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## Commandant's Corner



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MARINES HELPING MARINES



## Commandant's Report

Marines and FMF Corpsmen,

I recently heard through scuttlebutt that the Department of Navy is going to eliminate the word "man" from several Navy and Marine job classification titles. Not believing my ears I investigated this allegation and I'm saddened to report that this time scuttlebutt is true. The Navy is giving the axe to just about every job title (including corpsman) with the mention of the dreaded word "man." At least nineteen Marine Corps job classification titles will be "deep sixed." For the present, rifleman and motorman are safe from any changes. From what I can gather, the Department of Navy views these changes as positive and defends their position because it makes these jobs more gender neutral. Despite this, I have no doubt that every Marine and FMF Corps--- will continue to adhere to the strong traditions of the Corps and Navy. I do want to take this opportunity to wish a happy birthday to the Corps and hope to see all of you at our Marine Corps Ball coming up here in just a few short weeks. For those attending the Ball, I'm very pleased to announce that Bruce Rakfeldt is going to be our guest speaker and I'm excited about introducing our 2016 Marine of the Year. Thank you all again for the honor of serving as your commandant.

## Sr Vice Commandant's Report

Marines I need some help. One of the main functions of my position as Senior Vice Commandant is fund raising. I have been working on a few ideas including a 5K event to help raise money to support our detachment and it's charities. I would like to hear from you as to what fundraisers you like to do or what events you would participate with. A minimum amount of time from multiple members should make a fundraiser or event very successful which would be good for all.

I hope that everyone has a safe Thanksgiving and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Jeff Petway  
SVC



## Jr Vice Commandant's Report

Happy November everyone. Wow, October was a busy month and November looks promising as well. We had 2 eagle scouts ceremonies. One I was able to attend and present the award at the ceremony. The other I was unable to attend but will be presenting the award to the scout at a scout meeting some time soon I hope. I have talked with a couple of people about joining our Detachment. I will continue to speak with them and get them in as soon as possible.

Semper FI, Robbie Savage

# NJROTC

## Upcoming Events:

Western Alamance NJROTC is hosting their Annual Military Inspection / Pass-in-Review on November 10th at 1000 in the Western Alamance High School Main Gymnasium.



# 2016 NAVY NJROTC BALL

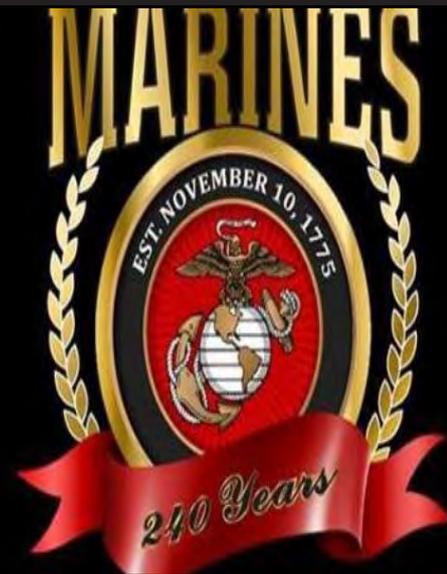
## VAVS Report



A successful trip to VAVS on 8 October. Six members were able to make the trip and about 20 Residents enjoyed fellowship and Bingo. All interested Marines will make the next visit on 10 December, leaving from the Community Church parking lot at 0930.

## MARINE CORPS BALL 2016

The current status of the preparations for the Marine Corps Ball. As it was reported last month, it will be a catered dinner this year and will be held at the VFW hall. Tickets are \$30 each and reservations are going very well at this time. Remember to send reservations and payments to Bob Jennings. It is rapidly getting to be too late, so do not delay. At this time, we have 28 attendees. A rehearsal for the Marine Corps Ball will be held at 1400 on the day of the ball for persons involved in the ceremony.



## Toys For Tots

It is that time a year again. A very exciting time for our detachment. We take pride in the Toys For Tots. We will need people to help.

Our Toys For Tots program needs drivers this holiday season to pick up toys from various locations and deliver them to the Toys For Tots building at BMOC. If you are able to do this please send your phone number to Peg Hansen so that she may contact you. I hope that Peg receives all of our contact info. They do not ask much of us and this will really help them out. So with that said let's everyone try and make at least one delivery when needed. Contact [phansen320@bellsouth.net](mailto:phansen320@bellsouth.net)

Thank You  
Jeff Petway  
SVC

# OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

LCpl Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209  
Membership Meeting  
15 August 2016  
Commandant Steve Fishel Presiding

The October meeting was called to order on Monday, 17 October 2016, at 19:00 hours by Commandant Steve Fishel.

All present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the opening prayer by our Chaplain, Ron Sapp.

The Sergeant-At-Arms, Fred Skiffington then declared the meeting open for business.

