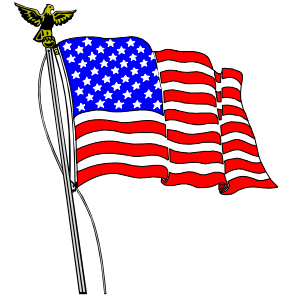




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## RMPA CHAPTER #2 RIDE WITH PRIDE IN VETERANS DAY PARADE

Not too many years ago, they rode in the M38A1 and M151 Jeeps, but on Veterans Day 2007, they rode in E-Z-GO Golf Carts. Who were these soldiers? None other than the Military Police of yesteryear, Chapter #2 RMPA Augusta Georgia.

Chapter #2 was invited to participate in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Augusta. 1SG (Ret) Joe Mabery, Chapter Secretary contacted his friends at E-Z-GO Textron and as they say, the rest is history. Eighteen members and eight Grandchildren rode in six Golf Carts of different types on what could best be described as an Indian Summer day down Broad Street in Augusta.

As we passed along the parade route we were greeted by surprise that there was an active Retired Military Police group in the area. We received cheers and waves and "Thank You's" from all the spectators lining both



sides of the parade route. If any veteran on this route had any animosity toward MP's while in service, they left it when they left the service. It was heartening to see the real old timers wave and smile as we passed by.

Our group was led by Chapter President Lt. (Ret) Jerome R. Singer, and his wife Tina Maria, who was chosen by the group to be his driver. (Rumor was they

didn't want the "Old Man" to get lost!) A random formation followed up.

Coordinating the event was 1SG (Ret) Joe Mabery. This was the first time our Chapter was able to let the Augusta area folks know of our presence, beside the meeting notices and local newspapers.

We would like to especially thank Mr. David M. Sam at E-Z-GO Textron who provided, delivered, serviced and picked up the golf carts for us. Also, Ms. Sandra R. Fenstermacher, Executive Director of the Sacred Heart Cultural Center for provided the assemble area for our muster. We plan to be back for the 2008 Veterans Day Parade and for as long as we are able.

Jerome R. Singer, LTC USA (Ret)  
President Chapter #2



## WE'RE GOING TO BRANSON!

Join us for a 7 Day Luxury Coach Road Trip to Beautiful Branson Missouri. Contact  
Burke Christian Tours at 1-800-476-3900 or [www.BurkeChristianTours.com](http://www.BurkeChristianTours.com)  
We leave Newton North Carolina on May 19th, 2008  
Sign Up Fast - There is limited seating

## MACK MULLINS CHAPTER ONE FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Hello everyone. Greetings from the Mack Mullins Chapter #1 of the Retired Military Police Association, located in Historic Fayetteville, which is also the home of the legendary 503rd Military Police Battalion.

We have just completed our 2007 Fall Conference, which was attended by members, spouses and friends from all over the country. The couple who travelled the farthest is Don and Marti George, from Orange Beach, Alabama.

Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time and some that rode the simulator at the Airborne Museum are still talking about it. At our dinner and meeting at Samios Restaurant, the food was fairly well prepared, but we apologize for the set up of the dining room and the extremely lousy service. It seems that there was new management since the deal was set and the dinner did not live up to expectation.

However, the meeting went well and the 503rd Flag

Detail performed admirable. SGM David Hammond gave an insight into the 503rd's mission, which was very interesting. Our guest speaker was Chief Tom Bergamine of the Fayetteville Police Department.

We encourage each local member to come out and attend our monthly meetings. We hold our meetings at 0830 Hrs the first Saturday of each month. We are presently meeting at the beautiful John D. Fuller Recreation Center located on Old Bunce Road in Fayetteville. The food is great and the service is what it should be.

If you are a local member and have a E-Mail address and you are not getting the information on your computer, please send the Secretary,  
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a message so you can be placed on our E-Mail List.

