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Tar Heel Detachment,
It's hard to believe that a year has passed already. I would like to thank you for once again placing your confidence in me to lead the Tar Heel Detachment over the next year. It is a responsibility that I do not take lightly. If you have any suggestions on how to make the meeting run any better please do not hesitate to speak with me or the other elected officers.

I look forward to getting more of you involved in the various activities that we do in particular the Eagle Scout COH's. The scouts and their parents love it when we show

up in our red blazers. I would like to know everyone's thought on having a monthly gathering at a local restaurant to just gather in friendship and spend time getting to know one another better. My suggestion for the first get together would be at Angie's restaurant in Garner. She is a big support of the Tar Heel Detachment.

We have a slow year as far as major activities go but we still need volunteers to take care of the planning that goes into each event. Besides the installation dinner our next big event is our annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 28th.

Once again thank you for choosing me to lead the Tar Heel Detachment into the future.




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DOWN TO ONE MARINE

On Nov. 15, 2003, an 85-year-old retired Marine Corps Colonel died of congestive heart failure at his home in La Quinta, Calif., southeast of Palm Springs. He was a combat veteran of World War II. Reason enough to honor him. But this Marine was a little different. This Marine was Mitchell Paige. It's hard today to envision -- or, for the dwindling few, to remember -- what the world looked like on 26 Oct 1942. The U.S. Navy was not the most powerful fighting force in the Pacific. Not by a long shot. So the Navy basically dumped a few thousand Marines on the beach at Guadalcanal.



As Platoon Sgt. Mitchell Paige and his 33 riflemen set about carefully emplacing their four water-cooled .30-caliber Browning machine guns, manning their section of the thin khaki line which was expected to defend Henderson Field against the assault of the night of 25 Oct 1942, it's unlikely anyone thought they were about to provide the definitive answer to that most

desperate of questions: How many able-bodied U.S. Marines does it take to hold a hill against 2,000 desperate and motivated Japanese attackers? Nor did the commanders of the Japanese Army, who had swept everything before them for decades, expect their advance to be halted on some jungle ridge manned by one thin line of Marines in October of 1942.

But by the time the night was over, the Japanese 29th Infantry Regiment has lost 553 killed or missing and 479 wounded among its 2,554 men, historian David Lippman reports. The Japanese 16th Regiment's losses are uncounted, but the [US] 164th's burial parties handled 975 Japanese bodies. The American estimate of 2,200 Japanese dead is probably too low.

Among the 90 American dead and seriously wounded that night were all the men in Mitchell Paige's platoon; every one. As the night of endless attacks wore on, Paige moved up and down his line, pulling his dead and wounded comrades back into their foxholes and firing a few bursts from each of the four Brownings in turn, convincing the Japanese forces down the hill that the positions were still manned.

The citation for Paige's Medal of Honor Citation defines the event: "*When the enemy broke through the line directly in front of his position, P/Sgt. Paige, commanding a machinegun section with fearless determination, continued to direct the fire of his gunners until all his men were either killed or wounded. Alone, against the deadly hail of Japanese shells, he fought*

with his gun and when it was destroyed, took over another, moving from gun to gun, never ceasing his withering fire."

In the end, Sgt. Paige picked up the last of the 40-pound, belt-fed Brownings (the same design which John M. Browning fired for a continuous 25 minutes until it ran out of ammunition, glowing cherry red, at its first U.S. Army demonstration) and did something for which the weapon was never designed. Sgt. Paige walked down the hill toward the place where he could hear the last Japanese survivors rallying to move around his flank, the belt-fed gun cradled under his arm, firing as he went. The weapon did not fail.

At dawn, battalion executive officer Major Odell M. Conoley was first to discover the answer to our question: How many able-bodied Marines does it take to hold a hill against two regiments of motivated, combat-hardened Japanese infantrymen who have never known defeat?

On a hill where the bodies were piled like cordwood, Mitchell Paige alone sat upright behind his 30-caliber Browning, waiting to see what the dawn would bring. One hill: one Marine.

But "In the early morning light, the enemy could be seen a few yards off, and vapor from the barrels of their machine guns was clearly visible," reports historian Lippman. "It was decided to try to rush the position."

