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Next Meeting

March 4

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1800 Social

1900 Meeting

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COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

To all Marines of the Tar Heel Detachment,

I would like to THANK YOU for your support and allowing me to be your Commandant for another year. The Tar Heel Detachment is made up of many outstanding Marines and I am very humbled at the opportunity to be your leader. I pledge that with the help of newly elect Sr. Vice Commandant Russ Oliver, Jr. Vice Commandant Bruce Goeden, Judge Advocate Tyrone Ashe and Jr. Past Commandant Andrew Blizzard we will continue to uphold the high expectations of your Detachment. As you have heard me say many times, there is no "I" in TEAM, so with the support of each of you we will continue to uphold the high standards expected of the Tar Heel Detachment.

With leadership of each of the Marines that have stepped up we will have very successful fund raising events this year. Our pistol raffle is off to a great start headed by the efforts of Earl Linthicum with his dedication of setting up a booth at all the gun shows in the area. Any of you that can set aside a part of your time to assist him he will greatly welcome you. Also, tickets are available for each of you to sell individually to everyone you come in contact with. We have 1,000 tickets printed and at \$10 a ticket we stand to add in excess of \$8,000 in our bank account if we sell them all.

Sr. Vice elect Russ Oliver is spearheading the effort to sign up businesses to become sponsors of the Tar Heel Detachment. With this we will present a framed certificate to be displayed in the business as supporters. We will also print their names in our Scuttlebutt as supporting sponsors. Those of you that can help Russ please let him know. Jr. Vice elect Bruce Goeden is setting up Rose Donation sites at all the Five Below Stores, so he will need "A Few Good Men" (and women) to help out for a few hours to make this successful.

As was noted in an email previously sent out, our O'Charley's breakfast fundraiser took a shot due to O'Charley's no longer doing the breakfast. The good news is that the Golden Corral in Fuquay has agreed to host a breakfast buffet for us on April 11th from 8:00 am until 10:30 am. Each ticket holder will have access to the complete buffet bar including

special order omelets. They are charging us \$4 per ticket and we are selling them for \$10 each. (As a side note, the regular price is \$8.95 plus tax and cost of beverage so it is normally around \$11.50 per person). We will be distributing tickets to sell ASAP. We can raise a substantial amount of money with the efforts of everyone.

We have other events that are happening in the near future, beginning with the installation of newly elected officers to be held at the Devils Ridge Golf Club on March 7th at 1830. An email notice will be sent out with complete details. We look forward to many of you joining in for a fun but somber evening of a great dinner and formal induction ceremony.

Our Memorial Day Chair, Ed Romanoski, is busy putting together another great program of celebration and recognition of those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for the preservation of the freedoms of our great country. We will celebrate on Memorial Day, May 25th at the Capitol grounds in Raleigh. So mark your calendar and prepare to assist in any way needed. Information as put together will be presented at our future meetings.

It is a pleasure to announce that at our Feb. 4th meeting we voted in an honorary member of our detachment and immediately promoted him to the rank of Sgt. Please welcome Sgt. Buzo, a beautiful English Bulldog, to be the mascot for the Tar Heel Detachment. Sgt. Buzo will be available for many of our activities, including some of our fundraisers.

2015 marks a huge milestone for the Tar Heel Detachment in that we will celebrate our 25th anniversary of the establishment of our Detachment. Research shows us that at present we have 15 of our past Commandants still alive. It is hoped that we can arrange to have each of them available to be recognized at an event in October with the date to be determined. If you have any suggestions as to what activity you would like to see or any bits of history that you can offer please send it to me, or pass along at one of our upcoming meetings.

We will have Dan Brown at our March meeting to show us the plans for a Marine Museum to be constructed at Camp Lejeune, so mark your calendar for March 4th to learn about this exciting project.

As a reminder, in order to continue to keep any

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION...

