

# From the Commandant..

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Marines,

I would like to congratulate the Air, Land, NC Detachment for taking up the challenge to build our membership. At the most recent meeting, we had two new attendees who are now our 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> members. As our membership numbers grow, so too does our ability to move forward on new projects & build public awareness of our new but potent organization. Each new member is another mind to bring fresh ideas as well as a set of shoulders to help spread the workload and offer fellowship and camaraderie to those who would settle for no less than perfection. Being United States Marines.

Just as we all were forged into Marines by blacksmiths we called Drill Instructors, in places that seemed like hell on earth at the time, we have forged a new organization known as Air, Land, NC; and carved it out of the chaos & pandemonium of busy lives. Many of you have sacrificed substantial amounts of time, as well as financial support to get the ball rolling. Nothing easy was ever worth having. Some day we will sit around and tell stories about the day when there was no Air, Land, NC detachment. All the young members will say, "Come on, nobody is old enough to remember that". But we will all just smile, as we do when remembering our brothers who have been promoted to the supreme duty of guarding the streets of heaven.

Gentlemen, you have undertaken a most noble endeavor, remembrance of the Corps and service to others who are in greater need than us. It is both an honor and a privilege to not only serve our Corps once, but to be given the opportunity to continue to do so. Stand tall, stand proud, and proclaim for the entire world to hear whenever we are called upon, "The Marines have landed, and the situation is well in hand".

Semper Fi, and proud to serve with each and every one of you!

*Jerry Dangler*

Commandant