For the task, Major Conoley gathered together "three enlisted communication personnel, several riflemen, a few company runners who were at the point, together with a cook and a few messmen who had brought food to the position the evening before." Joined by Paige, this ad hoc force of 17 Marines counterattacked at 5:40 a.m., discovering that this extremely short range allowed the optimum use of grenades. They cleared the ridge. And that's where the previously unstoppable wave of Japanese conquests finally broke and began to recede. On an unnamed jungle ridge on an insignificant island no one had ever heard of, called Guadalcanal. But who remembers, today, how close-run a thing it was, the ridge held by a single Marine, in the autumn of 1942?

Some time after, when the Hasbro Toy Co. telephoned asking permission to put the retired Colonel's face on some kid's doll, Mitchell Paige thought they must be joking.

But they weren't. Today, that's his face on the little Marine they call "G.I. Joe."



Contributed by DoNC Commandant Jeff Jones



Chaplain's Corner Jason Hall

We are quickly approaching the Lenten Season. For some this is a solemn observance marked by fasting, repentance, and preparing for the coming of Easter Sunday. Others will casually make reference to "giving up" something for Lent simply because it is a pop-culture feel good measure. Some people have no clue what or when the season is observed. It is my hope that this article will help clarify some of the reasons and misunderstandings of Lent for the Christian and non-Christian alike. I am not writing this to exclude anyone but rather to educate everyone in an attempt to bring more people together. Knowledge of customs, views, and traditions outside that of our own is the only way to grow closer with our neighbors. This is by no means a complete explanation but rather, to pass along a basic understanding.

Lent is a Christian observance that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, or the day before Easter. In total Lent is 46 days however, Sunday's are excluded making the observance 40 days. Christ spent 40 days wondering the desert, enduring the many temptations that Satan placed before him, and preparing himself to begin his ministry. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. During this time many Christians will also chose something to abstain from in order to give of themselves. Usually a small luxury with the saved time or money being put toward works of mercy or faith. This custom has also spilled over into popular culture as well. People can often be heard saying that they are "giving up" something for Lent and then name a trivial habit without following any of the other measure of this observance. Do not get me wrong, it is a nice gesture but misses the mark by a mile. The point is to give something of yourself that will also benefit others. As Saint John Chrysostom once said "No act of virtue can be great, if it is not followed by advantage for others." This is not a season to feel guilty or punished. I know that some of the descriptions above can make it sound this way. Nothing really could be further from the truth. This season is about learning to love more, to have a better understanding of God's love, as well as loving your neighbor by better understanding what Christ endured. The whole point of observing Lent is to become a better Christian and person in general.

Let us take this knowledge and move forward with more understanding. Regardless of your faith, let us grow closer together as brothers and sisters. In the future I will be doing more articles to explain religious observances and traditions from various faiths. If you would like to see a particular subject covered, please reach out to me. If you feel that I have missed the mark, I beg you to let me know. I am only able to draw from personal experiences and research that I do on my own. I am always happy to learn from other's first-hand knowledge. It is time to draw this article to a close but before I leave, I ask that you will pray with me:

"Supreme Commandant, master of all eternity, we come to you in prayer and give thanks to you. We ask that you help us grow stronger in our relationship with you as well as those around us. We give thanks for the many blessings that we have received. We ask that those who have strayed from your path will hear your calling and find their way home. We pray for comfort for those who need your healing and for comfort for their loved ones. We pray these things together. Amen"

Upcoming MCL Events...

Det Meeting	Feb 7
Pistol Shoot	Feb 21
Eagle COH	Feb 25
Eagle COH	Feb 25

Future Events

Eagle COH	Mar 3
Eagle COH	Mar 4
Det Meeting	Mar 7
Det Officer Installation	Mar 11
Pistol Shoot	Mar 21

Community Breakfast	April 14
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Elected 2018-19 Detachment Officers



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Bruce Goeden
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Randal Rempfer
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At the February 7th Detachment meeting, 2018-19 Officers Elections were held and the results are:

Commandant, James Cox
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11 Secrets Marine Drill Instructors Hide at Boot Camp

By: Gina Harkins October 29, 2015 Editor's note: This story first appeared in the April 15, 2013, issue of Marine Corps Times.

