

# Marine Corps League-Dept. of Georgia



*"ONCE A MARINE...ALWAYS A MARINE..."*



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**From the Commandant— Robert "Moon" Mullins**

Marines, this calendar year is coming to a close, and we had a very active year. We have Chartered some new Detachments and that is a good thing, but we are having some challenges with recruitment and unpaid members. These are on going problems and I don't know of any Detachment that is not experiencing them. I do know that we must come up with a game plan to address the situation. I am asking all Commandants to take a look at what can be done in your Detachment that might be of interest to improve these issues and get members involved. As you know we have an on going battle with the Department of Alabama for the Grits Bowl, which is awarded yearly to the State having the most numbers in relation to the most Detachments formed and member recruitment. We can keep the Bowl here in Georgia, just by getting our unpaid members to renew and/or paid up. I would like for all of us to put forth an effort to get all of the unpaid members back on board.

I hope that the Commandants e-mail addresses have been useful to you, and I will continue to use it to keep all of you informed.

Some of our members are having some health issues and we wish them well and a speedy recovery. Also, we should continue to remember the fallen and their families and do all that we can to be as supportive as best we can I want to wish each and everyone of you a joyous holiday season

*Robert "Moon" Mullins*

Commandant-Dept. of Georgia

## **Your Dept. of Georgia Officers 2009-2010**

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### **Highlights**

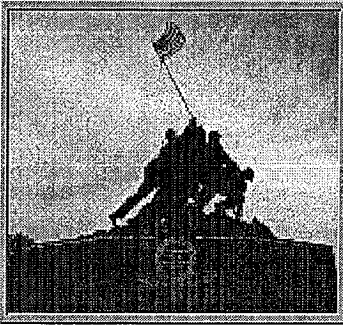
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- BUSINESS MEETINGS
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### **MCL Detachments**

Greater Atlanta Det.  
Aubrey Gilbert Det..  
Clyde Thomason Det  
Currahee Mountain  
Dalton Georgia Det.  
Gen. Ray Davis Det.  
Georgia Black Sheep  
Glynco Det.  
Jake Puryear Det.  
Joseph Schmittou Det  
Kings Bay Det  
LtCol Jimmie Dyess  
Maj. Stephen  
W.Pless  
Maj Lawrence  
Desjardines  
Middle Georgia Det  
North Ga Mountain  
Pfc Geo Eiland Det.  
Savannah Det.  
Sgtmaj Louis  
Roundtree  
Unicoi Det.  
Upper Chattahoochee  
West Chatham Det.  
Woodstock Det.

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## MCL NATIONAL NEWS



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE  
MARINE CORPS

Opened to the public on 1 November 2006, the National Museum of the Marine Corps is a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines — past, present, and future. Situated on a 135-acre site adjacent to the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia, the Museum's soaring design evokes the image of the flag-raisers of Iwo Jima and beckons visitors to its 118,000-square-foot structure. World-class interactive exhibits using the most innovative technology will surround visitors with irreplaceable artifacts and immerse them in the sights and sounds of Marines in action.

## MCL Department News:

The Department of Georgia has several openings for some of our on going endeavors. Take a look at this list and if you can fill in and take over please let your Department Commandant know that you are interested.  
V.A.N.S.  
MARINE LIAISON  
HOT-TRIKE PROGRAM  
DEPT.PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MARINE 4 LIFE  
MJROTC  
AMERICANISM  
FALLEN MARINES  
CARE PACKAGE  
YOUNG MARINES  
BOY SCOUTS  
MINORITY  
RECRUITMENT  
YOUTH PHYSICAL  
FITNESS PROGRAM

The VA is now accepting applications for the post 911 GI Bill benefit that is effective August 1, 2009. Individuals with active duty service since Sept. 11, 2001 may be eligible for the benefit and can apply on line at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

## UNIFORM REGULATIONS: The Basic Cover



The basic Marine Corps League Uniform Cover

The minimum Marine Corps League uniform is the basic cover. While wearing the cover you are considered in uniform and under arms. The basic cover is the single most important part of your MCL uniform, without it which, no other part of the uniform may be worn. No pins, medals or ribbons may be worn on the

cover other than the EGA on the left side and approved identification strips on the right side.

All members of the League are authorized to wear the red MCL cover. Members elected to department offices are authorized to wear the red cover with gold crown. Members elected to national of-

fices may wear the solid gold cover. The National Commandant is authorized to wear the white cover.