New Sergeant Major of the USMC and SgtMaj Green's CARntroversy

By Andrew Northam a freelance writer. A Marine veteran who served with 2/6 from 1990 to 1994. published in usmclife.com



The selection of Sergeant Major Ronald Green as the next Sergeant Major of the Marine Corp (SMMC) has once again stirred up controversy about combat experience and the somehow fanatical belief that to be a great leader, one must be an O3, AND must have earned a Combat Action Ribbon.

As the Corps is winding down two wars lasting 14 years, one can reasonably ask, how does a Marine serve for 30+ years, covering the Gulf War, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and NOT be a combat vet? The answer? Marines do not get to choose their duty stations; you go where you are assigned.

Sgt Maj Green's 30 plus year career in the Marine Corps was primarily as an O8, in Field Artillery Operations. Aside from a stint as a DI at Parris Island, he maintained this MOS for the first 18 years of his career. As the SMMC, Sergeant Major Green's primary responsibility is to advise the Commandant and be his eyes and ears of the enlisted ranks. As we wind down our nation's longest period at war, the Corps is facing many challenges; two of the biggest are dealing with the overall military drawdown and more



importantly, dealing with returning vets and PTSD. Can he conceivably do this without that precious ribbon? I believe so.

Since the Combat Action Ribbon was established in 1961, only two SMMC have not received the CAR: Sgt Major McMichael and Sgt Major Estrada, both who served in the past 16 years during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. One could make the argument that anyone would be better than our outgoing SMMC, Sergeant Major Barrett. As a highly decorated vet with two combat tours, Barrett made controversial remarks on April 11, 2014 to a Senate Armed Services Committee panel that Marines should be paid



less and that "I truly believe it will raise discipline. You'll have better spending habits. You won't be so wasteful." Well, I remember my paychecks as a lowly E-3, I never remember having money to waste.

Ever since air winger General James Amos was appointed as the Commandant of the Marine Corps without a CAR, the internet has been abuzz with memes, "Dude, where's your CAR?". With General Dunford taking the reins as Commandant whose an infantry officer with a highly decorated career, perhaps Green's lack of actual combat experience is not necessary.

Dunford's nickname of "Fighting Joe" Dunford given to him by General "Mad Dog" Mattis, gives him enough street credibility to offset any perceived weakness anyone can throw at Green. Sure there were there other combat vets eligible for the position; Sgt Maj Kasal is an obvious favorite among the enlisted ranks earning the Navy Cross in Iraq. Personally, I would have chosen Sgt Maj Ploskonka who was my squad leader in 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines in the 90's, and one of the most influential leaders in my life.

All this being said, Dunford has chosen Green and Green it is... CAR or no CAR.

Semper Fidelis



Chaplain's Corner

Jim Niver

It is February and we associate that with St. Valentine's Day. It began as a liturgical celebration of one or more of the early Christian saints named Valentinus. The day was first associated with romantic love in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th Century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering candy, and sending greetings cards, much as we traditionally practice today.

Still we need to remember that love is a more inclusive term. It includes the teachings of loving thy neighbor and fellow man and the love of God to man. There is a Bible Verse that states: 'Let us love one another, for love is from God'. All love comes from God, and anyone who doesn't love doesn't know God. As the prayer book states: 'The first and great commandment is to love God with all your heart and soul and mind. And the second is like unto it and to love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two great commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Let us therefore, as we celebrate Valentine's Day, keep in mind the broader meaning of love, and remember to practice it in our daily lives.

Let us pray.

Supreme Commandant, we know how full of love You are, and we are glad you give that love to the world. We desire that everyone love one another. Please live in our hearts so that we may also love one another. Amen

Ref: 1 Jahsmann, A. H.; Simon, M.P.: Little Visits with God. Conoordia, 1955
2. Wikipedia

Upcoming MCL Events...

Det Meeting	Feb 4
Pistol Shoot	Feb 18

Future Events

Det Meeting	Mar 4
Det Installation Dinner	Mar 7
Pistol Shoot	Mar 18



Paymaster's Notes....