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. — The images stay with you for the rest of your life: Screaming drill instructors, in your face, in your space, in your nightmares. All enlisted Marines are united by memories of the drill instructors who barked orders at them — morning, noon and night — for the first 13 weeks of their Marine Corps lives. They share the remembrances of dread when they incurred their DI's wrath. They know what it's like to fumble around trying to follow the simplest of orders, but be paralyzed with confusion and fear in the face of so much pressure and heat. Boot camp is a rite of passage in which drill instructors forge recruits' identities as Marines. The DIs break them down, teach them how to follow orders and how to dress, speak and act like Marines. They teach them Marine Corps culture, heritage and traditions. The process creates a special bond, a love-hate relationship that the recruits will remember for the rest of their lives.

Those drill instructors have secrets, though. Like any other community in the Corps, its members have a shared bond and tricks of the trade that have been handed down for generations. Recruits don't hear about them at boot camp - not where it's likely that you'll get smoked with incentive training for simply asking a dumb question. Under the wide brims of smokey hats, the perfectly squared-away uniforms and almost caricature-like demeanors are noncommissioned officers and staff NCOs from a wide range of military occupational specialties. They decide, often with some trepidation, to return to boot camp to fill a special-duty assignment.



Sgt. William Loughran encourages recruits from Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, to give 100 percent during physical training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., Sept. 18, 2013. Loughran joined the Corps in 2004 and became a drill instructor in 2012. "[Being a drill instructor] is the most demanding duty ... yet probably the most rewarding thing I have ever done," Loughran said. About 600 Marine Corps drill instructors train about 20,000 recruits who come to Parris Island annually. Make no mistake: these Marines are playing a role. At its best, it's masterful performance art, but with a twist — the tremendous personal responsibility they feel for building raw recruits into disciplined Marines. Despite their gruff, borderline hostile interaction with recruits, DIs are real people with real emotions and tremendous dedication to molding young lives.

Here are 11 things drill instructors never want their recruits to know:

Boot camp elicits flashbacks. Marines who come to drill instructor school have about a week of administrative processing before they start their classroom tasks - and they need that time to adjust, said Maj. Chad Craven, director of the East Coast DI school based here. The place has that kind of effect on them. Battle-tested sergeants, staff sergeants and gunnery sergeants re-enter the boot camp environment and regress to semi-recruit mode, he said. "Now wait a second," Craven said he tells his students. "You've been shot at, you've been IEDed, you've been shelled, you've gotten married and have been there for the birth of your child, yet you stand here saying 'good morning' when it's obviously the middle of the night." Sgt. Nicholas Lanier, a senior DI who recently wrapped up his three-year tour and headed to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, at Camp Pendleton, California, said going back to boot camp was a huge adjustment. "Driving back to Parris Island was very, very odd," the infantry rifleman said. "I definitely thought I was going to get screamed at and then everyone was so nice."

The 'frog voice' is real.

Drill instructors literally scream so hard at recruits that they can pass out, give themselves hernias, or do serious and permanent damage to their vocal chords. That's why they spend a lot of time at DI school learning to project from their diaphragms. Even so, most DIs develop that raspy "frog voice." Losing their voice is inevitable, especially during the first phase of boot camp when orders are constantly barked. But at school, they try to teach new DIs how to prevent voice problems turning into something permanent, Craven said.

Staff Sgt. Antonio J. Curry, a drill instructor aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, barks out instructions to align his platoon of fresh recruits Aug 30, 2012. Curry, who is on his second b-billet after completing a tour of duty as a recruiter, says his prior experience has helped him become a better drill instructor for his recruits. Still, they need to speak loudly enough for about 100 recruits to hear them, and that requires practice.



Schoolhouse instructors will stand a set number of paces away from the Marines as they learn to project their voices, he said. While they do lose their voices on occasion, they have become masters at getting it back fast. Craven said the treatment is similar to soothing a sore throat, including hot water with honey and lemon. But Sgt. Melissa Sandoval, a DI with 4th Recruit Training Battalion here, said some DIs get a little more creative. She drinks hot tea followed by a cold drink, she said. But she has also tried pickle juice or lime juice mixed with salt. "It's something about the vinegar or the acid in the lime juice," she said. "It helps the lining of the throat."

Laughing on the inside.

The screaming that recruits must endure might actually be masking a different reaction: laughter. Drill instructors think recruits do and say some pretty funny things. Lanier said he was tempted to laugh nonstop while on DI duty. "It's just the things recruits say," he said. "They'll think they're saying something so serious, but it'll come out so ridiculous and you just want to laugh." Instead he'd scream at them for doing or saying the wrong thing.

