



# The Gator ALMAR



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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY JUNE 29TH, 7 PM AT VFW HALL ON WALDO RD

## SUMMER IS HERE - COME TO THE BBQ AT THE F.O.P. ON JUNE 19TH

We have a wonderful social event lined up for Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>. We will have a get-together at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge (F.O.P.) It is being catered by Hill's Barbeque. There is a flyer and a map attached. We had a great time at the last event and I know this will be fun also. We will have drinks at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00. We will also have door prizes. Bring a friend - this event is open for everyone.

I want to extend a big thanks to those Marines who have been mentioning membership in the detachment to our fellow Leathernecks. The officer staff is mostly instrumental in establishing our direction and goals, but it is the members that are the lifeblood and the backbone of this unit. If we are to grow, it is up to each of us to get the word out and invite the Devil Dogs in.

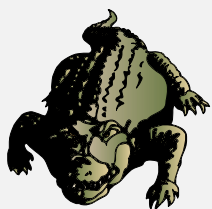
### **M**emorial Day Services at VA Medical Center

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Gator Detachment was represented at the Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville. Attending with the Commandant was Senior Vice Commandant Alan Gray, Chaplain Ben Kinard, Sergeant At Arms Jim Yakubsin, as well as Marines Dan Brinsko, Ronnie Marston, Jeff Cheek, and Mike Kleinman. If others of you were there and did not meet up with us, your presence meant a lot to the other Veterans and their families. My thanks goes out to all who attended.

### **G**ator Det ALMAR needs more sponsors

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## Membership Dues

**M** Below is a list of members whose dues are to be renewed and are still due. Renewals are \$25.00. If your name appears in error, contact the Commandant at 336-5822 so I can make the correction.

### Still Owe Dues:

Leeza Gordon (Feb)      Mac McNeil (Feb)  
 Michael Becker (Mar)    William Keith Dye (Mar)  
 Rich LaLonde (Mar)

## At the last meeting ...

**A** After being called to order at 7:10pm on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1999, opening ceremonies were performed. All officers present except Judge Advocate, Adjutant/Paymaster (both excused). The Commandant shared information from the Florida Review, including the Department candidates for election at the State Convention and the invitation to attend the convention. We remembered Marsha Brinker, wife of Marine Mike Brinker of Lake City, as she continues on her road to recovering from medical complications. The Paymasters Report and meeting minutes were adopted by vote as printed in the May edition of the ALMAR. The Marine Corps Ball committee reported that it will meet on June 22<sup>nd</sup> along with the staff meeting, and Pete Briggette volunteered to join the committee. The City of Gainesville's Memorial Day Proclamation, sponsored by the Gator Detachment, was read. The Commandant invited Marines to the Memorial Day ceremonies at the VA Hospital on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The SrVice recognized the seven shooters on the Gator Det Pistol Team which shot the first match May 22. He mentioned that more shooters are welcomed and it is a lot of fun. Pete Briggette briefed the members on the upcoming social event on June 19<sup>th</sup> and read the Barbeque Operations Plan. We mentioned that one of the membership secretaries at National had resigned, leaving some records incomplete or behind, so if members are missing their membership cards or magazine subscription, you can contact any of the officers. Michael Kleinman offered catalogues with Marine Corps memorabilia while Monty Gordon announced that his son is finally back home in the States from service in Bosnia. Visitor Bob Edgar was

recognized as well as Bernie Mortenson (first meeting) and new member Sid Tomkins. A raffle was held with Ken Beasock winning the dozen donuts. The meeting was adjourned promptly at 8pm.

## Money:

**M** As of May 31, our account balance is \$1240.16. We had \$328.20 outstanding, giving us a net of \$911.96. Good news for the business side - effective 1 July 99 NationsBank is changing its fee schedule which will bring it more in line with our expectations and will negate the need to move our accounts. Ooh Rahh!!

## Coming Soon: our Special Needs List

**C** Next month we will publish a list of items the detachment needs. You may consider a contribution to cover a specific item. If anyone has input about something the detachment may need, call any of the officers and we'll add it to the list for consideration.

## Quartermaster ...

**Q** Anyone interested in obtaining your Marine Corps League uniform items (cover, shirt, blazer, name tags) or specialty items (mugs, tee shirts, etc), contact our Quartermaster Dick Lester at 462-1192.

**INCOMING!!**



This section provides you

with information pertaining to the Gator Det or Marines in general. Now includes FREE Classifieds!!

*[Request from Gator Det member]*

*Anyone having information on where to purchase an MI Grande, please contact **Ronnie Marston** at 904-462-1484.*

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A platoon of Army Rangers come across a Marine in a thicket, the Marine yells he'll kick all their ass's so the Ranger platoon leader sends his two baddest guys and after a commotion the Marine spit's out the two Rangers. Next the platoon leader sends in 20 guys, same thing then 40 guys same thing then the whole battalion goes in and one Ranger comes running out and screams "Its a trick there are two of them!!"

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If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?

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Subject: Coke- The Real thing

Just when you thought you knew everything....

To clean a toilet:  
Pour a can of Coca-Cola into the toilet bowl. Let the "real thing" sit for one hour, then flush clean. The citric acid in Coke removes stains from vitreous china.

To remove rust spots from chrome car bumpers:  
Rub the bumper with a crumpled-up piece of Reynolds Wrap aluminum foil dipped in Coca-Cola .

To clean corrosion from car battery terminals;  
Pour a can of Coca-Cola over the terminals to bubble away the corrosion.

To loosen a rusted bolt;

Applying a cloth soaked in Coca-Cola to the rusted bolt for several minutes.

To bake a moist ham;  
Empty a can of Coca-Cola into the baking pan; wrap the ham in aluminum foil, and bake. Thirty minutes before the ham is finished, remove the foil, allowing the drippings to mix with the Coke for a sumptuous brown gravy.

To remove grease from clothes;  
Empty a can of Coke into a load of greasy clothes, add detergent, and run through a regular cycle. The Coca-Cola will help loosen grease stains.

It will also clean road haze from your windshield.  
**AND WE DRINK THIS STUFF!!**  
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Mary's Little Lamb

Mary had a little Lamb,  
His fleece was white as snow.  
And everywhere that Mary went,  
The Lamb was sure to go.

He followed her to school each day,  
When it wasn't against the rules.  
He made the children laugh and play,  
To have a Lamb at school.

Then the rules changed one day,  
Against the law it became.  
To bring the Lamb of God to school,  
Or even speak His Name.

Every day got worse and worse,  
And days turned into years.  
Instead of hearing children laugh and play,  
You heard them crying tears.

What must we do to stop the crime,  
That's in our schools today?  
Let the Lamb come back to school,  
And teach our kids to pray.

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JIM YAKUBSIN - SERGEANT AT ARMS

Upcoming at Gator Det ...  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 5pm - BBQ Social at FOP Lodge  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00pm - Staff & Ball Committee Meeting, SFCC Annex Downtown  
June 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm - General Meeting  
July 4<sup>th</sup> - CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY - DISPLAY YOUR FLAG!

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