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Business Sponsors Program

At last October's meeting we discussed a fund raiser known as "Business Sponsors" and decided to defer it to the new calendar year. Now that 2015 has arrived and Russ Oliver has volunteered to coordinate the program it's time for all of us to do our part.

Here is what you need to do to get a sponsor. Take a "Sponsor Letter" to a business owner and ask them to help us support Marines, Youth activities and the community. The organizations we support are boldly presented in the letter. If they wish to make this tax deductible contribution we will do three things:

- Place their name and website on the "Sponsors" page of our website for 12 months.
- Publish their name, phone and website in the Scuttlebutt for 12 months.
- Present them with a Certificate of Appreciation that shows they support our organizations.

To get started they fill out a "Sponsor Form", cut a check and either mail it in or you mail it to the paymaster. Suellen will put their listing in the Scuttlebutt and I will add them to a new "Sponsors" page on our website. You can then present the framed certificate to them for display in their place of business. We will offer them a reduced rate for continued sponsorship in consecutive years.

This has the potential to increase our ability to help and influence the groups we support in dynamic ways. Please think of the businesses you frequent and give them the opportunity to be involved in the positive effects we have on our military and civilian community. Sponsor Letters and Sponsor Sign-Up Forms are available on our website TarHeelMCL.org under the "Links&Docs" page for you to print out when you need them.

Let's help Russ make this a big success.

Semper Fi, Richard Patrick



**Sr. Vice Commandant's
Message
Andrew Blizzard**

Being home sick over the past week has given me an opportunity to reflect over what would be considered a great career in the League. This League is founded on trust, sacrifice and the faithfulness of its Detachment members. I have never been a part of an organization that brings you in as an equal and gives you the opportunity to serve and lead with unwavering support.

The need to serve has been a quest of mine and there is no better organization to do so. The newly elected officers are holding the positions to serve our League and community with no personal gain other than to fulfill just that need. I am extremely proud of the small accomplishments I have made with the support of each and every member.

Our Young Marines are still making us proud. During the past weeks, Detachment members Efrin Rodriguez, Gerald Harley and Pedro Navagonzalez sat in on promotion boards. We were all impressed by their bearing and poise. The Young Marines were challenged with tough leadership scenarios. Each board featured at least three Marines and a senior Young Marine during the process. After running them through the gauntlet, Pedro Navagonzalez suggested we bring each candidate back in to share our thoughts of how the board went. This addition to the process proved to be a very effective tool in that it gives the kid immediate feed back as to how they did and what their weakness and strong points are. The promotion board is a very stressful process. If these kids can hold their own in a room of Marines firing questions at them, they are prepared to take on any civilian job interview.

As we embark on a new year, I charge each Marine to dig a little deeper than last year and make that push to make our organization better. It is always a pleasure to show up at an event and fellowship with each other. Let's get behind our Commandant and make this a record year in the League! Forward!

Semper Fi,
Blizzard
Sr Vice Commandant



**Jr. Vice Commandant's
Message
Bruce Goeden**

Welcome to February All of Our Member and Friends

On January 31st we were invited to an Eagle Scout Court Of Honor and awarded a Good Citizenship Certificate to Quinton Callahan Meager Last year we awarded his older Brother Collin an Eagle Certificate.

February is Here????????!!!!!! By the time you read this the 2015 Election of Officers will be over! Mark your Calendar in advance for the Upcoming Installation Dinner Yes, Mark " March the 7th" 1830 on your Calendar.

March 8th is Military Appreciation Day at the PNC Arena Hockey Game. **See me for discount Hockey Tickets.** Speaking of Hockey tickets! How about lower level tickets for \$40.00.

While your marking your Calendar do not forget Valentines day on February 14th! Do not want to forget our special other half's and main supporters. Wow March looks more exciting than February!!

