

NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2010.

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MEETING DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE! Effective in August, we meet the FOURTH Tuesday of each month at American Legion Post 16. Social hour 6pm; meeting 7pm.

HERE COMES NOVEMBER!!

The season is approaching that has many of us working hard for the detachment. The Birthday Ball Committee is in full swing preparing for our November 6 event at the elegant Hilton UF Conference Center. Kay Quinn and Bob Barnas are heading up different areas of that along with a small army of people dedicated to making sure your event is super. Sandra Pintos will be the Master of Ceremonies. We are asking people to purchase your tickets (only \$30!) as soon as you can to avoid crisis management near the event time. Also, if you can get a business to buy an advertisement for our program (the form is in this newsletter) that would be SUPER! ** We are putting together an informal Birthday Bash at the Sunshine Eagles club on Wednesday, Nov 10th. ** Our bylaws committee has begun wading through the draft of the new bylaws and that work continues. John Murdoch and Dick Lester have been busy there. ** Our detachment is sponsoring a Veterans Day event (flyer in this newsletter) in High Springs, bringing a big event for veterans and citizens in the western part of the county and our neighboring counties. Bob Barnas is heading that up and it is going to be a blast, including a Marine Corps Flyover! ** New member Vern Kisling is sponsoring a new unit flag - the procurement of that item is in progress. ** TOYS FOR TOTS will be going into full bloom soon - preparations are already started. Marine Eric Kidwell is the area coordinator and we look to hear from him on how we can help.

With all that is going on, I encourage everyone to remember that we are all volunteers donating our time and skills because our Marine Corps heritage is important to us. This unit is a collection of people (Marines and friends) working toward our goals together. In this newsletter, I am documenting some of the areas where there are opportunities to help. Find something that fits your talents and take part in our success!!

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Marine Greg Williams

The former Senior Vice Cmdt sent a message of thanks to all for the card signed by many of you. Up in Durham NC he is with family but he said he really misses all of the good friends he has here in Gainesville. He says, "You don't know the value of something until you don't have it any more. Thank you for your prayers." He sends his love and best wishes for all in the detachment.

Opportunities available for you to help serve your detachment

Watching our Gators football team play its first few games, we see how the team functions best when everybody is executing. If you leave everything to two or three players, the team will suffer, but get more players involved and you have a winning team. Our detachment is a great team when we get more people working on our plans. And you don't have to take on everything, just anything that fits your talents or desire. Here are a few of the things available. If you are interested in any of these, get with any of our officers.

Vacancy: Senior Vice Commandant - this is a position appointed by the Commandant for the remainder of the term, and confirmed by the Board of Trustees. Will attend MCL leadership school. Serves as a member of the Board of Trustees and serves as Commandant in his absence.

Vacancy: Public Affairs Officer - liaison to the media for all of our activities.

Vacancy: Honor Guard Commander - Serve as the manager of the honor guard. Recruit and train members for color guards, funerals, ceremonies, rifle volleys, flag foldings and other activities. Manage the scheduling of the honor guard practices and events.

Needed: Honor Guard members - perform at funerals, ceremonies and other activities; handle colors and rifles. We cannot provide this valuable service to our community without these members.

Needed: member to head up the Nov 10th "Birthday Bash" - we have the venue and time, we just need a coordinator to see that everything comes together. Will be a lot of fun.

GatorDet says Farewell to Ralph and Eloise Lewis

On September 9, we had a funeral for Eloise Lewis. On Friday September 24 we had a service to say goodbye to Ralph Lewis. This was a charming couple; dynamic, energetic and full of life. It was good to see them both at our Steak Dinner on June 11th and glad they had a good time. While we are sad they are no longer here, we take comfort in knowing they are back together. Since this is rather sudden, the next ALMAR will have more about Ralph and Eloise Lewis, his career and our friendship here.

Sick And Distressed

We continue to remember those of our Marine Corps League family that are experiencing sickness, medical recovery or other forms of distress. Notably, please keep in your thoughts and prayers for Marilyn and Teague Froscher, Greg Williams, Mary Hildebrand, Phil Newman and Chick Wallace. Our thoughts and prayers to those who are continuing to fight the fight, whether it is with disease or physical challenges. We all know a number of our members getting into or recovering from their issues. If you know someone, consider picking up the phone and calling them just to let you know you're thinking of them. Also, please contact our Chaplain Mary Hildebrand at 352-338-1538. She can call, visit or send a card on behalf of our detachment.