Sgt. Angela Arounerangsy, drill instructor, Platoon 4003, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, motivates recruits as they prepare for the rappel tower aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., Nov. 27, 2012. The recruits execute the rappel tower as part of second phase recruit training aboard the depot. Sandoval agreed and said she had to stop herself from laughing all the time. "Recruits do crazy stuff, we'll put it that way," she said. "And sometimes you just shake your head. You have to just breathe and think of something else." Staff Sgt. Juan Rocha, a drill instructor with 1st Recruit Training Battalion at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, said he's too busy to even think about laughing in the moment, but he and other DIs will swap funny stories about recruits later.



They channel their own DIs.

Putting on the belt and campaign cover transforms a regular Marine into someone he or she probably feared as a new recruit. Once they're in that role, however, they realize how much time and dedication their own drill instructors devoted to the job. "I remember how perfect they were in my eyes," said Sgt. Richard Kennedy, a San Diego DI with 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. "I hope I'm as perfect in my recruits' eyes as they were in my eyes." Sgt. Jennifer Thiroux with 4th Recruit Training Battalion here, said she recalls the way her DIs' hair was always perfect and the way they walked and talked. She does the same things now to set a similar lofty example. Drill instructors also rely on each other to see what works and what doesn't, Rocha said. He'll pick up some of the language and phrases that other DIs on his team use if they're effective.

They miss their families.

Getting home at 2300 and heading back out to start the next day, sometimes as early as 0300, doesn't provide a lot of time to be with loved ones. There is a family readiness program here to help Marines and their dependents get through those three years. Dependents can tour the DI schoolhouse here and see what their Marines will be called on to do over the course of their duties. "We knew it was long hours," said Gunnery Sgt. Richard Brennan, a senior DI here with 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. "But sometimes it's harder because — while I'm not in Iraq or Afghanistan and she knows I'm safe — I'm still gone, and it's an adjustment for the spouses. They always want you there." The schedule is demanding, he acknowledged. After running and screaming all day, he'll go home to his kids playfully smacking him in the face while he falls asleep at the dinner table. The key, he said, is to approach

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the situation as a team. It's imperative to talk to your spouse about what you're going through, he said. Sometimes he dreams about boot camp and yells in his sleep for his wife to "get on-line," the same thing he's been telling recruits all day. It is important for her to understand what his life is all about. "I think it'll help to lead to a successful tour here without distraction, and it's good for the relationship," he said.

What they wish they had known.

Marines considering drill instructor duty should know it's physically and mentally demanding. Most said they lose weight during the tour; they're constantly on their feet and running with recruits. "I wish I would've known that," Lanier said. "I really had never felt tired or sore or anything like that. You hear it, but you can tell someone all day long you're going to be tired, you're going to be this, but you never know until you get there." It's also important to recognize that you're leaving your own MOS, a skill in which you are proficient, and picking up something entirely new, Sandoval said. "You're learning," she said. "The more you train and do the new MOS, the better you'll get. You can't expect so much from yourself." As a senior drill instructor, Brennan said it's his job to look out for other drill instructors. Just like recruits, drill instructors might not know their limits, he said, so he makes sure they don't overdo it.

They're turning you into a Marine.

Some Marines who hear about the addition of core values discussions and foot-locker mentoring say that boot camp should be more physically demanding. But drill instructors say their main job is not to prepare Marines for combat. Their job is turning civilians into Marines, and there's a specific process that has to occur in order for that to happen in a 13-week period. The core values discussions help to establish a baseline from which all new recruits can adopt the Marine Corps way, Brennan said. "There are kids who came up in areas that have no values, and to them, stealing or taking



things that didn't belong to them was acceptable," Brennan said. "Others already came here with those values instilled, but we still have to find that baseline to bring them together." Sgt. Kadeem Walker, drill instructor for recruit receiving, glares at Ret. Jeremy Reuis, 24, of Platoon 2065, Fox Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, as the new arrivals receive some of their first orders from Marine Corps drill instructors in the receiving building on Parris Island, S.C., on June 4, 2012. The recruits must quickly adapt to their new environment upon arrival on Parris Island. As a senior drill instructor, responsible for more of the values-based training, he said he has to find the best way to reach them all. "I was an inner city kid, and now I'm dealing with a kid from the mountains, I'm dealing with a kid who came from the country," he said. "You've got to find it, you

can't just try one way, you have to expand your horizons."

