Marine Corps League

Tar Heel Detachment # 733

December 2015

John Dilday, Commandant

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Merry Christmas

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Next Meeting
January 6, 2016
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Cary, NC
1800 Social
1900 Meeting

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Commandant's Comments
John Dilday

From the home of Gayle and John, we want to wish each of you Happy Holidays and a very Merry Christmas. Let us be thankful for all that we have and remember the true meaning of Christmas. It is truly a blessing to us to be a part of this great Marine Corps League Family. It seems like a long time that we have been together and we look forward to seeing each of you at our January 6th monthly meeting.

2015 has been an exciting and eventful year but I believe you can make 2016 an even better year. Remember to contact our past Commandants to make your nomination for the slate of officers for the coming year. Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate are the elected positions. You choose who your leaders are. Make a difference.

Ed Romanoski has done a great job of heading up our Toys For Tots drive but it is those of you that have placed boxes and collected that makes the drive succeed. Thank you.

Earl Linthicum has already put together the plans for our Pistol Raffle for 2016. With the effort he has started the raffle should be even better next year. He has scheduled even more gun shows. So lend a hand and be ready to assist and sell tickets whenever asked.

Our Detachment will host the Devil Dog Growl, January 9th, at the American Legion building in Cary. So all current Devil Dogs and any member that has been in the Detachment at least one year plan to be present and show the support that you are well known for. This is a fun organization of the League.

Our State Quarterly meeting will be held in Salisbury on Saturday, January 16th. More information will be sent out by email.

Ronald Reagan once said, "Many people go through life wondering if they make a difference. The Marines don't have that problem". You still make a difference as a member of the Marine Corps League with all the support you give to the organizations we support and the effort of "Marines Helping Marines". One organization we support, Military Missions in Action, based in Fuquay Varina, has helped one of our own, Frank Mansfield, by renovating his bathroom so it will be more accessible for him after his surgery. The great gift of giving.

In closing, wishing everyone a Blessed and Happy New Year and may 2016 become our Best Year Ever.

Semper Fi
John Dilday

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God Bless All Our Marines and Their Families

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Tar Heel Detachment # 733

Membership Capsule

33 LIFE members
38 Paid Members
15 Total Past Due
86 Total Members

10 new members—1Jan through 4Nov 2015

Detachment Marine Corps Ball 2015

Chaplain'sCorner
Jim Niver

As Charles Dickens' story, *A Christmas Carol,* starts, it depicts Ebenezer Scrooge as a mean spirited and selfish man. Then, as the Christmas spirits marched him slowly through time and his life story, things became clear, and we see the influences that changed him from a happy youth, into a selfish miser. We observe his isolation and his brokenness. We also see his path to restoration, and that concern for others pulls Scrooge from his self-absorption into joy.

In O'Henry's classic tale *The gift of the Magi,"* he tells of Jim and Della, a young married couple who are struggling financially. As Christmas approaches, they want to give special gifts to each other, but their lack of money drives them to drastic measures. Jim's prized possession is his gold watch, while Della's is her long, beautiful hair. So Jim sells his watch to buy Della combs for her hair. while Della sells her hair to buy Jim a watch chain. The story tells that the heart of true love is sacrifice, and that sacriftrice is love's truest measure.

These stories have become Christmas classics because the embody some of the true meaning of Christmas: That of love, sacrifice, and concern for others. It is also good to revisit these stories each Christmas both for the pleasure they give and to remind us of the Christmas message. It is a fragile message, which can often be overlooked or temporarily forgotten, but it needs to be periodically refreshed.

With Christmas upon us, chances are good that by now you've caught the Christmas spirit. So what triggers the Christmas spirit for you? Perhaps for you it's the:

- setting up/decorating your Christmas tree?
- decorating your house?
- putting up the Christmas lights?
- the first Christmas card?
- hearing the first Christmas carol on the radio?
- purchasing your first Christmas gift?
- an annual Community Christmas celebration?

For you Scrooges, it may take the annual candlelight Christmas Eve service to trigger the Christmas spirit. The closer we get to Christmas Day the easier it is to rekindle the Christmas spirit, but why not keep it all year long?

Ref. Our Daily Bread; Dec.; Jan.; Feb.; 2015 - 16

Upcoming MCL Events...