Polo Shirts with Detachment Logo available now

Quartermaster Tom Sklens has some polo shirts in stock. These are black Hanes polo shirts with a 3.5" Gator Detachment logo on the left breast. If we don't have your size in stock, we can certainly order it. These shirts are only \$20.00 each and are made of good material, so they will look good for a long time. Call him at 384-1807.

DETACHMENT NEEDS: Items on the organizational "wish list."

* Our cook needs an Assistant to help set up for the meetings.

* Items to be given as RAFFLE PRIZES or DOOR PRIZES at the Birthday Ball in November.

If you wish to make any contribution on the above, contact any detachment officer. Semper Fi!!

BIRTHDAY BALL IS JUST OVER A MONTH AWAY!!

Our volunteers are working hard to ensure you have a good birthday ball. What can you do to help? Buy tickets, Sell Ads and spread the word.

BALL TICKETS - Adjutant Bob Barnas has tickets. You can get them at the general meetings or you can call 538-7355. \$30.00 each. Great Deal.

SELL ADS - the advertisements pay for our event. We need to sell plenty of ads. It is good for the businesses as well as our event. There is an Ad Form in this newsletter as well as on our website, www.gatordet.com.

SPREAD THE WORD - invite your friends. We want to share this celebration with Marines and friends to raise awareness about the Marine Corps, the League and the Detachment, as well as the groups we sponsor and the ones that support us.

Entertainment by Bill Sapp. **Professional Photographer** Raul Fernandez will be on hand taking your ball photos. We are waiting on confirmation of a few other details, but our best guess is that this will be a very special event.

Please mark your calendars and get your tickets soon!!

Saturday Morning Breakfast

On the last Saturday of each month, there is a breakfast at the VFW 2811 at 9:00 a.m. All proceeds from the breakfast are now paid to the Young Marines. Come out and help support the kids.

Military Support Group – sending care packages to our military

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to help Marines. The Military Support Group (MSG) is assisting more than 100 active duty military, including Marines from 2dBn, 9Mar. We need GatorDet members to go to the MSG meetings and help us pack 10 boxes going to the Marines. See calendar on page 1 for dates. For more info, see their website, www.msgfac.com.

Commemorative Bricks - installation set - dedication being planned

Jr. Vice Commandant Jim Yakbusin's project is coming closer to dedication date. As soon as the bricks are installed, the ceremony date will be set in conjunction with the Alachua City Commission and the schedules of invited dignitaries.

Orders continue to arrive. Honor the life or memory of a veteran. It's the purchase of a lifetime.

*** SEE THE ORDER FORM ON PAGE 7 ***

Coming Up

Saturday 25 Sep 2010
YM BREAKFAST
0900 at VFW Post 2811

Saturday 25 Sep 2010
Gator Det Staff Meeting
0900 at Turkey Creek Office

Tuesday 28 Sep 2010
GENERAL MEETING
1800 - Social Hour
1900 - Business Meeting
American Legion Post 16

30 Sep - 3 Oct
Fall Conference, Dept of FL
Safety Harbor FL

Thursday 7 Oct 2010
Military Support Group
1830 at First United
Methodist Church, Alachua

Wednesday 13 Oct 2010
Devil Dogs Pound 299
1900 Conestoga's in Alachua

Saturday 23 Oct 2010
Gator Det Staff Meeting
0900 at Turkey Creek Office

Tuesday 26 Oct 2010
GENERAL MEETING
1800 - Social Hour
1900 - Business Meeting

BIRTHDAY BALL
6 November 2010
Arrive 1700 Program 1800
Hilton UF Conference Center

Informal "Birthday Bash"
10 November 2010
1830 at Sunshine Eagles
4562 NW 13th St G'ville

VETERANS DAY
11 November 2010
1000 - Veterans Park
on Tower Road

VETERANS DAY
11 November 2010
1300-1800 High Springs
Sponsored by GatorDet 990

FREEDOM FEST
14 Nov Santa Fe College
Community Patriotic Event
All hands invited to attend!!

