

Johnston County, North Carolina



Founded in 1923 by Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune, the Marine Corps League is the only federally chartered Marine Corps-related veterans organization in the United States.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Awards:



On Sunday, January 5, 2020 an Eagle Scout Ceremony was held for Eagle Scout Steven James Babel from Boy Scout Troop 64 of Garner, the Ceremony took place at Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Garner, NC. Presenting the Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award is Commandant William Dunn and Sr. Vice Commandant Robert Long.

On Sunday, January 12, 2020 an Eagle Scout Ceremony was held for Eagle Scout John Ross Peedin from Boy Scout Troop 66 of Smithfield at Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield. Presenting the Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award is Eagle Scout Coordinator Lewis Rice and Past Commandant Devell Durham



Eagle Scouts: Feb. 8th, 1500 hrs, Bryson Adams of Troop 19. Broken Wing Fellowship Church 1837 E. Garner Rd, Raleigh, NC, 27610.

Feb. 16th, 1400 hrs, Jacob Thomas Lee of Troop 360. Barbour's Chapel Advent Christian Church 164 Barbour's Chapel Rd, Four Oaks, NC, 27524

Feb 23rd, 1400 hrs, Jacob Stuart Denny, Micah A. Hill and James Culpepper of Troop 124. Horne Memorial United Methodist Church 121 E. 2nd St, Clayton, NC 27520

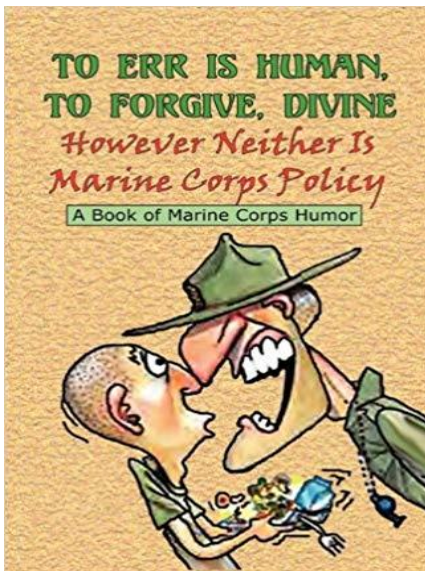
VA Hospital Visit Committee: March 31st, will be the next VA Bingo Night. Please meet at the parking lot beside the Clayton McDonalds prior to 1800hrs.

Adopt A Highway: Saturday, February 22nd, 0800 hrs. Meet at the Speedway convenience store 291 NC-42 E, Clayton, NC 27520

Good Business, Golf Tournament and Scholarship Committees:

Further discussion at our February Business Meeting.

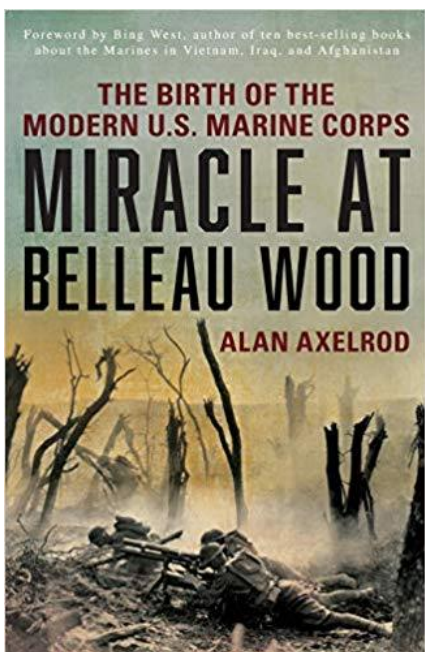
NEED A GOOD BOOK TO READ?



TO ERR IS HUMAN, TO FORGIVE DIVINE - However Neither is Marine Corps Policy

by [Andrew Anthony Bufalo](#)

In order to survive in the Marine Corps you MUST have a good sense of humor. This collection of military jokes spares no one; terrorists, allies, officers, pilots, and of course our sister services are all fair game. You WILL laugh, and you WILL like it!



Miracle at Belleau Wood: The Birth Of The Modern U.S. Marine Corps

by [Alan Axelrod](#)

