IF YOUR DETACHMENT WAS NAMED AFTER A MARINE, GIVE A BRIEF HISTORY
Sgt Clyde Thomason was awarded the Medal of Honor, posthumously, for his actions
on Makin Island on 18 August 1942. For more information visit our website, mcl1325.net.

HAS YOUR MEMBERSHIP INCREASED OR DECREASED SINCE THE 2001 CONVENTION?
We have recorded a year over year increase of approximately 30%

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT REINSTATING DELINQUENT MEMBER?
Our Junior Vice Commandant calls, emails and sends them a letter.

DO YOU USE THE MENTORING PROGRAM IN YOUR DETACHMENT?
Not at this time. See below.

DOES YOUR DETACHMENT HAVE A MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE?
Informal. See below.

DO YOU HAVE A DETACHMENT WEBSITE?
Yes. MCL1325.NET

IS YOUR DETACHMENT CURRENT ON THE NATIONAL LOCATOR?
Yes

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. DOES YOUR DETACHMENT USE IT?
Not at this time. See below.

IS INCORPORATION CURRENT?
Yes. Last registration was 03.26.2012.

The Clyde Thomason Detachment 1325 has enjoyed a busy and productive year since the last
convention.
Here are a few highlights:

- TOYS 4 TOTS – This year we generated $31,000 in donations that allowed us to provide
  over 15,000 toys to 4,900 kids in both Coweta and Fayette Counties. Additionally, we able
  to send approximately 6,000 toys to Greater Atlanta Toys 4 Tots for further distribution.
Increased member volunteerism substantially. This has allowed us to have a growing presence in various Veterans' programs in several areas throughout the year. For example, WWII Days at Falcon Field in Peachtree City, Memorial Day activities in Newnan, Fayetteville Senoia, and Peachtree City. Veterans' Day activities in Peachtree City and Newnan.

- Active participant in the Vietnam Travelling Wall—“The Wall That Heals”—in Newnan. During three days in October, we assisted with serving over 8000 visitors.

- Presented 6 Citizenship Awards to Eagle Scouts

- Nominated four new members for MODD.

- Celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday with over 100 guests.

- Held our First Awards Ceremony—Presented Citizenship awards to three community leaders, and honored our first Marine of the Year—Hank Berkowitz, who is a candidate for the 2012 Department Marine of the Year.

- Refined and implemented our detachment level Fallen Marine Program.

- Developed a NEW MEMBER KIT designed to encourage new members to become actively involved.

Established a Color Guard for use at local community events.

- Hosted the 2012 State Convention. This was a year long program under the leadership of Jim Daughtry and Rodney Riggs. Each area was studied and refined to insure a meaningful and memorable convention for attendees and strong revenue generation for the detachment.

For the balance of this year, our leadership will focus on refining and/or implementing other national MCL programs, including an emphasis on community programs, membership growth and personal development.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Mitchell
Commandant
Marine Corps League
Clyde Thomason Detachment 1325
Serving Coweta, Fayette Counties, Georgia
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Our membership has increased 10% since the 2011 Convention

The couple of members that are delinquent are in the process of re-upping

We are to implement the Mentoring Program in July

We do not have a membership committee, our Jr. Vice is aggressive

Our website is northgamcl.com

We are current on the national locator page

Every member has been presented the Professional Development Program and all appointed and elected officers have used it

Our Incorporation is current

Gary Hammond
Commandant
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Upper Chattahoochee Detachment # 665
Marine Corps League
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

May 18, 2012

“The only thing that ever sat its way to success is a hen!” Sarah Brown, Actress.

Upper Chattahoochee would like to respectfully disagree and agree. For the past 6 months, about a dozen Marines have sat in chairs in a circle for 3 days a week to recycle wire clothes hangers for a local uniform supplier. Aside from raising enough money to sustain a generous budget, foremost of which is caring for the needs of our home grown returning Marines, the impact on the participants of this project has been nothing short of spectacular. Along with the catharsis of recounting military experiences to men who can relate to those experiences, the camaraderie that has developed and inclusion of the more introverted Marines has laid the groundwork for the development of detachment leaders for the foreseeable future. No conversation topic is off the table. Unlike the “hen” Ms. Brown refers to, we feel we have successfully “laid” a golden egg.

Including Associate Members, we have grown by 40% this year. Only one of our members came close to recruiting 5 members which is a tribute to the quality of Marines and associates who are seeking us out or are being recruited. To have 75 members after having been inactive and re-Chartered in 2008 with no active duty Marine facility nearby is a success story beyond our wildest dreams. Our leaders have used a healthy combination of Marine history and tradition, a lighthearted atmosphere, an adherence to MCL policies and Mission Statement and the understanding that we are a volunteer organization. No one is ostracized for putting God and family first with regard to participation in our endeavors. Our delinquency rate is acceptable as many of those who have not renewed have moved away or simply did not want to continue their MCL involvement. I can honestly say that we did everything legally in our power to renew any member we were able to contact. Because of our successful fundraising, we have budgeted a substantial amount for a more pro-active year long membership recruitment campaign.

One of my disappointments was not initiating a mentoring program. We have discussed such a program at staff meetings and I believe that we will see one in the near future. As we prioritized to make sure that the foundation was solidly in place, I felt that our other programs were doing an adequate job of providing orientation and motivation in the short run. The same goes for our fledgling newsletter which is

"Once A Marine Always A Marine."
a priority for our new Commandant, Chuck Bryan.

Also up and running is our website, www.mclgainesvillega.com. Our webmaster/Judge Advocate, Bill Miller has put his extensive computer knowledge to good use and has our website capable of “small miracles” like forwarding e-mails to our private accounts and accepting donations with a link to Pay Pal. He has also kept abreast of the many changes in our Staff positions and meeting sites and days and promptly submitted those changes to the National website.

We found earlier this year that our paperwork to the IRS had never been submitted to certify us as a 501 (c)(4). The original organizers requested and received an EIN but went no farther. We are in the process of correcting our status and should have our certification in the next few months.

One of our proudest accomplishments is the formation of our own Devil Dog Pound during 2011. The experience of Junior Past Commandant (now Past Commandant) Wally Calderon led us through the maze of paperwork, Kennel Officers changes, missing or backordered forms and the inexperience of our members in the ways of all things MODD.