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*The Marine Corps League Gator Detachment 990
Cordially Invites You to the*

235th Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Saturday, November 6th, 2010

Hilton University of Florida Conference Center

\$30.00 per person

- 5:15pm Social Hour*
- 6:00pm Commemorative Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony*
- 6:45pm Banquet Dinner*
- 7:45pm Awards & Entertainment*

*Tickets are only available in advance,
to purchase contact
Bob Barnas of the Gator Detachment 990
at (352)538-7355*



**VETERAN'S DAY
IN
HIGH SPRINGS**

**SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS
AND
THANKING OUR VETERANS**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010
1:00-6:00PM
CIVIC CENTER PARK, HWY 441
HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

1:00-3:00PM

ENTERTAINMENT, VENDORS AND FOOD

3:00-4:00PM

NATIONAL ANTHEM SUNG BY ANTOINETTE HUNT

MARINE CORPS AVIATION FLYOVER

SANTA FE RAIDERS MARCHING BAND

MILITARY VETERAN GUEST SPEAKERS

4:00-6:00PM

ENTERTAINMENT, VENDORS AND FOOD

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

BOB BARNAS, 352-538-7355

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2010 Annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball
November 6, 2010
Celebrating 235 Years of Excellence in Warfighting

Sponsorships will place your advertisement in our program book and **on our Website for a full year** as a Detachment Supporter.

Proceeds will allow us to continue our missions locally to support Marines and their families. We support troops in the Middle East. We support the youth in the Young Marines program. We provide support at patriotic community events, patriotic speakers for schoolchildren, and support the veteran community with our leadership. Your support for us is appreciated.

"Once a Marine, Always a Marine"

- 1. Quarter Page.....\$30.00
(Size = 2 1/8" x 4 1/2")
- 2. Half Page.....\$50.00
(Size = 3 5/8" x 4 1/2")
- 3. Full Page.....\$90.00
(Size = 7 3/4" x 4 1/2")

Company Name

Contact Person

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Number

Member Selling The Ad

This year's annual celebration will be on Saturday, Nov 6 at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center, beginning at 6pm.

Thank you for your support.

Place an ad:

- * For your business
- * In Honor of someone special
- * In Memory of one to be remembered
- * As a personal statement of your support

(This upper section is the actual size of our Half Page Ad)

**Please submit Camera-Ready
B/W Art with Ad Placement
Deadline October 23, 2010**

Mail to the detachment address below
OR submit artwork by email to Scott
DuPree at ssgtd@cox.net.

Make checks out to:

Gator Detachment 990, MCL

Mail to:

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(The full length of these sections demonstrate the size of our Full Page Ad)



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FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

In honor of Veterans who have fought for our country and to preserve peace and freedom throughout the world, the Marine Corps League - Gator Detachment 990, is proud to offer commemorative bricks to be placed in a memorial in front of Alachua City Hall. Thank you for your support!

COMMEMORATIVE BRICK INSCRIPTON

Up to 3 lines---18 characters per line - one letter per box:

Each package is priced at \$110 and includes one 4"x 8" commemorative brick and one mini-replica keepsake brick.

Name of Donor (printed)	Signature	Date
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Address	City	State	Zip
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Phone (Day)	Phone (Evening)	E-mail
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GATOR DETACHMENT 990, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

What do we do?

- Monthly meetings to both talk about League business and to socialize with Marines
- We are not a drinking club. No drinking or smoking in our meetings.
- We initiate and participate in community events to promote patriotism.
- We run the Toys For Tots campaign for this region, well beyond our county's borders
- We help the Military Support Group of Alachua County to serve Marines and others
- We sponsor the Milton Lewis Young Marines, a youth group for kids 8 to 18.
- We collaborate with the County's Veteran Advisory Board to support veteran activities.
- We help our community when we see the opportunity.
- We love the postal service (*are you reading this? Join Us!*)
- We are Marines helping Marines. Semper Fidelis.

*NEXT MEETING is 26 October 2010 at American Legion Post 16, 4701 NW 6th Street
Social hour (includes chow) begins at 6pm.; Business Meeting at 7pm*