For more information on MCL uniforms go to the MCL national web site or see National By-laws, enclosure #3



## MCL SOUTHEAST DIVISION NEWS

Southeast Division Conference March 3-7 2010  
Mobile Al.  
Hotel is Ashbury Hotel & Suites,  
600 West I-65 Service Road, Mobile Al  
Contact 1-800 752-0398 for reservations. Ask for MCL rate of \$73.00 per night or on-line at [www.ashburyhotel.com](http://www.ashburyhotel.com)

Southeast Division coins are still available. See the order form on the SE web site at [WWW.sedivmcl.org](http://WWW.sedivmcl.org)

David Cates, SE Aide de Camp-National  
Vice Chief Devil Dog  
PDD Dan Hoffman

SE Div Leaders are  
Dave Gardner, Nat. SE Div Vice Commandant  
Jim Smith, Asst. Div Vice Commandant  
Chuck Tidwell, SE Div Adjutant

## MCL SE DIVISION DEVIL DOG NEWS

Woof Woof to all the Devil Dogs of the Southeast Division. I am honored and proud to be your new Vice Chief Devil Dog for the best Division in the Kennel. Many of you may remember me as the Past Pack Leader from South Carolina for four of the past six years. I have recently spoken to all of the Southeast Division Pack Leaders and look forward to working with them to make this a

banner year for our Division and the Kennel. We need to emphasize the FUN and HONOR part of becoming and being a Devil Dog, to train our new Pups well, and to work on the retention of our Dogs by keeping them involved and active. The way to ensure our growth is to extend the honor of joining our ranks to active League Members with an invitation to join the Devil Dogs. Our

Growls need to be well published and scheduled well in advance for maximum participation. I am making plans to attend several Pack Growls as I travel with my show dogs through the Southeast. Semper Woofing, PDD Dan Hoffman, Vice Chief Devil Dog, Southeast Division, 803-422-6842



## MCL DETACHMENT NEWS-GREATER ATLANTA #647

### Greater Atlanta Det.

Members of our Detachment participated in the Annual City of Marietta Veterans Day Parade. Our annual Toys For Tots program is underway and we're working hard to make Atlanta the number one city in the US for the collection of toys. Our paymaster Big Al Meade has been laid up in the hospital with congestive heart failure. Please keep him in your prayers for a full recovery

We meet on the first Saturday of each month at the Delkwood Grill, 2769 Delk Road, Marietta. Come join us if your in the area.  
OFFICERS  
Christian Roberts-Commandant  
Geo Lewis Sr. Vice  
Fred Gibson: Jr. Vice  
Geo Bailey: Judge Adv.  
Deane Gilmour: Sgt of Arms

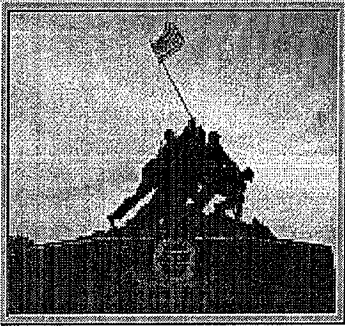
Contact Christian Roberts for more info at [marine64@comcast.net](mailto:marine64@comcast.net)

Big Al Meade: Paymaster  
Ruben Scott: Young Marines  
Deane Gilmour Sgt of Arms

Semper Fi  
Christian Roberts  
Commandant

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## MCL DETACHMENT NEWS: Maj. Lawrence Desjardines Det.



THE MARINE  
CORPS LEAGUE  
WELCOMES THE  
NEW AUBREY  
GILBERT  
DETACHMENT  
#1312

### Members Deployed:

Marine Ken White is deployed to Iraq and is due to return in June 2010. Marine Mike Memolo has PCS'd to Okinawa and wishes to remain a member of our detachment.

**August** – We welcomed several Marine reservists home from Afghanistan & Kuwait as they arrived at the Albany Airport. Several detachment members attended the memorial service for retired GySgt Jerome Parker. A Blood Drive, cosponsored with local VFW Post, netted 33 pints of blood for a school project for Sarah Holden. Sarah is the granddaughter of a deceased detachment member. Retired Master Gunnery Sergeant and detachment member Nick Retza, a member of the Chosin Few Fraternity, gave the detachment a briefing on his experiences in the Chosin Campaign of the Korean War.

**September** - The Detachment once again provided support for the International Flag Ceremony Field of Flags. We presented certificates to three Eagle Scout Award recipients. We welcomed home several Marines back from Iraq at the local Airport. Several Marines held a Veterans Social at the Leesburg Nursing Home. Several of our Marines attended the POW/MIA Recognition

breakfast. The Detachment mailing address has changed. Our new address is: Maj Lawrence DesJardines Det 1260, P.O. Box 70971, Albany, GA 31708-0971.

**October** – Hosted a social at the hospitality suite of the Hilton Garden Inn before the Battle Color Ceremony and also assisted with seating for the event at the Albany Civic Center. 16 members of the detachment & their guests participated in the Riverwalk cleanup, they collected 23 bags of trash, nine tires, a portable gas powered water pump, power pole insulators, a cooler, Styrofoam blocks, a wood table, & a large plastic barrel. Retired Master Sergeant Silas Barnes spoke to us about his time as a Japanese prisoner of war. He joined the Marine Corps on October 19, 1940 and is celebrating his 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Marine.