The Upper Chattahoochee Detachment #665 has accomplished a lot since our rebirth in 2008. While we still have room to grow, both in numbers and community recognition and awareness, it has been a pleasure to work with this outstanding group of men and women. Our incoming officers are the most knowledgeable and dedicated Marines that can be assembled in one detachment. Look for great things from Hall county- look for great things from Upper Chattahoochee and God help the “setting hen” that takes too long to produce that egg!

Semper Fidelis

Emilio F. (Cookie) Salinas
Junior Past Commandant
TOYS FOR TOTS AFTER ACTION REPORT
For Campaign Conducted During 2011

Section I: Site Information

Reserve Site/Local Community Organization: Detachment 1083 MCL

Address: 235 Travis Drive
City: Athens State: GA
Zip: 30606

Coordinator: CWO4 Ray R Fairman USMCR (Ret) Phone: 706-614-5867
Fax: None
Asst Coord: Jordan Chinouth Phone: 706-410-4943
Fax: None

Population of area covered by your program: 189000

Describe geographic area (sq mile, # of counties, etc.):
Our campaign served a 1440 square mile area which included 5 Counties in Northeast GA surrounding Athens-Clarke County with an approximate one and a half hour travel time to reach the most distant locations. 3 Counties are very rural and exhibit a much higher need than the remaining 2.

Section II: Contributions

Toy Contributions

Inventory from previous year campaign
Total number of toys: 7521
Total number of books: 0
Total number of stocking stuffers: 0

Foundation Adjustment
Total number of toys: 0
Total number of books: 0
Total number of stocking stuffers: 0

Collected
Total number of toys: 13922
Total number of books: 1344
Total number of stocking stuffers: 3292

Purchased
Total number of toys: 2035
Total number of books: 0
Total number of stocking stuffers: 0

Received from the Foundation (Supplemental & Gift in Kind)
Total number of toys: 0
Total number of books: 72
Total number of stocking stuffers: 0

Totals
Total number of toys: 23478
Total number of books: 1416
Total number of stocking stuffers: 3292

Received from another UNIT(s)
Total number of toys: 0
Total number of books: 0
Total number of stocking stuffers: 0

Sent to another UNIT(s): 0

Total number of toys: 0

Total number of books: 0

Total number of stocking stuffers: 0

Total Distributed

Total number of toys: 18159
Total number of books: 693
Total number of stocking stuffers: 2342

Adjusted Distribution Total For Release To Public: 18859

Total Remaining (New Inventory)

Total number of toys: 5319
Total number of books: 723
Total number of stocking stuffers: 950

Total number of children receiving toys: 7853
Average number of toys given to each child: 2.40

Monetary Contributions

Funds in local campaign account Transferred into local account by the Foundation: $5,526.00
Total of donations collected (begins 1/16/2011): $10,610.47
Total amount forwarded to the TFT Foundation: $10,610.47
Donations not forwarded to the TFT Foundation: $0.00

Provide reasons all donations were not forwarded to the Foundation:

Total amount expended for toy purchases: $17742.45
Total amount expended for other than toys: $0.00
Percentage expended for other than toy purchases: 0.00%

Section III: Community Support

List any local charitable organization that received toys from your campaign:

1. Salvation Army
2. Madison County Action Inc
3. Clarke County Community Connection
4. Greene County Empty Stocking Fund
5. Oglethorpe County Community Christmas
6. Oconee County Secret Santa Program

Section IV: Media Support

Television
List the TV stations supporting, and their network affiliation (ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, etc.): Channel 5 (FOX), Channel 6 (Univ of GA), Channel 11 (NBC), Channel 4 (CBS), Channel 2 (ABC)

Radio
List the radio stations supporting, and their network affiliation (ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, etc.): WMSL 88.9 (IND) COX Communications Syndicate, WRFC-AM, WGMG-FM, WPUP-FM, WGAU-AM, WNGC-FM, WXKT-FM

Section V: Comments
1. List significant promotions or events that were effective:

A. Significant assistance was received from the following Newspapers:
The Athens Banner Herald, The Oconee Leader, The Madison County Journal and The UGA Red and Black.

B. This year the high school challenge I inaugurated last year for all 7 high schools in my AOR as a voluntary competition for an annual TFT HS Challenge Cup was active between Nov 1 and Nov 30 and it produced 2725 toys, 226 stocking stuffers and 57 books. Several of my lower producing more rural counties significantly increased their output through this venture.

C. Our second very voluntary challenge between our 3 major hospitals in my AOR Produced: 491 Toys, 217 Stocking stuffers and 13 Books

D. Again this year I received permission to station 4 Marines in Blue outside the UGA Sanford Stadium at 4 separate locations prior to the Georgia Vs Auburn SEC football game. This may become an annual event. This event resulted in great PR and $3250.47. This was an almost 300% increase over last years event.

E. Numerous Annual Association and Corporate Christmas Parties for specific groups were dedicated to our TFT campaign i.e. The Society of Retired FBI Special Agents, The local MOAA, The City of Winterville, Numerous Departments of the University Of Georgia and the AT&T Pioneers.

F. The local office of the Ellis Pain Center had the rights to a high profile new electronic (LED or Plasma) billboard on a major route right near one of our most productive Wal-Mart stores. They collected toys and were responsible for hundreds of dollars in donation's as well as donating their billboard message to our campaign for the entire month of December.

G. Our Local Toys R Us Store in Bogart, GA Held our opening event and also elected to continue to collect after their corporate stop date. They continued right up until the end of our collection.

H. Our local Post of the Georgia State Patrol worked well with us this year and held 2 Child Safety Seat Checks and Toys For Tots Collection Drives during our campaign that resulted in over 200 Toys and $300.00. They also made a $1000.00 donation from their statewide association to our local Toys R Us store in order to assure the donation benefited The entire state of GA.

I. One of my volunteers, Matt Chastain, who has connections in the video and advertising market came up with an idea for a web based video for our local toys for tots campaign. Matt was placed in contact with the foundation and was cleared to film the TFT video. It used local residents and a local USMCR Sgt as characters and was embedded in many local websites and Blogs. The video can be seen at: prolifik.com (search for Toys for Tots Athens GA)

J. A local MMA Dojo held an open house demonstration day, the cost of entry to which was a toy. They collected in excess of 250 toys and many stocking stuffers and also made a youtube video to tout their success.

