



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

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**Detachment Officers for 2009:**

<b>Commandant:</b>	<b>Kelly Chamberlain</b>
<b>Sr. Vice Commandant:</b>	<b>Tim Gregory</b>
<b>Jr. Vice Commandant:</b>	<b>Robert Yanacek</b>
<b>Judge Advocate:</b>	<b>Doug Wendling</b>
<b>Adjutant:</b>	<b>Dean 'Doc' Tyler</b>
<b>Paymaster:</b>	<b>Bob Messinger</b>
<b>Chaplain:</b>	<b>Rick Lawrenson</b>
<b>Sergeant-At-Arms:</b>	<b>Gene Martin</b>
<b>Public Information Officer:</b>	<b>Kevin Wescott</b>
<b>Web Sergeant:</b>	<b>Robert Yanacek</b>

**NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: 12 January 2010**  
**The Kern Pitts Center, 5375 N. Virginia Dare Trail, Southern Shores NC**



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## What's Been Going On?

Check your Detachment Website OFTEN: [www.obxmarines.com](http://www.obxmarines.com)

### Detachment Financial Audit

In accordance with Detachment By-Laws, Judge Advocate Wendling accompanied by Lee Baronet conducted a financial audit of Detachment Finances. The audit found that all financial records are in order and Paymaster, Bob Messenger continues to do a fine job of managing Detachment Financial affairs. As a reminder, members should be aware that the Detachment Financials are not published in either the minutes or newsletters. Such records may be reviewed by any member upon arrangement with the Detachment Paymaster.

### Detachment Officer Elections

Marine Corps League, Outer Banks Detachment #1264 conducted its annual officer election process during November/December which resulted in the current elected officers retaining their positions for another year. The Commandant has also announced that all appointed officers will be retained, as well. A reinstallation ceremony will occur during our next Detachment meeting.

### Detachment Meeting Place

Detachment meetings are held at the Kern Pitts Center at 5375 N. Virginia Dare Trail, Southern Shores, NC. It's a great location for most members, a fine facility and the Town of Southern Shores has been very accommodating to us.

### Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon, 10 November 2009

Detachment Judge Advocate, Doug Wendling, hosted a celebration of our 234<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 10 November 2009 at The Currituck Club. There were approximately 55 attendees and feedback has been mostly positive. Plans for next year are to have the event on the first floor veranda, providing easier access for those members with mobility issues. He reports that there will also be transportation from the parking lot to the clubhouse. More to follow...

### Marine Corps League Uniforms

The Commandant reminds all members that Marine Corps League uniforms must be worn according to the Uniform Code of the League. The only ornament allowed on your League cover is the Marine Corps emblem...no other pins are appropriate. Khaki shirts are no longer a part of the uniform and NCO 'Blood Stripe' blue trousers are never to be worn with the scarlet blazer but may be worn with the Mess jacket. It's imperative that members represent the League and the Marine Corps appropriately.

Once a Marine, ALWAYS a Marine...



**SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER TODAY!!!**  
**Pay your dues promptly to continue receiving your Marine Corps League benefits**

## Message from the Commandant:

Fellow Marines, I am honored to be your Commandant. Let's work together to continue the good work of the Detachment in our community. The China Marines had a phrase for it -- 當都 -- *Gung Ho* or work together. Aren't we the few and the proud?

Onward and upward! "Don't bunch up and stay off the ridge lines."

Semper Fi

### Recruiting...

Recruiting literature is available for all members. Pick some up at the next meeting or request some from your Detachment leadership. Carry recruiting info and applications in your car and never miss an opportunity to let a fellow Marine/FMF Corpsman know what we're about. Make it your objective to recruit one new member this year. Current membership is 36. **Recruiting is EVERYONE'S responsibility! Tell your buddies what they're missing....**

Welcome new members: Gary Felder, Donald Murphy, Leroy Spivey, Dean "Doc" Tyler and Kevin Wescott!

### Toys For Tots...

Paymaster Bob Messinger is coordinating the Detachment campaign again this year and is expecting great results. Detachment members have volunteered to cover collection points at Family Dollar in Manteo, K-Mart and WalMart on Saturdays and Sundays, 21 November through 13 December. Bob will provide a preliminary status report at the next Detachment meeting.



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

Also, North Carolina and other MCL information is available at the **Department NC website**: [www.ncmcl.org](http://www.ncmcl.org)

Check here to read the Marine Corps League Uniform Code... If you decide to obtain MCL uniform items, wear them correctly!

**National Marine Corps League website**: [www.mcleague.com](http://www.mcleague.com)

**ALSO: Syndicated Marine Corps League News... [www.ncmcl.net](http://www.ncmcl.net) [NEW!]**

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

## **Marines Helping Marines –**

**Volunteer Drivers:** to provide transportation of fellow veterans to meetings, Detachment events, VA Hospital, airport, etc.

**Notary Public Service:** Provided at NO COST to members needing Notary services. Contact Robert Yanacek, Detachment Junior Vice Commandant/Web Sergeant.

**Toys For Tots – Detachment Participation** Contact Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster, Bob Messinger, 441-6559, [messinger.b@obxmarines.com](mailto:messinger.b@obxmarines.com)

## **2010 Marine Corps League National Convention**

In 2010 at Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC the Marine Corps League will hold its FIRST National Convention ever held in the state of North Carolina.

**8 - 14 August 2010**

If you haven't registered to attend, please do so. Let's show our pride we have in being one of the more than 56 Marine Corps League detachments in North Carolina!



**SEMPER FIDELIS!**

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