Those of you who did not make the meeting, did not see the Photo's of, " Buzo " Our New Mascot and He is a Very Real, Living and Breathing Bulldog!!!! So Mark your Calendars for Our March 4th MCL meeting! Why???? "BUZO " and his owner will be there Live and in Person!!!!

What Else is going on ????

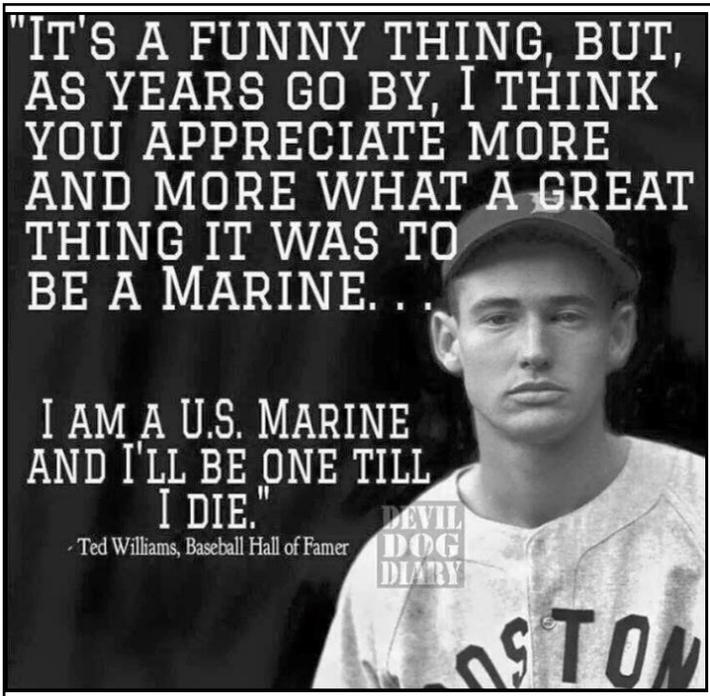
Our monthly Pistol Shoot is Feb 18 , 1845 till 2100 **Bring your Firearms, Ammo, Ear and Eye protection. Also bring your own Targets! No not the store, The Targets you shoot At!!** " Should You not have a Firearm let us know and we will supply one" " You just bring the ammo your going to shoot" Member's Wives and Kids are also welcome!!!!

February 21st , Rose Fund Raiser at 5 Below in Cary Located at 233 Crossroads Blvd right next to Best Buys Setup 0930 Till 1400 ish USMC Shirts, Jackets and Hats (Covers Optional) Drinks will be available (Sorry No Alcohol) Please E mail me so I know how many drinks to bring!+ Folding chairs if you have them!

Semper Fi
Bruce Goeden Jr Vice,
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Detachment Meeting February 4, 2015





The Tar Heel Detachment
recognizes and celebrates
United States Marine Corps
Women Marines



On the Occasion of their
72nd Anniversary
1943-2015



Woman Marine members of the Tar Heel Detachment 733 as of February 2015: Mitzi Manning, Anita Horne and Suellen Beaulieu.

Detachment Activities

Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award



Marine Pete Navagonzalez , Jr Vice Commandant Bruce Goeden (along with Marine Frank Mansfield (and Eagle Scout of 75+ years) and Marine Russ Oliver) presented Quinton Callahan Meagher a Good Citizenship Award from the Tar Heel Detachment 733 on Saturday Jan 30 in Apex.

Detachment Pistol Shoot Jan 21st



This Marine Was The 'American Sniper' Of The Vietnam War

by Blake Stillwell, We Are the Mighty

Long before Chris Kyle penned "American Sniper," Carlos Hathcock was already a legend. He taught himself to shoot as a boy, just like Alvin York and Audie Murphy before him. He had dreamed of being a U.S. Marine his whole life and enlisted in 1959 at just 17 years old. Hathcock was an excellent sharpshooter by then, winning the Wimbledon Cup shooting championship in 1965, the year before he would deploy to Vietnam and change the face of American warfare forever.



