Boston, en route to France, engages, and captures the British merchant ship Martha.



17 March 1967: Master Sergeant Barbara J. Dulinsky was the first woman to report for duty in Vietnam.

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

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



25 March 1945: After 35 days of bitter fighting Iwo Jima is secured.

27 March 1948 Key West agreement gave USMC primary amphibious warfare role.

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Other Dates to Remember

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27th



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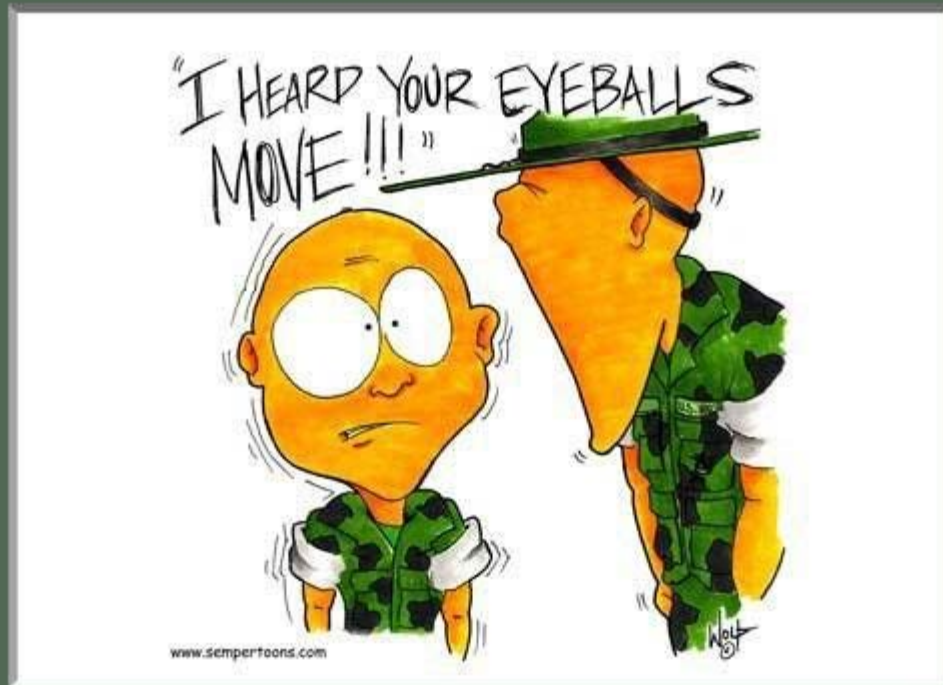


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Super Stallion helicopters worn out after years of war, internal military report concludes

Virginian-Pilot (Norfolk, VA), Feb. 24, Pg. 1 | Mike Hixenbaugh and Jason Paladino

The internal military report leads with a warning, typed in bold: If called to war tonight, the Marine Corps could only meet operational demands by deploying nearly every heavy-lift transport helicopter remaining in its inventory.

That would mean activating all aircraft that are down for long-term maintenance and three-quarters of those reserved for training new pilots.

One problem with that: The majority of these helicopters aren't in condition to fly and would need weeks, maybe months, of work to get ready. Plus, the aviators who would pilot them into harm's way would need time to train.

After more than a decade of relentless combat – a period marked by repeated deployments to the Middle East, ballooning procurement costs and cuts to defense spending – the Marine Corps' workhorse helicopter, the CH-53E Super Stallion, is worn out and in need of serious attention.

That's according to an independent study conducted on behalf of the Marine Corps last year. The report, the Super Stallion Independent Readiness Review, is classified "For Official Use Only" and has not been made public. Sources with access to the document have briefed The Virginian-Pilot and the Investigative Reporting Program on its detailed findings.

Among them:

Not enough Super Stallions remain in service. The Marine Corps purchased more than 230 CH-53Es from Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. between the late 1970s and early '90s, but after decades of flying and more than two dozen crashes, only 146 remain, more than 50 below what's needed.

"Operational commanders challenged with this astonishingly depleted inventory are further hamstrung by unacceptably poor readiness." Because of parts shortages, maintenance backlogs and years of wear, only 23 percent of remaining Super Stallions were ready to fly this time last year, far below the military's standard 75 percent readiness requirement.

"Aircraft were not properly reset during and after the war." The Marine Corps, according to the report, spent only about \$100,000 per aircraft to restore its Super Stallions after the Afghanistan drawdown. The service hired temporary contractors who spent about a month on tune-ups for each helicopter. The Army, in contrast, has spent about \$1.2 million restoring each of its transport helicopters, investing more than 100 days of work and

6,000 man hours per aircraft.

With so few functioning Super Stallions, pilots and aircrew aren't flying enough to stay proficient. "Poor CH-53E availability is costing the Marine Corps an entire generation of aircrew and contributing to the destruction of community morale. ... Anecdotes are rampant of pilots returning from six-month deployments with only 30 total flight hours and pilots completing their first operational tours with too few hours to become aircraft commanders."

Armed with the report, the Marine Corps announced sweeping plans last month to overhaul its Super Stallion fleet as part of its annual aviation plan. The goal is to return each helicopter to "full-mission-capable status" over the next three years and give squadrons resources needed to maintain them.

"I'm not happy at all where we are with the (Super Stallion) right now, but I do believe we have a recovery strategy that will work," said Lt. Gen. Jon M. Davis, the Marine Corps deputy commandant for aviation, in an interview with The Pilot. "I'm proud of what we're doing to fix this, but I'm not proud of where we're at right now. The taxpayers should be unhappy."

The Super Stallion is the Marines' primary option for moving troops and cargo on land and at sea, where it operates aboard amphibious Navy ships. It remains in high demand more than 35 years after entering service, but the Cold War-era aircraft hasn't received the resources needed to keep it operating at a high level.

Davis ordered the Super Stallion review a year ago, part of a broader effort to improve combat readiness after more than a decade of fighting. Similar studies have been conducted or are ongoing for other Marine Corps aircraft, including the MV-22 Osprey and AV-8B Harrier.

Many of the Super Stallion's problems can be traced to the decision not to do a full reset after years of fighting in Afghanistan, Davis said.

"We were trying to get maximum readiness at the time, and the best way to do that was to do it in theater (in Afghanistan)," Davis said. "Frankly, we needed to do what the Army did. That would have given us less aircraft to fly then, but we'd have more aircraft to fly now. ... We made a mistake. But now we're recovering from that."

Of more than \$650 million budgeted to reset Marine Corps programs, about half is being spent on the Super Stallion fleet, Davis said. That work has already begun.

The Super Stallion reset comes during a period of increased scrutiny for the aging helicopter and the Navy's MH-53E Sea Dragon, a nearly identical variant used primarily for minesweeping.

The Super Stallions and Sea Dragons must remain in service years longer than planned because of delays in developing replacements. Each has dealt with poor readiness and above-average crash rates in recent years, grabbing headlines and spurring brass to reinvest in the programs.

Many of the helicopters were grounded for months last year while crews made thousands of repairs to potentially unsafe wires and fuel lines, a problem that came to light after a Sea Dragon caught fire and crashed off the coast of Virginia Beach two years ago, killing three sailors. More than a year after that mishap, The Pilot and IRP reported in an exclusive story that the Marine Corps and Navy had failed to adequately address the safety hazard.

Davis said he first learned of the lingering safety issue last year from The Pilot story and "had a small meltdown." He temporarily grounded the fleet and called for the most comprehensive one-time inspection and repair process in the helicopter program's history.

"A lot of people thought that was overkill," Davis said. "I wanted to make sure we had safe airplanes."

As a result, Super Stallions spent only about 21,500 hours in the air in 2015, down from a total of more than 32,000 hours a couple of years ago. It was the fewest flight hours logged by the aircraft in any year since 1988, when the military was still buying new Super Stallions.

The poor state of the Super Stallions has occasionally put a strain on other Marine Corps aircraft: A CH-53E squadron couldn't deploy to Nepal in April, leaving earthquake relief efforts to helicopters with smaller payloads, including a UH-1Y Huey that crashed in the Himalayas, killing six Marines and five Nepali civilians.

The Super Stallion's problems are a symptom of a systemic issue plaguing the military, said Todd Harrison, director of budget analysis at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. Delays and cost overruns for new weapons systems – including the CH-53K, which initially was expected to begin replacing the Super Stallion last year but won't be ready until at least 2019 – are putting a strain on the upkeep of existing assets, Harrison said.

"This is becoming more common across the services," he said. "It's a balancing act between dealing with the needs of today and the needs of the future, and in a zero-sum budget environment, there's no easy answer."

The danger, Harrison said, comes when service leaders try to squeeze more years out of existing aircraft without giving them proper resources or lowering readiness expectations.

"That's the kind of situation that would give a commander incentive to take unnecessary risk," Harrison said. "That's an incentive for disaster."

Safety is not covered in the internal Super Stallion readiness review, though it's widely accepted among military aviation experts that a decline in flight hours can degrade pilot skills and

make flying more dangerous.

Retired Navy Cmdr. Chris Harmer, an analyst at the Institute for the Study of War, said the link between flight hours and safety is indisputable.

"Absolutely," Harmer said. "A pilot who gets 10 hours of flight time a month is more likely to be involved in a pilot-induced error than a pilot who gets 30 flight hours a month."

The Super Stallion has seen a spike in crashes in recent years, even as it flies less. The result is a rate of 7.9 crashes for every 100,000 flight hours since 2013, nearly four times higher than the Super Stallion's historical average.

In September, a Marine from Hampton Roads was killed, and 11 others were injured when their Super Stallion experienced a "hard landing" during a fast-rope training exercise at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Four months later, in January, two Super Stallions crashed into the ocean off the coast of Hawaii, killing a dozen Marines.

The causes of both mishaps are under investigation.

A few days before the Hawaii crash, that squadron's commanding officer was relieved of duty because of "a loss of confidence in his ability to continue to lead," a Marine Corps spokesman told The Pilot.

A Marine official familiar with Lt. Col. Edward Pavelka's removal told the Marine Corps Times that the commander was "not able to maintain material readiness standards ... for optimal use of manpower, material, facilities and funding."

Another source familiar with the squadron's troubles told the newspaper that "they were not flying enough" in the months before the mishap – flight hours were "way, way low."

Davis, the general, said he was familiar with the squadron's struggles and supported the decision to dismiss the commander.

None of his squadron commanders "have all the resources they need to do all that I'm asking of them," Davis said, "but that one was even lower than the others. That one stuck out as an underperforming unit."

The string of mishaps, combined with reports of historically poor material readiness and limited flight hours, is frustrating some Super Stallion pilots, aircrews and maintainers.

Anne Scott, a former Marine captain and Super Stallion pilot who left the service in 2014 and knew crew members killed in Hawaii, summarized the prevailing sentiment among friends who are still serving:

"It's just unacceptable at this point," Scott said. "They expect Marines to put their lives on the line without supporting us. They demand flight hours, but the helicopters are in terrible shape, and our maintainers haven't been given the support they need to do the job."

Davis said the service is taking steps to get the fleet back to readiness, and he expects morale will follow.

"I understand how they feel," Davis said. "These guys joined the Marine Corps to fly and serve their nation. ... We need to do better for them."

In addition to resetting each aircraft, the service is paying a contractor \$6.6 million to restore two retired Sea Dragons that have spent the past decade in storage at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona, also known as the "aircraft boneyard." The helicopters will be converted for use as Super Stallions and used by a Marine training squadron, freeing two aircraft to rejoin an operational squadron, officials said.

Also, Davis said, the service is spending millions of dollars on tools and equipment. Over the years, Super Stallion squadrons have had to deal with a shortage of equipment and parts needed to perform standard maintenance, further hindering an already strained fleet.

The Super Stallions should be fully restored by 2019, Davis said.

The helicopters will be needed for at least a decade after that.

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02	0600	Veteran's Breakfast, Town & Country Restaurant, MCLB, Albany, GA
03-05		Mid-Winter Conference, Marriot Fairview Park, Falls Church, VA; (703) 849-9400
11	1030	Transition Readiness Seminar; contact Carl Wilcox carlwilcox@ymail.com or (229)-435-1086
15	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Point Golf Club, Albany, GA
19	0830	River Walk Clean-Up; Cox Landing
24-26		SEDiv Conference; Doubletree, 2651 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, GA 706-619-1781

April

06	0600	Veteran's Breakfast, Town & Country Restaurant, MCLB, Albany, GA
08	1030	Transition Readiness Seminar; contact Carl Wilcox carlwilcox@ymail.com or (229)-435-1086
09	0900	Kiwanis Club, One Day Project; contact Tim McClelland gunnymac79@gmail.com or (229)869-7119
19	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Point Golf Club, Albany, GA



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2016 Southeast Division Conference



Department of Georgia members gathered for a photo.



