



# GUNG HO GAZETTE

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Unicoi Detachment  
#783

## The Commandant Speaks:



Leadership is the art of inspiring and guiding others toward a shared goal. True leadership manifests itself at every level of society – from the classroom to the boardroom, and from community groups to families. At its core, leadership is not about authority or title; it is about influence, responsibility, and the ability to create positive change.

There are several key qualities of effective leaders. Some of these foundational traits include:

- **Vision:** Effective leaders see possibilities where others see obstacles. A compelling vision provides direction and motivates people through challenges.
- **Integrity:** Trust is the currency of leadership. Leaders who act with honesty and consistency earn loyalty that transcends formal power. When people believe their leader has ethical backbone, they are more willing to follow through uncertainty.

Check back here next issue to learn more of the key qualities.

Your Commandant,  
*Pat Seals*

## Announcements

The MCL will be having a yard sale on June 27th. There are several ways you can help:

1. You can donate items to sell.
2. You can come work at the MCL tables.
3. You can “buy” a table for yourself and either keep your proceeds or donate them to the detachment.

Look for more information to come.



Mark your  
calendar!



## Tip of the Hat



We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge some of our members:

- Those members who helped at the Hot Rod Reunion
- Barry Herold for heading up our contingent at Wings and Wheels.
- Gunny, Pat, and Greg advanced to Devil Dogs - MODD!
- All of our outgoing officers - thank you!



## June Birthdays

- Claudia Entwisle (6/8)
- Emily Appling (6/16)
- BJ Roshaven (6/16)
- Jody Federico (6/18)
- Greg Fisher (6/24)
- Florence Gerrard (6/24)
- Roger Pilcher (6/27)



**Join us at our June Celebration  
Dinner  
June 26th  
Tentative location: Mike's Seafood**

## Sick and Distressed

Richard Hoibraten  
 Roger Pilcher  
 David Haag  
 Gary and Virginia Wimsett  
 Barbara Howard  
 Emily Appling  
 The Family of  
 Capt. Al Bowers  
 Ash Todd  
 Mark Medina  
 Samantha Laratta  
 John Howard

## Links

Detachment Facebook:  
[Marine Corps League -  
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Department website:  
<https://mcldeptofga.org/>



Our Linktree.

Blairsville VA Clinic:  
 Main#: (706) 835-3980

VA Crisis Line:  
 Dial 988, then press 1  
 or Text 838255

## Hot Rod Reunion



Caught at the Car Show!  
 Doc, Ash, Barry, John E.  
 and JR manning the MCL  
 booth at the car show  
 May 1.

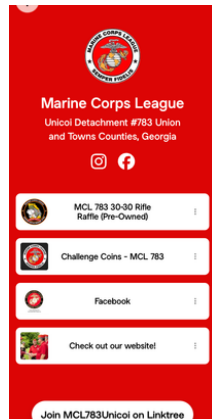


## Memorial Day

Due to a forecast of rain  
 and storms, the Memorial  
 Day Parade scheduled for  
 Saturday, May 23rd, was  
 cancelled.

## Linktree

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Try it on the QR  
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 If you need  
 help, see me at  
 our next  
 gathering.

## Upcoming Dates:

June 4th: Veterans' Corner, 2pm, Brasstown Manor  
 June 14th: Flag Day  
 June 20th: Detachment Meeting, 10am, Davenport Bldg.  
 June 26th: Celebration Dinner, 5pm, Mike's Seafood  
 June 27th: MCL Yard Sale, 7am, Davenport Bldg.  
 June 30th: Deadline for annual dues

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# New Officer Installation



At our meeting on May 16th, Ashford Todd swore in the slate of elected and appointed officers for 2026-2027. After the swearing in, a Change of Command ceremony was performed with outgoing commandant John Entwisle turning over the colors to incoming commandant Pat Seals.

Commandant...Pat Seals  
Senior Vice Commandant...Greg Fisher  
Junior Vice Commandant...Calvin "Gunny" Triplett  
Judge Advocate...Chuck Frisk  
Junior Past Commandant...John Entwisle  
Sergeant-At-Arms...JR Fowler  
Paymaster...Tammy Coleman  
Chaplain...Richard Hoibraten



A. Todd, J. Entwisle



P.Seals



R. Hoibraten, C. Frisk, G. Fisher, P.Seals, C. Triplett, J. Entwisle, JR Fowler, T. Coleman



JR Fowler, C. Triplett



# A Wink from Walt



## Key May Dates in USMC History

**June 4th, 1942:** The Battle of Midway began. At 0555 hours the 6th Defense Battalion's SCR-270 early warning radar picked up a large force of Japanese aircraft approximately ninety miles out.