2. List any significant problems incurred during the campaign, and any comments or suggestions regarding future efforts:

A. The first problem encountered a lack of volunteers with a USMC background and/or uniforms. I was therefore limited in providing the requested number of uniformed personnel at special events. This was increased by several requests from neighboring campaigns that requested use of my very limited resources in this arena. I was able to gain limited support from our local RSS but I try not to burden them in order to continue our good working relationship throughout the year. I allocated as much time as I could to neighboring LCO's in support of their efforts. I am trying to recruit more Marines with their uniforms in my AOR to address this shortage. I also found
and recruited a Marine Sergeant from an Atlanta-based Reserve unit who volunteered to work in excess of 33 hours for my AOR. I contacted his unit and advised them of his excellent assistance and wrote a letter of commendation to his Commanding Officer. He has expressed his willingness to work with our campaign next year if he remains in our AOR as he has a real desire to stay associated with TFT. (Note: He may move to Charleston SC for a new job)

B. An additional problem was encountered in my efforts to restructure our distribution system. Unsanctioned procedures had been in place when I assumed the position of Coordinator and needed to be redesigned and instituted. Last year I had little time to address this issue and this year I began to deal with the unscreened distribution processes where exceptions had become an accepted practice. I managed to refine the distribution agencies down to one primary agency in each county in my AOR and one overall agency that covers all of my AOR but has a very early application window. Each agency will receive toy requests from applying individuals and 501(c)3 agencies within their county and screen the applicants for eligibility and distribute the toys we provide. This year we managed to get the basics of this network set up and screen the counties that wanted to participate under the SOP set by the MTFFT and the USMCR. During our campaign one county that initially agreed to cooperate changed their mind and decided they could not comply with our TFT procedures and elected to continue to run their operation their own way. They advised our campaign to discontinue directing families in need to their assistance program and remove their contact information from our website. We graciously complied, assisting several families they did not assist in their county through our overall agency. Should our campaign file an application for next year the county realignment will reflect our desire not to compete with the rural county’s 15 year successful program.

C. Our transition to an LCO operation has experienced some expected supervisory and training issues for my transitioning civilian volunteers who are young executives not used to operating in an organized military leadership environment and especially IAW specific SOP’s. Issues such as dress code, punctuality, responsibility, adherence to procedures and accountability were encountered and dealt with by improvising, adapting and overcoming as necessary. Next year I anticipate more use of written detailed directives similar to Five Paragraph Orders to be utilized.

D. Approximately 40% of our donations come in as we are shutting our operation down and for the following 3-4 days after it closes. This drives up our inventory numbers and makes getting our distribution completed in a timely manner. We do need sufficient inventory on hand to meet our first request each year which is our largest request of 3000 to 4000 toys on the 1st of October but keeping our inventory below the 35% ceiling is not always easy. Especially with all our distribution agencies wanting to pick up and distribute just as we are closing our operation. We do the best we can and end up improvising every year. We also receive calls sometimes for weeks after we close of organizations that collected toys right up until the day after Christmas and still want to donate toys. This impacts our inventory as well and finding places to take our surplus takes creativity. It will take a couple of years to accustom our AOR to the increasing efficiency of our operation, but I think things will get easier as time goes on.

3. Did your campaign receive any support from U.S. Marine Corps Recruiters? Yes
Who was Joseph Schmittou, for whom our detachment is named?

According to the roster of those serving on Peleliu the short version of that answer is:

SCHMITTOU, Joseph, M. 1SGT, Co K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. Cited in "Coral Comes High" by George P. Hunt. He spent 28 years in The Corps and retired as a M/SGT.

But The story goes further if you care to look... Joe was the living testimony of the old USMC philosophy, "Once A Marine, Always A Marine."

"Top" Schmittou was a native of Southern Tennessee who joined the U.S. Marine corps in 1937 because, in his own words, "A lot of things were brewing and I knew my country would need every able bodied man she could get, so I had to do my part, but only as a United States Marine."

After graduating from "boot camp" at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island SC, He reported to "Sea School" at Portsmouth VA. After completing Sea School, Joe was assigned to the Marine Detachment aboard the USS Enterprise #7, the first aircraft carrier to carry that name. That ship carried that name nobly throughout WWII. Finishing his tour on "The Big E" Joe was transferred to Guadalcanal as a platoon sergeant bringing with him as the senior enlisted Marine, 1440 replacements.

Joseph Schmittou also saw service on Peleliu and Tuluvu, also known as Cape Gloucester. Cape Gloucester, once the scene of a major battle, is now a quite area of West New Britain. Of his more than 25 months of service in the Pacific Theater, Joe felt that one of his most memorable recollections was the pleasure of serving with Marine Legend, General Chesty Puller, who was a LtCol the first time they met. General Puller was called "Blood and guts" by many folks, but, Schmittou says that he was truly a class act. Of Puller he also points out that when given a job, he got it done, while never asking a Marine to do anything he would not or could not do himself. Joe said that General Puller hated to see any of his men get ever get hurt in combat, as he really cared about their welfare.

It was at Cape Gloucester that Schmittou was awarded the Silver Star for his courage and actions in combat. General Puller himself pinned that medal on Joe's chest. When asked about the combat in the pacific, Joe said The Canal and Peleliu were all tough but the events on Cape Gloucester were the toughest for him. It was there that he had to take over his company on two separate occasions due to the loss of two different Company Commanders. It was after the third Company Commander showed up that Joe himself was wounded. Joe's unit was facing sniper H & I fire as well as incoming heavy artillery fire. Joe took a mach' gun and went forward into the bush. While waiting for a break in the "Arty" another fire team reached the snipers location. While returning to his own lines, Joe was hit and then medevac'd to New Guinea where he spent 39 days recuperating before rejoining his unit.

Joe also served as a First Sergeant in the Korean War where he was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" for his actions during that conflict.
Joe remembered some pretty tough times during his combat years but said he wouldn't trade his Marine Corps career for anything in the world. Joe also felt like the "New Generations" of Marines would always be as good, if not better than the Marines of "The Old Corps."

Joe retired from the Marine Corps in 1959 after serving his four year, "Twilight Tour" at the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens GA. Joe was the first enlisted Marine to be assigned to the NSCS. He lived in Athens after retirement until his death in 1990 with his wife Faye, who also served for two years in the Marine Corps. Joe continued to serve his country and community as a Deputy Sheriff for the Clarke County (GA) Sheriff's Department after he retired from active duty.