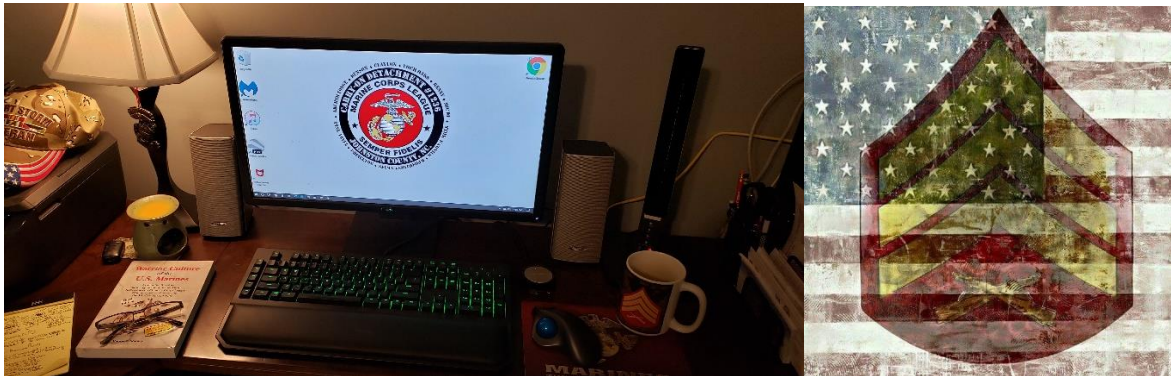
Miracle at Belleau Wood begins in June 1918 at Les Mare Farm in France with just 200 U.S. marines, who spilled their blood to prevail against impossible odds, resisting an overwhelming German force of thousands and turned the battle back against the enemy, saved Paris, saved France, and saved the Allied hope of victory. Called "the Gettysburg of the Great War" by many at the time, it rescued America and its allies from almost certain defeat. This book tells the riveting story of the modern marines as America's fiercest and most effective warriors, the world's preeminent fighting elite. *Miracle at Belleau Wood* is the story of an epoch-making battle--a battle that elevated the Corps to legendary status and forever burned them into the American imagination.

ONCE A MARINE



ALWAYS A MARINE

FROM THE COMMANDANT'S DESK



The month of January was pretty quiet for the Carry-On Detachment. It was kind of nice after all the activity during the holidays. But now we must get ready for the flurry of activity in the next few months. February adds our Adopt a Highway clean up and we have a few of our Marines headed to Norfolk, VA for the National Mid-Winter Conference over the 27th-29th weekend. There are also three Eagle Scout Ceremonies to attend. March is our elections and our visit to the VA to play Bingo with the residents. April is going to be packed. The Marine South Expo is Thursday the 2nd and Friday the 3rd. I always enjoy visiting Camp Lejeune and seeing the history and future of our Marine Corps. Check out <https://www.marinemilitaryexpos.com/marine-south/home> for more information on the Expo. April 14th is our business meeting / Officer installations. That following weekend, 17th-18th, is the Department Spring Meeting in Charlotte. The Spring Meetings are very informative, but this one more so, because it starts off the celebration of the North Carolina Department's 50th Anniversary which will culminate at the Department Convention, also in Charlotte, June 12th-13th. April 16th-19th, the Wall That Heals (traveling Vietnam Memorial) will be at Lake Benson Park in Garner, NC. I'm sure there will be a lot of Americans, both veterans and civilian, visiting. <https://www.thewallthathealsgarnernc.org/> is the site for more information.

I list all of this not only for the information, but so you, as a Carry-On Detachment member, can see all the opportunities to get involved. From my own experience, I have gained a lot of knowledge while being involved and I am attempting to put that knowledge to good use, be it for the better of our Detachment, or the better of myself as a man. There are a few Marines in the League that I look up to and I thank them for letting me pick their brains. You can't learn anything if you don't ask questions.

That all leads to this question. If a Marine, Active or Veteran, approaches you and is curious about the League, do you have the experience of involvement to answer any of their questions about what we do?

Respectfully submitted,

Commandant William Dunn SEMPER FI!

OUR FUTURE

Tuesday, February 11th, 1900 hrs. The Carry-On Detachment 1236 Business Meeting.

Election for Officers is in March. Please be thinking of who you would nominate for positions to lead this Detachment in the coming year.

OUR PAST

1 February 1967: Operation Prairie II was begun in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3d Marine Division. During the 46-day search-and-destroy operation which terminated 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 of the enemy were killed.

11 February 1922: BGen John H. Russell was appointed U.S. High Commissioner and personal representative of the President to the government of Haiti. This nine-year assignment placed this future Commandant in supreme command of both the occupying American force and the Haitian Gendarmerie.

15 February 1898: 28 Marines and 232 seamen lost their lives when the battleship Maine was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Though no definitive evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, the cry went up, "Remember the Maine!", and by late April the U.S. and Spain were at war.

23 February 1945: Four days after the initial landings on Iwo Jima, 1stLt Harold G. Schrier led 40 men from Company E, 2d Battalion, 28th Marines, up Mt. Suribachi to secure the crest and raise the small American flag that battalion commander LtCol Chandler Johnson had given Schrier. Within an hour, the patrol reached the rim of the crater. After a short fire fight with Japanese defenders emerging from several caves, the small American flag was attached to an iron pipe and raised over the island.

28 February 1991: Operation Desert Storm ended when the cease fire declared by President George Bush went into effect. I Marine Expeditionary Force has a strength of more than 92,000 making Operation Desert Storm the largest Marine Corps operation in history. A total of 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

OUR FALLEN

Tom Barrie. John Bullock. George Gillespie. Robert Moore. Willard Pleasants. Gordon Young.
Mark Wayne Williams. Linwood Johnson. George Hartley. Patrick Goodrow.

