



July 2012

Cherry Point Detachment # 1067

The Marine Corps League was chartered by an Act Of Congress on January 5, 1937.



FROM THE COMMANDANT:

July 2012

June was a very busy and productive month for our detachment. The first weekend in June was the DoNC

Annual Convention in Cherokee, NC. A couple of articles appeared in last month's newsletter regarding that event, plus there is one in this issue. We had three color guard details in June, as well as some members attending the 2nd LAAD Bn ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, where several flags were retired in a very moving ceremony.

We also had Marines helping to raise funds for the detachment at the New Bern Knife and Gun Show, for the benefit of our community as we donate most of our funds to help out worthy causes.

Even though there is no meeting this month, we will all be keeping in mind those warriors who made our Independence Day possible so many years ago. As we watched the fireworks, enjoyed picnics with friends and relatives, I hope we all took a moment to remember how we won our Independence from England, some 236 years ago. Of course the 4th of July is a celebration of our birth as a nation, but we should remember what it took to gain that independence.

From the book "Our Flag" published in 1989 by the House of Representatives...

"On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution authorizing a committee to devise a seal for the United States of America.

This mission, designed to reflect the Founding Fathers' beliefs, values, and sovereignty of the new Nation, did not become a reality until June 20, 1782. In heraldic devices, such as seals, each element has a specific meaning. Even colors have specific meanings. The colors red, white, and blue **did not** have meanings for **The Stars and Stripes** when it was adopted in 1777. However, the colors in the Great Seal **did** have specific meanings. Charles Thompson, Secretary of the Continental Congress, reporting to Congress on the Seal, stated:

"The colors of the pales (the vertical stripes) are those used in the flag of the United States of America; White signifies purity and innocence, Red, hardiness & valour, and Blue, the color of the Chief (the broad band above the stripes) signifies vigilance, perseverance & justice."

Semper Fidelis!

Owen Smith,
Detachment Commandant



Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League Challenge Coin 2012. \$5.00

www.ncmcl.org/Challengecoin.



The next meeting of the Cherry Point Detachment, Marine Corps League,
will be at 1900 hours, **August 15, 2012**

MCAS CHERRY POINT MILLER'S LANDING CONSOLIDATED CLUB

Meeting dates: the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except July and Dec.)

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VACANT or PROPOSED DETACHMENT COMMITTEES

- JROTC Coordinator -
- Toys for Tots Coordinator - www.toysfortots.org
- Youth Fitness Coordinator - www.marineyouthfoundation.org
- VAVS Coordinator - www.volunteer.va.gov
- Young Marines Coordinator - www.youngmarines.com
- Rose Program Coordinator -
- Joe Foss Program Coordinator - www.joefoss.com
- Community Service Projects Coordinator -



MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2012

Tuesday, August 15	Miller's Landing, MCAS ChPt	1730 Social/dinner	1900 Meeting
Tuesday, September 18	Miller's Landing, MCAS ChPt	1730 Social/dinner	1900 Meeting
Tuesday, October 16	Miller's Landing, MCAS ChPt	1730 Social/dinner	1900 Meeting
Tuesday, November 20	Miller's Landing, MCAS ChPt	1730 Social/dinner	1900 Meeting

Access to MCAS: for those members who do not have base decals or ID; if you wish to get a visitor's pass, you must go to the Pass & ID office. Hours are: Monday-Friday 6am to 7pm; Saturday 10am to 2pm and CLOSED Sunday . Otherwise you will have to catch a ride with someone that has a base decal. If you will need to catch a ride, notify Commandant Smith and he will make the necessary arrangements with one of our members to meet you at the Pass & Id parking lot for a ride on base.



Color Guard at US Military All Star Game

The detachment color guard presented the colors at the Morehead City Marlins vs. US Military All Star baseball game on Thursday, June 21. A large crowd was on hand to watch the pre-game ceremony which was moving and inspirational.