**November** - Several of our Marines held a Veteran social at the Palmyra Nursing Home. We greeted six Civilian-Marines returning from deployments to Iraq upon their return at the Albany Airport. Members of the detachment participated in area events in celebration of Veteran's Day-We had three groups go to area schools, many Marines went to the Veteran's breakfast at the American Legion & participated in the Flag raising

ceremony. Detachment Marines participated in both the Det 2 and LOG-COM/Base birthday Balls. Money was donated by the detachment to assist Det 2 Marines Reserves who otherwise would not be able to afford to attend their Birthday Ball, also tickets were donated by Detachment members at Battelle for enlisted active duty Marines stationed at MCLB for their Birthday Ball.

**Upcoming** - December 15<sup>th</sup> – we will hold our elections for the 2010 Officers. We will assist with the Toys for Tots drive again this year.

**New members:** 3

**Renewals:** 3

**Total Membership:** 69

**Members in Distress:**  
None

Semper Fi  
Rob McCarthy  
Commandant





**MCL DETACHMENT NEWS: KINGS BAY DET. #1229**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Kings Bay Detachment will be **Tuesday, 08 DEC** at **1900** hours at Kings Bay VFW Post James Jarrett Brown #8385.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The detachment is striving to increase membership. Currently working on By Law re-write to include Associate membership in assisting with our membership problems.

**INDIVIDUAL DEPARTURE / RETURN** The de-

tachment has been present at four Troop Returns to Jacksonville

International Airport as a welcome home to returning troops from Afghanistan, Iraq and Cuba.

**TOYS FOR TOTS**

Coordinator Frank Fornili and the detachment are very busy in our community collecting Toys and Donations. At present we have 1025 children approved for assistance.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT – NOV.21**

**TOY BALL- NOV. 22**  
**BIKE RIDE- NOV. 28**  
**WALMART-4,5,AND 6**  
**DEC 0800-1800**

**9/11 CEREMONY**  
Remembrance held with VFW Post and MCL Commandant as the speaker. Local community leaders and community service members were present.

**VETERANS DAY PARADE**

The detachment marched with other Veteran Groups for a very memorable day Semper Fi,

- Commandant: Frank Fornili
- Sr. Vice Jerry Hitchcock
- Jr. Vice James Dumas
- Judge Adv Reggie Walters
- Adjutant Rob Wallace
- Paymaster Carol Segovia
- Chaplain Troy Wise
- Sgt.at Arms Bernard Peoples
- Public Relations Officer Bill Lynne
- Web Sergeant Rob Wallace

**MCL DETACHMENT NEWS: JAKE PURYEAR DET. #1020**

Meetings: first Saturday of the month at the Rome-Floyd County Library; Riverside Parkway, Rome, GA  
Commandant Dick Richter  
Sr.Vice Vern Miller  
Jr. Vice O. G. Moorehead  
Judge Adv. Jack Ballard  
This quarter several Marine Corps League members, including Everett Stewart, Gene Free, Johnny Davis, and Ron Johnson worked hard to restore the Japanese cannon that is located at the MC Amory. This project also had the assistance of students of Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Rome campus. The cannon will remain here in Rome when the Armory officially closes on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2009.

Ten members of our Detachment went to Centre, AL in support of our own Billy Godfrey, who had a book signing for his newly published

book, entitled "Here Come the Marines  
MCL members Bruce and Bret Behner assisted with the production and manuscript editing to make this project successful.

Collection boxes for Toys 4 Tots were distributed, thus beginning the first phase of our new program. Ken Futch (M/ Sgt USMC ret.) is heading up Toys 4 Tots for our Detachment since we no longer have the Marine Corps Reserves to help. With the Armory closing we will be holding Toys 4 Tots at the Coosa Valley Fairgrounds this year. Ken started the T4T meetings in September and put it in high gear this month. The honor graduates of the first three Young Marines Basic Training classes were presented a certificate, ribbon and a nameplate on the Lee Mowery Memorial Plaque. The

Young Marines have been very active this quarter. They attended a training program at the Smyrna airport in Tennessee. They also did community service at Berry College and the Richard B. Russell Airport in Rome. At the airport, several cadets were able to fly with the "Tiger Flight" aviators. James Moore, MCL member is doing an outstanding job with this program.

We had our combined Marine Corps Birthday dinner and celebration of our Detachment's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We invited the I&I staff as our guests to honor them for all they have done over the years. Captain Harrelson, who is the fifth I&I OIC, was presented a plaque of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Unit Designations, Rome, Georgia from 8 Jul 1947 through 14 Jan 1994. This was our

We had our color guard at the Veterans Day program at Myrtle Hill Cemetery. The Marine Corps League and Auxiliary laid wreaths.

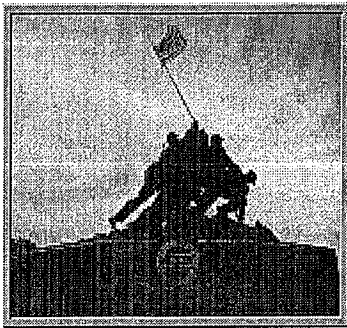
**Sun., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>** We hosted the annual Toys 4 Tots Freedom Seekers fundraising bike ride. Despite the rainy weather, we had over 100 participants we fed lunch to this year and raised \$200.00 plus many toys donated by the riders.