Walter McPherson, Secretary



## RMPA 500 CLUB



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### JOIN THE RMPA 500 CLUB:

In 2002 we created a new exclusive club within our Association. The 500 Club was formed to raise funds to support the efforts of opening our Youth Center in Cherokee, West Virginia. Any member donating \$500.00 or more in Cash or goods or have raised that amount toward the mission will become a member of the "500 Club". Members of this Club will have their names listed on the Brass Plaque that will be mounted at the retreat.

**Join Now!**

# 2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

**\$15.00**

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR ANNUAL DUES. THEY ARE DUE NOW.  
REMEMBER - YOUR DUES KEEP THIS ORGANIZATION ALIVE**

## MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY JOHN BICE:

Hope everyone is enjoying a prosperous New Year. With the New Year comes Membership Renewal time for the RMPA. Dues are due on January 1st and are late after March 31. If dues are not paid by March 31, there is a \$5.00 Reactivation fee. In this newsletter is a renewal form that you can use to keep your membership and support active. Please do me a favor when filling this form out, Please Print Clearly. My eyes are not what they use to be, hard to read my own writing sometimes. By helping me out, I can better ensure that all the information on the rosters are correct and you receive all of our mailings.

I have heard some complaints stating that they joined the RMPA and never receive anything. I don't know how this happens. I spend many hours working with the rosters trying to ensure that this does not happen again. I keep five rosters - #1: A master roster (contains everything), #2: A active roster (includes everyone who has paid dues, this is what our mailing labels are made from), #3: A inactive roster (for members who have not paid their dues), #4: A Deceased roster (containing the names of our members who have passed away), and finally #5: A Finance Roster (contains all the dues and monies paid).

### ADDRESS LABELS:

On your address labels you will notice a change. Col. Williams suggested that I indicate on the mailing label the year that your membership expires.

Sample Mailing Label

**John Q. Public**  
**1111 Somewhere Street**  
**Your City, New York, 50503**  
**M: # 1234; Yr 08**

So you can easily see by looking at the mailing label, that you need to renew your membership. Please do not renew for more than two years at a time. If you pay for three years or more in advance, it becomes a accounting nightmare for now. The "M#" is your membership number followed by the year your membership is paid through. Please remember to pay your dues for this year now. Cut off the mailing label on this newsletter and send in your 2008 dues with a check/money order to:

**RMPA, P.O. Box 25343, Fayetteville, N.C. 28314**

Make sure and make any corrections and updates to your name and address when you renew your membership. A complete membership application is available at our website: [www.rmpa.20m.com](http://www.rmpa.20m.com)  
 Or contact one of the officers and request a application.

ATTN: Chapter Secretaries - Each January you need to provide a roster of Active Members that have paid their dues for the prior year. I will then direct the treasurer to cut the check for your Chapter portion of the dues. Please do not include Honorary Members or anyone else, only Active Members count.

Thanks for your support,  
 John Bice  
 Secretary





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*"A People That Values It's Privileges  
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-Dwight D. Eisenhower

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## RMPA CONFERENCE 2007

We had a successful conference in Fayetteville, North Carolina during the 18-20th of October 2007. There were many friends who had not been present at past conferences. It is always interesting to see comrades that you have served with and remember how great past military activities can be retrieved from your memory. With the support and great efforts from the RMPA's Chapter #1 (Mack Mullins Chapter, Fayetteville-Fort Bragg Area) members, our attendees enjoyed the displays and attractions at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum, 82nd Airborne Division War Memorial Museum, John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum, and the Cape Fear Botanical Gardens.

Our special thanks go to Nathaniel Patillo (President) and Walter McPherson (Secretary), who were our two key planners from Chapter #1 for the conference.

## RMPA CONFERENCE 2008

CONFERENCE 2008 will be in BLUEFIELD, WV. At the Holiday Inn (304-325-6170) on the 18th and 19th of October. We will only spend 2 nights at the motel but those who wish can stay as long as they like. This is the season when the fall foliage is at it 's peak colors. We plan to visit an expedition coal mine at Pocahontas, Virginia. On Sunday October 19th we we'll host a pig picking on our property in Lick Branch. More information will be published in the next newsletter. Start making your plans early.