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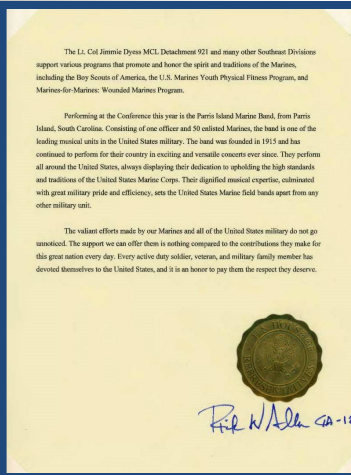
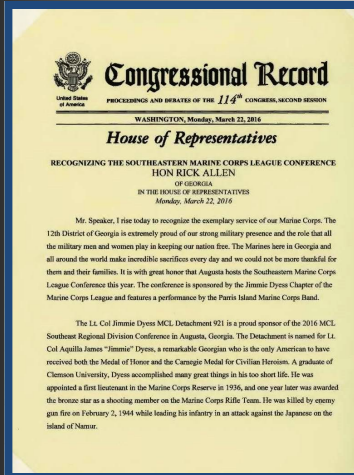
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House of Representatives Rick W. Allen GA-12 presented National Vice Commandant Hackbarth a Congressional Record RECOGNIZING THE SOUTHEASTERN MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

National Vice Commandant Hackbarth presents Ron Kirstatter with the Distinguished Citizen Silver Award.



Commandant Kirstatter receives the Congressional Record on behalf of the Department of Georgia MCL.

Commandants Corner



Marines,

I, along with
Department of
Georgia
Commandant Ron
Kirstatter just
returned from the
Southeast Division

Conference held in Augusta, Georgia. A lot of good and helpful information was passed to members present and the conference was honored to have the National Commandant of the Marine Corps League, Richard D. Gore Sr., in attendance. National is continuing to rebuild the web page so that it will be a "one stop" site for resources and information for members. Check it out at www.mclnational.org.

In the last issue of The Dispatch I mentioned contacting members who may not have attended a monthly meeting in a while. Let's continue to make contact with those members and let them know that they are missed. If my memory serves me, the Detachment has not had a new member in over a year. The detachment needs to continue to grow so that we can better serve our fellow Marines and the community we live in. A quick phone call or a face-to-face letting that member know that they are missed at meetings could make all the difference in the world in keeping a member or having one drop from the Detachment's rolls. Also, it is vital that the information on the Detachment's roster is correct. If you have made a change in your contact info (email address or phone number), please pass those changes to the Detachment Web Sergeant at

webmaster@mclalbanyga.org. And continue to reach out to potential new members.

Our Detachment does a great job in community service to Albany and the Albany area. Last year, the Detachment, in conjunction with the Dougherty County Kiwanis Club's One Day Project, helped with the landscaping on the path behind the Riverquarium. The Kiwanis Club has ask for our assistance again this year. The project will be the continuation of landscaping that was started last year. Members that can spare two or three hours on Saturday, 09 April please meet at the foot of Flint Ave at 0900 with gloves, and a shovel. The work is not that difficult and the more we have to help, the easier it will be. Besides, you may see some Kiwanis member that you know.

Upcoming events:

State Convention in Peachtree City, GA 13 - 15 May 2016. A good way to see how the Department is progressing and maybe there is something you can do the help the Department grow. For more info on upcoming events please contact me by email or phone.

Lastly, please remember those members that are ill or in distress. A word of comfort or a card means a lot. Let's remember Marine Roger and Cam Paulin on the recent passing of Cam's mother. Let us also remember Marine Dave Aldridge who is having to deal with nerve problems in one leg and awaiting a doctor's appointment. Please continue to remember Marine Carl Wilcox facing possible back surgery.

Semper Fi,

Tim McClellan
Commandant



Chaplains Message



Marines and Families that are Ill /

Prayer Requests:

Widow of WWII Marine Sy Barnes in assisted living.

Marine Jim Valentine recovering from Hip Surgery.

Wife of Marine Jerry Smith, recovering from surgery.

Fallen Marine Program:

This month seven Marines have gone to their final rest.

Marine Master Sergeant, Ret., Silas K. Barnes, Passed 23 Feb. 2016.

Marine Major, Ret., Tony Lehr, Passed on 28 Feb. 2016.

Marine SSgt Ret., Earl Wall passed on 2

Mar 2016.

Marine Master Sergeant Jim Adam, Ret. Passed on 4 Mar 2016.

Marine Gunnery Sergeant David W. Bady, Ret., Passed on 7 Mar 2016.

Marine LCpl Charles R. Lentz, Passed on 8 Mar 2016.

Marine LCpl Ernest Jones, Jr., Passed on 8 Mar 2016.

Let's remember our Detachment fallen Brothers; Lawrence DesJardines, Joseph Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, and Harry McDole.

Devotion: 1 Peter 4:7-11

(Continue to show deep love for one another, for love covers over a multitude of sin. 1 Pet 4:8)

Suppose your child comes home from school, feeling like he had been mule kicked by his classmates. *He/she says "if I'm as big a dirt bag as they say I am, then no one wants to be around me. The attitude is that, if they don't want to be around me, then I don't want to be around them.* He/she runs to their room, slams the door, puts on earphones with the music blasting

enough to be heard down the street. Trying very hard not to think about people.

There's a problem with that approach: We can't resign from the human race. Whether we like the idea or not, God put us here on earth to have relationships with people. There are three facts about love we can't avoid:

Fact 1: *You don't have an option to love.* The Bible's biggest command to Christians is to love God and love people. God custom-built us to be involved with people of all kinds—even people who bug us, bother us, or bore us. Even when people make the job look impossible, God created us to try to get along with people.

Fact 2: *Love is an action.* Do you hate hearts, flowers, and drippy love songs?

That's okay! Love isn't a feeling. It's a choice.

Fact 3: *Love is often hard.* Sometimes *figuring out* the loving thing to do is tough. Sometimes doing the loving thing is even tougher. Fortunately, God didn't design you to love people and then leave you clueless to do it.

Once we cool down and remember these facts, by getting into HIS word we find it much easier to forgive and forget And get back to his commands.

Pray: God keep teaching me what it means to love you and others. **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



15 March 2016

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

Commandant McClelland called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present except Adjutant/Judge Advocate Joe Najjar. There were a total of 24 present, 20 regular members and 4 associate members.

Visitors/Guest: *Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter.*

Officer's Report:

Commandant: *Announced the Detachment partnering with the Kiwanis Club on April 9, 2016 to landscape behind the Thronateeska.*

Standing Committee Reports:

Patriotism Committee: *362 flags replaced to date. Inventory is good.*

Veterans' Coalition: *Marines Kirstatter, Belk, and Paulin presented the TRS class. More volunteers are needed for once a month and 15 minutes of your time to talk about what the Marine Corps League can do to help these Marines just entering the private sector of our community.*

The Coalition has raised \$1700 towards the Global War on Terrorism. Estimated completion date is Veteran's Day 2017.

Young Marines: *Battalion/Regimental elections being conducted. Just announced the latest Jr & Sr Leadership graduates. Also provided 20-30 Marines in support of the Snickers Marathon.*

JROTC: *Provided Flag detail for the Albany Oratorical Contest. Kudos to the Westover JROTC for receiving "Very Well" Ratings in Knowledge and Uniforms Standards during their annual IG Inspection. Their annual banquet will be held 21 April 2016 at Westover High School. The unit will be sending 50 cadets to Parris Island for Summer Leadership training and they are raising funds through Donut & Candy Sales.*

Old Business: *Marine Kirstatter announced we have 14 delinquent members. We need to contact them to see if they are going to renew their membership. Also, we need to recruit. We've had no new members in over a year.*

Meeting adjourned @ 1915 with singing of the Marines Hymn.

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Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany

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April 8th @1030

May 6th @1030

June 10th @1030

July - No Class

August 5th @1030

September 16th @10300

October 7th @1030

November 4th @1030

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UNITED STATES CODE

THE “FLAG CODE”

Previous to Flag Day, June 14, 1923 there were no federal or state regulations governing display of the United States Flag. It was on this date that the National Flag Code was adopted by the National Flag Conference which was attended by representatives of the Army and Navy which had evolved their own procedures, and some 66 other national groups. This purpose of providing guidance based on the Army and Navy procedures relating to display and associated questions about the U. S. Flag was adopted by all organizations in attendance.

A few minor changes were made a year later during the Flag Day 1924 Conference, It was not until June 22, 1942 that Congress passed a joint resolution which was amended on December 22, 1942 to become Public Law 829; Chapter 806, 77th Congress, 2nd session. Exact rules for use and display of the flag (36 U.S.C. 173-178) as well as associated sections (36 U.S.C. 171) Conduct during Playing of the National Anthem, (36 U.S.C. 172) the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Manner of Delivery were included.

This code is the guide for all handling and display of the Stars and Stripes. **It does not impose penalties** for misuse of the United States Flag. That is left to the states and to the federal government for the District of Columbia. Each state has its own flag law.

Criminal penalties for certain acts of desecration to the flag were contained in Title 18 of the United States Code prior to 1989. The Supreme Court decision in *Texas v. Johnson*; June 21, 1989, held the statute unconstitutional. This statute was amended when the Flag Protection Act of 1989 (Oct. 28, 1989) imposed a fine and/or up to 1 year in prison for knowingly mutilating, defacing, physically defiling, maintaining on the floor or trampling upon any flag of the United States. The Flag Protection Act of 1989 was struck down by the Supreme Court decision, *United States vs. Eichman*, decided on June 11, 1990.

While the Code empowers the President of the United States to alter, modify, repeal or prescribe additional rules regarding the Flag, no federal agency has the authority to issue 'official' rulings legally binding on civilians or civilian groups. Consequently, different interpretations of various provisions of the Code may continue to be made. The Flag Code may be fairly tested: 'No disrespect should be shown to the Flag of the United States of America.' Therefore, actions not specifically included in the Code may be deemed acceptable as long as proper respect is shown.

Source of document below: CD-ROM prepared and published by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives. It contains the laws in force on January 4, 1993.

TITLE 36 CHAPTER 10

PATRIOTIC CUSTOMS

§ 170. National Anthem; Star-Spangled Banner

The composition consisting of the words and music known as The Star-Spangled Banner is designated the national anthem of the United States of America.

§ 171. Conduct during playing

During rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute at the first note of the anthem and retain this position until the last note. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there.

§ 172. Pledge of allegiance to the flag; manner of delivery

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, 'I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.', should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.

§173. Display and use of flag by civilians; codification of rules and customs; definitions

The following codification of existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America is established for the use of such civilians or civilian groups or organizations as may not be required to conform with regulations promulgated by one or more executive departments of the Government of the United States. The flag of the United States for the purpose of this chapter shall be defined according to sections 1 and 2 of title 4 and Executive Order 10834 issued pursuant thereto.

§174. Time and occasions for display

(a) Display on buildings and stationary flagstaves in open;

It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open. However,

when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

(b) Manner of hoisting

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

(c) Inclement weather

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.

(d) Particular days of display

The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year's Day, January 1; Inauguration Day, January 20; Lincoln's Birthday, February 12; Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February; Easter Sunday (variable); Mother's Day, second Sunday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day, October 27; Veteran's Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (dates of admission); and on State holidays.

(e) Display on or near administration building of public institutions

The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.

(f) Display in or near polling places

The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.

(g) Display in or near schoolhouses

The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.

*Article continuities in next month's issue of
The DesJardines Dispatch*



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Detachment 1260 Next Meeting



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TYPE	Regular	Associate
LIFE MEMBERS	16	2
ANNUAL MEMBERS	60	15
NEWMEMBERS	4	0

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

TYPE	Regular	Associate
ANNUAL MEMBERS	11	2
SUB-TOTALS	91	19
TOTAL	110	



Monthly Veterans Breakfast

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

6:00 a.m.

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

DETACHMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

New Address:

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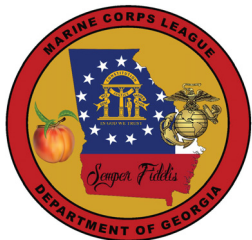
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Vietnam Veterans Honored



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Representative Darrel
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Vietnam War Veterans
with a Certificate of
Honor for their service
during the Vietnam
War.



