

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE  
October 2008

Here we are in the final quarter of the calendar year. The nominating committee will be submitting the slate of recommended candidates during this month's meeting with elections being held during our November meeting. I strongly encourage each member to review the slate and nominations from the floor then come out to the November business meeting to make your voice heard by voting for next year's officers. As per our revised bylaws, you will be voting not only for the traditional positions of Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate, but also the Adjutant, Paymaster, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Chaplain; which have been appointed positions in the past. All these new elected officers will comprise our Board of Trustees as equal voting members along with the Junior Past Commandant.

Before our next month's newsletter comes out the American people will have spoken and selected our next President and Vice President. Here again, I remind each and every member of their responsibility as citizens to exercise their constitutionally guaranteed right to vote. We all served to defend the Constitution so that all Americans remain free. That is why it is even more important that we vote since we were and are the defenders of our nation's freedoms. We should lead from the front by getting out there and voting.

It is also the last full month before the raffle drawing on November 11<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't sold your tickets yet, please get out there and "get er done" so we can make this fundraiser a total success; increase our treasury so we can begin spreading our treasures to our fellow Marines and their families in need. Be looking for scheduled raffle ticket sales at designated stores during the coming weeks and sign up to lend a hand. We are only asking for a couple of hours of your free time to assist.

We also have two major events coming up, the Marine Corps Birthday Ball and Veterans Day Ceremony at the Wake Forest Veterans Memorial. We have found a place where we can join fellow Marines in our area in celebrating the birth of our beloved Corps. The location is the MacGregor Downs Country Club in Cary. The price of tickets is \$75.00 per couple. The ball will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> between 1800 and 2200. To make reservations, simply call Angel Myers at 608-2098 or email at amyers@macgregordowns.org.

Finally we would like to see as many League members as possible at the annual Veterans Day ceremony in Wake Forest. If you'd like to participate as a member of the color guard, please contact me soonest. This event gets bigger each year; last year there were at least 100 people observing the ceremony and many commented on the outstanding performance of our color guard.

Thanks again to all those who have worked hard these past months on various fundraising operations. Their dedication and selflessness have been outstanding and worthy of emulation. Catch the fire and join the crowd. Give a little and receive boundless rewards.

Semper Fi

*Joe Goodrou*  
*Detachment Commandant*