

## Commandants Message

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Recently my father had to undergo cataract surgery on both eyes. His left eye had gotten so bad he had virtually zero vision. During the surgery, the surgeon realized the extent of the damage from the cataract was so extensive he replaced my father's natural lens with a new device called an Interocular Lens. He had this done in both eyes. It took a few days to start regaining proper vision. The doctor explained to him that this took a few days, as the brain had to learn to focus with these new implants. Focus is the key word here. Without proper focus, life is very difficult.

Just as my father's brain and eyes had to work together to regain proper focus, as a detachment we must work to improve our focus and strive to move forward in a positive way. Not a person in the detachment wants anything less than success but sometimes we get distracted. Let's all make a concerted effort to refocus, and in moving forward, work together to maintain current focus. In meetings, from here on out, we need to address things in proper order. If you have something to bring up to the membership, bring it written if possible. If you bring a problem up, try to have a possible solution to the problem as well. Be patient. Be involved.

We have only officially been a detachment for 6 months. In that time we have achieved a great deal of success in building a foundation for this detachment that will allow it to exist and prosper well past the time many of us will still be involved. We have started proper fundraising, setting up organizational by-laws, a website, newsletter, detachment functions such our first picnic, and this summer a number of things to keep us busy furthering the goals of the Marine Corps League and the Air, Land, NC Detachment.

So let's all refocus, and build on our success as we move on into events such as the Marine Corps Birthday, Veteran's Day and Toys For Tots. And, the number one focus we must have, is to continue to enjoy ourselves through involvement in the community and fellowship with our fellow Marines. Ooh Rah, Semper Fi, And all that other Happy Horse Stuff!

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