Christmas Party/Gathering	Dec 11
Pistol Shoot	Dec 16
Toys For Tots Campaign ends	Dec 18
Christmas	Dec 25
New Year's Eve	Dec 31

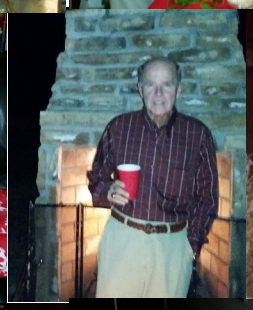
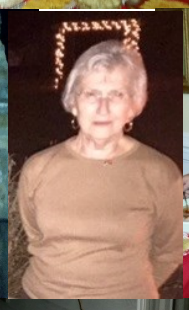
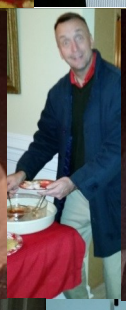
Future Events

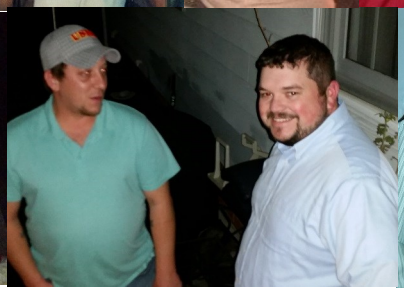
New Year's Day	Jan 1
Det Meeting	Jan 6
Pistol Shoot	Jan 20
DoNC Quarterly Mtg	Jan 23-24

Commandant John Dilday and his wife Gayle represented the Tar Heel Detachment at the ROTC Marine Corps Ball on November 14th and the Recruiter's Marine Corps Ball on Nov21st. Pictured above, John receive the first piece of cake as the oldest Marine present at the ROTC Ball while to John's left Mark Schellabarger OIC looks on . Below: Commandant Dilday presents from the detachment the Recruiter's sword to SSgt Zirocone . Insert: John stands with SSgt Zirocone after the award.

Semper Fi

Detachment Christmas Gathering



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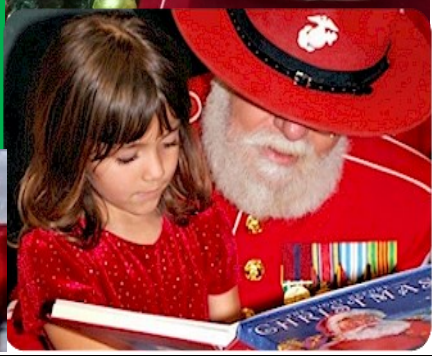


Mission

"No Kid Left Behind at Christmas" . The Mission of the 1st Reindeer Division is to utilize all USMC resources to make certain that kids and families from 1 to 106 years old are remembered at Christmas.

Priority One is the kids of Marines serving in harm's way.

The duties of Marines deployed at the hundreds of duty stations around the world separate them from their families by thousands of miles.

Christmas Holidays are a difficult time for loved ones as well as the Marine far from home. We support the many Elves and Christmas Angels that help us each year to accept the challenge of assisting those having trouble making their Christmas magic happen. We stand to protect the family values that make us the Marine Corps we are today.

Semper Fi
Gunny Claus

100% of the proceeds raised by the 1st Reindeer Division go to Marine Families and Kids so that they may enjoy Christmas during their Marines Deployment as well as their return. We go above and beyond to make certain a little Christmas Magic comes their way.

This organization is a Public Charity and exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code EIN: 45-3732681

5 Momentous Military Events That Took Place On Christmas Day

Pierre Bienaimé Dec. 25, 2014,

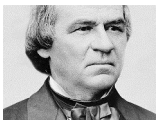
Christmas is one of the most celebrated holidays on earth. But that doesn't mean that conflicts simply freeze every December 25th. Here's a look at some of the major military events that have fallen on Christmas, a date with a surprisingly rich history.

1776 — George Washington Crosses The Delaware River

en.wikipedia.orgLeutze's depiction of Washington's attack on the Hessians at Trenton.

Important events in both of America's most formative wars — the Revolutionary War and the Civil War — took place on Christmas. Washington led his troops across a 300-yard stretch of the Delaware River in the dead of night between December 25 and 26, 1776. The surprise move would put Washington's men a 19-mile march away from a garrison of Hessians (German mercenaries hired by the British to help them in their effort to retain a hold on the rebelling colonies) that the Continental Army took completely by surprise. The Hessians' quick surrender at the Battle of Trenton would be the first of two rebel victories in New Jersey (the other being the Battle of Princeton a week later) as the Continental Army regained control of the colony. This effectively reversed the British drive that had pushed the rebels across New Jersey in the previous months. The daring crossing of the Delaware ended up being one of the turning points of the war.

1868 — US President Andrew Johnson pardons former Confederate soldiers



WikimediaPresident Andrew Johnson.

