

June 2012



Cherry Point Detachment # 1067

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



FROM THE COMMANDANT:

June 2012

I will make this short due to the inclusion of the April and May messages also appearing here. We are doing well as a detachment, but the work is not, and never will be done. As we increase our membership and community activities, organizations are now approaching us for participation and assistance. This is a direct result of the outstanding participation by a few good Marines who are dedicated to the progress of our detachment and the Marine Corps League in our area. We certainly anticipate that not only will our presence and impact continue, but will increase as it should. This means of course, that we need a few more good Marines to step up and help out. We have many jobs for all who wish to become more active in the detachment. We need assistants in many offices such as adjutant, paymaster (or combined jobs), Public Affairs, Sgt-at-Arms, etc. Additionally we need to fill leadership positions in establishing liaison with our 3 area Young Marines organizations, developing the MCL Youth Fitness program, the Joe Foss program, the color guard, fund raising, and many other areas. Most of these do not require a lot of time commitments, rather just a willingness to serve when you can. If you are not available to attend meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, you can still help out on weekends or other days when we have something going on. Just let us know what you would like to do

and we will help make it happen. Semper Fi, Marines.

Semper Fidelis!

Owen Smith,
Detachment Commandant

Editor's Note - The April and May Detachment Commandants messages appear on page 3 and 4 respectively.



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, **JUNE 19, 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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- 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, June 19 Miller's Landing, MCAS ChPt 1730 Social/dinner 1900 Meeting
 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

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.



FROM THE COMMANDANT:

April 2012

Happy Easter, Marines. Spring is definitely and officially here along with the pollen and allergy season. I hope you are faring well with the change of seasons.

At our last meeting some outstanding Marines in recognized for their work supporting detachment programs in 2011. Past Commandant Tom Ray was supposed to present the awards as they were earned during his watch, but unfortunately Commandant Ray was confined to the hospital for some tests and unable to attend the meeting. It was also unfortunate that so few members were in attendance to show their appreciation to these outstanding Marines. Scott Shermeyer received the Distinguished Citizen Bronze Medal, Ed Albus and Tom Martynowski receive bronze medals for Distinguished Service. The highlight of the evening occurred when Don Gray was named Detachment Marine of the Year. This is the highest honor that a Marine from the detachment can earn. The MOY medallion is suspended from a red ribbon and becomes a permanent part of the MCL uniform. Don joins Kim Meyers, last year's recipient as the only Marines thus honored since the detachment was re-activated. Other Marines will be recognized at our April meeting.

Very soon we will be hosting the Department of North Carolina Spring Quarterly meeting. Many of our members have put in a lot of work to make this a great event for our fellow Marines throughout the State of North Carolina, as I am sure it will be. I have heard from a number of Marines who look at this meeting as a sort of "Homecoming" for them because they served at MCAS Cherry Point at sometime in their careers. For a few, it has been 50+ years since they have been aboard

the Air Station.

There is still work to be done, especially in assisting with the hospitality room on Friday and Saturday evenings. If you can help, please contact Ed Albus or Tom Martynowski.

One final note: when Dept of NC Jr. Past Commandant Dennis Brockland received last month's issue of this newsletter, he took the time to draft an email to me complimenting our detachment on an outstanding newsletter. I sent that email on to our editor, Greg Ciesielski with my own comments. Greg certainly deserves an "Ooh Rah!" from all of us for the great job he has done in improving the quality of this publication. Well done, Marine.

Semper Fidelis!

Owen Smith,
Detachment Commandant

Editor's Reply—Thank you for the kudos!
Greg Ciesielski





FROM THE COMMANDANT:

May 2012

Marines: my congratulations to all who helped make the Department of North Carolina Spring Quarterly Meeting a smashing success. I talked to many Marines from other detachments across the state over that particular weekend and heard many, many compliments on the hospitality that the Cherry Point Detachment Marines extended to the 100+ attendees. This would not have happened had we not accomplished our mission of planning the operation and then adapting and overcoming the small issues that came up during the meeting. The issues were relatively small and probably even unnoticed by the attendees because you did a great job of dealing with those issues. Ooh Rah's to all who helped, but specifically I need to mention those who played key roles in the success of our mission.