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**Kathy and son receive certificate
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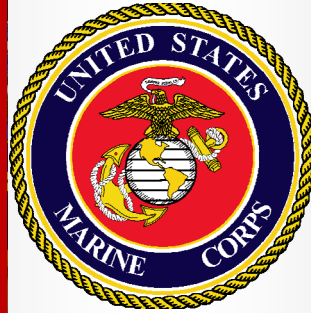


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Keeping the Riverwalk beautiful one clean-up at a time.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Identifies Additional Beneficiaries in Need of Fiduciary Assistance

*New Technologies Aid VA in Identifying 14,000
Beneficiaries Delayed for Fiduciary Appointments
Due to Claims Processing Errors*

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that an information technology system that it deployed in 2014 and enhanced in 2015, the Beneficiary Fiduciary Field System, allowed it to identify claim processing errors affecting approximately 14,000 Veterans and survivors. These Veterans' and survivors' claims were initially filed over many years, with some going back as far as 2000. The errors concern cases in which VA had proposed that due to disability or age the beneficiary was unable to manage his or her VA benefits without assistance, but did not complete the action by transferring it within VA for appointment of a fiduciary. These cases represent approximately four percent of such proposals since 2000.

VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) became aware of a potential problem when it received inquiries about delayed fiduciary appointments from affected beneficiaries or their families. A system-wide review by VBA using the new technology found claim processing errors that had occurred at each of its regional offices and pension management centers across the country. In these cases, one or more of the procedures for controlling and transferring the workload were not followed, resulting in the fiduciary appointment delays.

"We sincerely apologize to these Veterans and their survivors for this regrettable delay," said VA Deputy Secretary Sloan D. Gibson. "We are taking immediate action to complete these cases, initiate the fiduciary appointment process, and ensure that these errors do not happen again. We must also continue to transform the claim process for beneficiaries needing fiduciary assistance and properly resource our

fiduciary program to ensure that beneficiaries have the help they need to effectively use the benefits they earned."

VBA has set up a dedicated team to immediately review the cases, notify beneficiaries, complete the claim processing steps, and appoint a fiduciary as quickly as possible. Because the law requires VA to check the qualifications of the fiduciaries it appoints, including conducting a face-to-face interview, VA anticipates that it may take as much as six months or more to complete the fiduciary appointment process for these beneficiaries. However, the beneficiaries will continue to receive their monthly benefits as VA works to appoint a fiduciary to assist them.

Additionally, VBA has already modified its systems to better track this workload and plans to remove manual transfer processes that are prone to error through enhancements to its automated claims processing system, the Veterans Benefits Management System.

For more information, Veterans can contact (1-888-407-0144).

Additional Information on VA's Fiduciary Program:

The VA fiduciary program provides oversight of beneficiaries who, due to injury, disease, or the infirmities of age, are unable to manage their VA benefits. VA's role is to conduct oversight of beneficiaries to ensure their well-being, and oversee the fiduciaries it appoints to assist beneficiaries with the management of their VA benefits. In 2015, VA protected more than 224,000 beneficiaries, who received over \$3 billion in VA benefits. Beneficiaries in the fiduciary program include Veterans, surviving spouses, dependent parents, adult children, and minor children. The number of beneficiaries served by the program has grown by 50 percent since 2011 and VA projects continued growth as it increases its benefit claims production (1.4 million claims in 2015) and the beneficiary population ages.



This Month in Marine Corps History



April 1776: John Martin enlists to serve on the Continental brig *Reprisal* and becomes the first black Marine.

April 1943: MAG-51, the first Marine night fighter group, and VMF(N)-532 are established at Cherry Point. The 1st Parachute Regiment is organized at New Caledonia with the 1st, 2nd, and recently arrived 3rd Parachute Battalions.



01 April 1918: Captain Cunningham's 1st Marine Aviation Squadron arrive at the newly established Marine Flying Field, Miami (recently acquired by Geiger's detachment).

02 April 1972: Captain John W. Ripley, a Marine advisor, blows up a bridge over Cua Viet River in the face of intense enemy fire and a column of tanks. His actions stall a major Communist drive south on Route 1.

07 April 1971: The first Bell UH-1N twin-engine Huey is delivered to HMA-269 at New River.



10 April 1833: President Andrew Jackson orders the green and buff replace blue and scarlet as the colors of the Marine

Corps uniform.



14 April 1962: President Kennedy watches Marines storm ashore at Onslow Beach, North Carolina, during LANTPHIBEX 1-62.

22 April 1898: The 1st Marine Expeditionary Battalion of 14 officers and 623 enlisted sails from New York on board the transport *Panther*.

24 April 1942: Major General Charles F.B. Price and his staff arrive in Samoa and establish the Headquarters Samoa Area Defense Force. The 1st Raider Battalion and 2nd Barrage Balloon Squadron also reinforce the Samoan garrison.



29 April 1953: Colonel Katherine Towle becomes the first female line officer to retire from U.S. military. She is succeeded as director of Women Marines by Lieutenant Colonel Julia E. Hamblet.

Remember!

Other Dates to Remember

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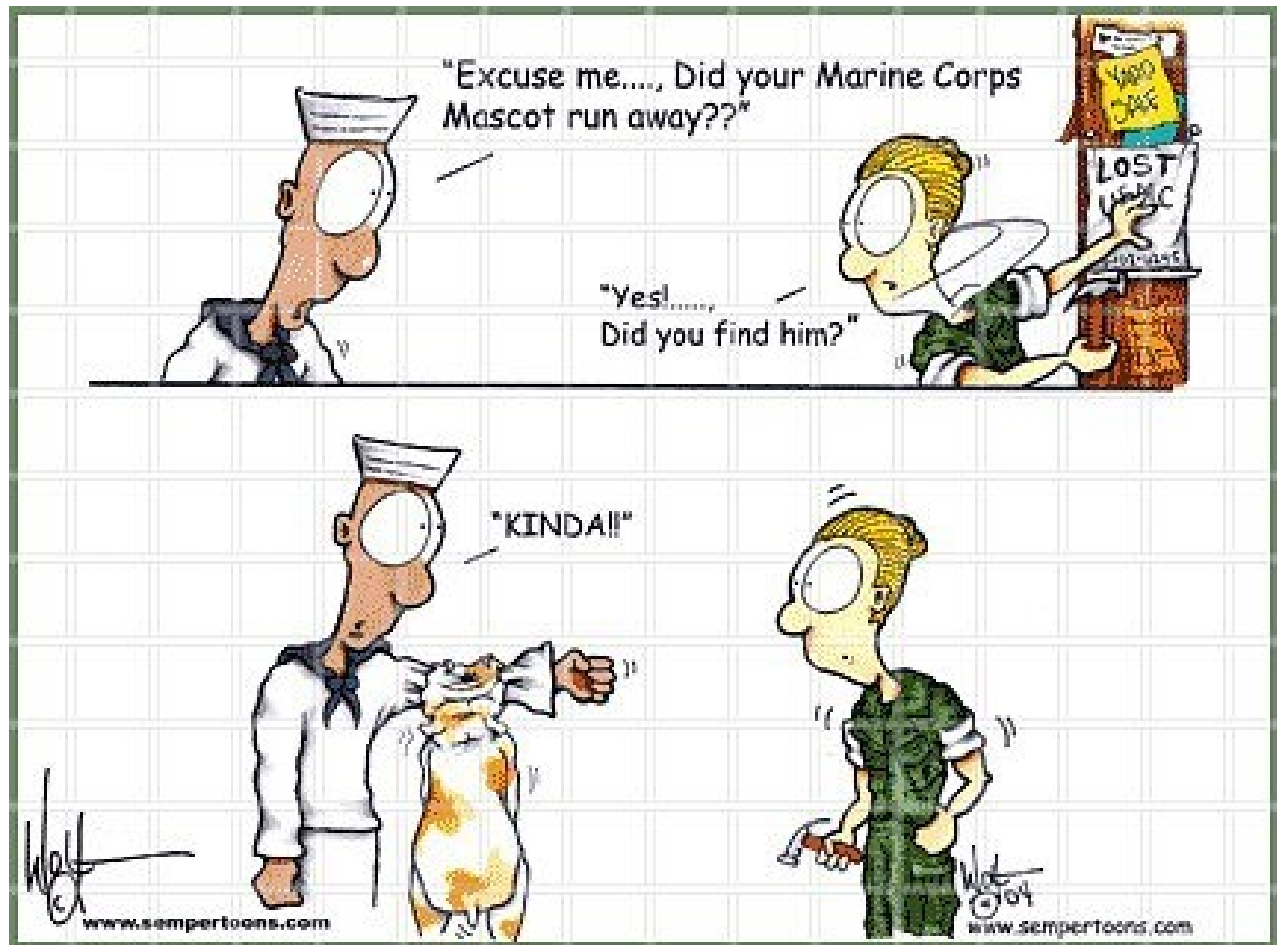


29th

Celebrate Arbor Day



Plant A Tree



Happy Birthday

04 Richard Knepp

04 Marilyn Retza

05 Will Davis

07 Charlie Plunkett

08 Gale Rodgers

12 Bobby Sanders

23 Michael Brown

25 Jeffery Lark

25 Robert McCarty

26 Kevin Stanley

28 Alice Martin

29 James Kraus

30 Miles Martin

Carter, McDonald pay tribute to vets on Vietnam Veterans Day

By Carlos Bongioanni

Stars and Stripes

Published: March 29, 2016

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Ash Carter and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Bob McDonald honored veterans Tuesday at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



After a wreath-laying ceremony, Carter and McDonald attached Vietnam Veteran lapel pins on about two dozen veterans lined up along the memorial wall.



The event was part of an annual tribute to U.S. service members killed in the war, first observed in 2012 after President Barack Obama issued a proclamation officially listing March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day. The Vietnam War Commemoration is marking the 50th anniversary of the war with local and national events.

All veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. military at any time from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of where they served, are eligible to receive the pins.



On the front, the pin features an eagle superimposed over a blue field and red and white stripes, along with six golden stars and laurel wreaths. Each element has symbolic significance: The eagle stands for courage, honor, dedication; the blue signifies vigilance, perseverance and justice; the laurel wreath represents victory, integrity and strength. The stripes represent the American flag and the stars represent Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and the United States -- the six allied nations who fought alongside one another.



"A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You" is embossed on the back of the pin.

Go to vietnamwar50th.com for details about the commemoration schedule and how event organizers can get the pins to pass out to veterans in attendance.

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Upcoming Events

April

06	0600	Veteran's Breakfast, Town & Country Restaurant, MCLB, Albany, GA
08	1030	Transition Readiness Seminar; contact Carl Wilcox carlwilcox@ymail.com or (229)-435-1086
09	0900	Kiwanis Club, One Day Project; contact Tim McClelland gunnymac79@gmail.com or (229)869-7119
19	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Point Golf Club, Albany, GA

May

04	0600	Veteran's Breakfast, Town & Country Restaurant, MCLB, Albany, GA
06	1030	Transition Readiness Seminar; contact Carl Wilcox carlwilcox@ymail.com or (229)-435-1086
13-15		25th Annual Dept. of GA Convention, Wyndham Conference Center, Peachtree City, GA
17	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Point Golf Club, Albany, GA



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GRITS BOWL



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:

2015-2016 ?
2014-2015 ALABAMA
2013-2014 ALABAMA
2012-2013 ALABAMA
2011-2012 GEORGIA
2010-2011 GEORGIA
2009-2010 ALABAMA
2008-2008 GEORGIA



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National Newsletter Competition

2014
First Place Winner
Battalion Level

2015
First Place Winner
Company Level



Commandants Corner



Marines,

For those members who were unable to attend the April detachment meeting, you missed a great night of barber shop singing.

Marine Joe Wingard and the barber shop quartet "The Shamrocks" entertained the members present with some lively (and I might add great) singing. Thanks to Marine Joe Wingard and the Shamrocks.

Detachment Chaplain Marine Bob Breton and myself had the honor of attending the Westover High School Marine Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MJROTC) Awards Banquet representing the detachment and presenting a Certificate of Accomplishment, along with a current copy of the Marine NCO Handbook to the honor cadet and a Certificate of Accomplishment to a second cadet for his community service. Each time I attend one of these award ceremonies I come away thankful to the Marines who give of their time training these young men and women to not only become better citizens of this community, but the future leaders of this great country. Each one of these leaders of the young adults, no matter the branch of service, are owed our gratitude.