The members of Jake Puryear Marine Corps League would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Semper Fi,  
Dick Richter  
Commandant

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## DETACHMENT NEWS: Joseph Schmittou Det 1083, Athens, Ga



Joseph Schmittou Det 1083, Athens, Ga  
2010 Officers elected and installed,  
Commandant, Frank Corrick  
Sr. Vice, Gary Keene  
Jr. Vice, Ike Eidell  
Judge Advocate, Doug Cosby  
Adjutant, Ray Fairman  
Paymaster, Frank Corrick  
Chaplain, Donald Chavez  
Svc. Officer, Gary Locke

Preparations continue to move forward for 2010 State Convention. Dates and Hotel confirmed, and will be discussed at Staff Meeting.

Detachment lost life member Louis Truesdale in June. Louis was a WWII fighter pilot.

**Semper Fi**  
**Frank Corrick**  
**Commandant**



THE DEPT. OF  
GEORGIA  
WELCOMES  
WEST  
CHATMAN TO  
THE MARINE  
CORPS LEAGUE

## DETACHMENT NEWS: West Chatman Det. 1326

. As one of the newest Detachments in the state, Chartered in March, we continue to push to increase enrollment in our detachment. We currently stand at 34 full members and 7 Associate Members.

The West Chatham Detachment #1326 is very active in promoting the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Program. The Detachment, in conjunction with the Pickin Pig Restaurant sponsored two concerts on behalf of the Toys For Tots Program. The concerts brought in a total of \$1,242.72. The Detachment also held two fund raising drives for Toys For Tots that brought in an additional \$414.38 for a grand total of \$1657.10

Detachment members have also been very active

in support of both the USO and the American Red Cross. Members have participated with the Red Cross during the pre-deployment phase at the Hunter Army Airfield DACG which handles all in bound and out bound departure of troops headed to Iraq and/or Afghanistan.

The Detachment currently is providing volunteers to support the local USO. Members work the USO Office at the Savannah International Airport helping Marines from the local bases in South Carolina as well as other military traveling in and out of Savannah on orders or leave.

The Detachment contributed over \$5,000.00 to the Savannah USMCR towards their Birthday Ball. The money was raised through the 2nd annual

Savannah Marine Golf Classic in support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Beach and Terminal Operations Company stationed in Savannah.

The Detachment was admitted to the Veterans council of Chatham County. The Council is very active in the creation of a World War II monument that will be built on River Street. They also are responsible for the annual Veteran's Day Parade held in November.

The West Chatham Det meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening at 1900 hrs at Randy Woods Guitars on Hwy 80 in Bloomindale, GA.

Semper Fi,

Mike English  
Commandant





**MCL DETACHMENT NEWS: AUBREY GILBERT DET. 1312**

Aubrey Gilbert Detachment 1312 plans to have a Young Marines program going by years end. We have started forming a committee to accomplish this goal, and we are planning a fundraiser to support the program.

Detachment Officers  
Commandant: Herb Bradley  
Sr. Vice: Jack Gilbert  
Jr. Vice: Roger Knowles  
Judge Adv. Doug Vassey  
Adj/paymaster: James Pack  
Chaplain Bill White  
Sgt.Arms Eldon Kidd  
Web Sgt.Eric McBee

Semper Fi  
Herb Bradley-Commandant

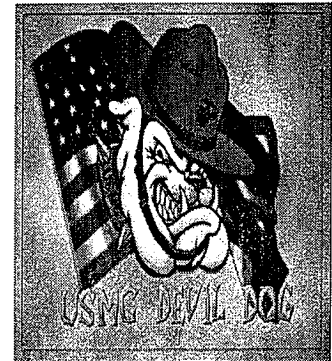
We are also supporting a Toys for Tots concert, featuring local bands and musical acts, to be held November 7.

Our detachment meets at 10:00am on the third Saturday of each month at the Carrollton VFW restaurant. Visit our website at [www.westgamarines.com](http://www.westgamarines.com)

**MCL DETACHMENT NEWS: PFC GEORGE EILAND DET.1040**

The PFC George Eiland Detachment #1040 celebrated the United States Marine Corps Birthday with a great banquet, attended by thirty-five members and their guests. Everyone was dressed in their finest and all Marines past and present were remembered, with a special prayer for those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan at this time.

date of our annual Toys-For-Tots campaign. This will continue until 21 December, at which time all toys and donations will distributed. In an effort to give the campaign some momentum, the Commandant of the detachment appeared on the local television station as a guest of the Community Development Director and made a pitch for participation by all citizens of LaGrange. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all Bill Newman, Commandant  
PFC George Eiland Detachment #1040  
LaGrange, GA  
PFC GEORGE EILAND DET.  
PO BOX 974  
LAGRANGE, GA. 30241



02 November was the kickoff

**MCL DETACHMENT NEWS: LtCol JIMMIE DYESS DET.921**

September one of our members passed away and we are working with his widow to help her with anything she needs.