Carlos Hathcock taking aim in Vietnam. (Photo: USMC archives)

He deployed in 1966 as a military policeman, but immediately volunteered for combat and was soon transferred to the 1st Marine Division Sniper Platoon, stationed at Hill 55, South of Da Nang. This is where Hathcock would earn the nickname "White Feather" -- because he always wore a white feather on his bush hat, daring the North Vietnamese to spot him -- and where he would achieve his status as the Vietnam War's deadliest sniper in missions that sound like they were pulled from the pages of Marvel comics.

White Feather vs. The General Early morning and early evening were Hathcock's favorite times to strike. This was important when he volunteered for a mission he knew nothing about. "First light and last light are the best times," he said. "In the morning, they're going out after a good night's rest, smoking, laughing. When they come back in the evenings, they're tired, lollygagging, not paying attention to detail."

He observed this first-hand, at arm's reach, when trying to dispatch a North Vietnamese Army General officer. For four days and three nights, he low crawled inch by inch, a move he called "worming," without food or sleep, more than 1500 yards to get close to the general. This was the only time he ever removed the feather from his cap. Over a time period like that you could forget the strategy, forget the rules and end up dead," he said. "I didn't want anyone dead, so I took the mission myself, figuring I was better than the rest of them, because I was training them." Hathcock moved to a treeline near the NVA encampment. "There were two twin .51s next to me," he said. "I started worming on my side to keep my slug trail thin. I could have tripped the patrols that came by." The general stepped out onto a porch and yawned. The general's aide stepped in front of him and by the time he moved away, the general was down, a bullet through his heart. Hathcock was 700 yards away. "I had to get away. When I made the shot, everyone ran to the treeline because that's where the cover was." The soldiers searched for the sniper for three days as he made his way back. They never even saw him. "Carlos became part of the environment," said Edward Land, Hathcock's commanding officer. "He totally integrated himself into the environment. He had the patience, drive, and courage to do the job. He felt very strongly that he was saving Marine lives." With 93 confirmed kills -- his longest was at 2500 yards -- and an estimated 300 more, for Hathcock, it really wasn't about the killing. "I really didn't like the killing," he once told a reporter. "You'd have to be crazy to enjoy running around the woods, killing people. But if I didn't get the enemy, they were going to kill the kids over there." Saving

American lives is something Hathcock took to heart.

"The Best Shot I Ever Made" "She was a bad woman," Carlos Hathcock once said of the woman known as 'Apache.' "Normally kill squads would just kill a Marine and take his shoes or whatever, but the Apache was very sadistic. She would do anything to cause pain." This was the trademark of the female Viet Cong platoon leader. She captured Americans in the area around Carlos Hathcock's unit and then tortured them without mercy. "I was in her backyard, she was in mine. I didn't like that," Hathcock said. "It was personal, very personal. She'd been torturing Marines before I got there." In November of 1966, she captured a Marine Private and tortured him within earshot of his own unit. "She tortured him all afternoon, half the next day," Hathcock recalls. "I was by the wire... He walked out, died right by the wire." Apache skinned the private, cut off his eyelids, removed his fingernails, and then castrated him before letting him go. Hathcock attempted to save him, but he was too late. Carlos Hathcock had enough. He set out to kill Apache before she could kill any more Marines. One day, he and his spotter got a chance. They observed an NVA sniper platoon on the move. At 700 yards in, one of them stepped off the trail and Hathcock took what he calls the best shot he ever made.



Carlos Hathcock at work in the fields of Vietnam. (Photo: U.S. Marine Corps)

"We were in the midst of switching rifles. We saw them," he remembered. "I saw a group coming, five of them. I saw her squat to pee, that's how I knew it was her. They tried to get her to stop, but she didn't stop. I stopped her. I put one extra in her for good measure."