So that we might better serve the community, the detachment needs to continue to grow. A good way to reach potential new members is to pass a copy of The Dispatch to a Marine or FMF Corpsman not currently a member and invite them to a meeting. Also, I have noticed that when contacting the members via email, I continue to receive a return message for undeliverable mail. It is vital that the information on the detachment's roster is correct. If you have made a change to your contact info (email address or phone number) recently, please pass those changes to the detachment web master at webmaster@mclalbanyga.org

Upcoming events:

State Convention in Peachtree City, GA 13 - 15 May 2016. Those who can, plan on attending who knows who you might meet. For more info on upcoming events please contact me by email or phone.

Lastly, please remember those members that are ill or in distress. A word of comfort or a card means a lot. Let's remember Marine Carl Wilcox recovering from surgery.

Thanks to all for the work you do for our detachment and this community.

Semper Fi,

Tim McClellan
Commandant



Chaplains Message



Marines and Families that are Ill / Prayer Requests:

Widow of WWII Marine Sy Barnes in assisted living.

Jr. Vice Commandant Carl Wilcox recovering from Surgery.

Marine Bill Hammock, undergoing Chemotherapy.

Fallen Marine Program:

This month four Marines have gone home to their final rest.

Marine Timothy D. Kemp passed on 24 March 2016.

Marine LCpl Thurman E. Laseter passed on 27 March 2016.

Marine SSgt Kenneth H. Roberts passed on 4 April 2016.

Marine MGySgt Lowell F. Oldham passed on 16 April 2016.

Let's remember our Detachment fallen Brothers; LtCol Joseph Smith, LtCol Al Fazekas, Maj. Lawrence DesJardines,

MGySgt Nick Retza, GySgt Billy Stewart, SSgt's Sam Tucker and Sherman Braden.

Devotion: Romans 12:1-2

(Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think, Romans 12:2)

Several hundred years ago in England, the king was choosing drivers for his royal horse-drawn carriage.

He asked each driver a question: "If you were driving me on a winding narrow road, how close could you come to the edge of the road without going over?"

The first driver boasted, "I'm an excellent driver, Your Majesty, I could drive your coach within eighteen inches of the edge at top speed without going over."

The second driver bragged, "My skill and experience are unmatched, Your Majesty. I would drive your coach to within six inches of the edge".

But the third driver responded, "I would take no chances with your safety, Your Majesty. I would drive the coach as far away from the edge as possible".

The king chose the third driver. He

was the only one more interested in the king's safety than in showing off.

There's an attitude that shows up in a lot of people, young and old; "I want to see how close to the edge I can get without getting into trouble." The only thing Kids want to know about school is, "How little can I work?" In later life it's the thing about serving God, "How much sin can I get away with?"

People who are useful to God have the attitude like the third driver. "They think, to honor my God, I will see how far away from the edge can I stay."

The battle between good and evil takes place inside of us. According to Romans 12:2, your mind is the battlefield. To be different, you have to be renewed in your mind- you have to think as Jesus does. Lose the war there, and you lose it in your actions.

If you let your thoughts about doing bad things run through your mind, for example, it becomes easy to give in to the least little pressure to do wrong. But if you fill your thoughts with doing good and following God, your actions will become more and more like Christ's. You'll be transformed.

If you want to live for God you won't just let him change your behavior. You'll allow him to remake you from the inside out.

Pray: *God change our lives from the inside out. Help us to think differently so we can act in a way that pleases you. 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



19 April 2016

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

Commandant McClelland called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present except Jr. Vice Commandant Carl Wilcox and Adjutant/Judge Advocate Joe Najjar. There were a total of 22 present, 20 regular members and 2 associate members.



Visitors/Guest: Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter and Barbershop Quartet The Shamrocks.

Awards: Commandant McClelland presented Marine Buff Askey with the Vietnam Certificate of Appreciation.



Standing Committee Reports:

Patriotism Committee: 369 flags have been replaced to date. Marine Jerry Smith shared several stories on how happy these folks are when their flag is replaced by this program.

Veterans' Coalition: Salute to Veterans will be at the American Legion Post 30. The American Legion is requesting names of Vietnam War Service participation 1954-1975 for a follow-up dinner and presentation of Certificates of Appreciation for their service. Purple Heart Dinner will be held at the American Legion Post 30 on August 7, 2016. If you know anyone who has a Purple Heart, please notify either Denzil Harrell (Post 182) or Ray Humphrey (Post 335).

JROTC: The Westover JROTC Unit received a grade of "Mission Capable" in their recently completed Inspector

General's Inspection. The Unit exceeded standards in Knowledge and Uniform Appearance; MGySgt Willie Jordan, USMC Retired will be the new Assistant JROTC Instructor.

Announcements: Denzil Harrell recognized Chaplain Breton for his outstanding service for going above & beyond when presenting MCL Certificate of Service to the families of deceased Marines.

Meeting adjourned @ 1915 with singing of the Marines Hymn.

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 follows:

May 6th @1030
June 10th @1030
July - No Class
August 5th @1030
September 16th @1030
October 7th @1030
November 4th @1030

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA **VETERANS COALITION**



We need volunteers to assist in burial, rifle, and flag folding ceremonies.

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Patriot Corner



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UNITED STATES CODE

THE "FLAG CODE"

(Continued from Volume 07, Issue 04)

TITLE 36

CHAPTER 10

PATRIOTIC CUSTOMS

175. Position and manner of display

The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

(a) The flag should not be displayed on a float in a parade except from a staff, or as provided in subsection (i) of this section.

(b) The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat. When the flag is displayed on a motorcar, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

(c) No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for the personnel of the Navy. No person shall display the flag of the United Nations or any other national or international flag equal, above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to, or in place of, the flag of the United States at any place within the United States or any Territory or possession thereof: Provided, That nothing in this section shall make unlawful the continuance of the practice heretofore followed of displaying the flag of the United

Nations in a position of superior prominence or honor, and other national flags in positions of equal prominence or honor, with that of the flag of the United States at the headquarters of the United Nations.

(d) The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

(e) The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

(f) When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the United States flag's right.

(g) When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time

(h) When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.

(i) When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

(j) When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.

(k) When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience.

(l) The flag should form a distinctive feature of the ceremony of unveiling a statue or monument, but it should never be used as the covering for the statue or monument.

(m) The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff. By order of the President, the flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory. In the event of the death of other officials or foreign dignitaries, the flag is to be displayed at half-staff according to Presidential instructions or orders, or

in accordance with recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law. In the event of the death of a present or former official of the government of any State, territory, or possession of the United States, the Governor of that State, territory, or possession may proclaim that the National flag shall be flown at half-staff. The flag shall be flown at half-staff thirty days from the death of the President or a former President; ten days from the day of death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice of the United States, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives; from the day of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a Secretary of an executive or military department, a former Vice President, or the Governor of a State, territory, or possession; and on the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress. As used in this subsection -

(1) the term 'half-staff' means the position of the flag when it is one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff;

(2) the term 'executive or military department' means any agency listed under sections [101](#) and [102](#) of title 5; and

(3) the term 'Member of Congress' means a Senator, a Representative, a Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico.

(n) When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

(o) When the flag is suspended across a corridor or lobby in a building with only one main entrance, it should be suspended vertically with the union of the flag to the observer's left upon entering. If the building has more than one main entrance, the flag should be suspended vertically near the center of the corridor or lobby with the union to the north, when entrances are to the east and west or to the east when entrances are to the north and south. If there are entrances in more than two directions, the union should be to the east.

*Article continuities in next month's issue of
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6th Annual Autism Awareness Walk/Expo Dawson, GA



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JROTC



Cadets gain mission capable status

By Joycelyn Biggs | Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE ALBANY

More than 140 Westover High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Course cadets in Albany, Georgia completed an annual inspection at the school, recently.

Lt. Col. Don Mills Sr., senior Marine instructor, MCJROTC, WHS, said students were meticulously analyzed by augmented Marines from Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany and Marine Corps Logistics Command.

The cadets' goal was to attain a mission capable rating according to Mills.

During the process, students were drilled with questions about the chain of command, military history, rank and leadership.



"Who is the Commandant of the Marine Corps?" Gunnery Sgt. Tony Robinson, inventory manager, LOGCOM, asked a cadet. Robinson explained he allows questions during the survey as well.

"A lot of these children may have ideas about the Marine Corps that may or may not be accurate," Robinson said. "This is a good opportunity for them to get correct answers to any questions they have."

While speaking to the students, Marines also examined their physical appearance as part of the evaluation. No details were overlooked as the length of trousers, placement of rank and even the appearance of hands was scrutinized.

"There were some kids that I could easily take, place them next to an active duty Marine and you would not be able to tell the difference," he said. "Most of them were really on

point."

Col. Chuck Delair, director, Region Two, MCJROTC, praised the children on their performance during the audit.

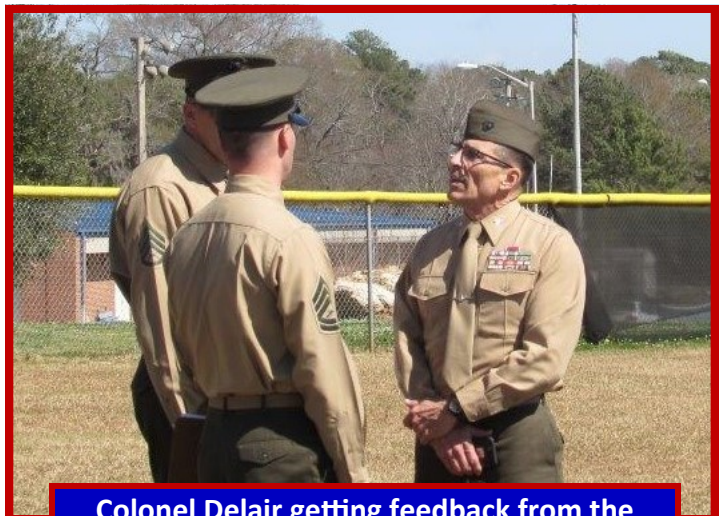


**Colonel Charles Delair, MCJROTC
Director, Region 2 looks over the Cadets.**

"They are doing real well," Delair said of the cadets after listening to portions of the inspection. He also gave accolades to the Marines from the installation.

"We get a lot of support from the base out here and they are great," he said. "If I had to do this by myself it would take an enormous amount of time, so I am very grateful (the Marines) are so willing to assist us."

After Delair completed an intensive review of information from the inspection, the cadets achieved their goal with a mission capable rating.



**Colonel Delair getting feedback from the
Inspectors.**



JROTC



(L-R) Chaplain Bob Breton, Cadet Everett I Perry Jr., Cadet Daniel R. Dickens, Commandant Tim McClelland, and Senior Marine Instructor Westover HS LTCOL Don Mills Sr. (RET).

Marine Corps League Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment 1260 presented Cadet Everett I Perry Jr. the Honor Graduate Certificate and NCO Manual and Cadet Daniel R. Dickens received the Community Service Certificate at the Awards Banquet at Westover Comprehensive High School on April 22, 2016.



Boy Scouts



On 6 April 2016 Marine Gillan had the privilege to present the Good Citizenship Award and Marine Corps League coin to new Boy Scout Troop 8 Eagle Scouts Dontavious Williams and Elliot Medlock. Scouts from Troop 8 and their families and friends at Institutional First Baptist Church were on-hand for this very special event in the lives of two deserving hard-chargers.

Semper Fi
Dan Gillan
Boy Scout Coordinator



(L-R) Marine Dan Gillan, Elliot Medlock, and Dontavious Williams



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LIFE MEMBERS	16	2
ANNUAL MEMBERS	60	15
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SUB-TOTALS	91	19
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Monthly Veterans Breakfast

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VA Secretary Joins Others in Pledge to Donate their Brains to VA-lead TBI Research Program

WASHINGTON - Today the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald announced that he, along with three-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer Nancy Hogshead-Makar and former NFL player and Super Bowl champion Phil Villapiano, have pledged to donate their brains to advance brain research conducted by VA in partnership with the Concussion Legacy Foundation.