Sr. Vice Commandant Kim Myers was responsible for the events at Miller's Landing including a fantastic meal at lunch. Adjutant/Paymaster Scott Shermeyer took charge of the events at The Quality Inn. Jr. Vice Commandant Ed Albus and Judge Advocate Tom Martynowski ran a fantastic hospitality room including raising a lot of money through the raffle and 50/50 ticket sales, including those at Miller's Landing. Public Affairs Officer Don Gray procured some great "eats" through donations from some local restaurants. Sergeant-at-Arms John Mullinex drummed up more door prizes and "goody bag" stuffers from local merchants than we could give away-literally.

I certainly haven't intended to slight others who helped make this event so successful, but these Marines went above and beyond the call of duty to make the Spring Quarterly Meeting of 2012 a memorable event. I would be remiss however, if I failed to mention the assistance of two of our Associate Members,

Tammie Shermeyer and Carolyn Smith. Tammie was a great help in getting things set up for the hospitality room, i.e. the drink machines, popcorn popper and other items as well as coming back on Sunday morning to help take everything down and clean up. Carolyn staffed the registration table at Miller's Landing on Saturday, and was an instrumental member of the cleanup crew on Sunday morning as well. Thank you hardly seems adequate.

To everyone: Mission Accomplished, well done, and Ooh Rah!

Semper Fidelis!

Owen Smith,
Detachment Commandant





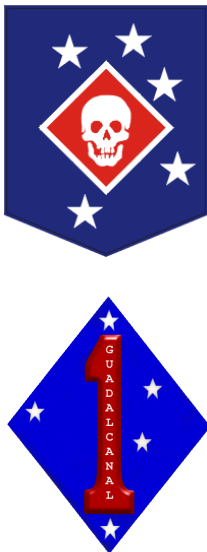
Department of North Carolina Convention

Four of our Marines attended the 2012 Department of North Carolina Convention (DoNC) held in Cherokee, NC over the weekend of June 1-3. Jack Jackson, John Mullinex, Scott Shermeyer, and Owen Smith were our delegates to the convention, and cast their votes on our behalf during the election of officers. Following the election, Scott Shermeyer took the oath of office as Adjutant for the DoNC. Congratulations to Scott as he continues his service at the Department level. His installation follows a year of service as Assistant Adjutant, DoNC.

Chief Robert Youngdeer

The guest of honor and speaker at the 2012 DoNC Annual Convention was Chief Robert Youngdeer, Principal Chief (1983-1987). Even more importantly, at least to all Marines present, Chief Youngdeer is a Marine of which legends are made. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 29, 1940, well before the events occurred that resulted in WWII. Chief Youngdeer had two years of service in when, as part of the 1st Marine Raider Battalion, he landed with the First Marine Division for the first major US offensive action on Guadalcanal. He was also part of the raid to capture Tulagi, a smaller island near Guadalcanal. After the raid on Tulagi, the 1st Marine Raiders returned to Guadalcanal where they continued to fight the Japanese. During the battle that was later called “Bloody Ridge”, Sgt. Youngdeer was wounded by a Japanese sniper and was subsequently evacuated from the island, and eventually to the US for several surgeries and a long period of recovery. After returning to full duty, he had several assignments until he was assigned to the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st MARDIV where he fought on Okinawa, and then began training for the planned invasion of Japan.

After the motivating, spell binding talk of his experiences in the Corps, he graciously remained after the conclusion of the banquet to talk with Marines and pose for pictures. Scott Shermeyer and Owen Smith both had the opportunity to talk with him briefly, and then pose for pictures. It was certainly a memorable evening for Scott and Owen, and was one of the topics of discussion during the 7 hour trip back home on Sunday.





Owen Smith, Ed Albus, Don Gray, & Scott Shermeyer present the colors on behalf of Cherry Point Detachment #1067 Marine Corps League at the 2012 Havelock Little League Opening Day Ceremony April 14th, 2012. John Mullinix was supernumerary and photo taken by associate member Tammie Shermeyer.



Cherry Point Detachment #1067 members George Cribb, Kim Myers, Mayor of Pine Knoll Shores & prospective associate member Ken Jones (Air Force), Tom Martynowski, Scott Shermeyer, Tom Ray, Don Gray, prospective new member, & John Mullinix pose with the wreath at the Carteret County Memorial Day Service, Saturday May 26, 2012 in Beaufort, NC.