U.S. MILITARY ALL-STARS “RED, WHITE & BLUE TOUR”

HOW IT BEGAN: During a visit to the Naval Aviation Museum, President H.W. Bush discussed the positive impact baseball had on morale during WWII. His comments initiated the development of military baseball in the modern era. Over two decades later, we are the only team in history to wear full-camouflage age uniforms with historical references to representing all branches of the military and first responders.

WHO WE ARE: Since 1990, more than 25,000 armed forces personnel have represented their service while paying their own expenses with a philosophy of HUSTLE, THINK, WIN! We are the “Globetrotters” of baseball. As the largest, fastest growing and most successful military barnstorming team ever created we deliver competitive, exciting “must see” patriotic entertainment enjoyed by millions. Visiting 45 states and 12 countries while competing against the Boston Red Sox and many, many, more.

WHAT WE DO: Established to compete in 100 games annually at all levels while providing direct support to Wounded Warriors, State Department, Department of Defense and Recruiting while conducting over 350 appearances. Featuring International Friendship Tours on behalf of Military Installations and Command Visits to benefit Veterans and youth charities.

WHY WE DO IT: The historic “Red, White & Blue Tour” delivers unique patriotic events designed to honor America. We conduct a choreographed pre-game that includes

“Passing the Flag” and “Walk of Honor” ceremonies to celebrate American history in a moving tribute to those lost in the 9:11 tragedy.

OUR MISSION:

is based on the prominent yellow ribbon in the shape of an “S” located “front and center” in our distinctive “USA” logo symbolizes “Support” for our Troops and Veterans”

Source: US Military All Stars Media Guide

The color guard consisted of: Eagle Scout Coordinator Don Wells, Commandant Owen Smith, Sergeant-at-Arms John Mullinex, and Adjutant/Paymaster, Scott Shermeyer, and Jr. Vice Commandant Ed Albus providing administrative support. Also in attendance were Sr. Vice-Commandant Kim Meyers, and Judge Advocate Tom Martynowski, and both of their wives, Associate members Tammie Shermeyer, Carolyn Smith, and Jessie Corwin, plus Irene Bailey-Wells.



Photo by Carolyn Smith





Cherry Point
Detachment Color
Guard at the
Marlins game
looking sharp
and in step!



Photos by Don Wells



Detachment Helps Close Out Little League Season

Commandant Owen Smith and PAO Don Gray helped the Havelock Little League close out their 2012 season at the closing ceremony held at the Havelock Recreation Area. Our Marines assisted in the festivities by drawing the winning tickets in the Little League cash raffle which was their major fund raiser this year. Both winning tickets coincidentally were sold by the team sponsored by the detachment. It was all on the up and up as witnessed by well over 100 spectators.

Gary Park, Manager of the team led his players and coaches to a second place finish in the Minor League Division. Assisted by Coaches Ruth Park, and Billy Ruth, the team had its ups and downs according to Coach Park, but all in all it was a great season for the boys. The weather was unusually good for baseball this year, and the closing ceremony was no exception as it was sunny with the temperature in the mid 70s.





Detachment Attends 2d LAAD Flag Retirement Ceremony

Thursday, June 14, Flag Day, found 5 members of our detachment attending a wonderful ceremony conducted by the 2d Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. At the invitation of Commanding Officer Lt. Col Joe Burdette and Sgt. Maj. Robert Palechek, the detachment Marines enjoyed VIP seating, and being personally greeted by Lt. Col. Burdette and Sgt. Maj. Palechek. Our Marines in attendance were: Joe Albanese, Tom Braaten, PAO Don Gray, Paymaster/Adjutant Scott Shermeyer, Associate Member Carolyn Smith, and Commandant Owen Smith.

The Marines of 2d LAAD did an outstanding job of conducting a serious and moving ceremony where more than 100 unserviceable flags were retired by burning. Several active duty Marines, and our own Adjutant/Paymaster Scott Shermeyer were given the opportunity to share with the large audience what the flag meant to each of them. Following these messages, Marines, family members, members of the New Bern Young Marines, and many others were issued a flag at a table where all flags to be retired had been folded and properly prepared for the ceremony. As each person tossed their flag onto the fire, a salute was rendered. It was a solemn and moving moment. Some, who did not have flags, stood at attention at the fire, offered the appropriate salute and the retired back to their seats.



