## North District Vice-Commandant's Message November 2008

## Marines,

As we ready to celebrate the 233<sup>rd</sup> Birthday of our beloved Corps, I ask each of you to make one more small sacrifice in addition to the time you dedicated to serving this great nation as a United States Marine. Each year we remember those who have gone before us, those who are no longer with us and preserve honored tradition for those who will come long after we are gone. On 10 November of this year, just as we have done for many years, many of us will be at celebrations ranging from balls, to small cake cuttings to personal and private times of reflection. Regardless of where you are, please take time to spend a few moments in remembrance of all who have served our Corps. Each of us will do this in our own way. In addition to the Marine Corps Birthday, we also have the Veterans Day holiday this weekend as well. The Saturday before each Veterans Day which does not fall on a Saturday, the city of Raleigh holds a Parade to honor all Veterans. This Saturday November 8th is that parade. Whether you are able to at-tend a formal Birthday celebration or not, please join your brothers of the Air, Land, NC Detachment #1257 in this parade. We will be mustering at 8:30 Am at the corner of Martin & Salisbury streets in downtown Raleigh. The parade kicks off at 9:00. This is a big event. In addition to thousands of people lining the route, there is a flyover, this year also has a mobile Vietnam Wall as well. There will be vehicles to ride in, so do not be concerned about walking the route. So, whether you plan to attend and participate in the parade, a Marine Corps Ball, or just spend some quiet time reflecting on Marines past and those currently serving in harm's way, have a spectacular 233rd. You deserve it.

Jerry Dangler

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