



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

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**Newsletter**

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**Detachment Officers for 2007:**

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

**Many Donations to the Detachment:**

Delivered Detachment Charter to Member Tom Fentress who will have it framed at no cost to Detachment.

\$\$\$\$: Anonymous

**NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: 11SEPT07, 1900 BE THERE!**

**No meetings July/August because of tourist season.**

**Check the Detachment website often: [www.obxmarines.com](http://www.obxmarines.com)**

**Also, check Department NC website for State MCL news:  
[www.ncmcleague.org](http://www.ncmcleague.org)**

**Who said?**

**“Come on, you bastards, we’ve gotta get these guns off the beach!”**

**GySgt Manila John Basilone, shortly before he was killed by a mortar round on Sulphur Island (Iwo Jima), February 19, 1945**

## What's Been Going On?

Marine Corps League, Outer Banks Detachment 1264 officially incorporated as a non-profit Corporation in the State of North Carolina, 14Jun07

Detachment By-Laws approved by Department NC Judge Advocate, John Staffieri, 23Jun07. Original, signed document in custody of Detachment Judge Advocate.

Military & Veteran's Liaison to Congressman Walter Jones, Jason Lowry presented a legislative update and gathered local veterans inputs regarding benefits at General Membership Meeting, 8May07. Contacted NC District Veterans Service Officer: William Turner on behalf of Detachment.

NC District Veterans Service Officer, William Turner was a guest at General Membership Meeting, 12Jun07. Briefed members on current veteran's affairs and provided several copies of "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents – 2006 Edition" for Detachment use. [If you would like a copy, simply email [wending.d@obxmarines.com](mailto:wending.d@obxmarines.com).]

Detachment Commandant and Adjutant Paymaster participated in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Kill Devil Hills, NC on 30Jun07 for Charles Graham Yates, Troop 165-Manteo. Presented Eagle Scout Yates with a Certificate of Good Citizenship on behalf of the Marine Corps League.

Local resident, George Barlow III was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for Loyalty and Patriotism by Detachment at General Membership Meeting, 12Jun07. George's father and his son both served in the Marine Corps and George honors them by riding one of his two motorcycles to work daily which have been decorated with abundant Marine decals, etc.

Detachment Members participated in the Town of Nags Head, Memorial Day Ceremony, 28May07.

Associate Member Elizabeth Wendling made initial contact with Duck Woods Country Club regarding brunch to be held there 10Nov07. Elizabeth and Becky Baronet will be working with them to arrange a delightful, but reasonably priced, menu for our 232<sup>nd</sup> Marine Corps Birthday celebration. Member Dick Sulik, a DWCC member, is sponsoring the event for the Detachment, resulting in lower cost to members.

Detachment Commandant Wendling attended Department NC Annual Convention in Charlotte, NC, 22-23Jun07. New Department NC Officers elected and installed. Jack Petrarca, Cary, NC is the new Department NC Commandant. [See [www.ncmcleague.org](http://www.ncmcleague.org) for details on new officers and mission/goals for 2007/2008.

Welcomed New Members: Tim Gregory and Charles Cameron  
Detachment Membership, end June: **31**



## Message from Commandant of the Marine Corps:

CMC WASHINGTON DC(UC)

TO: ALL MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERS [Via National Commandant, Jack Ryan]

23 MARCH 2007

I am writing you this letter to ask for your support, and the support of the Marine Corps League. I know that I do not need to recount how our Marines are serving selflessly in harm's way – but it seems that many of our fellow Americans do not understand the gravity of the current situation. We are fighting a determined enemy bent on terror and domination. Iraq and Afghanistan are only the first battles of this Long War – but they are crucial to our Nation's future. Success by the enemy will dramatically change the world as we know it, leaving a harsh environment for our children and grandchildren to endure.

I need your help, and the help of the Marine Corps League, to inspire the American people –they need to understand that we must succeed in the war, as our long term national credibility is on the line. You are in a unique position to make an impact, and that's why this letter is in your hands. Having worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor for more than half a century, your distinctive credibility allows you to speak with authority. You have a strategic position in our society, and I ask that you, as a Marine, take up this call.

A new generation of Marines is distinguishing themselves far from our shores – and they need our help to fight the good fight here at home. I ask for your continued commitment to ensure our nation prevails.

Semper Fi, Marine!

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

**Fun –**

232<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

Active Duty Member Matt Greene, Sniper, 3/2, was married on 18May07. Matt, recently promoted to Corporal, and his new wife Keisha are now at Camp Lejeune where Matt has been assigned as an instructor, sniper school. Congratulations, Matt!

Member Dan Robertson and Heather Teal, were married on 10Jun07 in a ceremony on the Beach. Dan, recently promoted to Captain, has been reactivated for the global war on terror and is now in Camp Pendleton, CA. Keep Dan and his new wife in your thoughts and prayers.

Member Jim Pfizenmayer's wife, Louise passed away. Outer Banks Detachment #1264 members attended the funeral and graveside services, 24Jun07. Our hearts ache for Jim on his loss.

### **NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

**11Sept07, 1900, Thomas A. Baum Center**

### **Department of North Carolina, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting**

**22 September 2007 – Greensboro, NC, 1100-1530**

**Greater Greensboro Detachment #260, Host**

**There's a wide variety of resources available on your Detachment Website! Check it out! [www.obxmarines.com](http://www.obxmarines.com)**

# **MARINE GRUNT**

**Term of affection, used to  
denote that filthy, sweaty,  
dirt-encrusted, foot-sore,  
camouflage-painted,  
ripped-trousered, tired,  
sleepy, beautiful, little sum beach  
who has kept the wolf away  
from your door for over  
two hundred years!**



**SEMPER FIDELIS!**

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