A Five-Day Engagement One day during a forward observation mission, Hathcock and his spotter encountered a newly minted company of NVA troops. They had new uniforms, but no support and no communications. "They had the bad luck of coming up against us," he said. "They came right up the middle of the rice paddy. I dumped the officer in front, my observer dumped the one in the back." The last officer started running in the opposite direction. "Running across a rice paddy is not conducive to good health," Hathcock remarked. "You don't run across rice paddies very fast." According to Hathcock, once a sniper fires three shots, he leaves. With no leaders left, after three shots, the opposing platoon wasn't moving. "So there was no reason for us to go either," said the sniper. "No one in charge, a bunch of Ho Chi Minh's finest young go-getters, nothing but a bunch of hamburgers out there." Hathcock called artillery at all times through the coming night, with flares going on the whole time. When morning came, the NVA were still there. "We didn't withdraw, we just moved," Hathcock recalled. "They attacked where we were the day before. That didn't get far either."

White Feather and The M2 Though the practice had been in use since the Korean War, Carlos Hathcock made the use of the M2 .50 caliber machine gun as a long-range sniper weapon a normal practice. He designed a rifle mount, built by Navy Seabees, which allowed him to easily convert the weapon. "I was sent to see if that would work," he recalled. "We were elevated on a mountain with bad guys all over. I was there three days, observing. On the third day, I zeroed at 1000 yards, longest 2500. Here comes the hamburger, came right across the spot

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where it was zeroed, he bent over to brush his teeth and I let it fly. If he hadn't stood up, it would have gone over his head. But it didn't." The distance of that shot was 2,460 yards – almost a mile and a half – and it stood as a record until broken in 2002 by Canadian sniper Arron Perry in Afghanistan.



White Feather vs. The Cobra "If I hadn't gotten him just then," Hathcock remembers, "he would have gotten me." Many American snipers had a bounty on their heads. These were usually worth one or two thousand dollars. The reward for the sniper with the white feather in his bush cap, however, was worth \$30,000. Like a sequel to *Enemy at The Gates*, Hathcock became such a thorn in the side of the NVA that they eventually sent their own best sniper to kill him. He was known as the Cobra and would become Hathcock's most famous encounter in the course of the war.

"He was doing bad things," Hathcock said. "He was sent to get me, which I didn't really appreciate. He killed a gunny outside my hooch. I watched him die. I vowed I would get him some way or another." That was the plan. The Cobra would kill many Marines around Hill 55 in an attempt to draw Hathcock out of his base. "I got my partner, we went out we trailed him. He was very cagey, very smart. He was close to being as good as I was... But no way, ain't no way ain't nobody that good." In an interview filmed in the 1990s, he discussed how close he and his partner came to being a victim of the Cobra. "I fell over a rotted tree. I made a mistake and he made a shot. He hit my partner's canteen. We thought he'd been hit because we felt the warmth running over his leg. But he'd just shot his canteen dead." Eventually the team of Hathcock and his partner, John Burke, and the Cobra had switched places. "We worked around to where he was," Hathcock said. "I took his old spot, he took my old spot, which was bad news for him because he was facing the sun and glinted off the lens of his scope, I saw the glint and shot the glint." White Feather had shot the Cobra just moments before the Cobra would have taken his own shot. "I was just quicker on the trigger, otherwise he would have killed me," Hathcock said. "I shot right straight through his scope, didn't touch the sides." With a wry smile, he added: "And it didn't do his eyesight no good either."

In 1969, a vehicle Hathcock was riding in struck a landmine and knocked the Marine unconscious. He came to and pulled seven of his fellow Marines from the burning wreckage. He left Vietnam with burns over 40 percent of his body. He received the Silver Star for this action in 1996. After the mine ended his sniping career, he established the Marine Sniper School at Quantico, teaching Marines how to "get into the bubble," a state of complete concentration. He was in intense pain as he taught at Quantico, suffering from Multiple Sclerosis, the disease that would ultimately kill him -- something the NVA could never accomplish.

