

Marine Corps League Air, Land, NC Detachment

October 30, 2006

Ahoy Marines,

First, I would like to thank all those who had confidence enough in me to allow me to be the first Commandant of this new detachment. I would also like to thank those who volunteered their time to hold other posts in order to get this thing rolling.

I want to send out a special thanks to James Maroon. When we came up short of the required number of members to submit for a charter, James hit the streets and rustled up another 5 members. So, we submitted the charter, not with the required 20 names, but with 21 names. James was driving to meet people to collect funds and have them sign the charter. Way to go James! When you see him, please recognize his efforts. A shining example of the "Never-Say-Die" Devil Dog gusto!

The October meeting accomplished a few things. Among them were-
(1) We were able to elect a slate of Officers to serve as our first leaders for the new "Air, Land, NC", detachment. The positions have been filled as follows. Official installation will be at the December meeting.

- Commandant-Jerry Dangler
- Senior Vice Commandant/Paymaster-James Maroon
- Junior Vice Commandant- Ray O'Neill
- Past Commandant-Jack Petrarca
- Judge Advocate-Bob Peters
- Adjutant-Mark Byrd
- Sergeant At Arms-Joe Goodrow
- Chaplain-Keith Church

(2) We got closer to our magic number to submit the Charter. (See above)

(3) We have been invited to attend and participate in the Veteran's Day Parade. This will be "Air, Land, NC"'s first public appearance, let's make it a memorable one. Details are as follows:

MARINES,

THIS YEARS PARADE WILL HAVE 118 PARTICIPANTS VS 88 LAST YEAR WHICH MEANS THAT THE PARADE WILL START AT 9:15AM. THERE WILL BE A DEMAND FOR MORE PARKING. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR PLAN:

MCL MEMBERS SHOULD MEET AT THE PARING LOT AT BLOUNT & PERSON @ EDENTON & JONES ST.(LOT 20) AT 8AM...LOOK FOR THE USMC FLAG. COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS FOR EARLY ARRIVALS. WE WILL LEAVE FROM THIS AREA AT 8:15AM

OUR LINE UP WILL BE BEHIND THE PIPES BAND - WHO CAN PLAY THE MARINES HYMN - ON DAVIE ST. WE ARE THE FIRST UNIT FOLLOWED BY THE YOUNG MARINES.

I NEED TO KNOW, NOW, HOW MANY CAR/TRUCKS WE WILL HAVE IN THE PARADE AND HOW MANY MARINES YOU CAN CARRY. I HAVE A 1961 FORD CONVERTABLE FOR THE LEAD CAR. I CAN GET MORE BUT NEED YOUR INPUT.

DRESS WILL BE RED COATS, DRESS BLUES OR OTHER MARINE RED ATTIRE.

I HOPE YOU ALL CAN ATTEND THIS EVENT AND THE LUNCH AT BOGART'S AT 12:15. CALL ME FOR RESERVATIONS.

SEMPER,

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JACK PETRARCA
COMMANDANT
851-6570

According to Jack Petrarca, our charter has gone up the chain and should be approved at any time. Thanks to all who have joined and/or transferred, and a "Job Well Done" to those who were able to participate and bring in a new member or two.

At this point in time, we need to start thinking about uniforms. It is understood that most of us are on a budget. If at all possible, please go to the Marine Corp League Website <http://www.mcleague.com> and visit the Ship's Store <http://www.mcleague.com/shipsstore/> and purchase the Red MCL Uniform Cover. That is the recommended minimum item to be considered "In Uniform". Don't worry about patches just yet, we will get all that figured out as we go. If you need assistance, please contact one of the officers.

Well, a lot of exciting things are happening. We may have a line on a permanent meeting place as well. Please be involved. We understand restrictions we all have on our time. Don't forget, it only takes a little effort to make a big impact.

Next meeting: November 14th, Golden Corral in Wake Forest, 7:00 (6:30 if you are planning to eat dinner before the meeting.) The restaurant is on Capital Blvd a half block north of New Falls Of Neuse/South Main. (Behind the Kia dealer). Please attend. There will be a drawing for a cash prize, and 'ya can't win if 'ya don't play! See you all there.

Semper Fi!



Jerry Dangler
Commandant
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