October the detachment participated in the Boy Scouts Jamboree held on Ft Gordon, Jimmie Dyess Day. October also found the detachment participating in Augusta's Boshears Skyfest where we sold ball caps for as a detachment fund raiser. The detachment provided refreshments to the Marines and Sailors running in the Tribute to the Fallen Run the Marines and Sailors of Ft Gordon held. At the conclusion of the run, the detachment provided a gift to

the male and female Sailor Members of our detachment and Marine who ran the celebrated the Marine Corps most miles throughout the Birthday by attending the Marine Corps Birthday Ball with along with the Riverfront the Marines from the two units Marines (North Augusta on Ft Gordon. MCL Detachment 1132) and the Augusta Marine Corps Reserves have been busy with the 2009 Toys for Tots program.

Semper Fi,  
Don Murray  
Commandant  
MCL Detachment 921



## Department of Georgia Agenda

December 5, 1100hrs: Quarterly Staff Meeting

Delkwood Grill, 2769 Delk Road, Marietta Ga 30067

East of I-75 N exit 261

Plan on staying for lunch following the meeting.

( meeting room only open at 10:30am no service until 11:30am)

New Commandant Moon Mullins will be discussing:

- 1) Having 4 state regions in Georgia due to our increase in size
- 2) New VA hospital proposals
- 3) New meeting room for quarterly staff meeting
- 4) 2010 State MCL Conference– Athens GA

From the National Marine Corps league Director– Mike Blum

Marines and Friends of Marines –

Received notification from Congressman Walter Jones' office notifying me that Senator Roberts (a Marine) from Kansas has dropped (presented) a companion bill to HR 24 (a bill to re-designate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps). The Senate bill is S.504.

The National Security Act of 1947 spells out the mission of today's Marine Corps and defines the Marine Corps, Army, Navy and Air Force as the four services given statutory missions. It clearly indicates that the Marine Corps is a legally distinct military service within the Department of the Navy. Furthermore, in 1986, through landmark legislation known as the Goldwater-Nichols Act, Congress formally acknowledged the roles of each service's Commanding Officers. The act stated each branch's Commander serves equally as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and, when called upon, as military advisors to the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Counsel, and the President.

**Support for renaming the Department of the Navy to the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps** has been the House position for the last eight years, as it has been included with little debate in the annual *National Defense Authorization Act*, only to be stripped from the bill during conference with the Senate.

Your Marine Corps League has worked long and hard, side-by-side with Congressman Jones and others to make this happen. We feel this year is our best chance to get this passed in the Senate.

We ask that you make every one you know, aware of our need for Senate support. Encourage them to write and call their Senator's office. Tell them Marines have always stepped up to protect the rights and freedoms of our United States. We only ask that in return, the United States Marine Corps be recognized for its contributions to this Nation by redesignating the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

## SECRETARY NAPOLITANO UNVEILS NEW VETERANS WEBSITE DESIGNED TO HIGHLIGHT VETERAN EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

WASHINGTON—Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano today unveiled a new website designed to provide a one-stop location for veterans and veterans organizations to learn about DHS' many veteran outreach initiatives and hiring and contracting opportunities.

"This new website reflects the shared commitment across the Department to hiring American veterans," said Secretary Napolitano. "Veterans play a vital role in the Department of Homeland Security's mission to protect the nation, and this website will help us build our veteran workforce to more than 50,000 Department-wide by 2012."

Today's announcement comes one day after Secretary Napolitano joined President Obama as he signed an Executive Order on the Employment of Veterans in the Federal Government, which emphasizes recruiting and training veterans for employment at federal agencies, increasing the veteran workforce within the executive branch and assisting recently hired veterans in making the adjustment to service in a civilian capacity.

The new website, available at [www.dhs.gov/veterans](http://www.dhs.gov/veterans), features information for veterans about how to find employment opportunities at DHS, ways to get involved in community-based efforts like Citizen Corps, and special veteran programs such as Operation War fighter and Wounded Warrior, which provide employment opportunities for severely wounded or recovering service members to assist their transition back to the military or civilian workforce.

The website also features DHS procurement opportunities for veteran and service disabled veteran business owners and information about DHS policies and news impacting the veteran community.

The new website is the latest step in DHS' active engagement and recruitment of veterans and veteran-owned businesses. DHS' civilian workforce includes approximately 47,000 veterans, comprising 25 percent of all employees—including Deputy Secretary Jane Holl Lute—in addition to the 42,000 active duty members of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Secretary Napolitano also recently announced the DHS Veterans Outreach Steering Committee—a group of representatives from across the Department who will meet regularly and advise the Secretary on efforts to improve and integrate veteran outreach. At the Committee's first meeting, held in October, she discussed plans to expand existing veterans programs and streamline the Department's veterans outreach efforts to enhance openness and transparency—including the website overhaul announced today. For more information, visit [www.dhs.gov/veterans](http://www.dhs.gov/veterans).

### ATTENTION VIETNAM VETERANS! FYI

Three men stand proudly at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial every day of the year, watching over their comrades in arms whose names are on The Wall.