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organization healthy and vibrant we need to continue to add new members, so the next time you meet a Marine invite them to visit our Detachment to see what we have to offer. We have coordinated a time to meet with our Marine Reserve unit so as to let them know about the history of the Marine Corps League and invite them to join us and hopefully become an active part of our Detachment. DVC John Staley and I will give a presentation at one of their reserve meetings in April.

Another way to promote our Detachment is to refer others to our updated website tarheelmcl.org which is now loaded with a great deal of information and history THANKS to our Webmaster Richard Patrick. If you haven't looked at it recently, then I encourage you to take a look at it.

Congratulations to the Woman Marines on the occasion of their 72nd anniversary!

Remember February 14th is Valentine's Day, so be sure to give your special valentine or valentines a big showing of appreciation.

I will close with this thought:

"The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it." Albert Einstein

Semper Fi,
John Dilday

**2015-2015
Detachment Officer Elections**



John Dilday, Commandant, (above left)
Russ Oliver, Sr Vice Commandant, (above right)
Bruce Goeden, Jr Vice Commandant, (Below left)
Tryone Ashe, Judge Advocate (below right)
**Installation Dinner: 7Mar2015 Devil's Ridge Golf Club
 Holly Springs, NC**





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE – TAR HEEL DETACHMENT #733

Minutes 4 February 2015

Opening ceremony was held at 1900 hours at the Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cary, NC. The meeting was conducted by Commandant John Dilday. There were 25 in attendance.

The following Marines were recognized: Brooks Harris, Stan Roberts and Gerald Harley.

Roll Call of Officers: PRESENT:

John Dilday, Commandant	Ed Romanoski, Judge Advocate
Bruce Goeden, Jr. Vice Commandant	Jim Niver, Chaplain
Richard Patrick, Paymaster, Web Sergeant	Tyrone Ashe, Sgt-at-Arms

EXCUSED: D Johnson, Adjutant; Jim Haslam, Web Master Emeritus; David Gardener; Andy Blizzard, Sr. Vice Commandant.

Applications for New Membership: There was one new application. Pete Navagonzalez was approved for membership by voice vote.

Nomination and Election of Officers: DoNC Chief of Staff John Staley conducted the election of the detachment officers. The nominating committee placed the following names on the ballot for their respective offices. John Dilday – Commandant; Andrew Blizzard – Sr. Vice Commandant; Bruce Goeden – Jr. Vice Commandant and Tyrone Ashe – Judge Advocate. The only nomination from the floor was made by Earl Linthicum for Russ Oliver to serve as Sr. Vice Commandant. The results were that John Dilday, Russ Oliver, Bruce Goeden and Tyrone Ashe are the detachment officers elect for the next year. In addition, Chief of Staff Staley announced the following were appointed to these offices: Richard Patrick – Adjutant/Paymaster and Web Sergeant; Jim Niver – Chaplain; Ed Romanowski — Sgt-At-Arms.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The January 7, 2015 minutes were approved as published by voice vote. Motion was made by Earl Linthicum, Seconded by James Cox.

Correspondence: All correspondence from Dept. of NC has been forwarded to members via e-mail or the Scuttlebutt.

Reports:

Paymaster: Richard Patrick's report was submitted and approved pending audit by voice vote. As of 1/31/2015, we have a checkbook balance of \$ 1,083.33, plus CD's \$3,188.37 less committed funds of \$ 1,650.00 for a total of \$ 2,621.70 in available funds. The motion was made by Russ Oliver It was seconded by James Cox. Other information reported was the Membership numbers. We have 89 members made up as follows: 35 Life, 35 Paid, and 15 or 16.9 % Unpaid. Four are due this month.

Sickness or Distress:

Joyce Hatch, John Skuce's wife, is recovering from Hip surgery..

Jim Haslam is home from the hospital.

Brooks Harris is recovering well and attended the meeting

Tyrone Ashe may be getting his hip surgery soon.

The following are also sick: Harry Schweitzer's father-in-law (2) Ed Welch's sister (3) Doc Clement's wife(4) Robert Federico (5) Andrew Blizzard.