Our activities during 2011-2012 include but are not limited to:

1. The election and installation of our officers. They were installed by Department Paymaster Frank Corrick.
3. Formally located our monthly meeting site at Buffalos Restaurant, 196 Alps Road, Athens, GA a location large enough to host department officers, commandants and MOOD meetings up to 150 people.
4. Our Chaplain headed a committee that for minimal expense arranged for a 2 year Marine Corps League Recruiting Billboard that will be moved around our area every three months.
5. Our Membership committee chairman reports that have already added more than 6 members from the effort.
6. Represented the MCL and the Detachment in the Athens Christmas and the Colbert 4th of July parades.
7. Our Web Sergeant has been maintaining our National and Local websites.
8. Reviewing and renewing our incorporation papers.
9. Completing a very successful Toys For Tots campaign in 5 counties that resulted in over 18889 gifts being distributed in our AOR.
10. Several members continuing to visit to the Veterans Coffee which takes place First Wednesday of Each Month 9:00 AM at the Currahee Military Museum 160 N Alexander Street, Toccoa, GA. All Veterans are welcome to attend; there is a short program, followed by refreshments and a time for visiting and reminiscing. There are no meetings in May, November and December.
11. Business card style detachment information cards were made and distributed to members to aid in recruiting.
12. Lt Col Don Walters (Ret) and Maj (ret) Dave Salem have expressed interest in co-Chairing a USMC Birthday celebration in 2012.
13. The purchasing of USMC Museum Pathway Memorial Bricks for L/Cpl Boucher (Local WIA) and 1Sgt Schmittou.
14. Hosting Coach Dan Magill of UGA spoke on events from his WWII USMC service and that of other Marines he knew.
15. Our Sergeant-at-arms was asked to speak at the Oglethorpe county Rotary and they decided to hold a toy drive at their next meeting.
16. Currently in work issues:
   a. Fund Raising Raffle
   b. Postal Pistol Match review
ONCE A MARINE...
ALWAYS A MARINE!

Marine Corps League Meetings
Every 3rd Monday of the Month at 7pm
www.MCLeague.org

Buffalo’s Café - Beechwood

11.15.2011 13:52
To: Sr. Vice Commandant, Department of Georgia, Marine Corps League
From: Commandant, Middle Georgia Detachment – 970
Subj: Quarterly Report

Member: 1 May 2011 – 92  1 May 2012 – 96

A. Our Detachment was not named after a MARINE but for the general location in Georgia
B. Membership increase over 2011 - we have had a 4.5 % increase
C. Delinquent Members - These members are being contacted by telephone and email
D. Mentoring Program - Our program consist of each squad leaders mentoring each
member of their own squad with the assistance of our officers.
E. Detachment Membership Committee - Our Detachment has no Membership
Committee, we just recruit at large.
F. Detachment Website - Our Detachment does have a website
G. National Locator Page - Yes we do
H. Professional Development Program - We do not use this program as a unit but on an
individual basis.
I. Incorporation - Our Detachment is presently current

Respectfully submitted,

Joe W. Barbee, Commandant
Middle Georgia Detachment – 970
Marine Corps League
Report to the 2012 Department Convention Commandants council:

Sir Commandants,
My name is Rich Crumley and I am the 4th Commandant of the Currahee Mountain Detachment 1303. This is my first Commandants council and I thank you for making me feel welcome and appreciated.

If your Detachment was named after a Marine give a brief History of that person.
Our detachment is named after a mountain. It has been around for awhile and has been featured in a few movies and at least one HBO series.

Has your membership increased or decreased since the 2011 Convention? By what %?
Our detachment has experienced an increase of 24% (from 25 to 31).

What are you doing about reinstating delinquent members?
Besides public humiliation, we also contact the delinquent member via snail-mail, email, and telephone. Failing that we execute an operation whereby several current members experience a physical encounter with the individual. We currently have 2 delinquent members and, so far, no restraining orders.

Do you use the Mentoring Program in your Detachment?
We have started a mentoring program this year. Ed Payne, our Sr. Vice Commandant, has been assigned this responsibility and is shaping it to fit our needs.

Do your Detachments have membership Committees?
We are still small enough to be our own membership committee.

Do you have a Detachments website?
We have yet to establish a website of our own.

Is your Detachment current on the National locator page?
We are current on the National locator page.

Professional Development Program, Does your Detachment use it?
We have yet to begin using the Professional Development Program at our detachment.

Is Incorporation Current?
Yes

Rich Crumley
Commandant
Subject: Report for the 2012 Department Convention Commandants Council:

1. If your Detachment was named after a Marine give a brief History of that person.

A. Aubrey Gilbert was an enlisted Marine in WWII. Upon completion of his enlistment, he attended college and received a law degree. He retired from the USMCR as a Colonel. He passed away in 1958. Two of his sons, Aubrey Jr. and John (Jack) are members of our Detachment.

2. Has your membership increased or decreased since the 2011 Convention? By what %?

A. We have increased by: 1.0%

3. What are you doing about reinstating delinquent members?

A. As soon as we receive the National Roster (The March Roster was received on 27 April 2012) the Detachment Commandant works the roster with his JrViceCommandant with Emails and phone calls to all members that are delinquent or are within 60 days of becoming delinquent. A follow up contact is made at least two weeks before they become delinquent. A copy of the National Roster is posted on the Bulletin Board with highlights of members that are delinquent or about to become delinquent. The Detachment will pay the dues of members that are out of work and cannot afford to pay for one year to help them to get on their feet. Dues of members on active duty serving in a combat zone are paid by the Detachment until their return.

4. Do you use the Mentoring Program in your Detachment?

A. We have established the Mentoring Program. The duties of the Mentor was provided to all members via a hand out covering the same. In addition a hand out was provided titled “Things that you should know about the Marine Corps League when recruiting and mentoring a prospective member”.

5. Do your Detachment have membership Committees?

A. Yes. The committees are established in accordance with our ByLaws.
6. Do you have a Detachments website.
   A. Yes.  www.westgemarines.com

7. Is the Detachment current on the National locator page.
   A. Yes.

8. Professional Development Program. Does your Detachment use it?
   A. We have just incorporated a program. The first of which was to furnish a copy of the Guidebook for Detachment Officers to all members holding office in the Detachment. In addition some positions were assigned an assistant for training and backup purposes and future assignment as an elected or appointed officer. More positions will be covered when a member is identified as having a desire and qualifications to hold an office.

