

MIDDLE  
GEORGIA  
DETACHMENT 970  
MARINE CORPS  
LEAGUE



# Now Hear This!

SEPTEMBER 2009

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## Commandant's Corner

### Fellow Marines,

Our busy season is upon us. The fair is next month, the Color Guard and Honor Guard is going to be called upon frequently, family day picnic, Toys for Tots, Marine Corps Birthday, Christmas party and I'm sure there are other events in the wing also.

The signup for the fair has many holes in it. We need the support of the detachment to complete our obligations. Let's fill in the roster.

All Squad Leaders, call your members and remind them of the meeting on 1 September. Our attendance has been very low for the past two meetings. Summer's over, let's get our detachment rolling.

Offer rides to those that may have trouble driving at night.

See you Tuesday night.

Semper Fi,

George

## Attention

**Do you have a computer?**

**Do you have access to the Web?**

**Check out the Detachment's**

**NEW WEB SITE!!!**

**<http://www.mcl970middlega.org>**

**Check it out and you'll find:**

**A roster by squad**

**Detachment calendar**

**Monthly Newsletters**

**Pictures From past events**

**...and that's just for a start,**

**WE'RE STILL GROWING**



**Bumper Sticker of the Month**

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**We're on the Web**  
**www.mcleague.com**

#### Sick Call

Conrad Butts  
Gerald Chaney  
David Patton  
Paul Odom  
Sam Darden  
Ike Averett

*Let's keep our fellow Marines  
who are in harm's way in our  
Prayers*



## Support Your League

### From the Vice Commandant:

#### Growing New Members

We are busy about recruiting new members to join the Detachment and become a well adjusted member. So once recruited how do you think we should go about growing a new member? As I recall when I started I had that strong "esprit de Corps", but I knew very little about the Marine Corps League. I had more questions than answers, didn't want to appear or act "stupid", and wasn't exactly sure who to ask that wouldn't make fun of me. Sound normal?

Because I think this is still true of new members today there is a way to help new members develop, grow, and improve their participation and contributions. At the same time for yourself also. I'm in favor of MENTORING. This is a "win-win" process for everyone.

You see, mentoring is a relationship between an experienced person and a less experienced person for the purpose of helping the individual with less experience learn and grow. Simple, right. Mentoring is a great way to serve members ...and yourself. As team members develop in both knowledge and skills, their performance improves. And you'll find that YOU grow by mentoring as well. Did any of you men do this in the Corps? Sure sounds familiar. As you reflect on your life experiences and distill them into nuggets to share with others, you "re-experience" the wisdom that's inside of you. What's wrong with that picture?

**NOTHING!**

So I think we should consider adding mentoring in our Detachment. There are some things we need to keep in mind:  
!All mentoring relationships need to focus on the Marine being mentored. Remember it's not about you - it's about them. Accept them for what they are. Help them advance at their own pace.

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**Devil Dogs of Pound 322  
Pound Growl Sept 17 at 2130:  
Riverside UMC Scout Hut.  
IMPORTANT GROWL, WE'LL BE  
ELECTING OFFICERS.  
DUES FOR THE YEAR ARE DUE.  
DUES ARE 25.00. PLEASE HAVE  
YOUR DUES AT THE DETACH-  
MENT MEETING SEPT 1.**

**Do You Have A Computer  
And An E-mail Address?  
Would you like to have a color  
copy of the newsletter?**

**Send Your E-mail address to  
kq4fa@cox.net  
And receive the newsletter by  
E-mail in color**

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! Avoid treating people you are mentoring as incompetent or incapable. Rather, think of them as individuals lacking in experience - valuable team members that need guidance. Don't forget where YOU came from, you didn't know what you know now. Why should they?

! Don't criticize or belittle. Instead, help "mentorees" think through the consequences of their behavior and to identify more positive ways of handling difficult or troubling situations. Hold the people you are mentoring responsible for their success. Be willing to give of yourself and your time, but insist that they do the same.

**LET'S GROW #970 INTO A FORCE TO RECKON WITH - OOOHRAH!**

Semper Fi  
Bo Stollenwerck, Senior Vice Commandant



Our own Joe Barbee rubbing shoulders with the National Commandant during the National Convention. Joe we are impressed.



David Mincey, Michael Clark and Tuffy Phillips posing at the National Convention. David and Tuffy are showing off their new colors.

### *Up Coming Events*

- September 1: Detachment Meeting
- September 17: MODD Pound 322 GROWL
- October 6: Detachment Meeting
- October 8- 18: Georgia Fair
- November 3: Detachment Meeting
- April 30-May 1, 2010-Georgia Convention in Athens, Ga



Tuffy Meets the Chief Devil Dog

## Member of the Month

Each month I will spotlight a member of the detachment to help us all get to know each other.

# Allen "Bubba" Wall



Bubba

**Special note to Gunny Butts:**  
**Bubba stated he was deemed too intelligent to be a Gunnery Sgt.**

### Consider A Life Membership

Now is the time to consider a LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the Marine Corps League. To become a Life Member, you must already be a "Member in Good Standing".

Age Group	Current Dues
0 - 35	\$500
36- 40	\$400
41 - 50	\$400
51 - 60	\$300
61 and over	\$150

**Date Joined: 2 May 1946**  
**Date Discharged: 30 August 1954**  
**Rank at Discharge: Staff Sgt**  
**Boot Camp: Parris Island**  
**MOS: 0300**  
**Stationed: Parris Island, Camp Lejeune, Tientsin, China, Korea Inchon, Chosin, Seoul.**

Bubba served in China for about 17 months doing Guard Duty and convoy patrols to various posts in North China. Bubba stated this was a good experience.

Bubba was on Main Gate Guard Duty at the Philadelphia Navy Yard when the Korean war started.

In Korea Bubba was at Inchon at the Kimpo Air Strip. Going into Seoul Bubba was with Fox 2/5. During the attack on Seoul his company lost all but about 70 Marines. Bubba was lucky making it without being wounded. At the Chosin Bubba was not so lucky, being wounded by mortar fire on 27 Sept 1950 at Yudamni.

Back to the States for duty at Camp Lejeune and the 8th Marines. Bubba's MOS was changed to 3500 and he was the Truck Master for the 8th Marines.

Bubba was discharged as a S/Sgt on 30 Sept 1954.

Bubba and his wife Vivian live in Macon.

Bubba has served the Detachment as Junior Vice Commandant

Thanks Bubba for your continued support.