Standing Committees:

Jr. Vice Commandant: Bruce Goeden can get hockey tickets if you want them. He is planning a Rose Fund sale on Feb 21st and needs help from 9 to 2 at Cary 5 Below store. Announced that Frank Mansfield has donated one of his works of art, a wooden tank, for auction.

Public Affairs: Pete Navagonzalez passed around pictures and recommended we adopt an English Bull dog



by the name of Buzo as our Tar Heel Detachment mascot. Tyrone Ashe made the motion and Andrew Jones seconded it. Motion passed.

Sgt at Arms: Tyrone Ashe reported that our **Young Marines** are doing well and that the detachment is supporting them at the meetings. 12 members were present last Monday. He is continuing to work on establishing the Veterans Resource Center at Wake Tech.

Eagle Scouts: Pete Gonzalez, of earlier Buzo fame, will expand his involvement by assisting David Gardner with the Eagle Scouts Courts of Honor.

Pistol Shoot: Richard Patrick reported 18 shooters last month that resulted in a \$60 contribution to our scholarship fund.

Unfinished Business:

Banking: The paymaster made a motion that we convert one \$1,000 CD to cash to help cover coming expenses. Pete Navagonzalez seconded and the membership vote approved.

Budget and Finance Committee: John Staley reviewed the B&F committee's responsibilities and duties, our financial guidelines, the budget process, and how to go about getting approval for spending detachment funds. If you want to help on an upcoming audit let him know.

Memorial Day: Ed Romanoski gave an update on the process and the changes in this year's ceremony. He needs your help on the day of the event so let him know.

New Business:

The **Detachment 25th Anniversary** is in October. Commandant Dilday wants to have a dinner and needs a coordinator, so step up, Marine!

The **Installation Banquet** will be held March 7th at Devil's Ridge Golf Club for under \$25 per meal.

PLEASE bring your check to the March 4th meeting so that we don't disperse detachment funds unnecessarily. More details will come in and email from the Commandant.

Commandant Dilday proposed we work with the Golden Corral in Fuquay Varina to conduct our next **Community Breakfast** fund raiser on April 11th from 8 – 10:30. They will provide the whole breakfast buffet to us for \$4 per person and we will sell tickets for \$10. Earl Linthicum moved to accept the proposal and Russ Oliver seconded it. The membership approved in a voice vote.

Good of the League:

DoNC Quarterly Meeting and Election: John Staley reminded us that we have two Tar Heel Detachment members running for Department of NC offices. Jeff Jones for Sr. Vice Commandant and James Cox for Judge Advocate.

We will present a program on Sunday, April 19th to the Marines at the Reserve Center about the benefits to them of joining the Marine Corps League.

Announcements:

Each Monday – **Young Marines** meet at 1830 at Army Reserve Center.

3/04 – Next Detachment Meeting. Guest Dan Brown, Museum of the Marines

3/07 - **Officer Installation Banquet.** See above.

3/27 – 3/28 – **DoNC Quarterly Meeting** in Greenville at the American Legion Bldg.

Two Marines were killed in an accident at Twenty-nine Palms MC Base.

Closing Ceremony: The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hours. The next meeting is Mar4, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Patrick
Adjutant/Paymaster

Semper Fidelis



Semper Fi 'Til the Day I Die



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Det Mtg	5	6	7	1	2	3 <i>John Booth David Lancaster</i>	4 Det Mtg <i>Robert Mann</i>	5	6 <i>Tyronne Ashe</i>	7 Det Installation Dinner
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	8	9	10	11 <i>Bob Federico</i>	12 <i>Sandy Mazzu</i>	13	14
15 <i>Harry Chaffin</i>	16	17	18 Pistol Shoot <i>James Cox</i>	19	20	21	15	16	17	18 Pistol Shoot	19	20	21 <i>Arch Williams</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22 <i>Anita Horne</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
							29 <i>Matthew Herman</i>	30 <i>Paul Seiler Robin Whitcher</i>	31				