

Marines, Associate Members and Friends,

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate our very own Captain Sean Lynch, who is to be promoted to the rank of Major on 1 July. Sean is an outstanding Marine, and we are all very proud to have him as a member of this detachment. I found it touching that Sean would be promoted using the very same oak leaves that a recently deceased detachment member, Lt. Colonel Richard Maxey, had pinned upon him when he was promoted to that rank. Maxey gave the oak leaves to Sean prior to Sean's last deployment.

We've made it through our busiest month of the year, and I wish to thank all of you that participated in events like Six Sundays, Meet in the Streets, Wake Forest Farmers Market, helping George with his deck repairs, and the Memorial Day activities that we assisted the Legion with.

Speaking of Memorial Day, it was in preparation for that when I learned how very few of us have any of the League uniforms. At a minimum, I would like to encourage each of you members to purchase a MCL Red Blazer. The detachment golf shirts are nice, but we all need something a little more formal from time to time for some of the events that we are asked to participate in. We still have the Marine Corps Birthday, Veterans Day and our Installation of Officers coming up; and there is also the possibility (God forbid) that one of us passes away. The Blazer would be appropriate attire for any of these events. If you don't know your size, you could go out to Macy's and try some civilian blazers on until you find the right fit, and then you can order your official MCL Blazer at www.marineshop.com.

Soon it will be time for our raffle drawings on 14 July. Please get your tickets into Jorge Armhold at the next detachment meeting, since that will probably be the last time that we are all together between now and July. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please drop them in the mail to Jorge soon to insure that all of the ticket numbers are accounted for.

Adjutant Fred Leenerts and his wife will be cooking up a very special meal for our meeting this month. If you will be able to attend, please shoot Fred an e-mail or give him a call so that they know how many people to prepare for. Fred's e-mail address is FL_traveler@hotmail.com, or you can reach him by phone at (919) 855-9849.

Angelo DeBenedictis will prepare the meal for the July meeting. If you would like to cook for one of our meetings, please let me know. It would be greatly appreciated!

As always, I encourage the attendance of all members at our dinners and business meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Further, I would encourage all of you to get involved and volunteer to help where you can on any future community projects that may come up. When we have active contributing members in the detachment, there is no limit to the things we can accomplish. Let this community know that the Marines have landed and the situation is well in hand.

Semper Fi,

Mark Byrd
Commandant