The announcement was made at the VA-hosted Brain Trust: Pathways to InnoVAtion, a public-private partner event which builds on the trailblazing efforts of a number of distinguished VA brain researchers and brings together many of the most influential voices in the field of brain health to identify and advance solutions for mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI), and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

"As I listened to the very powerful personal stories from Veterans and the challenges the world's top researchers are working to overcome in TBI, I made a decision: I decided to join the hundreds of Veterans and athletes who have already donated their brain to the VA Brain Bank so that I may, in a small way, contribute to the vital research happening to better understand brain trauma," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald. "This is a very, very serious issue, one that affects Veterans and non-Veterans alike. We don't know nearly as much as we should about brain health, but if there's one thing I've seen after visiting almost 300 VA facilities in the past two years: our Veterans, particularly those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan are greatly affected by TBI. VA needs to continue leading the coalition of scientists working to improve their lives.

one of the five strategies of the MyVA transformation. Today, we witnessed a room full of the world's leading experts coming together under the convening authority of VA to solve one of our most significant challenges, particularly among our younger Veterans. I'm proud to do my part because I know that the researchers at VA are committed to improving lives and they have my full support."

"Concussions were ignored for a long time and viewed largely as an invisible injury but chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) is something we can see and something we can understand. It reveals that brain trauma can have long-term and devastating consequences," said Chris Nowinski, former WWE wrestler and co-founder and president of the Concussion Legacy Foundation which leads outreach and recruiting for the VA-BU-CLF Brain Bank. "The Concussion Legacy Foundation is working to create a culture of brain donation in America by asking living athletes and Veterans to donate their brains to the Brain Bank to be researched by VA and Boston University researchers. It's a perfect partnership because the most common victims of CTE are athletes and Veterans and by researching both as a part of one program, the sports community and Veteran community can work together to solve this problem. We all need to work together to solve the concussion crisis.

The VA-BU-CLF Brain Bank is directed by VA's own Dr. Ann McKee and is located at the Bedford VA Medical Center. It is now the largest sports mTBI and CTE repository in the world with over 325 brains donated, and over a thousand more pledged.

"Building more and stronger strategic partnerships is

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“The research on CTE all started with VA; it began with a VA patient who was a well-known boxer and from that first case of CTE, it has morphed into a tremendous research effort involving NIH, DoD and many other organizations,” said Dr. Ann McKee. “This is not a problem we can solve in any one lab. It’s going to take medical researchers and scientists working with business to detect where it first starts – on the battlefield and sports field. We will need health assessments going into the future for many years. That will take innovation and real input from industry to stimulate this research. That’s why we need a collective effort and his group of leaders is so important. I’m proud to be here encouraging us all to work together to better care for America’s Veterans and patients.

Brain Trust: Pathways to InnoVAtion is a two-day public-private partnership event hosted by VA. As the largest, integrated health care system in the country, VA is using its convening authority to bring together many of the most influential voices in the field of brain health – to include the Department of Defense, the sports industry, private sector, federal government, Veterans and community partners - to identify and advance solutions for mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI), and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Issues related to brain health and head trauma transcend the Veteran and military community,

impacting all Americans. By highlighting the themes of collaborative research, medical technology, and sports innovation for player safety, Brain Trust participants are discussing the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of Veterans, athletes, and Americans in general - suffering from head trauma related injuries. The event will also serve as a showcase for many of the advancements that VA is pioneering to improve brain health for Veterans, the military and for the American public at large.

In addition to many of the world’s most accomplished brain research scientists, Brain Trust attendees include sports commentator Bob Costas, Gen. Peter Chiarelli (CEO of One Mind, and the former Vice Chief of Staff of the Army), Briana Scurry (former U.S. Women’s Soccer Player), Jeanne Marie Laskas (author of the *GQ* article that inspired the movie “Concussion”), Terry O’Neil (16-time Emmy award winner), representatives from the NFL Players Association, the NFL, the NCAA, DARPA, DOD, NIH, CDC, and many more.

For more information on donating to the VA-BU-CLF Brain Bank or to get involved, go to:

<http://concussionfoundation.org/get-involved/research-registry>

For more information on VA’s work on TBI, go to: <http://www.polytrauma.va.gov/understanding-tbi/>



<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call **1-800-273-8255** and **Press 1**, chat online, or send a text message to **838255** to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.



This Month in Marine Corps History



01 May 1891: The School of Application, the first formal post-commissioning training program for brand-new Marine second lieutenants, opens at Marine Barracks 8th and I.



01 May 1941: Marine Barracks, New River, North Carolina, is formally established. The base will eventually be named Camp Lejeune.

01 May 1970: The director of the Marine Band, Albert Schoepper, is promoted to the rank of colonel, the first Marine musician to attain this rank in the 162-year history of the band.



03 May 1903: The School of Application moves from Marine Barracks 8th and I to Annapolis, Maryland.

10 May 1944: VMF-524 and VMB-622 are organized at Cherry Point.



13 May 1953: As part of the division training program, the 5th Marines conducts an amphibious exercise. Other regiments take their turns soon after.

14 May 1970: The 3rd Marine Division begins a three-week operation, Exotic Dancer III, along the coastal areas of North Carolina. Over 60,00 troops of the armed forces are involved.



18 May 1945: The 29th Marines capture Sugar Loaf after four days of bitter, see-saw fighting. Lieutenant Robert Wellwood of VMF(N)-533 shoots down three enemy bombers in one night.

21 May 1908: The rank of the billet of Commandants is formally established as major general for the first time, resulting in a promotion for Brigadier General Elliott.

22 May 1912: Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham reports for pilot training at the Navy's flying school at Annapolis, Maryland. This marks the birth of Marine Aviation.



Remember!

Other Dates to Remember

Remember!

8th



15th

21st



Memorial Day



30th



Happy Birthday

08 Maxine Belk

16 Kathy Fazekas

20 Randolph Scott

25 George Buttner

28 David Lee

30 Billy Hammack

30 John Richard

Top Marine aviator: Fighter squadrons don't have enough working aircraft

MarineCorpsTimes.com, Apr. 20 | Jeff Schogol

Most of the Marine Corps' 276 F/A-18 Hornets are deployed, being used for training or in need of repair, the service's top aviator told lawmakers on Wednesday.

There aren't a lot of Hornets left in reserve for Marines to "train with during the day," Lt. Gen. Jon Davis, deputy commandant for aviation, told the Senate Armed Services Seapower Subcommittee.

"That leads to low flight time and short training progression," he said. "...We get them airplanes at the very last bit, right before they deploy and then they work up their readiness — but the bench is not ready to go."

Senators asked Davis about a recent Fox News report that only about 30 percent of the Marine Corps' F/A-18s are ready to fly.

Of the Marine Corps' 276 Hornets, 102 are currently in depot, leaving the service 174 F/A-18 A-Ds to draw upon, officials said. Davis said 87 of those jets are mission capable today, of which 40 are forward deployed and another 30 assigned for training.

Hornets are often in demand since the carrier-based aircraft can be used to strike the Islamic State group and other enemy targets, provide close-air support to troops on the ground and conduct reconnaissance.

"There's multiple ways we got here, sir," Davis replied. "I would say 15 years of solid service and heavy fighting; we've got a very high [operational] tempo. The numbers of aircraft have reduced as well. The aircraft, while they were overseas were over-utilized.

"We've flown them a lot — a lot more than they were

originally designed to fly. While we had them overseas, we kept some airplanes overseas maybe longer than we should have."

Cuts to the wartime budget along with the Marine Corps' operations and maintenance funding have further reduced the number of aircraft that are mission ready, Davis added.

"From 2011 to 2013, the numbers of airplanes I had on the bench reduced by 35; and from 2013 to 2015, it was reduced by a further 76," he said.

Some F/A-18s are not flight-worthy due to a lack of spare parts, but the problem is much more pronounced for MV-22B Ospreys and CH-53E heavy-lift helicopters.

On Jan. 14, two CH-53E Super Stallions from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 crashed off Oahu, killing 12 Marines, prompting questions from Senators about whether budget cuts have put Marines' lives at risk.

The Marine Corps is looking into whether lower readiness rates have led to an increase in aircraft mishaps, Assistant Commandant Gen. John Paxton told members of Congress in March.

"We are concerned about an increasing number of aircraft mishaps and accidents," Paxton said at the March 15 Senate Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee hearing. "We're looking to see if there's a linear correlation. We know historically that if you don't have the money and you don't have the parts and you don't have the maintenance then you fly less."

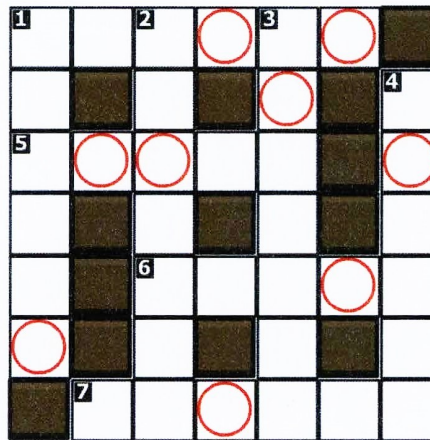
The Marine Corps has a plan to repair and refurbish its CH-53E fleet, Davis said on Wednesday. The first Super Stallion has gone through the process and the service plans to fix 48 helicopters per year, he said. The process takes about 100 days per helo.

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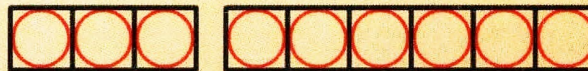


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04	0600	Veteran's Breakfast, Town & Country Restaurant, MCLB, Albany, GA
06	1030	Transition Readiness Seminar; contact Carl Wilcox carlwilcox@ymail.com or (229)-435-1086
13-15		25th Annual Dept. of GA Convention, Wyndham Conference Center, Peachtree City, GA
17	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Point Golf Club, Albany, GA
27	1000	GySgt Tanya Jackson—Retirement Ceremony, Chapel MCLB, Albany

June

01	0600	Veteran's Breakfast, Town & Country Restaurant, MCLB, Albany, GA
10	1030	Transition Readiness Seminar; contact Carl Wilcox carlwilcox@ymail.com or (229)-435-1086
10-12		Department of Alabama Convention, Ashbury-Hotel & Suites, Mobile, Alabama
21	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Point Golf Club, Albany, GA



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2016 Department of Georgia Convention



L-R Front Row; Barbara Brammer, Al Yates, Randy Barnes, Guy Mitchell, Larry Heard. Back Row; David Epps, Harry McCann, Joe Barbee, Craig "Doc" McNabb, and Bill Stevens.

Newly Elected and Appointed Officers

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National Newsletter

Competition

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2015

First Place Winner
Company Level



Marine of the Year
Joe Barbee



Department of Georgia MOY Recipients
**(L-R) Everett Stewart, Michael Clark, Joe Barbee,
Ron Kirstatter, Bernard Bledsoe, and Hal Gosnell**

The Glaser F. Burkhardt Award

**Detachment with the largest
percentage gain in total members**

***Maj Gen Warren R. Johnson
Detachment 1311***

The "Big Al" Meade Award

**District with the largest percentage
gain in total members**

***District 02 Vice Commandant
Frank Corrick***

Pack Dog of the Year

Frank Goalen

***Southern Crescent
Pound 350***



The Grits Bowl
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**Department Associate of
the Year**

Sheila Kirstatter

***Maj Lawrence
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Commandants Corner



Marines,

The Department of Georgia celebrated its 25th anniversary this month at our department convention in Peachtree City. The

meeting was a great success highlighted by the election of new officers to serve the Department in the coming year and associate member Sheila Kirstatter being named the Associate of the Year for the Department of Georgia. Needless to say the award was well deserved. Sheila has put in countless hours of her time for our Detachment. The Detachment's newsletter "The Dispatch" has been awarded first place honors nationally for the last two years thanks to Shelia.

With the release of June's Dispatch, Memorial Day observances will have come to an end. As members of the Marine Corps League, let us continue to support those programs that highlight the sacrifices of members of the armed services and their families and keep alive the purpose of this day of observance.

A big thank you goes out to those members who help mark the field in front of the Albany Mall for the placement of crosses in memory of those service members from Dougherty and Lee County who gave the ultimate price for our freedom.

Now that school is out for the summer remember to keep an eye open for the increase of youngsters in the community as you get behind the wheel. Let's have an accident free summer involving children.

Let us continue to remember and lift up our members who are recovering from a sickness, a medical procedure, or the loss of a loved one. Please remember Marine Carl Wilcox recovering from knee replacement and Marine Bob Breton recovering from knee surgery.

Lastly, I want to thank each member for their support. The functioning of the Detachment is a group effort and we have been successful because of dedicated members. Thank you!

Semper Fi,

Tim McClellan
Commandant



Chaplains Message



Marines and Families that are Ill /

Prayer Requests:

Marine MGySgt Bill Hammock, cancer returned and undergoing Chemotherapy.

WWII Marine Sy Barnes' wife, recovery from fall.

Wife of Marine Jim Johnson fell and broke left shoulder. Pray that surgery not be necessary.

