

Message from Commandant January 2009

Members, Associates and Friends,

This detachment is extremely saddened by the loss of charter member, Richard Maxey, our Historian. Maxey was all Marine and carried a tremendous love for the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League. Maxey helped this detachment more than he ever could have possibly known, and hopefully his passing will be a reminder to us all that our mission as members is to serve the detachment as much as possible each year.

I would like to thank you all for having the confidence in me to elect me as your Commandant for 2009. It is a trust I will not betray. Please be assured that I will always lead the detachment with honor and integrity, and always keep the best interest of the detachment first. I would also like to take the time to recognize the fine job done by the two men who have preceded me in this position; Past Commandants Joe Goodrow and Jerry Dangler. They have laid the foundation for a very strong detachment, one that is very highly respected throughout the state. I pledge to you that I will continue their efforts to the utmost of my ability. My congratulations to my fellow officers on being elected to their respective positions. In addition, I want to thank the appointed staff officers and committee chairmen who will be serving in these most important positions. It is my hope that this new staff and I can bring in a fresh perspective and set some new goals to make 2009 our best year ever. This is your detachment, and your opinion matters. On January 10, the new staff and I will meet to develop a plan for the year 2009. I would welcome and encourage your ideas. In closing, I would ask that you please support your new officers and me and that you would please be as active as your circumstances will allow. We have a great base of momentum and energy, let us continue to build on that and have a positive role in our community.

Semper Fidelis,

Mark Byrd
Commandant