L-R: Scott Shermeyer, Sgt. Maj. Robert Palechek, Joe Albanese, Owen Smith



2d LAAD Flag Retirement Ceremony

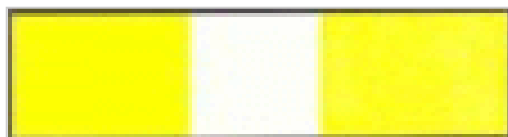


Unknown little girl accomplishes a big mission.

Detachment Receives Awards at DoNC Annual Convention

Our detachment earned two awards from the Department of North Carolina at the June 2012 Annual Convention in Cherokee, NC. We were awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation for hosting the Spring 2012 DoNC Quarterly Meeting, which authorizes all members to wear the MUC ribbon on their uniform. In addition, members who were active members when we received the last MUC are authorized to wear the ribbon with one star. The MUC also has a streamer for our Detachment Colors.

Additionally, we were awarded a white streamer for our colors because we had members who attended 4 consecutive DoNC meetings. In my opinion we also should have received a red streamer for attending 3 consecutive meetings. We're working on that one.





Color Guard Activity

On June 8th and 9th, the detachment provided the color guard for the Newport Tractor Pull at the Newport Flea Market and Mall. On Friday, Kim Myers, Scott Shermeyer, John Mullinex and Owen Smith had the duty, with Ed Albus standing by. Saturday, Ed Albus, John Mullinex, and Owen Smith pulled a “missing man” color guard formation. Associate member Carolyn Smith was also there on Saturday to lend moral support. Both events went very well in front of large, appreciative crowds. A few membership applications were handed out both evenings. Special note of appreciation to John Mullinex who came from working the table at the New Bern Gun Show, straight to Newport for his double duty evening.



June 8 2012 Newport Tractor Pull

Photos Courtesy of the United Pullers of The Carolinas Facebook page. www.tpull.com

June 9 2012 Newport Tractor Pull





Attention Marines!

We are in need of some additional able bodies to help with our color guard duties. Besides being able to walk, you need to have the full Summer Undress Uniform to be in the color guard. If you are interested in getting the summer undress uniform, I am providing some details below. All of the items are available from the Semper Fi store on the Marine Corps League web site.

Detachment Cover item # u1 plus a different letter for each size, (see web site)

Gold Cap Ornament item # U13

2 EGA collar points item # U14a

SS white shirt WA193

patches for the white shirt, WA13 and WA36

web belt an buckle WA04

You will also need dress blue slacks with the blood stripe. We suggest that you get those at the base along with the dress shoes. Give Owen a call if you don't have base access. If you want to get ready for the winter season, the long sleeve shirt is WA209, and the Winter satin jacket is WA17

Kim Meyers,
Senior Vice Commandant,
Cherry Point Detachment #1067, MCL



Quick Links

Cherry Point Detachment 1067 www.mclcp.org

Department of North Carolina www.ncmcl.org

National Marine Corps League www.mcleague.com

National Museum of the Marine Corps www.usmcmuseum.com

Veterans Administration www.va.gov

Arlington National Cemetery www.arlingtoncemetery.mil

Marine Corps Association & Foundation www.mca-marines.org

Sgt. Grit Marine Specialties www.grunt.com

Mission Statement

The Marine Corps League was founded by Major General Commandant, John A. Lejeune, in 1923 and chartered by an Act of Congress on August 4, 1937. Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps. This is accomplished by banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service; voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans, and by perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps through fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.



All Marines, FMF Corpsman and families that are sick or in distress, we send our thoughts and prayers. For all the servicemen and women overseas we ask for a safe tour of duty and speedy return home.