Marine Jim Valentine recovery from Hip Surgery.

Marine Bob Breton recovery from

broken left knee.

Fallen Marine Program:

This month no Marines have gone home to their final rest.

Let's remember our Detachment fallen Brothers; LtCol Joseph Smith, LtCol Al Fazekas, Maj. Lawrence DesJardines, MGySgt Nick Retza, GySgt Billy Stewart, SSgt's Sam Tucker and Sherman Braden.

Devotion: Ephesians 5:15-20 (Let the Holy Spirit fill and control you, Eph 5:18)

You're sitting on your couch after thanksgiving dinner , whining "I can't believe I ate the whole thing."

A huge turkey which consisted of your plate of two towers of turkey, three mounds of mashed potatoes, four gobs of gravy, five fluffy dinner rolls and six gobs of string-bean casserole, plus the spoonfuls of sweet potatoes,. Stating "I don't ever want to eat again".

Have you ever stuffed yourself so full of food you almost couldn't move?

God wants to fill us up far better than a turkey dinner. It's the Holy Spirit!

Let's grab another look at how the Holy Spirit makes us capable – how he outfits us with everything we need to live a Christian life. How exactly do we get lots of the Holy Spirit in our life?

Fact: *You already have the Holy Spirit in you.* From the moment you trust Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in you, giving you everything you need to live for him. Paul commanded, "Let the Holy Spirit fill and control you". This is what Paul was actually saying: "Keep on allowing yourself to be filled with him." That tells us two things: the Spirit is already inside you-but you can also let more of him into your life.

Fact: *You get, "filled with the Holy Spirit" when you let the Holy Spirit fill you over and over again.* If you want to serve God day by day, you need to be filled day by day. That doesn't mean you need more of the Holy Spirit to come into you from the outside. It means you must let the Holy Spirit control more and more of your life from the inside. You can boldly put to work all the power God has put at your disposal, trusting him to make you capable of obeying him and being his witness.

You would probably get sick of turkey if you ate it every day. But the feast of the Spirit is something

you can enjoy every day. God commands you to be filled with his Spirit, so you can be sure he will load you up whenever you ask him. Its like a fridge that's always full. And God wants us to enjoy him every day.

Pray: Lord, we want your Holy Spirit to control our lives today. Guide us through the Bible, showing us how to live the way God wants.

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



17 May 2016

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

Commandant McClelland called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present except Jr. Vice Commandant Carl Wilcox, Adjutant/Judge Advocate Joe Najjar, and Chaplain Bob Breton. There were a total of 28 present, 22 regular members and 6 associate members.

Visitors/Guest: Department of Georgia Jr. Past Commandant Kirstatter and Department of Georgia Sr. Vice Commandant Al Yates.

Standing Committee Reports:

Patriotism Committee: 376 flags have been replaced to date.

Veterans' Coalition: Salute to Veterans will be at the American Legion Post 30. The American Legion is requesting names of Vietnam War Service participation 1954-1975 for a follow-up dinner and presentation of Certificates of Appreciation for their service. Purple Heart Dinner will be held at the American Legion Post 30 on August 7, 2016. If you know anyone who has a Purple Heart, please notify either Denzil Harrell (Post 182) or Ray Humphrey (Post 335).

JROTC: Annual awards banquet was held on 4/21/16 at Westover High School and Commandant McClelland and Chaplain Breton presented Marine Corps Handbook to the outstanding cadets. Also, certificates were presented to cadets at Monroe High School, Lee County High School, and Cairo High School. On April 29th, 31 cadets participated in the Relay for Life and raised \$1300.00 for the charity. Well done to the cadets. MGySgt Willie Jordan, USMC Retired is coming aboard as the Assistant JROTC Instructor on June 6th. June 13th – June 17th - 47 cadets will be going to Parris Island for Summer Leadership Program.

Correspondence: Devil Dogs Pound 360 received a thank you letter from Marilyn Retza for their contribution to the Shepherd's Men Charity program which

New Business: The detachment will present our Flag Folding program for Albany Technical College to celebrate Memorial day on Tuesday, 5/31 and again for the Daughters of the American Revolution on Thursday, June 2nd.

Good of the League: Good of the League – We are looking for a new editor for the Monthly Dispatch Newsletter in June-July.

Announcements: Purple Heart Dinner will be held at Legion Post #335 in Sylvester on 8/7/16. If you know of anyone who has a Purple Heart, please notify either Denzil Harrell (Post 182) or Ray Humphrey (Post 335); (3) Marine Aldrich announced that the Mini-storage warehouse on Gillionville is looking for someone to work approximately 20 hours per week. If interested, please contact Dave Aldrich at 435-0800.

Meeting adjourned @ 1920 with singing of the Marines Hymn.

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 follows:

June 10th @1030
July - No Class
August 5th @1030
September 16th @1030
October 7th @1030
November 4th @1030

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Patriot Corner



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*Flag of the United
States Marine Corps*



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States Air Force*



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UNITED STATES CODE

THE "FLAG CODE"

(Continued from Volume 07, Issue 05)

TITLE 36

CHAPTER 10

PATRIOTIC CUSTOMS

176. Respect for flag

No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, State flags, and organization or institutional flags are to be dipped as a mark of honor.

(a) The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

(b) The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.

(c) The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

(d) The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red, always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping the front of the platform, and for decoration in general.

(e) The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.

(f) The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

(g) The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.

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

(i) The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the flag is flown.

(j) No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

(k) The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

177. Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag

During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present except those in uniform should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. When not in uniform, men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Aliens should stand at attention. The salute to the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.

178. Modification of rules and customs by President

Any rule or custom pertaining to the display of the flag of the United States of America, set forth herein, may be altered, modified, or repealed, or additional rules with respect thereto may be prescribed, by the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, whenever he deems it to be appropriate or desirable; and any such alteration or additional rule shall be set forth in a proclamation.

179. Design for service flag; persons entitled to display flag

The Secretary of Defense is authorized and directed to approve a design for a service flag, which flag may be displayed in a window of the place of residence of persons who are members of the immediate family of a person serving in the armed forces of the United States during any period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States may be engaged.

180. Design for service lapel button; persons entitled to wear button

The Secretary of Defense is also authorized and directed to approve a design for a service lapel button, which button may be worn by members of the immediate family of a person serving in the armed forces of the United States during any period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States may be engaged.

181. Approval of designs by Secretary of Defense; license to manufacture and sell; penalties

Upon the approval by the Secretary of Defense of the design for such service flag and service lapel button, he shall cause notice thereof, together with a description of the approved flag and button, to be

published in the Federal Register. Thereafter any person may apply to the Secretary of Defense for a license to manufacture and sell the approved service flag, or the approved service lapel button, or both. Any person, firm, or corporation who manufactures any such service flag or service lapel button without having first obtained such a license, or otherwise violates sections 179 to 182 of this title, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000.

182. Rules and regulations

The Secretary of Defense is authorized to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 179 to 182 of this title.

182a to 182d. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-534, § 2, Aug. 11, 1966, 80 Stat. 345

183, 184. Repealed. Pub. L. 85-857, § 14(84), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1272

185. Transferred

186. National motto

The national motto of the United States is declared to be 'In God we trust.'

187. National floral emblem

The flower commonly known as the rose is designated and adopted as the national floral emblem of the United States of America, and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to declare such fact by proclamation.

188. National march

The composition by John Philip Sousa entitled 'The Stars and Stripes Forever' is hereby designated as the national march of the United States of America.

189. Recognition of National League of Families POW/MIA flag

The National League of Families POW/MIA flag is hereby recognized officially and designated as the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation.



YOUNG MARINES



Promotion Day



Color Guard





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JROTC



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Community Service
Senior Chief Gage Landrum



Boy Scouts



(L-R) Eagle Scout Harry Spruill, Marine Dan Gillan, New Eagle Scout Andrew Spruill, Marine Joe Najjar, Eagle Scout Oscar Spruill, and proud Eagle Scout Dad Henry Spruill.

Our scouts have the end of school and summer scout camp on their minds. At least one scout from Troop 188 of Cleveland, TN will be doing so as an Eagle Scout! Andrew Spruill formerly of Troop 3 in Albany and now a member of Troop 188 in Cleveland, TN earned his Eagle Scout rank in May 2016. He is the youngest of the family and has followed his two older brothers Harry and Oscar in becoming Eagle Scouts. Marine Gillan presented Andrew with the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Certificate and Marine Corps League Eagle Scout Coin on Memorial Day 2016 at Andersonville National Cemetery.

Semper Fi

Dan Gillan
Boy Scout Coordinator



Good of the League



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Detachment 1260 Next Meeting



Tuesday
June 21, 2016
1830
at



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For more information on the activities of
Detachment #1260 and the Marine Corp League
visit <http://www.mclalbanyga.org>



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS



MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

TYPE	Regular	Associate
LIFE MEMBERS	16	2
ANNUAL MEMBERS	54	14
NEWMEMBERS	2	0

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

TYPE	Regular	Associate
ANNUAL MEMBERS	20	4
SUB-TOTALS	92	20
TOTAL	112	

Monthly Veterans Breakfast

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

6:00 a.m.



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

Department of Alabama

31st Annual Convention

June 10—12

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2016 Independence Day Celebration

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany

July 1st

4:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Music, Food and Inflatables

Fireworks at Dark

Free and Open to the Public

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs!



No Weapons or Knives, No Coolers, No Pets (excluding service dogs), Bags subject to inspection.

Contact 229-638-5268 for more information

BUDDY FISHING TOURNAMENT

Free & Open
to the Public

Saturday June 4, 2016

Marine Corps Logistics Base

Tournament runs from 8-10:30 a.m.
at Covella Pond

Tournament is open
to children under
the age of 16

No license is required.
Bring your own fishing
gear and keep all the
fish you catch.

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. All
participants must sign a hold harmless
form.

In Memory of

Alan "Big Al" Joseph Meade, Jr.

August 16, 1937 - April 30, 2016

Department of Georgia: 1991 Founding Charter Member

Department of Georgia: 1995–1996 Marine of the Year

Department of Georgia: 1998 Commandant

Georgia Pack, Military of the Devil Dogs: 2001 -2002 Worthy Pack Leader

Department of Georgia: The "Big Al" Meade Award

Al Meade, a Boston native, graduated from Parris Island, serving in the Corps from 1956 through 1962. After discharge, Al worked for an international restaurant food distributor and relocated to Atlanta in the 1970's. After his retirement from that company, Al took a position with the CDC in Atlanta as a security officer. He finally hung up his pistols and retired for good in the early 1990's. Al was one of the founding fathers of the Marine Corps League's Department of Georgia, as well as the fledgling SE Division. He has served as Detachment Commandant and Department Commandant as well as many other elected and appointed positions in the League. In the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Al served in many positions, including as Pound Keeper and as the Pack Leader, Georgia Pack. He was honored as 1995-1996 Department Marine of the Year for his contributions to the Department.



Alan Joseph Meade Jr affectionately known as "Big Al" passed peacefully on Saturday April 30th 2016 surrounded by his loving family.

Born August 16 1937 in Brooklyn New York to Mary and Alan Joseph Meade Sr., Al lived most of his early life in

Boston Massachusetts and later in Atlanta Georgia. He was a loving and passionate man and his biggest passions were his love for his children and grandchildren, the United States Marines and the Marine Corp League, numerous pets, his beloved Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots, and most importantly his one true love, Karen "KK" Davis.

Al is preceded in death by his father Alan, mother Mary, and brother Paul. He is survived by his beloved Karen Davis, children; Mark (Jenny), Tom (Kristyn) Shawn (Meghan) Marianne (Toby) Alan

(Lori) Shannon (Ricky) grandchildren; Julia, Mike, Lauren, Josh, Evan, Kate, Jackson, Colin, TJ, Zachary, Lindsey, and Rebecca ; sister, Agnes Doherty, brothers; John (Janice) and Mike (Loretta) Meade, sister in law Maureen, and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Alan made to the following:

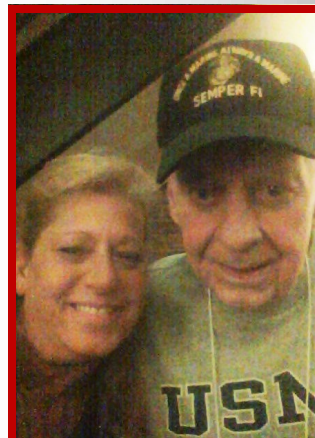
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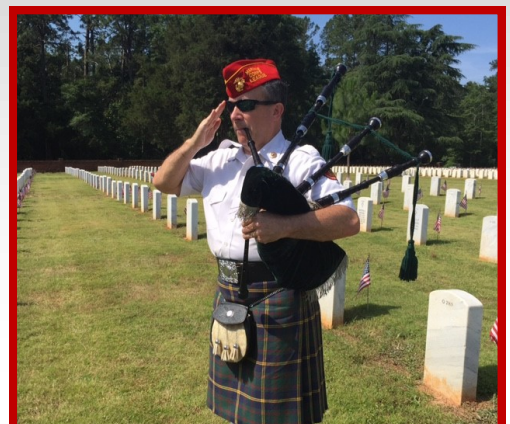
A selfie with "Big Al" at his last Department of Georgia Convention in 2014. A wonderful person to have known. Your presence will be missed!
Sheila

Memorial Day



Flag Raising Ceremony and Breakfast at American Legion Post 30.

