



## 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

### Donations:

Raffle & Door Prizes, USMC Birthday 10Nov07 - Tom & Ann Fentress

Marine-in-Need, Wanchese, NC - Marine Corps League Members [\$795]

**NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: 12Feb08, 1900 BE THERE!**

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)

### **232<sup>nd</sup> Marine Corps Birthday:**

Held at Duck Woods Country Club, 10 November 2007. Brunch with an official cake cutting ceremony conducted by Dick Sulik, Tom Fentress, an Iwo Jima veteran – Guest Speaker, lots of door prizes and several raffle prizes. Proceeds from the raffle donated to the Detachment. Good turnout and excellent Birthday celebration. See [www.obxmarines.com](http://www.obxmarines.com) for more info and pictures.

## What's Been Going On?

Marine Corps League, Outer Banks Detachment #1264 was shocked to learn that member Tom Fentress, Purple Heart vet of Iwo Jima and Guest Speaker at the local Marine Corps Birthday celebration 10Nov07, passed away suddenly on 11Nov07. We miss him greatly!

Detachment members participated in the local Toys-For-Tots campaign under the local leadership of Laura Hummel. Over 800 toys were accumulated during roughly 10 hours of work. Participants agree it was a rewarding experience.

There is a need for a Public Information Officer, PIO, and the Detachment is looking for someone willing to serve in this critical role. Duties include generation of press releases regarding Detachment activities, publication of the Detachment Newsletter, etc.

Detachment elections held at 13Dec07 General Membership Meeting. Kelly Chamberlain [Korea] elected as Senior Vice Commandant. Tim Gregory elected as Junior Vice Commandant. All other elected/appointed Officers remain the same for 2008. Congratulations to our new Officers. We look forward to your assistance in growing the Outer Banks Detachment.

Detachment Membership, end December: **31**

**If everybody could get in the Marines, it WOULDN'T be the Marines!**

**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 – Discussions will be held in upcoming meetings about Detachment participation in the 2008 campaign. Get involved!**

### **Member News:**

Senior Vice Commandant, John Jumet, had a pancreatic attack while traveling in FL and ended up in a Gainesville hospital. He's recuperating at home now and trying to behave himself... [Also, John and Barbara Ann went for a tour of the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Well, it turns out that they got stuck in the elevator because of a power outage, on their way to the Mess Hall for some chow, and had to be extricated... Most likely a first for the Museum. Next thing we know there'll be a plaque commemorating that occasion up there!]

Chaplain, John Strauss has officially retired as Pastor of Corolla Chapel but remains in his post as our Detachment Chaplain. We look forward to having his wife Betty as an Associate Member.

### **Late Breaking News:**

The Detachment was devastated to hear that Member, Tom Fentress, passed away suddenly on Sunday, 11November07. Tom, a Sergeant of Marines and Purple Heart veteran of Iwo Jima, had been our Guest Speaker for our 232<sup>nd</sup> Marine Corps Birthday celebration, the day prior. We are so happy that we had the opportunity to chat with Tom and his lovely wife, Ann, for a brief time on 10Nov07. Please keep Tom's family in your hearts and prayers and know that Tom is busy pulling guard duty for the Supreme Commandant in Detachment Everlasting.

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

**12Feb08, 1900, Thomas A. Baum Center**

Be advised that the Commandant has elected to change the format of the monthly meetings to allow for more member exchange/socializing. It's felt that since we are now a year old, the full MCL ritual, which has been taking up the lion's share of our meetings, can be modified to make the meetings less formal/more fun and informative for our members. We've got a wide variety of experiences and expertise in our membership and it's important that we get to know one another better. The full MCL ritual will be utilized for special occasions such as Officer Installation, Funeral services, etc., and as requested by the Commandant. We hope Detachment members view these changes positively and will result in increased recruiting and feeling of Brotherhood by all.

Hope to see you there!





## **THINGS YOU'LL PROBABLY REMEMBER**



**Once you're in a fight, it's way too late to wonder if it's a good idea.**

**If everything is clear as a bell, and everything is going exactly as planned, you are about to be surprised.**

**No matter what you do, the bullet with your name on it will get you. So, too, can the ones addressed "To Whom It May Concern."**

**If you are wearing body armor, they will probably miss that part.**

**Medals are okay, but having your body and all your buddies in one piece at the end of the day is better.**

**If you win the battle you are entitled to the spoils. If you lose you don't care.**

**If everyone does not come home, none of the rest of us can ever fully come home either.**

**Be careful reading the fine print on all military and non-military documents. There's no way you're going to like it.**

**There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.**

**Why is it that at reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?**

**Money can't buy happiness – but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo!**

**We don't take applications – only COMMITMENT!**



**NOTE:**

The Detachment [read Commandant, and by happen-stance Adjutant/Paymaster] has acquired a large collection of Leatherneck Magazines and other Marine related books. Some are full-year collections... It is felt that they would be an excellent contribution to the Wounded Warrior Barracks in Camp Lejeune, NC, or potentially of interest to the National Museum of the Marine Corps or the new Museum of the Marine in Jacksonville, NC. The Commandant is exploring appropriate distribution. If any member has other suggestions, please contact Doug Wendling at [wending.d@obxmarines.com](mailto:wending.d@obxmarines.com).

**DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE... RENEW TODAY!**

On a final note:

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL...**

**SEMPER FIDELIS!**

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