Finding the right words on Memorial Day

May 28, 2012 Havelock NC

By Ken Buday, Havelock News

Havelock Commissioner Will Lewis admitted that he wasn't the best public speaker. He said finding ways to express appreciation for those who died in the fight for this country's freedom was no easy assignment.

"Finding the words to sufficiently describe the importance and significance of a day like today is quite a task for anybody," Lewis told about 100 people gathered for Havelock's Memorial Day ceremony on Monday at the Memorial Monument at the Havelock Tourist and Event Center.

He said Havelock takes its freedom seriously, evidenced by those attending and the Knights of Columbus, which put on the ceremony.

"Every day we're inundated with the pieces and parts that help create our freedom and the way of life we all enjoy — from the sound of freedom to the opportunity to look a past or present defender in the eye every single day and deployments that affect the fabric of our community and remind us of the seriousness of the responsibilities that all these warriors carry on their shoulders," he said.

Don Davis, a retired Marine colonel who was involved in Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm, referenced the ongoing fight against terrorism in Afghanistan.

"We at home should be on our knees every day thanking God that we have enough young people willing to take up the fight as our veterans did in the earliest days of this nation," he said. "Our service men and women are as good today as their fathers were in Vietnam and as their grandfathers were in World War II and Korea.

"They are all ordinary people performing remarkable acts of bravery with devotion to a cause bigger than themselves for millions who will never know their names."

The ceremony featured a wreath-laying at the city's Memorial Monument, patriotic music, the playing of "Taps," a special ceremony for prisoners of war and those missing in action and prayers by Father Greg Spencer of Annunciation Catholic Church.





Memorial Day 2012 Havelock NC



Photos courtesy of the Havelock News Online



Hundreds gather to honor veterans, sacrifices

May 28, 2012 New Bern NC

Charlie Hall, Sun Journal

Hundreds of veterans and citizens gathered Monday for the annual Memorial Day ceremony — "...a grateful Nation remembers..." at the National Cemetery in New Bern.

It was more than an hour of poignant, moving messages, music and tributes to fallen military and a salute to those still fighting terrorism around the world.

The first-time program presenter was the Vietnam Veterans of New Bern Chapter 886.

The featured speaker was Sidney Eilertson, a Havelock High history teacher who served three tours in Vietnam as a Marine, piloting helicopters and C-130s.

Eilertson told the audience that the last words of many dying veterans were to tell their families they loved them.

He said military men throughout the nation's history have fought to keep freedom alive, protect family and friends and also their fellow warriors in combat.

"Every hero buried here and in other national cemeteries have a story to tell," he said. "They have loved ones — a family, a wife, mom, dad, children, brothers, sisters, friends, loved ones connected to them. They live in our hearts and in our memories."

Eilertson said Memorial Day was and should be special to all Americans. "It's not about beaches, picnics and auto races," he said. "In the midst of a diverse political season, it should bring all Americans together." He said that military men and women died "to preserve God, country and family." He added that although this day was special, "Remembering the fallen once a year is not enough."

The ceremony included the introduction of two Gold Star Mothers by Ken Lewis, president of the New Bern Vietnam Veterans. The mothers present included Thelma Ware, whose son Bobby died in the Gulf War, along with Mabel Harris, whose son Michael also perished in the Gulf War.

Special music was provided by the Havelock Community Band and individually by bagpiper Phil Buffa, who played "Amazing Grace."

There was also a reading of the Gettysburg address by Harry Rose of the Sons of Union Veterans.

More than 20 wreaths lined one side of the roadway through the cemetery, where 8,000 veterans and family members are buried.