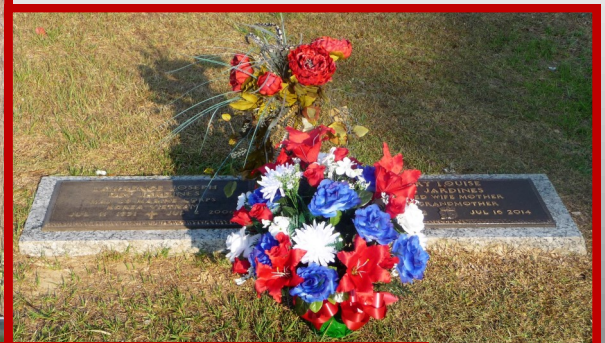
(L-R) Ray Murphy, Dave Aldrich, Dale Chambliss, Tim McClelland, Kathy Fazekas, Chuck Bushnell, Jerry Wessels, Bob Adams, Roger Paulin, and taking photo Ron Kirstatter



Marine Dan Gillan playing pipes at Andersonville on Memorial Day honoring those fallen brothers and sisters in arms and their families. A special salute in front of his deceased father-in-law and a Navy Veteran Cliff Signor after playing Amazing Grace.



Members (L-R) Chuck Bushnell, Dave Aldrich, Ray Murphy, Kathy Fazekas, Jerry Wessels, Bob Adams, Tim McClelland, Roger Paulin, Dan Gillan, and Ron Kirstatter lay flowers at the gravesites of Maj Lawrence DesJardines and Al Fazekas.





U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Announces Telemental Health Clinical Resource Centers During Telemedicine Association Gathering

VA is a leader in Telehealth, Caring for more than 677,000 Veterans through telehealth in fiscal year 2015; Telemental health Hubs Further Expands Capacity

MINNEAPOLIS – As the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) works to improve Veterans' access to health care, its telehealth services play an integral role in that process, said Dr. David J. Shulkin, VA's Under Secretary for Health. Dr. Shulkin spoke today to members of the American Telemedicine Association attending the group's 2016 conference in Minneapolis, where he also announced the establishment of five VA Mental Health Telehealth Clinical Resource Centers to provide enhanced mental health access and services to Veterans in remote locations.

VA is recognized as a world leader in the development of telehealth services that are now mission critical to the future direction of VA care to Veterans. VA uses health informatics, disease management, care and case management and telehealth technologies to facilitate access to care and improve the health of Veterans. VA currently services more than 677,000 Veterans through telehealth; that amounts to approximately 12 percent of the 5.6 Million Veterans who receive healthcare from the VA.

VA's Mental Health Telemedicine Clinical Resource Centers will provide Veterans, particularly those living in rural areas, with rapid access to mental health services where local barriers exist. This expanded effort will help close the gap in access to mental health care, in particular, in those traditionally underserved communities.

"We are in the midst of the largest transformation in the history of VA with MyVA, which means we are reorienting what we do around the needs of our Veterans and providing care when, how and where they want to receive that care," said Dr. Shulkin. "These mental health telehealth resource centers will provide our Veterans in underserved areas the expert mental health providers they may not otherwise be able to obtain locally. We know that we are doing more in telehealth than any other healthcare system and connecting mental health providers to areas hard to recruit and retain."

The Mental Health Telehealth Clinical Resource Centers will be located in Charleston, SC.; Salt Lake City, Utah;

Pittsburgh, PA; and a consortium of facilities in Boise, ID; Seattle, WA; and Portland, OR. The fifth facility, already operational in West Haven, Conn., is a specialty hub focused on the most severe and complex mental health issues, such as chronic depression and bipolar disorder. The others are expected to be available in the summer, with the priority given to VA medical facilities in urgent need of additional mental health providers.

VA TELEHEALTH SERVICE AT A GLANCE

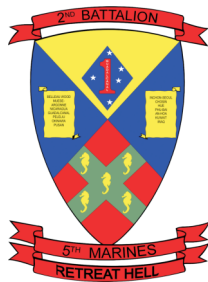
- Chief Telehealth modalities include **Clinical Video Telehealth (CVT)**, the use of real-time interactive video conferencing, sometimes with supportive peripheral technologies, to assess, treat and provide care to a patient remotely. **Home Telehealth (HT)**, a program into which Veterans with chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes, congestive heart failure, etc.) are enrolled that applies care and case management principles to coordinate care using health informatics, disease management and technologies such as in-home and mobile monitoring, messaging and/or video technologies; and **Store and Forward Telehealth (SFT)**, which uses technologies to asynchronously acquire and store clinical information (e.g. data, image, sound and video) that is then forwarded to or retrieved by a VA provider at another VA location for clinical evaluation.
- Since fiscal year 2003, VA has provided Veterans with access to mental health services through more than 1.8 million telemental health encounters.
- VA's national Store-and-Forward Telehealth programs operationalize this definition to cover services that provide this care using a clinical consult pathway and a defined information technology platform to communicate the event/encounter between providers, as well as enabling documentation of the event/encounter and the associated clinical evaluation within the patient record.
- VA Telehealth Services are available for more than 45 specialty areas of care. Top areas for VA telehealth services are mental health, rehabilitation including audiology and speech pathology, retinal imaging, primary care, weight management, cardiology, and



This Month in Marine Corps History



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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



25 June 1918: The 4th Marine Brigade secured Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry, France.

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



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



Remember!

Other Dates to Remember

Remember!





**OK BUT IF YOU EVER
GET INTO A REAL FIREFIGHT**



**FIND THE NEAREST MARINE
AND GIVE HIM YOUR AMMO**

Happy Birthday



07 Gregory Maine
08 Harold Hart
09 Bob Dennison
13 Robert Cerney
16 Cam Paulin

17 Bill Cuff
20 Henry Jackson
21 Bob James
25 Jim Valentine
27 Chuck Bushnell

MARINE CORPS VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROGRAM ELIMINATING THE USE OF VEHICLE DECALS ABOARD MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS

MARADMIN 245/16

1. **Purpose.** This MARADMIN cancels the requirement to use vehicle decals (DD Form 2220) for proof of installation vehicle registration.

2. **Background.** In March 2011, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) published guidance removing the requirement for vehicles entering Department of the Navy installations to be registered via DD Form 2220 for vehicle decals. Marine Corps policy at that time retained the use of vehicle decals to support traffic management/enforcement efforts, vehicle registration requirements, and the Clean Air Act (CAA) mandates. In June 2011, the Commandant of the Marine Corps granted a waiver to allow the continued use of vehicle decals aboard Marine Corps installations until this issue could be fully evaluated. In August 2012, the Marine Requirements Oversight Council (MROC) directed the formation of a team of installation law enforcement and security experts to consider more affordable options for the execution of the Marine Corps law enforcement program. With the release of updated DOD policy in March 2015, vehicle decals no longer serve a useful purpose (semicolon) specifically, use of decals is incompatible with the requirement to conduct 100 percent identification card checks at all points of ingress at Marine Corps installations.

3. **Policy.** The following is effective immediately.

a. Installations will no longer issue DD Form 2220, Vehicle Decals. All other vehicle registration requirements contained in the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Manual (MCO 5580.2B CH1) remain in effect. Personnel operating a motor vehicle aboard Marine Corps installations are still required to complete the vehicle registration process when assigned as permanent installation personnel or to a tenant unit on the installation. The registration requirement applies to on-base and off-base residents and in accordance with reference (b) shall include; a valid state registration certificate, proof of insurance, a

valid state driver's license and a safety inspection sticker. Safety inspection stickers are required if the state in which the vehicle is registered mandates their use. Members have a personal responsibility to report changes in registration that occur during their tour of duty.

b. Installation commanders will utilize subordinate commanders and law enforcement resources to conduct vehicle registration compliance checks. These include spot checks by law enforcement officers of suspicious vehicles, when conducting random antiterrorism measures, and during traffic stops. Those who fail to register vehicles aboard an installation shall be subject to citation, loss of driving privileges, impoundment and/or other adverse personnel or administrative actions. Unit leaders will validate compliance during holiday vehicle safety checks. Temporary vehicle registration will continue to be executed as an element of visitor validation checks.

c. Installations located in jurisdictions with mandated emissions testing must continue to comply with the CAA. All Marine Corps Orders containing vehicle registration procedures will be revised to reflect this policy change.

d. This policy change does not affect identity proofing and vetting requirements.

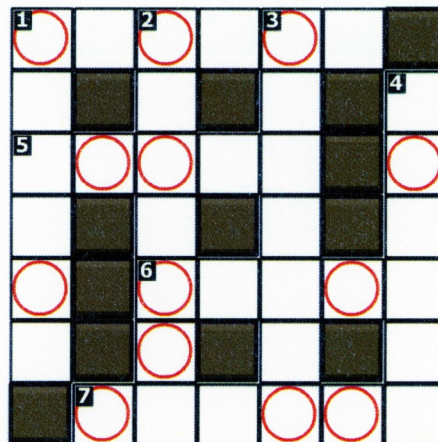
e. Installations will continue to execute security-in-depth, with overarching and complementary security measures in a layered approach that deters, detects, delays, and denies unauthorized access. This approach integrates outside the perimeter security measures with actions at the entry control points. It includes continued use of security equipment, including barriers, to channel traffic to access control points. Armed law enforcement and security personnel, augmented by military working dogs, will man our access control points and vet individuals with the aid of a physical access control system (PACS) to electronically scan and verify credentials. Additional layers of security inside the perimeter will continue, with a focus on random and fixed security measures and protection of critical assets and facilities.

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3. Management
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4. Small unit
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SOLUTION

The first _____ date back to ancient Greece.



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By David L. Hoyt

ANSWERS TO JUNE'S PUZZLE
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ANSWERS TO MAY'S PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1.) SATIRE
- 5.) SCOOT
- 6.) BRAND
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Up Coming Events

June

01	0600	Veteran's Breakfast, Town & Country Restaurant, MCLB, Albany, GA
04	0800	Buddy Fishing Tournament, Covella Pond, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, GA
10	1030	Transition Readiness Seminar; contact Carl Wilcox carlwilcox@ymail.com or (229)-435-1086
10-12		Department of Alabama Convention, Ashbury-Hotel & Suites, Mobile, Alabama
21	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Point Golf Club, Albany, GA

July

01	1600	Independence Day Celebration, Covella Pond, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, GA
19	1830	Detachment Meeting, River Point Golf Club, Albany, GA



Dispatch

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When Was the 4th of July First Celebrated

By: Greg Soltis

John Adams predicted in a letter to his wife Abigail that Americans would celebrate their Independence Day on July 2. Off by two days — not too bad for government work.

On July 2, 1776, Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, signed only by Charles Thompson (the secretary of Congress) and John Hancock (the presiding officer). Two days later Congress approved the revised version and ordered it to be printed and distributed to the states and military officers. The other signatures would have to wait.



Many actually viewed the Declaration of Independence as a yawner — a rehashing of arguments already made against the British government. John Adams would later describe the Declaration as "dress and ornament rather than Body, Soul, or Substance." The exception was the last paragraph that said the united colonies "are and of Right ought to be Free and Independent states" and were "Absolved of all Allegiance to the British Crown."



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For Adams, it was the momentum towards achieving American independence initiated on July 2 that future generations would consider worth celebrating, not the approval of this document on July 4.

Interestingly, the pomp and circumstance that many Americans presume took place on July 4, 1776, actually occurred days to weeks afterwards.

The Philadelphia Evening Post published the Declaration's full text in its July 6 newspaper. And the Declaration of Independence was publicly read from the State House in Philadelphia on July 8. Later that day, it was read in Easton, PA, Trenton, NJ, and to the local embryonic militia to provide much-needed inspiration against the formidable British.