## Roll Call of Officers:

Commandant, Steve Fishel – Present  
Sr. Vice-Commandant, Jeff Petway – Present  
Jr. Vice-Commandant, Robbie Savage – Present  
Judge Advocate, Bob Jennings – Present  
Jr. Past Commandant, Mary Dixon – Present  
Adjutant, Ron Langley – Present  
Paymaster, Peg Hansen – Present  
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Sgt-At-Arms, Fred Skiffington – Present  
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Honor Guard, Wayne Lachman - Present

Guests - We had no guests at the meeting.

Minutes – The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written after a motion by Wayne Lachman and a second by Fred Skiffington.

## Correspondence –

1. Wayne Lachman shared a thank you for our representatives at the showing of the Honor Flight movie. He also shared a thank you from the Chamber of Commerce for our Honor Guard participation in the ceremony marking the 15th anniversary of the attacks of 9-11
2. Peg Hansen read a thank you from the West Virginia MCL for our Detachments donation of \$100 to help those MCL families stricken by the recent floods in their state.

## Officers Reports

Paymaster's Report – Peg Hansen Peg reported on our financial status. A motion was then made by Jeff Petway and seconded by Wayne Lachman to approve the report and a voice vote did approve it.

Chaplain's Report – Ron Sapp - Ron sent a sympathy card for Louis Wright and a get well card to the Chaplain of MCL.

Bruce Rackfeldt spoke about the funeral that he attended for another MCL Marine during the recent storm generated by Matthew.

Sr Vice-Commandant – Jeff Petway – Jeff reported that he has been exploring the idea of MCL 1209 sponsoring a 5K run in the late spring. The time, location and feasibility to be determined.

Jr Vice-Commandant / Public Relations– Robbie Savage – Robbie reported that he recently attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. A great experience. He also reported that the Website had crashed, but is back up now and working well, while the facebook page is doing well. The newsletter will now be going out on the first of every month.

If you have any old USMC pictures from your time in the Corps, consider sending them in to be included in an expanded presence for our Detachment

Jr. Past Commandant – Mary Dixon – No report.

Judge Advocate – Bob Jenning shared the current status of the preparations for the Marine Corps Ball. As it was reported last month, it will be a catered dinner this year and will be held at the VFW hall. Tickets are \$30 each and reservations are going very well at this time. Remember to send reservations and payments to Bob Jennings. It is rapidly getting to be too late, so do not delay. At this time, we have 28 attendees. A rehearsal for the Marine Corps Ball will be held at 1400 on the day of the ball for persons involved in the ceremony.

Assistant Div Vice-Commandant, Mideast - Bruce Rakfeldt Bruce reported on the meeting this past weekend in Raleigh at the Mansion on the Hill, as well as the upcoming meeting scheduled for the 23rd thru the 25th of June.

VAVS – Ron Sapp Ron reported on a successful trip to VAVS on 8 October. Six members were able to make the trip and about 20 Residents enjoyed fellowship and Bingo. All interested Marines will make the next visit on 10 December, leaving from the Community Church parking lot at 0930.

Honor Guard/Color Guard – Wayne Lachman Wayne reported that the Air Force Band Concert held on 16 October was a very good outing and our Honor Guard performed in their customary (excellent) fashion. The Color guard is also scheduled to take part in the Veterans Day Parade in Graham on 11 November. Be at P&S Machine at 1000 hours if you will be riding in the Deuce-and-a-half to Graham. The parade starts at 1100. The Veterans Day event at Mebane Memorial Garden will be on 6 November. Muster time for participants will be 1300 and the event begins at 1400.

Wayne also made a request for additional help at Belk's for the next two Saturdays. This is a simple but effective fundraiser, as well as good exposure to the community.

Old Business:

Good of the League: Nothing to report

After the closing prayer, and a rousing rendition of the Marine Corps hymn, the meeting was adjourned at 19:54 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

# November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Officer's Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> MCL 1209 Birthday Ball
<b>6</b> Mebane Memorial Garden	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 241 Marine Corps Birthday  NJROTC Inspection	<b>11</b> Veterans Day  Veterans Day Parade Graham	<b>12</b> Belk's
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Belk's  Mebane Police Toys for Tots Mebane Walmart
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Detachment Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Thanksgiving	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

# December Preview



## Marine Corps League #1209 Ball Toys For Tots

## Veteran's Day Pictures

## 2016 Marine of The Year!!!

## Detachment Streamers

Streamer	Information	Year
Department of NC Meritorious Unit Commendation	Convention	2010
Department of NC Meritorious Unit Commendation	Fall Quarterly	2011
Department of NC Meritorious Unit Commendation	Convention	2014
National Convention Attendance	Greensboro	2010
National Convention Attendance	Boise	2011
National Convention Attendance	Mobile	2012
National Convention Attendance	Grand Rapids	2013
National Convention Attendance	Charleston	2014
National Convention Membership		2008
National Convention Membership	Mobile	2012
National Convention Membership	Grand Rapids	2013
National Convention Membership	Charleston	2014
Mid-East Division		2014
Department of WV Convention		2016
Department of NC Convention		2016
Department of NC 100% Attendance		2014/2015
Department of NC 100% Attendance		2013
Department of NC 100% Attendance		2011/2013
Department of NC 100% Attendance		2014



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