The wreaths represented remembrance of fallen veterans. The contributors included Craven County commissioners and Veterans Services; city of New Bern mayor; city of Havelock mayor; city of Vanceboro; Gold Star Mothers; Vietnam Veterans of America; Navy League; Veterans of WWII Barracks 1226 New Bern; American Legion Post 24 and auxiliary; Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26 and auxiliary Havelock; DAV Chapter 40 New Bern and auxiliary; Father K.I. Parker Assembly Knights of Columbus New Bern-Havelock; Fleet Reserve Association 141 Havelock; Military Order of the Cootie; VFW Post 2514 and auxiliary New Bern; American Legion Post 539; Retired Enlisted Association Chapter 92; Sons of Confederate Veterans; Sons of Union Veterans; Women's Marine Association Chapter 11; **Marine Corps League**; VFW Post 9910 Fort Barnwell; VFW Post 7315 Havelock; and Adjacent Service Officer.

The ceremony was concluded with a rifle salute and the playing of "Taps" by Marines from Cherry Point air station.



Memorial Day 2012
New Bern NC



Eagle Scout News



Congratulations are extended to:

Joseph A. Whitley
William Grayson Rixey
Vincent Santoro

For Receiving The -
Eagle Scout Good Citizen Award



MODD News



Owen Smith, John Mullinex, Jack Jackson, and Scott Shermeyer attended the NC Pack MODD Growl Friday June 1st at the DoNC Summer Convention. Owen Smith admitted that he probably laughed more during the growl than he had all month. John is still a stray...and forgot his dog tags.

Scott Shermeyer stepped up to accept the position of Barking Dog for the Pack...if you don't know what a Barking Dog does, perhaps you might want to ask. We're hoping to have our own Pound at Cherry Point in near future. - Woof Woof!



Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee

The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, authorized in the 2011 Defense Authorization Bill, is dedicated to thanking and honoring all the Veterans of the Korean War, their families and especially those who lost loved ones in that war. Through 2013, the Committee will honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War Veterans, commemorate the key events of the war, and educate Americans of all ages about the historical significance of the Korean War.

www.koreanwar.defense.gov

North Carolina Korean War Veterans Certificate of Appreciation

<http://www.doa.nc.gov/vets/KoreanWarForm.aspx>

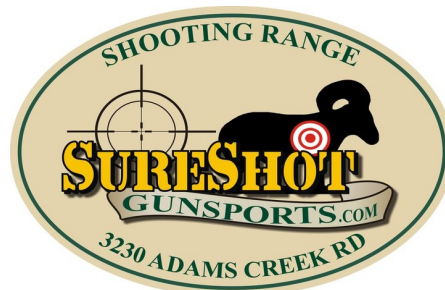
The North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs is dedicated to thanking and honoring all the veterans of the Korean War, their families and especially those who lost loved ones in the war. Our Agency is assisting all deserving veterans and their families in receiving a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta in honoring their service during the Korean War. Please fill out the form from <http://www.doa.nc.gov/vets/KoreanWarForm.aspx> to submit certificate request. This request form is for Korean War Veterans who currently live in North Carolina.



Tom Ray relinquishes the Springfield 1911 Marine Corps Operator .45 cal. pistol to its new rightful owner, Jim Stio (MCL Member) from Charlotte, NC at SureShot Gunspots, April 25th 2012. Congratulations and thank your for your support!



Max Smith (motivated Marine from MCAS Cherry Point Crash, Fire, & Rescue) Sporting his new M1A/M14 Fully-Loaded Match-Grade Rifle. Oorah Marine...let's see him snap it in with his buddy out on the range at SureShot Gunspots.





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.



Quick Shots

Rifle & Pistol Raffle

Both the 1911 pistol & the M1A rifle have been presented to their new owners. Both Marines were extremely happy with their new firearms



Tom Ray,
Junior Past Commandant

- The Detachment has received the new 1911 .45 caliber pistol from Springfield Armory for the next raffle!

Young Marines

Marines Scott Shermeyer and Ed Albus presented the “Gung Ho” award at the Young Marine Recruit Training Graduation Ceremony on Friday, May 10, 2012. As selected by his peers, the recipient was Shawn Forsythe. Congratulations!



Memorial Day

A special thanks to the members and spouses who braved the heat and humidity to render our fallen comrades, POW's & MIA's a proper salute. These include -

Owen Smith, Kim Myers, Tom Martynowski, John Mullinex, Scott Shermeyer, Don Gray
Joe Albanese, Don Davis (Guest speaker at the Havelock Service), Tom Ray & Ron Ambrose.

Semper Fidelis!
Scott L. Shermeyer



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.

