



**Marine Corps League
Outer Banks Detachment #1264**

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Detachment Officers for 2007:

Commandant:	Doug Wendling
Sr. Vice Commandant:	John Jument
Jr. Vice Commandant:	Paul Strehan
Judge Advocate:	Lee Baronet
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Bob Messinger
Chaplain:	John Strauss
Sergeant-At-Arms/Web Sergeant:	Robert Yanacek

Many Donations to the Detachment:

Contribution towards purchase of Marine Corps Color: Bob Yanacek on behalf of Outer Banks Detachment #1264 in honor of Robert Eugene Van Zee

Donation for offset of Duck Woods Country Club payment for 232nd Marine Corps Birthday celebration: Chaplain Strauss

Commitment to have Charter framed for the Detachment: Tom Fentress Family

'SPIKE' statue for Birthday raffle: Tony Manning

\$\$\$\$: Anonymous

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: 8MAY07, 1900 BE THERE!

Chuckle:

Soon after his transfer to a new duty station, a Marine called home to tell his wife he would be late again. He went on to say that dirty magazines had been discovered in the platoon's quarters, and the entire squad would be disciplined. His wife launched into a tirade, arguing that most men had pictures hanging in their quarters at their previous post, and his new platoon should not be penalized for something so trivial.

The Marine calmly listened to his wife's complaints and then said, "Honey, I meant the clips from their rifles hadn't been cleaned."

What's Been Going On?

Check your Detachment Website OFTEN: www.obxmarines.com

232nd Marine Corps Birthday celebration scheduled: Duck Woods Country Club, Saturday, 10 November 2007, 1000

Detachment By-Laws approved by membership. Incorporation applied for. Once incorporated, by-laws will be forwarded to Department NC Adjutant for approval/filing.

General Membership Meetings: 13Mar & 10Apr; Baum Center, Kill Devil Hills, 1900
Minutes available on website.

Outer Banks Detachment information added to National Marine Corps League website.

SJSews [Joanne Sulik] agreed to provide embroidery services to Detachment members. Covers can be embroidered with Detachment name/number. Shirts/Sweatshirts with Detachment embroidery available.

Welcomed New Members: Elizabeth Wendling [Associate], Pat Riley, Jim Pfizenmayer and Roger Kline.

Message from Commandant of the Marine Corps:

CMC WASHINGTON DC(UC)

TO AL ALMAR(UC)

ALMAR 020/07

MSGID/GENADMIN/CMC WASHINGTON DC CMC//

SUBJ: TO THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE//

1. TO BE A MARINE IS TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING THAT REPRESENTS THE BEST OF OUR NATION. IT IS TO ACCEPT A WAY OF LIFE THAT EMBODIES SELFLESS SERVICE - TO DEFEND THOSE WHO CANNOT DEFEND THEMSELVES, TO THRIVE IN THE HARDSHIP AND SACRIFICE EXPECTED OF AN ELITE WARRIOR CLASS, TO MARCH TO THE SOUND OF THE GUNS, AND TO ABLY SHOULDERS THE HERITAGE CREATED BY THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.

2. ONLY A FEW AMERICANS CHOOSE THE DANGEROUS AND NECESSARY WORK OF FIGHTING OUR NATIONS ENEMIES. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THAT CHOICE, SOME HAVE PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE, JOINING THE HONOR ROLL OF HEROES WHO BUILT THE NOBLE LEGACY OF OUR CORPS. FOR THOSE OF US WHO CARRY ON THAT LEGACY, IT IS OUR OBLIGATION TO HONOR THOSE FALLEN MARINES.

AS MARINES GATHER IN CELEBRATION OF OUR HISTORY, WE GATHER IN THE SHADOWS OF GREATNESS - THOUGH OUR FALLEN CAN NO LONGER PARTICIPATE IN OUR TRADITIONS, THEY WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF US AND WHO WE ARE.

3. THEREFORE, I AM DIRECTING THAT ALL UNIT MESS NIGHTS AND MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL CELEBRATIONS INCLUDE WORTHY AND APPROPRIATE TRIBUTES TO OUR FALLEN COMRADES. SUBSEQUENT CHANGES TO THE DRILL AND CEREMONIES MANUAL WILL REFLECT THIS REQUIREMENT. THROUGH MEANINGFUL

REMEMBRANCE, THE SACRIFICES OF "THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE" WILL NOT BECOME DISTANT MEMORIES, BUT WILL LIVE ALWAYS IN OUR WARRIOR CULTURE.

4. SEMPER FIDELIS, JAMES T. CONWAY, GENERAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS,

COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS//

Detachment Programs/Actions/Events - These items are either in discussion among our members, staged for implementation or underway:

Recruiting Campaign – Recruiting materials available to all members. They are available on our website or from any Detachment Officer. Associate Members WELCOME! Make it an objective to recruit one new member before the next Newsletter is published!

Marines Helping Marines –

Volunteer Drivers: to provide transportation of fellow veterans to meetings, Detachment events, VA Hospital, airport, etc. Is your name on the Volunteer List??? If not, contact us today...

Notary Public Service: Provided at NO COST to members needing Notary services. Contact Robert Yanacek, Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms/Web Sergeant.

Community Service – Share your ideas, Volunteer to ramrod one of these projects for the Detachment, Lend a hand... Contact one of your Detachment Officers directly and/or bring your ideas to the next Detachment Meeting:

Veterans History Project [Library of Congress]

BSA Eagle Scout Program

Toys For Tots

Fun –

Family Fun Day

4Jul07 – Participate in The Currituck Club Independence Day Parade then assemble at the Wendling's for some ribs and suds... More info at the 8May meeting.

232nd Marine Corps Birthday – This year's celebration will again be held at the Duck Woods Country Club. It will start/end a bit earlier than usual to allow for more family time after the birthday event. Mark your calendar: Saturday, 10Nov07 and plan to attend. Details and invitations out in September...

Member News:

Member Bob Van Zee answered the Supreme Commandant's call to guard duty, Detachment Everlasting on 27Apr07. He is sorely missed!

Member Joe Montgomery had heart surgery in April. Get well soon, Joe!

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

8May07, 1900, Thomas A. Baum Center

Jason Lowry, Veteran's Liaison with Congressman Walter Jones office will be our special guest. Jason will provide the Detachment with an update on veteran's legislation and seek input from area veteran's regarding veteran's benefits. Please plan to attend. Guests are welcome, including veterans of other military branches.

Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League Convention

22-23Jun07 – Charlotte, NC

There is a wide variety of resources available to you listed on your Detachment Website! Check it out! www.obxmarines.com



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