9. Is Incorporation Current?
   A. Our Detachment received notice in February that our tax-exempt status has been revoked automatically because we had not filed for the years 2008 and 2009. We filed the 990N-e in June 2011 for the 2010 year. This alerted the IRS that we had not filed for the 2008 and 2009 years. Upon investigating the situation it was found that the original filing was done by one of our members who is a lawyer. He paid all fees as a contribution to the Detachment. He and the law firm in which he was a member filed the original IRS corporation papers as a non-profit for the Detachment. I could not find a copy of the original filing. Our lawyer member was notified and he and the original tax lawyer that filed for us had volunteered to complete the papers for us for reinstatement to the IRS. If the Department leadership would prefer to meet with me concerning this matter and discuss it further I would be glad to meet at your convenience. I do not feel comfortable putting more in writing at this time.

10. In addition to the above requested information the following is submitted on the activities of our Detachment during the past year.
   A. The Detachment participated in the annual Toys for Tots program with great success. 34,000 toys were collected and distributed to 6,500 needy children in four counties.

   B. In August the Detachment Executive Staff hosted a WWII Veteran’s Appreciation Day. We had 14 WWII Veteran’s in attendance. Family members were invited. A BBQ Luncheon with all the trimmings was served. A cake with the Marine Corps Seal on it was served by our Young Marines. The oldest(90) and Youngest(85) were served at the cake cutting Ceremony. We purchased and presented each WWII Veteran that served in a Combat Zone with the Combat Action Ribbon and lapel button. The look of pride on each of these members of the Greatest Generation was well worth the effort.
C. We participated along with the Young Marines in the Carrollton 4th of July and Christmas parades.

D. The Home Bound Detachments Buddy Program has been established for our members.

E. We have started a Veteran’s Outreach Program. This program is to recognize veterans that are homebound or in a medical facility who are unable to take care of themselves. It is designed to sit with the veteran and help the family members while they take care of their needs such as shopping, doctor appointments of their own, etc.

F. We purchased and raffled a M1911A1 45cal Pistol. The Detachment netted $2400.00 from this raffle. We have just purchased a M1 Rifle in pristine condition and are in the process of raffling it off. We should net $3000.00 from this raffle.

G. A Detachment Ships Store has been established using some of the money from the pistol raffle. It has been a great success in getting our members into uniforms. Of course the c is the item most needed and sold.

Semper fi;

C. H. Chuck Feaselman
Commandant
Aubrey Gilbert Detachment 1312
Marine Corps League
Commandants Council Report from the PFC George Eiland Detachment 1040
for the 2012 Department Convention:

1. If your Detachment was named after a Marine give a brief History of that person.

George Marion Eiland (pronounced like "island") was born in LaGrange, Georgia in 1925. George was the youngest of three children born to William H. Eiland and Ella Fisher Eiland. He graduated from LaGrange High School, where he was a star at guard on the football team. He then attended Georgia Military Academy at Milledgeville, Georgia where he played varsity football.

George Eiland joined the United States Marine Corps in December 1942. He went through "Boot Camp" at MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina. He received parachute training at Parris Island and New River, North Carolina and remained in a Parachute Battalion as a Paramarine until those organizations were discontinued. He was also stationed at Camp Pendleton, California before he went overseas in August, 1944.

PFC George Marion Eiland was wounded in action on March 5, 1945 during the battle for Iwo Jima. He died on March 9, 1945 as a result of the wounds received in that action. His mother received posthumously, in his honor, the Purple Heart, a Presidential Unit Citation, and the Bronze Star with combat "V" with the following citation:

"For heroic service as a member of a Marine Battalion, serving with Weapons Company, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 5 March, 1945. Voluntarily serving with a machine gun crew at the front lines, Private First Class Eiland reportedly ran forward in the face of heavy enemy fire to determine the position of cleverly concealed emplacements, he courageously manned his own weapon and continued to fire upon the enemy position until he was severely wounded."

In December, 1948, PFC Eiland’s remains of were returned to LaGrange and interred at Shadowlawn Cemetery.

2. Has your membership increased or Decreased since the 2011 Convention? By what %?

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3. What are you doing about reinstating delinquent members?
   a. First, we instituted a "Buddy Call List" where officers are assigned certain members and they are personally called before every meeting to encourage them to attend. Secondly, we have revised our application process. A prospective member must visit our meeting to see who we are and what we do, then return with a DD-214. That prospective member is asked to tell about himself and his military experience during his first visit. During the meeting, we can learn more about the prospective member. A prospective member may visit more than once if they need the time. This change is to reduce the probability of someone being talked into joining something that is not understood or that does not meet expectations.
   b. Members are reminded when their renewals are due and we follow up if the member does not pay in the month due.
   c. We drop a member when, after talking with that delinquent member, we find that the member has lost interest in the operation of the Detachment or the League. An official letter is sent to delinquent members giving them the opportunity to catch up their dues and return to the detachment before being dropped from membership. They are contacted many times and encouraged to rejoin the other Marines in the detachment.

4. Do you use the Mentoring Program in your Detachment?
   Sponsors are developed while the prospective new member is visiting. Since mid-2010 we have asked the two sponsors of each new member to mentor that new member for the first six months. New members are included in meeting discussions and invited to accept opportunities that are a part of Detachment projects. The newly elected Jr. Vice Commandant is charged with seeing that the program is carried out.
5. Does your Detachments have membership Committees?
An elected officer of our Detachment and the Adjutant/Paymaster has reviewed the DD-214 of each prospective new member since the Detachment was in the formation stage. A formal vote is taken on each applicant and fees are not accepted until the member is accepted. All members are recruiters and encouraged at each meeting to seek new members. We have become more careful with recruitment and selection since recent delinquencies.

6. Do you have a Detachments website?
None beyond the locator page on the National website.

7. Is your Detachment current on the National locator page?
   Yes

8. Professional Development Program, Does your Detachment use it?
   It has not been used by the detachment yet, but we plan to begin soon. It has become one of my goals.

9. Is Incorporation Current?
   The PFC George Eiland Detachment 1040, Marine Corps League, Inc. was chartered January 31, 2000. We were issued our Certificate of Incorporation and it was effective July 25, 2001, Control Number: 0135762. Our renewal for 2012-2013 is up to date. Our 990-N has been accepted.