The shouting and firing of muskets that followed these first public readings represent America's first celebrations of independence.

As copies spread, the Declaration of Independence would

be read at town meetings and religious services. In response, Americans lit bonfires, fired guns, rang bells, and removed symbols of the British monarchy.

The following year, no member of Congress thought about commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence until July 3 — one day too late. So the first organized elaborate celebration of independence occurred the following day: July 4, 1777, in Philadelphia. Ships in the harbor were decked in the nation's colors. Cannons rained 13-gun salutes in honor of each state. And parades and fireworks spiced up the festivities.

Fireworks did not become staples of July 4 celebrations until after 1816, when Americans began producing their own pyrotechnics and no longer relied on expensive fireworks from across the pond.

Since 1777, the tradition of celebrating America's independence on July 4 has continued.

Commandants Corner



Marines,

First off I want to welcome aboard Tanya Jackson as a new member to the Detachment. I had

the honor of swearing in Marine Jackson at our June meeting. Tanya is currently assisting Marine Nathaniel Lowman with the Young Marine Program aboard MCLB and will be a great asset to the Detachment. Welcome Tanya.

I want to send out a big thank you to Marines Nick Nicholson, Ron Kirstatter, Joe Najjar and Associate member Denzil Harrell for conducting the flag folding ceremonies that took place at Albany Tech and at the meeting of the DAR. This is the third or forth year that members from the Detachment have conducted the ceremony at Albany Tech and the first time at the DAR. Both programs were well received and it gives the Detachment the opportunity to explain why respect is due the national colors. Great job!

This year the Department of Georgia "re-captured"

the GRITS BOWL from the Department of Alabama as a result of larger gains in membership. The membership gains for the Department of Georgia, although small, was good enough to regain the Grits Bowl. However, membership in our Detachment seems to have slowed somewhat. The Detachment currently has a long list of members who's membership dues are past due for renewal. As always, keep looking for potential new members and bring them to the next Detachment meeting.

Let us continue to remember and lift up our members who are recovering from a sickness, a medical procedure, or the loss of a loved one. Please remember Marine Carl Wilcox continuing to recover from knee replacement and currently being tested for possible blood clots. Please continue to remember Marine Bob Breton, the Detachment Chaplin, recovering from knee surgery.

Lastly, I want to thank each member for their support. The functioning of the Detachment is a group effort and we have been successful because of dedicated members. Thank you!

Semper Fi,

Tim McClellan
Commandant



Chaplains Message



Marines and Families that are Ill / Prayer Requests:

Marine Jim Valentine recovering from Hip Surgery.

Marine Carl Wilcox recovering from Knee Replacement

Marine Bob Breton, recovering from Knee Surgery

Brother of Marine Jim Johnson, reportedly not doing well

WWII Marine Sy Barnes' wife, who is in assisted living

Fallen Marine Program:

This month 5 Marines have gone home to their final rest.

Marine PFC Charles Duran passed on 26 Apr 2016.

Marine Sergeant James Elliot passed on 20 May 2016.

Marine MGySgt Carrol A. Zombro, passed on 25 May 2016.

Marine LtCol Stephen E. Reynolds, passed 10 June, 2016

Marine MGySgt Howard L. Unruh, passed 14 June 2016.

Let's remember our Detachment fallen Brothers; Lawrence DesJardines, Joseph Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, and

Harry McDole.

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 Gods 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
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



21 June 2016

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

Commandant McClelland called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present. There were a total of 33 present, 27 regular members and 6 associate members.

Applications for Membership: Tanya Jackson retired GySgt. submitted application for membership and was sworn in by Commandant McClelland. Commandant McClelland indicated a second application was turned in and he hopes to see him at the next meeting.



New Member Tanya Jackson sworn in by Commandant McClelland

Standing Committee Reports:

Patriotism Committee: 380 flags have been replaced to date.

River Walk Clean-Up: Next clean-up is scheduled for 23 July. Meet at Cox Landing 0900; coffee, juice and Duncan donuts will be provided.

Young Marines: Sgt Lowman has been away shutting down his business and will become a teacher next school year. GySgt Jackson is on his staff and has brought the DI to the program. During the 1st and 2nd weekends in August the Young Marines will be going thru the cope course aboard MCLB along with units from Alabama. There will also be units from Florida, Alabama, and North Carolina coming for whitewater rafting and training at one of the north Georgia Boy Scout camps. This is the first time these events have

been held in Georgia, so if all goes well we're hoping National will conduct more activities in Georgia.

JROTC: Cadets travelled to Parris Island, SC where they participated in close order drill, cope course, rappelling, indoor marksmanship range, and gas chamber. They observed recruits on the rifle range and toured the museum. They had breakfast with the Depot Commander, attended a receiving brief, and two graduations.

Correspondence: Received a thank you card from Kay Reagan with the DAR for the flag folding, a thank you card and \$50 donation from the Thronateeska Chapter of the DAR for the same flag folding, and a thank you card from Val Zombro, widow of MGySgt. Zombro.

New Business: Marine Adams let the members know that Marine Charles Bushnell will remain a member of our detachment, but that he and his wife will be travelling so we will not see them at our meetings. He also expressed appreciation for what Marine Bushnell and his employer have done for the detachment.

Good of the League: (1) For the last few years, we have manned a table at the base's annual Independence Day celebration on 1 July. It was agreed that the table would provide a good opportunity for recruiting. (2) Marine Hammack asked if the detachment would provide a flag folding ceremony at First Christian Church on 30 June; a detail has volunteered. (3) Delinquent members: we need to make contact with those that are delinquent and reduce the numbers. Commandant McClelland asked the membership to review the information in The Dispatch and contact individuals they work with or are neighbors, etc. (4) Marine Kirstatter attended the Veterans' Breakfast aboard MCLB and talked to the Sergeant Major about the newly rolled out Honorary Active Duty Program: offers free membership in the League while on active duty. Their status and privileges are the same as a regular member but can't hold elected office. The Sergeant Major agreed to send out a Frost Call to the active duty members aboard the base. At the department convention in May, the Department of Georgia took the Grits Bowl.

Meeting adjourned @ 1909 with singing of the Marines Hymn.

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 follows:

July - No Class
August 5th @1030
September 16th @10300
October 7th @1030
November 4th @1030

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA VETERANS COALITION



We need
volunteers to
assist in burial,
rifle, and flag
folding
ceremonies.



Please contact

Marvin Mixon

at
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Riverwalk Clean-Up July 23, 2016 0900



Meet at Cox
Landing

Coffee, juice, and donuts
will be provided.

*The DesJardines
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Patriot Corner



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The Star Spangled Banner

*Oh, say! can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming;
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there:
Oh, 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 through the mists 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 fully glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh, 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 washed 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.*

*Oh, thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved 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.*



YOUNG MARINES



YM Staff Sergeant Promotions



YM Private First Class Promotions





JROTC



The Westover High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC cadets conducted their annual Leadership/Orientation Camp training visit at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina from 13 thru 17 June 2016.

Thirty-Five cadets participated in the weeklong training evolution consisting of leadership skills training, physical fitness, close order drill, and various other training exercises as part of their annual capstone training event.



The cadets were led and escorted by a seasoned drill instructor and had the opportunity to participate in training at the Repel Tower, Gas Chamber, Obstacle Course, and the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Training (ISMT) rifle course. The cadets were also able to observe live fire marksmanship rifle training of actual Marine Corps recruits at the Weapons Training Battalion Marksmanship rifle range.

Leadership briefs as well as briefs on Marine Corps history were conducted at the Iwo Jima/Purple Heart memorial exhibits. One-on-one discussions on core values were also held with their drill instructor escort.

During the latter part of their visit, the cadets attended a morning colors flag raising ceremony and witnessed firsthand a Marine Corps recruit graduation ceremony.



Westover's MCJROTC at the Morning Colors Ceremony with the Commanding General, Brigadier General Austin E. Renforth and SgtMaj Angela M. Maness MCRD, Parris Island.



Senior Marine and Marine Instructors for the Westover High School MCJROTC unit are Lieutenant Colonel Don Mills and Master Sergeant Willie Jordan.



Good of the League



MEMBERS UP FOR RENEWAL

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
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Welcome New
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Joe Najjar



Detachment 1260
Next Meeting



Tuesday
July, 19 2016
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For more information on the activities of
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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS



MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

TYPE	Regular	Associate
LIFE MEMBERS	16	2
ANNUAL MEMBERS	54	15
NEWMEMBERS	4	0

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

TYPE	Regular	Associate
ANNUAL MEMBERS	19	2
SUB-TOTALS	93	19
TOTAL	112	

Monthly Veterans Breakfast

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

6:00 a.m.



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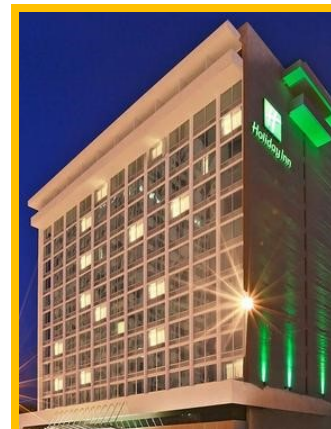
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Memories of a Marine



“DON’T LOCK YOUR KEYS IN YOUR WALL LOCKER”

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

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

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

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

The DIs had us all lined up in front of our racks nattily attired in our white skivvy shirts with matching boxer shorts that came down to our knees. They then had us play games with our rifles and when the fun was over, I put my rifle in my locker and proceeded to secure my locker and it only took me 5 seconds to realize that I had locked my keys in the wall locker.

Obviously, I had to inform my DI what I had done. That’s when the fun really began for the other 41 candidates and terror began for one skinny candidate as both DIs descended on me and proceeded to berate me and I can’t use the language because “Ladies” will be reading this classic. The Senior DI informed me that I would have to go to the first deck

and get the bolt cutters from the 1stSgt’s Office.

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

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

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

S/F

Bob Adams

P. S. I think I made a good case for using “Combination” locks

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J. F. SHRADER

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Marine Corps History



The meaning of 'Oorah' traced back to its roots

By Lance Cpl. Paul W. Hirseman III

Training and Education Command
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Quantico, VA

MCRD/ERR PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. -- "Oorah!"

Marines hear it each and every day. Ingrained into Marine minds since boot camp, this distinctly Marine call is barked back and forth in an almost endless stream of motivation. However, take a step back and ask that Marine, "where did 'Oorah' come from exactly?"

The answer is rarely the same. Countless stories abound regarding the mysterious origins of our beloved phrase.

However, unlike many Marine traditions, "Oorah" is rather new. As any veteran of the past 50 years would say, no Marine before 1950 could be found saying it. The true popularization of the word came in the '80s and '90s, when it fully emerged from the murky secrecy of Marine reconnaissance through drill instructors and by other means into use by Marines around the world.

"As far as I had been told, 'Oorah simply means 'let's kill,'" said Staff Sgt. Hugo Monroy, drill instructor for Platoon 1094, Delta Co., 1st RTBn. "As far as its origin, I really don't know. I always assumed it was simply a Marine tradition that was passed down from Marine to Marine."

The stories of "Oorah's" origins range from the logical to the absurd, including stories such as it being Turkish for kill, which is in fact öldürmek, or even simply a direct counter

against the Army's "Hooah."

But where did the word really come from?

Marines and historians have determined the true origins of "Oorah" lie with recon Marines stationed in Korea in 1953. During this time, reconnaissance Marines in the 1st Amphibious Reconnaissance Co., found themselves traveling via submarine to where they were needed. The memorable call of "dive, dive!" would be called on the intercom and a klaxon alarm, which made a very distinct "Aarugha" sound, would announce the descent of the sub below water.

The recon Marines, who heard this sound often, started using it as a motivational tool during runs and physical training. Over time, the word "Aarugha" came to be too much of a mouthful, and eventually molded itself into the familiar "Oorah," according to Maj. Gary Marte, a retired Marine.

Confirmation for this version of the story rests with the official Marine Corps Training Reference Manual on the history of Marine recon, titled "Aarugha," the manual gives credence on the origination of the phrase with reconnaissance Marines.

"Oorah" is just one of the things that separates Marines from any other branch of service, and has become a part of our lasting history.

"It is the traditions, the history, that makes Marines stand out," said Aulton Kohn, Parris Island Museum information receptionist. "The stories passed from drill instructor to recruit, and from Marine to Marine, they add the color to the Corps."



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