Nearly a century later, on Christmas Day of 1868, US president Andrew Johnson extended a full pardon and amnesty "to all and to every person who, directly or indirectly, participated in the late insurrection or rebellion". The internecine war had ended more than three years earlier, taking more American lives than any other conflict in history. But Union general Ulysses S. Grant's scorched earth tactics late in the war left much of the south in ruins, and the country emerged from the war in a state of deep division. Johnson had been a Tennessee congressman, senator, and governor before joining Lincoln's presidential ticket. He was tipped in part to attract southern votes. Yet at war's end he seemed bent on imposing harsh conditions on the defeated half of the country. The day after being sworn in as the nation's president, he asserted that "treason must be made infamous, and traitors must be impoverished." But according to the History Department at North Carolina State University, Attorney General James Speed tempered Johnson's punitive intentions: "Mercy must be largely extended. Some of the great leaders and offenders only must be made to feel the extreme rigor of the law," Speed advised. Southerners enjoyed only conditional and limited pardoning (depending on their station during the war) — at least until this blanket amnesty on "the 25th day of December, A. D. 1868."

1914 — German, British, and French soldiers make temporary peace to celebrate Christmas together

Wikimedia CommonsBritish and German troops meet in no man's land on Christmas Day, 1914.

On Christmas Day in 1914, the first Christmas of World War I, soldiers left their trenches to observe the holiday in peace. In the midst of war, soldiers laid down their arms to sing Christmas carols, play soccer, and barter with the cigarettes and sweets they'd received in care packages from the nations they served. In some places, the truce was limited to an occasion for each side to bury their dead strewn in no man's land, the stretch of earth between opposing trenches that too often served as a killing field. In others, the skirmishing continued. But some made the Christmas Truce of 1914 what it was: An odd yet heartening case study in how people react to the pressures of war.

1941 — Japan seizes control of Hong Kong at the expense of the United Kingdom.

Wikimedia CommonsJapanese soldiers cross into Hong Kong.

Japan's aggression during World War II began well before the attack on Pearl Harbor. In 1931, Imperial Japan invaded Manchuria, a vast coastal region in northeast China. In 1937, it made advances on the rest of the country as well. But it wasn't until 1941 that Tokyo confronted the West with its imperial ambitions. And though American involvement started with the Pearl Harbor attack, the surprise assault was immediately followed by Japan's invasion of Hong Kong, a British holding, in late 1941.

Getty ImagesBritish prisoners of War leaving Hong Kong for a Japanese prison camp.

Hundreds died in the eighteen-day battle for Hong Kong, and more were wounded or incarcerated in POW camps. Some would never return. Japan announced the surrender of the colony by radio broadcast on Christmas Day, 1941.

1941 — Admiral Émile Muselier captures Saint Pierre and Miquelon, an archipelago near Canada, for the Free French Forces

AP Free French Marines marching along the St. Pierre dock during the occupation on Dec. 26, 1941.

The North American continent does not feature as a hot spot in the events of World War II. But soon after France's fall to the Nazis, the colonial governor of a few small islands off the coast of Newfoundland started working with the resistance. Writing back to the Vichy government — the Nazi's puppet regime in France — Baron Gilbert de Bournat wrote of "British pressure to rally to the British or de Gaullist causes." That pressure would have found sympathizers on the islands. Its population was originally mobilized, in 1939, to help defend France's mainland, and some ship-owners docked there refused to return to Vichy France. On Christmas Eve, 1941, a small task force under Admiral Émile Muselier stormed the island under the cover of night. They met no resistance and the island's administrative centers were taken within an hour, eliminating what otherwise could have served as a Nazi outpost deep among Allied nations while giving the Free French cause legitimacy. "By five minutes past midnight on December 25 the story of the invasion was telegraphed to Canadian and American newspapers," according to Douglas Anglin's "Free French Invasion: The St. Pierre and Miquelon Affaire of 1941".

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Detachment Activities

Here is Tar Heel Detachment Mascot Gunny Buzo and Enya Garcia (Associate Member) working their magic on the runway this past October. Gunny Buzo is currently recovering from his surgery to remove his tumors and is getting back to his usual ruggedly handsome self. The fashion show was called "Puppy Love" and it was held to benefit a homeless shelter for runaway adolescents. The organization called, the Center for Youth, is based in Rochester, NY and will also use the proceeds to fund a 24-hour care nursery for infants who need housing. Enya and all of us are so proud he was able to participate in this event!

Pictured on the right is Commandant John Dilday presenting to Jr Past Commandant Andrew Blizzard the Tar Heel Detachment Marine of the Year Award. Commandant Dilday said, "It was a great Honor and Privilege to present the Tar Heel Detachment Marine of the Year to ANDREW BLIZZARD. The Blizzard has contributed so much to the Detachment, the Marine Corps League and the Young Marines as well as his church and community. Congratulations to him for this well deserved recognition."