Semper Fidelis,

Jim Hethcox
Commandant
PFC George Eiland Detachment #1040
LaGrange, GA
2012 Department of Georgia Convention
Commandant's Council Report - 'Jake' Puryear Detachment #1020

Biographical sketch of Marine ‘Jake’ Puryear for which the Rome Detachment is named:
‘Jake’ Puryear was born in August 1896 and served in World War I through World War II. He was a recruiter in the Marine Reserves during Korea and Vietnam. Puryear has been called the ‘Pied Piper of the Marine Corps’ and is reputed to have recruited more Marines than any other single person in the history of the Corps. In 1942 one of his recruits upon receiving his commission at Quantico was asked by then Marine Corps Commandant Thomas Holcombe where he hailed from. When he answered, Rome, Georgia, the Commandant grinned and remarked, “Oh, another one of Jake Puryear’s boys!” During WW I he had been General Smedley D. Butler’s driver. Sergeant Major ‘Jake’ Puryear passed away in July, 1981.

Membership change since 2011 Department Convention:
Detachment #1020 has experienced the passing of 8 members in 2011 and 1 during 2012. In 2012, 3 new members have been sworn in. The total membership is down by 7.87% for the period.

Reinstatement of delinquent members:
Detachment #1020 currently has sent correspondence and contacted delinquent members by phone to encourage reinstatement.

Mentoring Program:
The Puryear Detachment has assembled information in November, 2011, entitled Welcome Aboard! The 36 page booklet covers a comprehensive range of topics specifically designed for new members to the Marine Corps League.

Membership Committee:
Detachment #1020 does not have an active Membership Committee.

Detachment Website:
The ‘Jake’ Puryear Detachment is currently working with a website designer and should be online sometime during 2012.

National Locator Page status:
The Detachment is seeking to maintain updated information on the National Locator Page and it is presently current.

Professional Development Program:
Detachment #1020 does not currently utilize the Professional Development Program.

Current Incorporation status:
Detachment #1020 has renewed its corporate status for 2012 with the Georgia Secretary of State.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Behner, Commandant
‘Jake’ Puryear Detachment #1020
P.O. Box 2065, Rome, GA 30161
Our membership has steadily grown over the past year. At each meeting we have new Marines that want to know what the League is about. We have increased our membership from 60 to 87 Marines and Corpsman since the 2011 Convention, a growth of 45%.

We actively work to keep our Marines on board. Delinquent members are a problem for us all, we try to be aware of any problems that may have led to a member becoming delinquent and speak to them on an individual basis, e-mail and old fashioned “snail mail”. If we find that the problem requires assistance from the Detachment that is then handled on a personal level.

The Mentoring Program is an ongoing process which begins the moment a new Marine comes through the Hatch. We have a member sit with them and keep them aware of what is going on in the meeting. Our Jr. Vice Commandant is actively communicating with new members to let them know what we have to offer in the way of programs we participate in the Marine Corps League. The Jr. Vice Commandant is the head of the Membership Committee and tracks new Marines as they come into our detachment.

Our website is currently active but we are looking for a new Provider to keep our site updated. We are also listed on the National Locator Page. Our Incorporation is current.

The Professional Development Program is used by all elected officers and our Appointed Officers are encouraged to use the program to prepare for their future in the League. We are preparing training leading into our elections for the coming year.

I am proud to have served the Marines of Det. #1339 and feel that they represent the Corps and the League with PRIDE. My staff (elected & appointed) has been outstanding and without their help and leadership we would not have reached the Goals that we had set.

Semper Fi,
Commandant Tom Oakes
McDonough Marines Det. #1339
2012 STATE OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION REPORT

The Woodstock Detachment 1311 is named in honor of Major General Warren R. Johnson, United States Marine Corps. The General’s biography is too lengthy to include in this report but suffice to say Major General Johnson served his Corps and Country with distinction during his 30 year career. The General was commissioned in the regular Marine Corps in June of 1950, upon graduation from the University of Minnesota, where he was a NROTC scholarship student. There were numerous assignments during the General’s 30 plus years in the Marine Corps. General Johnson’s tours included combat operations in Korea and Vietnam. General Johnson was promoted to Major General on June 1st, 1977 and assumed his last command at the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Georgia on July 6th and served in that position until his retirement from the Marine Corps 1980.

General Johnson was a plank owner and member of the Woodstock Detachment until his passing in August of 2010. He was a very active member and was instrumental in the early successes of the Detachment. He was genuinely loved and respected by everyone in the Detachment.

The Detachment membership has increased by 21 members since April 2011 for a 62.5% increase.

We have a very aggressive Junior Vice-Commandant who follows up regularly with members who are no longer members of the Detachment. The majority of those who no longer attend meetings/lapsed membership is because of work schedule conflicts. Most of those are law enforcement officers.

We do not currently use the mentoring program, however since our membership has been steadily increasing the current executive board of the Detachment considering initiating such a program.

We do not have a membership committee.

The National League Web Site is currently being updated along with the Detachments Web Site at www.mclwoodstock.com

Myself and the Junior Vice-Commandant are currently working on implementation of the Program in our Executive Committee training.

Our incorporation is current.

Respectively Submitted
John P. Newport
Commandant
Major General Warren R. Johnson Detachment 1311
Woodstock, Georgia
To date we have six (6) new members.

We have had a total of ten (10) honor guards with rifle volleys and flag foldings. One individual flag folding for a WWII Marine. One (1) funeral and honor guard flag folding for Green Beret in Boiling Springs, SC.

Our Detachment held a fund raiser at the Griffin Mayflying.

We are having good attendance at monthly meetings. Visitors, guest and members average 28-30.

Rifle team has about 200 man hours in practice and actual funerals. Had eight (8) members to attend the funeral in Griffin, Georgia for a soldier killed in Afghanistan.

We currently have a color guard team and we are adding members to our rifle team. Our rifle team meets weekly.

April 21, 2012, participated in the Ms. Georgia Healthcare Nursing Home Pageant. There were 10 Marines in attendance from our Detachment for escorts.

Also, on April 21, 2012, Major S. W. Pless was inducted into the Aviation Hall of Fame Museum in Warner Robins, Georgia. There were 9 in attendance from our Detachment.

Election was held and the following were sworn into office on the 15th day of May, 2012, by Department of Georgia Commandant, Michael Clark:

Randy Barnes – Commandant
Frank Golan – Sr. Vice Commandant
Roy Williams – Jr. Vice Commandant
Dean Agers – JA
Russ Vermillion – Adjutant
Ernest Smith – Pay Master
Lamar Scott - Sgt. at Arms
CC Hinton - Chaplain

We look forward to our Detachment growing.

Semper Fi
Randy Barnes
Commandant S.W. Pless Det 1196
Griffin, Georgia
Department of Georgia
District 5
Annual Report

**District Meeting** – The meeting was held at the Woodmen of the World Lodge in Tifton, Georgia. The only Detachment to attend was the Albany, Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment.