**June 6th, 1918:** The Battle of Belleau Wood began and would prove to be one of the most ferocious battles fought by American troops during WWI.

**June 10th, 1898:** The First Marine Battalion, commanded by LtCol Robert W. Huntington, landed on the eastern side of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The next day, Lt Herbert L. Draper hoisted the American flag on a flag pole at Camp McCalla where it flew during the next eleven days.

**June 15th, 1944:** Preceded by naval gunfire and carrier air strikes, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep.

**June 25th, 1950:** Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East.

**June 25th, 1966:** In Vietnam, Operation Jay began about 30 kilometers northwest of Hue, and lasted nine days. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines landed north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught in between the two Marine units, the enemy suffered over 80 dead in nine days of fighting.

**June 26th, 1918:** BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000 casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine."



## Anyone recognize this guy?

Rumor has it that the gentleman pictured was the hit of the karaoke show at Annual Convention. Maybe we can convince him to do a performance for the detachment.



# Coffee & Camaraderie

Don't forget our Monday morning Coffee & Camaraderie! We meet *\*every\** Monday at 10am at either The Blairsville Restaurant in Blairsville or the Sundance Grill in Hiawassee. The public is welcome to attend so bring a friend.



April 13

*\*Subject to change due to holidays or weather.*



# May Celebration Dinner

The detachment gathered on May 22nd at Sicily's in Blairsville to celebrate May birthdays. We had a group of 26 present to celebrate all those with birthdays in May, including Scott Drummond, Ash Todd, Tim Sewell, Cheryl Beck, Wayne Roshaven, Chuck Frisk, and Don Beck.



# UCSO Citizens Academy

Sheriff Dyer has announced the inaugural Union County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy. It will consist of 5 Thursday nights, beginning Aug. 6. For more info, contact Eddie Henderson at [ehenderson@unioncountysoga.org](mailto:ehenderson@unioncountysoga.org).

# Pet of the Month

The featured pet this month is Gunny Kunz. Gunny is a 4 month old Blue Heeler puppy and is the baby sister of Mr. Gibbs, the cat. Her human family is Derek, Nancy and Erica Kunz.

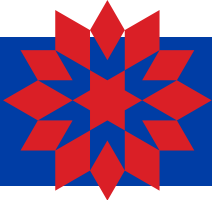
Send me a photo and info on your pet so they can be featured.



# Memorial Day

While the weather cancelled the parade and activities in Blairsville, the wreath laying scheduled in Hiawassee was moved indoors to VFW Post 7807. Our detachment was represented by, among others, our newly installed commandant Pat Seals as well as Gary Wimsett, Claudia Entwisle, John Entwisle and Barry Herold.





# Wings and Wheels

Saturday, May 16, saw our detachment split between our monthly detachment meeting and the Wings and Wheels show at the Blairsville Municipal Airport. Thank you to those members who arrived early and stayed all day. Not only did they sell lots of raffle tickets, they even signed up a new member! That's a job well done!



Barry, Patti, Derek, Cliff, Glen, Tim



John E. recruiting two new members



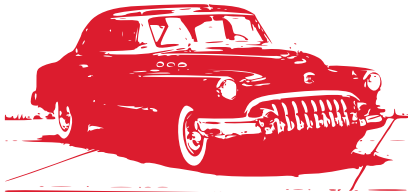
Barry, Derek, Glen



Greg and Barry



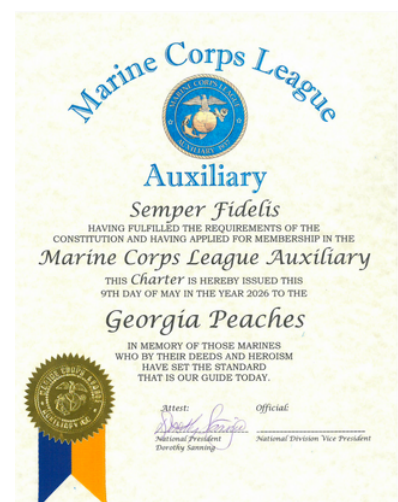
Barry with Bill Hall



# MCLA Georgia Peaches



The newly formed MCL Auxiliary Unit, Georgia Peaches, received their charter at the Annual convention. Officers were also sworn in including #783's Tammy Coleman as Senior Vice President. Other detachment members who are charter members of the Georgia Peaches are Brandy Creel, Jody Federico, Claudia Entwisle and Barbara Howard.