Five of the Six Marines of the Year posed together at the Tar Heel Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball on November 10. Pictured above are Tar Heel Detachment members and recipients of the Marine of the Year Award Past Commandant Suellen Beaulieu (2013), Jr Vice Commandant Bruce Goeden (2014), Jr Past Commandant Andrew Blizzard (2015) and his wife Sharon, DoNC Sr Vice Commandant Jeff Jones (Dual Member and Department Marine of the Year) and Ken Parker from the CarryOn Detachment Department Marine of the Year (2014). Harry Schweitzer MOY 2012) is not pictured.

'Tis the Season.....

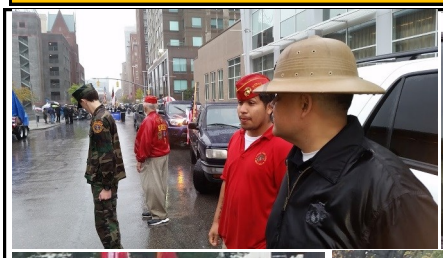
Tar Heel Detachment 733 Activities

The Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on Saturday, November 21st. Commandant John Dilday presented Justin Allen, William "Billy" Bunce III, Garrett Justice, and Brian Tirgrath the Marine Corps League's Good Citizenship Award for achieving the highest level in scouting at Olive Chapel Baptist Church in Apex, NC

Judge Advocate Tyrone Ashe and Jr Past Commandant Andrew Blizzard present a Certificates of Appreciation for participation in this year's Toys For Tots Campaign to Identity Sign owner John DelBarone (above left) and to Dollar General manager Craig Clapp.

Business Sponsor Coordinator Russ Oliver presents Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Danny Thompson, owner of Danny's Bar-B-Que restaurants for his donation of $150 to the Tar Heel Detachment.

Capitol City Young Marines



HURRAH, a big shout out to Doug Smith and the Capital City Young Marines for their enthusiastic response to weather the down pour of rain to proudly march in the **Veterans Day Parade**. They brightened up the day with their smiles and happy attitude. Also representing the Tar Heel Detachment with the resiliency of Marines, though soaking wet, the following Marines marched with the Young Marines: Tyrone Ashe, Andrew Blizzard, Bruce Goeden, Toby Roberts, Walt Atkinson, Ed Gleason, Efren Rodriquez, Pedro Navagonzalez amd John Dilday

Capitol City Young Marines participated in the Home Depot celebration of their veterans on Veterans' Day. They presented colors and presented each veteran with a cased flag from the Home Depot Company. This is just one of several events that the Young Marines participated in on Veterans' Day.

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The following list of business's and individuals are "Supporters" and Sponsors of the Tar Heel Detachment 733 of the Marine Corps League. In sponsoring us they are supporting:

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We invite You to become a sponsor by downloading the Sponsor Form on our website (www.tarheelmcl.org) and mailing your tax deductible contribution to the Tar Heel Detachment.

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WINNER OF 2015 RAFFLE

MarineCorps League
Tar Heel Detachment 733
Thank you for your Support

1st Prize – John Arnold

Kimber Raptor II .45 Cal. 1911 Pistol

2nd Prize – Pattie Fowler

Mossberg 500 Pump 12 Gauge

Wounded Warriors, Young Marines, Toys For Tots, Hope For Warriors, NROTC, JRNROTC, Eagle Scouts, USO-Raleigh, Marines Helping Marines, Marines Helping Marines and Community Activities

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BGen Walls draws the 1st and 2nd place winners from a container held by Earl Linthicum, raffle coordinator, at the Detachment Marine Corps Ball on November 10th while Commandant Dilday looks on (pictured left). Earl meet Pattie Fowler and her husband at Fuquay Gun and Gold to claim her Mossberg 500 Pump 12 Gage. Also pictured is Clay , Clay (FG&G owner). The first place winner John Arnold will get his pistol when his pistol permit arrives.

Semper Fi 'Til the Day I Die

DECEMBERR 2015

Birthdays Italic

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Det Christmas Party	12 *Harry Schweitzer*
13	14 *Enya Garcia*	15 *Bob Blum*	16 Pistol Shoot	17	18	19 *Ed Maldonado*
20	21	22	23 *Ed Parungo*	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 *George Kendley*
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day *Jim Mills*	2
3	4	5 *Andrew Jones*	6 Det Mtg	7	8 *Jim Niver*	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Pistol Shoot	21 *Angel Olavarria*	25	23
27 / 31	25	26 *Andrew Finlayson*	27	28	29	30