Members of the forming Tifton Detachment attended along with Roy Anderson from Valdosta. The Tifton Marines have decided to make a major recruiting effort in the next three weeks. Roy Anderson thought he was a member of the Macon detachment but, has no membership card. He has decided to join the Tifton Marines until he can get enough interest in Marines in the Valdosta area. Mike Trevino, Albany members suggested several names to Roy as possible members.

We discussed that, in recruiting new members, they have to be very upbeat about the Marine Corps League and about forming a new detachment. To coin a phrase from a past SE Division Conference they must be RED HOT for new members to be lukewarm. I provided several prospect cards to the Tifton Marine and Roy Anderson. We will be meeting on the Second Saturday of June at the Golden Corral in Tifton to check on progress.

**Det# 1260** - The Maj. Lawrence DesJardines Detachment elected new Officer in January 2012. They are working on their delinquent members and are actively recruiting new members. The training program has not gotten off the ground yet. It was determined that a separate training day would be established so as not to prolong the monthly meetings. As the oldest Detachment in the District they are setting an example for the District and are willing to assist their fellow Detachments. Attempts to bring in Marines At Large in the area have not worked either due to work or other volunteer projects going on.

**Det #1333** - The Waycross Detachment installed their new Officers in December 2011. The Detachment has found an alternate meeting place at the Waycross Masonic Lodge. They are getting more visibility in their community by being in local parades. Their Jr. Vice is working hard to assist in retaining and gaining new members. Training and Mentoring is an issue for this Detachment as they lack to proper training themselves to conduct Professional Development or Mentoring.

**Det #1373** – The Central Georgia Detachment installed their new Officers in February 2012. The Detachment celebrated their 1st anniversary on April 2nd. They are very active in community projects for homeless veterans, POW/MIA recognition and bike poker runs. They are setting up a recruiting booth at the Air Force Base. Mentoring and training are an issue for this Detachment as well; many of their members are working aboard the base.

**Tifton AREA** – To date there are only six members signed up to form this Detachment. I have not been able to support them much for the past few months. They don’t seem to have many who wish to form the detachment and attend regular meetings.

**Valdosta Area** – I have only contacted one prospective member from this area. I will be able to support them more

District 5 Vice Commandant, Tom Newton
General Ray Davis MOH, MCL Detachment #1188

Covington GA

Serving in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, his single most notable endeavor was the salvation of hundreds of trapped Marines during the 1950 Battle of the Chosin Reservoir while commanding the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines; for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor. His final rank, appointed by President Nixon, was General. He retired from the post of Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps on March 31, 1972, after more than 33 years of service in the United States Marine Corps.

The General Ray Davis MOH, Det. #1188 meets every 2nd Saturday in the historic “Little Red School House” in Covington GA.

- Membership since last convention: Although losing 3 members - we gained 4. One of which was one of the three lost earlier in the year. Membership is up 4% (with one new member being processed)
- Reinstating delinquent members: All officers are tasked with this function depending on their relationship with the member, by contacting them and ascertaining what caused them to lose interest.
- Our Mentoring program consists of both members and officers doing their part to build interest in the League and our mission. We encourage all new and existing members to participate in Detachment functions, events and periodic personal get togethers at member’s homes, Detachment dining outs, or just a cup of coffee out.
- Membership Committee: This is handled by the active members of the Detachment Board of trustees.
- Detachment Website: Our Detachment website is not currently up to date.
- National Locator Page: Is current and up to date.
- Professional Development Program: We have used it in the past; we currently do not, but plan to, in the very near future.
- Incorporation: Is current

Fundraiser: Our recent Spaghetti dinner yielded over $1,000.00 in profit. Five of our Marines were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their participation in the event, four, for pulling mess duty the entire day and one for “High Sales”, selling $259.00 worth of tickets to the event. The event was a huge hit, (and so were the meatballs).

Community service: The Detachment led the 4th of July parade in Oxford GA providing a Color Guard for the 6th year in a row. Free maintenance work completed on our meeting place, HVAC filter replacement, minor plumbing, and electrical/lighting work. Our Detachment has a lifetime lease on the building in exchange for our work. This was granted several years ago after our members painted the entire exterior of the “Little Red School House” Owned and managed by the Covington Ladies Guild. We also granted 3 financial assistance requests from former service members.

On behalf of all the members of the General Ray Davis MOH, Det. #1188, I would like to thank the Clyde Thomason Det. #1325 for hosting this year’s State Convention.

Semper Fi,

John Fortuna

Commandant
Report from Unicoi Detachment 783

Unicoi Detachment meets on the third Monday of each month at 1830 hours at the VFW Post 7807, Sunnyside Road (GA Hwy 288), Hiawassee, GA.

On February 16th, Towns County, represented by Commissioner Bill Kendall, presented one of our members, retired Navy QMC Bud Johnson with a proclamation declaring March 7, 2012 as QMC C. E. (Bud) Johnson Day. March 7th is Bud’s 90th birthday. Bud is a WW2 vet and had participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima. Unicoi Detachment Commandant Wayne Roshaven took part in the ceremonies, and the detachment was represented by 8 additional members, in addition to members of the local VFW. The ceremony was covered by local television and newspaper media.

On April 14th, we held our 2nd annual Sporting Clay Shoot. Like last year, our turnout was low, but we have more teams competing than last year. One of the teams consisted of three Marines who came down from Quantico for the event, with their sponsor, the uncle of one of the Marines. The Shoot was won by a team of youngsters representing 4H. Everyone who participated had a great time.

Our membership has stayed at the same level as last year. We try to keep our delinquent members to a minimum by contacting them and bugging them for renewals. We do not now have a membership committee, but that is something we want to put in place this year.

Although our locator page is up-to-date, we do not have a Detachment website. Our incorporation is current. Any mentoring or Professional Development is done informally at this time, but we plan to put these programs into effect within the next 6 months.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Roshaven, Commandant
Unicoi Detachment 783
Dalton Detachment 1309

If your detachment was named after a marine, give a brief history of that person.
*Ray Clausen- in process of attaining.

Has your membership increased or decreased since the 2011 convention? By what %?
*See attached report.

What are you doing about reinstating delinguent members?
*List of names and phone numbers delegated to detachment members to contact.

Do you use the mentoring program in your detachment?
*In the process of setting up a committee with committee coordinator.

Does your detachment have membership committees?
*In process of developing.

Do you have a detachment website?
*Facebook, Linked-in and the national MCL website.