These vigilant men are, of course, the Three Servicemen statue, which has been a vital part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial site since it was dedicated in 1984.

Unfortunately, time, the elements and the touch of visitors have all worked to damage the finish of the statue. Parts of it are turning green, especially the soldiers' arms, weapons and noses. As you can imagine, this greatly detracts from the aesthetics of this noble piece of sculpture and is not what the artist intended.

As part of our ongoing efforts to help the National Park Service keep the Vietnam Veterans Memorial a place of beauty and reverence for all visitors, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) -- the founders of the Memorial -- has been performing much-needed work on the site, including repairing the irrigation system, maintaining the landscape and refinishing the metal on the flagpole and directory stands. Now, we are turning our attention to the Three Servicemen.

We want to begin work on the Three Servicemen statue next spring, but the repairs will be extensive and costly, and we need your help. Will please consider a donation of \$10, \$25, \$50 or more to help us restore the site of one of the most-visited memorials on the National Mall?

- With a \$10 donation, we'll send you the VVMF "Honor Our Heroes" decal and our 2010 calendar.
  - With a \$25 donation, we'll send you the VVMF book, *Never Forget*, the decal and the calendar.
- With a \$50 or higher donation, we'll send you the limited edition, 25th anniversary of The Wall commemorative coin, as well as the *Never Forget* book, the 2010 calendar and the "Honor Our Heroes" decal.

\*In order to receive this exclusive e-news offer, please type "Memorial Maintenance" in the "In Honor of" section of the donation.

Please click here to make your donation today: <https://www.vvmf.org/index.cfm?SectionID=36>

From Gary Locke- Former Dept. of Georgia Service Advisor

Marines,  
Thanks for your interest in my health.

Unfortunately it is not just the sniffles. It is called "white matter disease" which is debilitating and progressive. Not fatal, but no cure. I was diagnosed about two years ago, but didn't expect progression to be as rapid as it has been. It causes me to have balance problems (walk like a drunken sailor. Have had plenty of practice, so recognize it.) Also problems mentally focusing on projects/goals, and frequent confusion. Other characteristics are similar to Parkinson's. These problems, coupled with my diabetes and complications there from, make me less than effective in what I attempt. I'm having to consider relinquishing my driving privileges due to the confusion, sight problems and no touch sensation in my feet and legs due to peripheral neuropathy. I'm about ready for the salvage yard with little potential for recyclable components.

I regret having to withdraw from the convention committee, but figured it was best for the whole project. Cant say what I will be like 6 months from now.

Also, Sir Commandant, I regret to submit my resignation as your Department Service Officer for the reasons stated.

I realize that with all my frailties, I am still smarter than the average Marine, but we Cephalopods hold ourselves to higher standards than most.  
Respectfully, and Semper Fi!  
Gary

## DETACHMENT MEETING INFORMATION

**DETACHMENT NEWS: LT.COL JIMMIE DYESS DET.#921** **REPORT ATTACHED**  
Meets: Last Tuesday of month at 1900 hrs  
American Legion Post # 205,2102 Highland Ave. Augusta Ga.

**DETACHMENT NEWS: GREATER ATLANTA #647** **REPORT ATTACHED**  
Meets: 1st.Saturday of month at 1100 hrs  
Delkwood Grill, 2769 Delk Road, Marietta GA

**DETACHMENT NEWS: UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE DET #665** **REPORT ATTACHED**  
Meets:1st Thurs. of month 1900 hrs  
VFW POST , 1955 Delta Drive, Gainesville Ga.

**DETACHMENT NEWS: AUBREY GILBERT DET.1312** **REPORT ATTACHED**  
Meets 3rd Sat. of month 1000 hrs  
VFW POST 7804, 1625 Bankhead Hwy,Carrollton, Ga.

**DETACHMENT NEWS: JAKE PURYEAR DET.1020** **REPORT ATTACHED**  
Meets: 2nd Sat of month at 0930  
Location: TBA

**DETACHMENT NEWS:JOSEPH SCHMITTOU DET.1083** **REPORT ATTACHED**  
Meets: 4th Sat. of month at 1900 hrs  
AMVETS, 1001 Winterville Road, Athens GA

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## DETACHMENT MEETING INFORMATION