# Corpsman Up!



This June the United States Navy's Hospital Corps will celebrate its 128<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Prior to its establishment on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1898, enlisted medical help was limited. During the era of the sailing ships, medical assistants were hand picked randomly from the ship's personnel. Their primary duty was to keep the irons hot and have buckets of sand at the ready for the operating area. During battles it was not uncommon for surgeons to conduct amputations and irons were used to close lacerations and wounds. Sand was used to keep the surgeon from slipping on the bloodied decks of the ship.

During this time the medical help were called "Loblolly Boys". The name was taken from the thick porridge they served to the sick and injured crew members. "Lob" is a Yorkshire term meaning to boil. "Lolly" is an archaic English word meaning soup or stew. The word "Boy" indicates that the apprentices were young men. The nickname was in common use for so many years that it was finally officially recognized in the Navy Regulations of 1814. In 1876 the term was changed to Bayman (sick bay).

A senior enlisted medical rating, Surgeon's Steward was introduced in 1841 and remained so through the Civil War. Following the Civil War, the title surgeon's steward was abolished in favor of Apothecary, a position requiring completion of a course in Pharmacology. Today, Navy Corpsmen can serve as Surgical Technicians, Independent Duty Corpsmen, Preventative Care Techs, Pharmacy Techs, Radiology Techs and more. In addition to serving in Naval hospitals and clinics, Corpsman can also serve as Fleet Marine Force Corpsmen with Marine units, once they have successfully completed Field Medical Service School.

To date, there are twenty-two (22) U.S. Navy vessels named after U.S. Navy Corpsmen. Since 1861 there have been a total of 2,013 Corpsmen killed in action during conflicts. Decorations of Valor awarded to Corpsmen include 22 Medals of Honor, 179 Navy Crosses, 31 Distinguished Crosses, 959 Silver Stars and 1,600 Bronze Stars with Combat "V" for heroism.



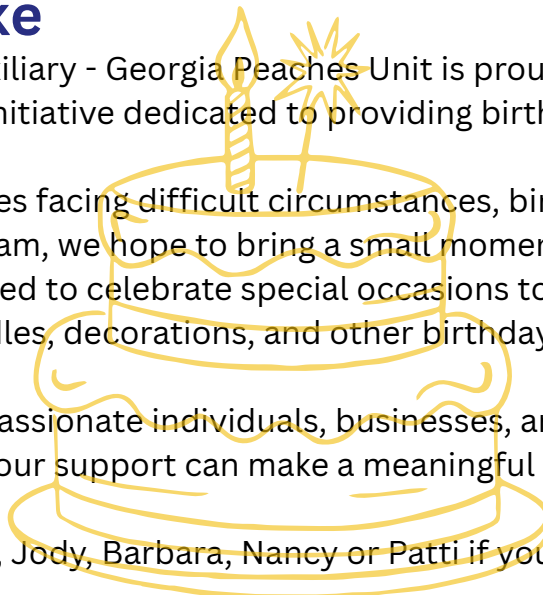
## For Goodness Cake

The Marine Corps League Auxiliary - Georgia Peaches Unit is proud to announce the launch of **For Goodness Cake**, a community initiative dedicated to providing birthday cake supplies to local food banks and families in need.

For many children and families facing difficult circumstances, birthdays often pass without celebration. Through this program, we hope to bring a small moment of joy and dignity by ensuring families have the supplies needed to celebrate special occasions together. Each donation helps provide cake mix, frosting, candles, decorations, and other birthday essentials to those who may otherwise go without.

We are reaching out to compassionate individuals, businesses, and community partners to help make this initiative a success. Your support can make a meaningful difference in the life of a child or family in our community.

See Tammy, Brandy, Claudia, Jody, Barbara, Nancy or Patti if you would like to help.



# Department of Georgia Annual Convention

The Department of Georgia held their annual convention May 7th-10th at Peachtree City. Members of Detachment #783 in attendance included Alton "Doc" Coleman (Dept. JVC), Tammy Coleman (Det. Paymaster), John Entwisle (Det. Commandant), Claudia Entwisle, Don Beck (SE Division Adjutant), Cheryl Beck, Ashford Todd (Sr. Vice Pack Leader), Brandy Creel (Dept. SAA), Patrick Seals (Det. SVC), Greg Fisher and Calvin "Gunny" Triplett (Det. SAA).

Highlights of the convention were the Commandant's Council, Leadership Training with PNC Johnny Baker along with the business sessions and training sessions. While at the convention, Doc was elected as SVC and Tammy was appointed as adjutant. Greg, Pat and Gunny advanced from Pups to Devil Dogs. Brandy Creel was presented an Individual Commendation by Dept. Commandant Rex Delk. During Saturday's Business Session, the Court of Four Chaplains ceremony was held.

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