Is your detachment current on the national locator page?
*As stated above, yes, we are up to date on the national MCL website.

Professional Development Program; does your detachment use it?
*Have no idea what it is, so...no.

Is incorporation current?
*Yes, per our paymaster.
Since our last report the Greater Atlanta Detachment finish up the Toys for Tots Atlanta program with almost 3,700 toys collected as well as donations amounting to more than $4,500.00.

Our Detachment donated $500.00 to Fisher House in Augusta Ga. and we were also able to donate $2,000.00 to The Wounded Warrior project for the state of Georgia.

Last year the Fisher House Foundation helped 12,000 families save 16 million dollars in lodging, food and transportation all over the country. There is a seven-bedroom Fisher House on Fort Gordon which stays very full. With the completion of a new house, the military community in Augusta will continue to support families of injured military members. The new home hosted an open house Wednesday. After more than three years of fundraising and construction, the Fisher House- Augusta is finally finished and open to visitors.

For all their volunteer efforts, members of our Detachment dined at the annual Mess Night held at the beautiful Capital City Club with the Marine Corps Georgia Lawyers Association. Over 127 Marines from all walks of life dined and enjoyed the camaraderie of the evening.

Our membership has risen to 41 members with 29 paid for life members and only one unpaid regular member who has moved out of the area.

We continue to meet at the Delkwood Grill, 2769 Delk Road, Marietta Ga. at 11:00 am the first Saturday of each month. Following the meeting we gather at the Delkwood for lunch and fellowship.

Please join us if you're in the area.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Roberts
Commandant-Greater Atlanta Detachment #647
May 18, 2012

If your Detachment was named after a Marine give a brief History of that person. N/A

Our membership has increased since the 2011 Convention? By approximately 100%

What are you doing about reinstating delinquent members? Emailed and called them

Do you use the Mentoring Program in your Detachment? Yes - Eagle Scout Program

Do your Detachments have membership Committees? Yes

Do you have a Detachments website? Yes

Is your Detachment current on the National locator page? Yes

Professional Development Program, Does your Detachment use it? No - Haven't had time.

Is Incorporation Current? Yes

Have 27 copies available to give to other Commandants and one for the Senior Vice Commandant. They will be provided with our latest activities since January 2012.
Marines,

Here is what the Central Georgia MCL Detachment 1373 has been doing since we supported Pastor 7 in January:

Good morning/afternoon! February and March were guest speaker and planning months. Here are a few of our accomplishments since 31 March through the end of the May 2012:

1. On Saturday, 31 March, Jason Casanova (and daughter), Calvin Bentley and David Alvord (and son) supported the "Easter in the Park" program for the youth in the Warner Robins community, in conjunction with Ruby Holmes of the Warner Robins Recreation Center. I have attached some photos for your enjoyment.

**This was our first event with the Youth of the Community and we had a strong showing with our MCL colors. There is definitely a need for men to assume a leadership role in our community.**
2. On April 12th the Commandant along with Warren Deeds represented the Detachment at an impromptu dinner for Tony Mullis and Michael Boucher, at El Tapito restaurant on Margie Drive, Warner Robins. Rolling Thunder hosted the dinner for Tony and Michael. I have attached some photos below of the evening:

Jeannie & Toni Mullis - Michael & Jordan Boucher

3. On April 18th members of the Central Georgia MCL Detachment 1373 attended a Garden Club of Macon luncheon at the request of Cathy Krattli. Cathy made a request for Marines to be present this Blue Star Marker Dedication Ceremony. Jim Murphy, his wife Leslie, Vera Newsome and Teresa Burks represented our Detachment.

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4. The Robins AFB Air Show took place on Saturday, 28 and Sunday, 29 April. The Detachment had a canopy set up inside the hangar. Middle Georgia Detachment 970 was there as well. We were able to enjoy the air show and get a couple of new recruits. The Marine Rose program was a success as well. Some pictures are below:
5. We conducted a Poker Run on May 12th. We had a low turnout, but still made a respectable profit. We gave away 10 trophies and 12 door prizes and everyone had fun! It was our first Poker Run, the staff worked together extremely well together. Here are a few pictures of the event:

The Run begins with a prayer

Marine representing the "Patriot Guard Riders"

Mark Campbell representing "Rolling Thunder"

Best Hand Winner!

2nd. Best Hand Winner!
6. The Detachment will coordinate the Arch of Swords ceremony for LCpl. James H. Lambert, an active duty Marine, who was married on 19 May 2012. The MAG 49 will conduct the ceremony for this local Marine.

7. Members of our Detachment will also be conducting a “Top Shot” competition for our members in July. More on that as the time draws closer.

8. Hopefully we will be supporting the MAG 49 “Family Day” in the near future.

Semper Fidelis,

John J. Harmon

Commandant Detachment 1373
Date May 18, 2012

**Detachment Annual Report**

Lawrence DesJardines enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1950 and received a field commission in Korea in 1953. Larry saw combat in Korea and Vietnam before retiring as a Major in 1973. Among his awards is the Bronze Star Medal w/Combat V. It was Larry’s dedication to the community and veterans of Albany after retirement that led us to name the Detachment after him.

Membership as of May 2011: 77
3 Fallen Marines, 2 Relocated without transfer, 5 Lapsed
Recruited or renewed 24
Membership as of May 2012: 91
An increase of 18%.

Delinquent members have been successfully renewed thru personal contact by many of our members and officers.

We are using the Mentoring Program in our Detachment but it is not formalized. Meaning individuals agree to make themselves available to new members, helping them learn and grow in the League, but we currently don’t have any metrics to gage its effectiveness.

We do not have a membership Committee.

We have a Detachment website? [http://www.mclalbanyga.org](http://www.mclalbanyga.org) in addition to the National Locator Page.

Our Detachment National Locator Page is current.

We are participating in the Professional Development Program through the District. Like this conference, there is a benefit to bringing Marines from different Detachments together to learn from each other.

Our incorporation is current. We are fortunate to have a licensed practicing lawyer as our Detachment Adjutant. Not only does he keep us legal but also gets the minutes out the day after our meeting.

The programs that are well supported by our Detachment include Eagle Scout Recognition, JROTC, Fallen Marine and Patriotism. Our primary community service has been the adoption of the Riverwalk along the Flint River in Albany which we maintain through regular cleanups. We also will be funding two Young Marines attendance at SPACES this summer.

Respectfully Submitted
Ron Kirstatter
Commandant