<b>DETACHMENT NEWS: WEST CHATHAM DET. #1326</b> Meets: 3rd. Mon of month Randy Guitars, 1304 East Hwy.80, Bloomingdale Ga	<b>REPORT ATTACHED</b>
<b>DETACHMENT NEWS:PFC GEORGE EILANT DET. # 1040</b> Meets: 2nd. Mon of month at 1900 hrs Troop City Senior Center, 140 Ragland St., LaGrange Ga	<b>REPORT ATTACHED</b>
<b>DETACHMENT NEWS: KINGS BAY DET. #1229</b> Meets: 2nd.Tues of month at 1900 hrs VFW POST 8385, 150 N.Camden Woods Pkwy., Kingsland Ga	<b>REPORT ATTACHED</b>
<b>DETACHMENT NEWS: MAJ,LAWRENCE DESJARDINES DET.1260</b> Meets:3rd.Tues of month at 1830 hrs River Pointe Golf Course,801 River Pointe Dr., Albany GA	<b>REPORT ATTACHED</b>
<b>DETACHMENT NEWS: MAJ STEPHEN PLESS DET. #1196</b> Meets: 3rd. Tuesday of month at 1900 hrs 1st. Assembly of God,2000 W Macintosh Rd., Griffin Ga	<b>REPORT ATTACHED</b>
<b>DETACHMENT NEWS: CLYDE THOMPSON DET. #1325</b> Meets: First Wednesday of every month The Gathering Place, 203 Macintosh Trail, Peachtree City Ga	<b>NO REPORT</b>
<b>DETACHMENT NEWS: - DALTON GA DET. #1309</b> Meets: Contact Kelly Johnson 706-272-2355	<b>NO REPORT</b>
<b>DETACHMENT NEWS: UNICOI DET.#783</b> Meets:3rd.Monday of month American Legion Post 7807,Hwy. 278, Hiwassee Ga.	<b>REPORT ATTACHED</b>
<b>DETACHMENT NEWS: GEORGIA BLACK SHEEP DET.952</b> Meets: 3rd. Sunday of each month 1300 hrs American legion Post 251, 2760 Duluth Highway, Duluth Ga.	<b>REPORT ATTACHED</b>
<b>DETACHMENT NEWS: MIDDLE GA DET. # 970</b> Meets: 1st Tuesday of month at 1900 hrs American legion Post #3, 5530 Thomaston Rd., Macon Ga.	<b>NO REPORT</b>
<b>DETACHMENT NEWS: SAVANNAH DET.#564</b> Meets: 3rd. Thursday of month at 1900 hrs. Marine Reserve Bld, Hunter Field, Savannah Ga.	<b>NO REPORT</b>
<b>DETACHMENT NEWS: SGTMAJ LOUIS ROUNDTREE DET, 1048</b> Meets: 4th. Saturday of month at 1600 hrs American Legion Post #51,1641 Washington St., East Point Ga	<b>NO REPORT</b>

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**DETACHMENT NEWS: CURRAHEE DETACHMENT #1303** **NO REPORT**  
Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 1800 hrs  
Toccoa Police Training Center, Alewine drive

**DETACHMENT NEWS: GLYNCO DETACHMENT #716** **NO REPORT**  
Meets last Monday of each month at 1900 hrs  
Strike Zone, 380 Millennium Blvd., Brunswick GA

**DETACHMENT NEWS: N. GEORGIA MTN. DET. # 1280** **NO REPORT**  
Meets 3rd.Sat of the month at 0800 hrs  
Annie's, 1995 Talking Rock Highway, Jasper GA

**DETACHMENT NEWS: GEN. RAY DAVIS DET. #1188** **NO REPORT**  
Meets 2nd Sat of the month at 0900 hrs  
Lil Red Schoolhouse, 3184 Newton Drive, Covington GA

**DETACHMENT NEWS: WOODSTOCK DET. #1311** **NO REPORT**  
Meets: 3rd Sat. of month at 0930 hrs  
Right Wing Tavern, 251 East Main St., Woodstock GA

**VA EVENTS**

**VA To Co-Host Event For Veterans In Georgia.**

"The Georgia Department of Veterans Service" and the US Department of Veterans Affairs "will be hosting a veterans' benefits service and information session at the Georgia National Guard Armory in Griffin on Dec. 10." A "number of organizations that provide benefits" to veterans, "including the VA," who will "have representatives at the event."

**VETERANS CENTER OPENS IN MARIETTA GA**

Veterans groups heralded the grand opening of the Marietta Vet Center in Dodd Plaza at 40 Dodd St., suite 700, off Roswell Street in Marietta. Meanwhile, a construction crew and crane spent the day erecting a 32-ton granite wall of honor listing the known names of those interred in Marietta's Confederate Cemetery.

The new Marietta Vet Center - operated by the U.S. Veterans Affairs Department - is the largest of its kind in metro Atlanta. . It provides readjustment **counseling** and sexual abuse counseling, as well as **case management**, community outreach and referral services, plus supportive social services, to combat veterans and their families.

## MCL DETACHMENT NEWS: MAJ. STEPHEN W. PLESS DET. #1196

Our year started with new election of officers in May

We also had several detachment members attending the state convention in Albany GA.

During the Great Griffin May Fling, We manned an information booth, giving out flyers on the MCL and also talking to many citizens about the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps league

We attended the memorial day ceremonies in Griffin and McDonough, with many members in MCL uniforms Members also participated in a wonderful 4th of July parade in Griffin and for our July meeting we held a family style cook-out, inviting many non-members and guests to discover just what we are about.

