

Commandant's Message
December 2008

Dear Members:

This has been an amazing year in the Air, Land NC Detachment. We have had some outstanding efforts in fundraising this year which have helped increase our bank account so that we can increase our work for fellow Marines in need. I want to personally thank Frank Kildea on his hard work making contacts and getting donations from various businesses and finding opportunities for our Detachment to get the Detachment out in the public's eye and raise even more money. I want to thank everyone who helped make this year a great success and who helped me with leading this fine group.

This has also been a year of great sadness with the passing of three members; Virgil Tracey, James Satterwhite and most recently, Richard Maxey. These loses have had a great affect on everyone within the Detachment. All were charter members. Maxey was an integral part of the formation of the Detachment as well as the organizer of the Wake Forest Veteran's Group; which is made up of the League, American Legion and the VFW. Since its founding we have done several joint operations and fundraising events that have been extremely successful for all concerned.

This Tuesday we will have the installation of the new officers with Mark Byrd as Commandant. I hope you all give him the support he will need to make next year an even better success than this past year. As I have said in the past, this is your Detachment and its success depends on your participation and cooperation. So please get involved and lets continue to grow in members, treasure and friendships.

Semper Fi,
Joe Gaiodrou
Commandant