

WHO ARE THE RIVERFRONT MARINES?

Detachment 1132, "The Riverfront Marines" was officially chartered on 3 April, 2003. The actual ceremonies were held on 17 May, 2003 at the American Legion Hall, Post 71, in North Augusta, South Carolina. There were 51 Charter Members.

Monthly meetings were first held at a local Chinese restaurant. Subsequently, the Detachment was able to secure the use of the meeting room at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Carolina Avenue in North Augusta, where meetings are still held to this day.

The Detachment is involved in a number of activities which benefit various segments of the local community. Some of our major areas of involvement are.....

- **Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Program (VAVS)** wherein members of the Detachment donate time and provide activities in support of our veterans. The Riverfront Marines have placed second in the Nation for 3 consecutive years (2006, 2007 and 2008) and received a First Place National Award in 2009! Our total voluntary service for this period exceeded 8000 hours!
- **Toys for Tots**—Our members spend many hours each year during the time before Christmas in support of the Marine Corps Reserve, who sponsor an annual event in order to provide needy children with toys at Christmas time.
- **Support of Abused and Neglected Children**—The Riverfront Marines support homeless, abused and neglected children. We donate substantially to a large home that cares for more than 50 children. We also provide toys to MCG Children's Hospital as well as assistance for other children in need.
- **Scholarship Program** -- We awarded five \$1000.00 scholarships at the end of the 2009 school year to deserving NJROTC seniors.

In addition to these efforts, we also participate in Parades, Memorial Services, Funerals and other community events. Many of our members attend National, Division and Department Conventions and our annual gala Marine Corps Birthday Ball in November.

We are a very busy Detachment and we invite potential new members to check us out!