In August, 12 members and 5 wives made trip to Quantico VA and Washington DC. While we were there, we toured the Marine Corps Museum, attended the evening parade at 8th. and I and visited many of the memorials including the "WALL". However, the most moving experience we had was being able to have our detachment Commandant's (past and present) laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery

### NOVEMBER:

At the invitation of Manchester, GA. Our detachment participated in a parade honoring veterans. Afterwards we were the guests of the local civic groups. Our members answered questions as to how the Marine Corps League Can become a very positive organization in their community.

Hopefully, we made enough of an impact and impression that many Marines in that area will want to form their own detachments.

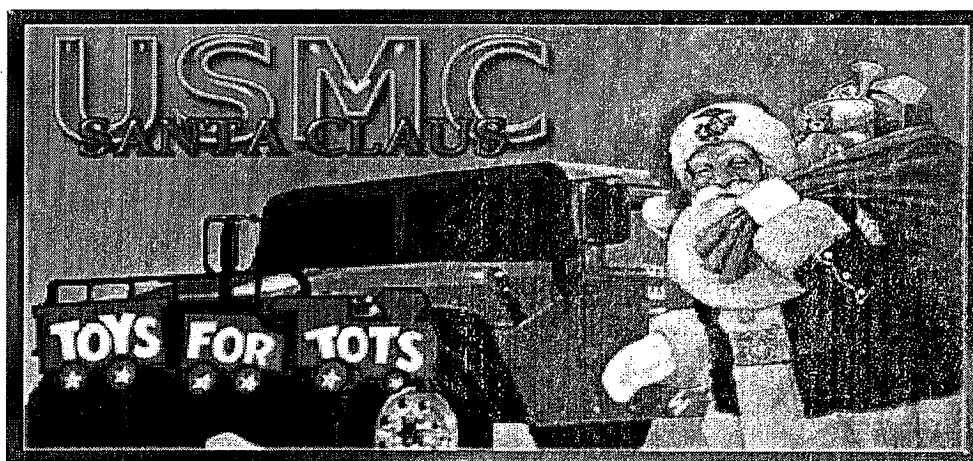
On November 11, 2009, members also attended the city of Newnan's dedication of the statue of Major Stephen W. Pless. Also on November 11th. our detachment was well represented at Griffin's indoor ceremony honoring veterans. As the Marine Corps flag was presented, our group sang the Marine Hymn...the only service group to do so!

November 13th. Our Detachment celebrated our Marine Corps Birthday. Our ceremony was well attended by our Marines, their wives and families.

This year of 2009 has also given us many time to show our area just what Marines are.

Our members have attended or taken part in nine funerals of fallen Marines and two of those funerals were for our fellow Marines and members, Ken Bradley and Bob Mullins. Ken was a Vietnam vet and career Marine and Bob was a Korean vet and detachment charter member.

Semper Fi



**MCL DETACHMENT NEWS: UNICOI DETACHMENT . #783**

September:

This month was final preparations for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Marine Corps Golf Tournament. Sponsorships and donations were very good considering the economy.

At our monthly meeting we passed a motion to hold our November, December and January meeting on Sunday afternoons.

October:

We held our 13<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament on 8 October. The weather was fantastic. 26 teams were signed up. Our Corporate Sponsor, Pat McCallen of ServiceMaster and several of his employees were present to distribute refreshments during the tournament. From all reports, everyone had a great time and were pleased with the way the tournament was run. Our tournament is our biggest fund raiser and is used to help people and families of our communities throughout the year when a need arises.

Unicoi held a picnic at them home of member, Lois Horne on 10 October. 43 members and guests enjoyed turkey, roasted and smoked, along with covered dishes of vegetables and desserts.

40 Toys-For-Tots toy receptacles were put out in late October.

November:

Our Marine Corps Birthday Party, held on 10 November at Moschetto's located in Young Harris, was well attended by 56 members and guests.

December:

Toys will be picked by 15 December with the last distribution by 19 December.

Our December meeting will be held on 13 December in Blairsville in the Community Hall of St. Francis Church at 1500 hours.

January:

Our January Meeting will be held on 17 January in the VFW Post 7807, in Hiawasse, at 1400 hours.

Semper Fidelis!  
Walt Scott  
Commandant

**MCL DETACHMENT NEWS: GEORGIA BLACK SHEEP DETACHMENT . #952**

~~The Georgia Black Sheep Detachment 952 has been hard at work. The Detachment has participated in six parades this season, including Washington, Dc on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with their Re-enactment of the Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima Float. They have one parade left for the season in Lilburn, GA on December 5, 2009; if you are in the area you should come out and support the group.~~

This Toys 4 Tots season is a busy one for the Marines of the Detachment. Jr. Vice Commandant Lori Dashiell was appointed to manage the new Gwinnett County Warehouse on behalf of the Toys 4 Tots. The warehouse is open Saturday 8:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00pm. Volunteers are always welcome. The Georgia Black Sheep Detachment looks forward to presenting our plan for the 2011 conference and we wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commandant – Jeff Covert  
Sr Vice Commandant – Tony Tijerina  
Jr. Vice Commandant – Lori Dashiell  
Judge Advocate – Bill Gray  
Sgt at Arms – James Duffield  
Adjutant – Gene Lowery