Squared away for a reason.

One of the primary lessons Marines in drill instructor school learn is that recruits will always be looking at them as they set the example of what it looks like to be squared away. If they get sweaty or even the slightest bit of dirt on their uniforms, they should be going to change, Kennedy said. "I have four copies of every uniform ready to change into at any moment," he said. "So if I go out and get a little dirty, I can go, change and come back out in 30 seconds." Sandoval said in 4th Training Battalion there are about 64 recruits. About 60 of them will be doing what they should be most of the time, she said. But there will always be that one recruit looking around to see what the drill instructor is doing, so they must always know their appearance is on display. Craven said he tells Marines at DI school not only to check their own uniforms regularly, but to look at each other as well. "If you have a sloppy looking drill instructor in front of you, then over time that recruit — that future Marine — is going to say, 'Oh, I guess it's OK for me not to square away my uniform, I guess it's OK for me not to look like a poster boy Marine.'" It's nothing but a basic Marine Corps standard, Craven added — not an artificial standard they create at the depots.

Combat-tested teachers.

Instead of relying on stories about Vietnam or Korea from past generations, the current crop of drill instructors can tell their recruits what it's like to be in combat, based on their own experience, and why it's important for recruits to learn a skill that could someday save their lives. Sandoval said that became clear during the Crucible, the three-day-long final test in boot camp. When they did a night movement, recruits saw what she meant when she said any illumination could alert the enemy to their position. And during simulated gunfire, the recruits understood why they had to speak loudly.

"One recruit was trying to get the attention of another recruit who couldn't hear her over the sounds of grenades and shooting," Sandoval said. "So she said, 'Now I know why they're always telling us to scream.'"

They love ITing you.

Aside from their voice, drill instructors say incentive training is one of the most effective tools they have at their disposal when they need to get their point across to a stubborn recruit. Not only does the repetition of the exercise help recruits learn, Rocha said, but they'll work harder in the future just



to avoid it. When DIs throw values-based training into the mix, that's when real learning begins, Thiroux said. U.S. Marine Sgt. Katheryn Swingle, drill instructor, Oscar Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, conducts incentive physical training to instill order and discipline during the first phase of recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., Oct. 29, 2012. Incentive physical training consists of rigorous exercises such as Marine Corps push-ups, mountain climbers, side straddle hops, and crunches. "So you can get ITed for having a zipper on the wrong side, because the drill instructor said it should be on this side and it's on the other side," she said. "So you say to them, 'Guess what, recruit? We know why the Marine Corps is the best - attention to detail. That's why we're the best. [I]f we go off to war, that's what's going to get you, that attention to detail.'"

They like you. Kind of.

Drill instructors get to know their recruits on a very personal level and are proud of seeing them earn their eagle, globe and anchor. Spending so much time with a young, impressionable adult, and transforming him into a Marine creates a connection, Thiroux said. "You're theirs for three months, and a bond is created," she said. "They're growing because of what you're teaching them, and you take ownership of it," she said. Sgt. Diego Hernandez, 28, a drill instructor with Platoon 1078, Charlie Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, motivates his recruits for their initial drill evaluation Sept. 15, 2014, on Parris Island, S.C. Close-order drill helps instill discipline and unit cohesion. Recruits are graded by drillmasters, experts on the Marine Corps Drill and Ceremonies Manual, on their discipline and appearance. Hernandez is from New Orleans. Charlie Company is scheduled to graduate Nov. 7, 2014. Kennedy noted that some recruits are shy while others show up ready to be loud. The DIs quickly pick up on those traits, he said, which might surprise recruits. "A lot of times I can look at a recruit and I can recognize when they don't want to push on," he said. "We'll watch them." Knowing that he's having a significant impact on the future of the Marine Corps makes the job important to him, Brennan said.

"With the training we give [recruits] throughout this cycle and the core values that we put in them, and then my twist — the little bit of myself I put into it — I feel like I'm molding my future replacement so I can give back to the institution," he said.



Eagle Scouts Good Citizenship Award



Pictured above are Justin Duncan, Donovan Moorehead, Jalen Langley and Adolph Simmons with Marine and Detachment Eagle Scout Coordinator, David Gardener and Jr Past Commandant John Dilday after they received the Marine Corps League's Good Conduct Award on February 3rd at the Court of Honor for Troop 366. Justin Duncan, on the left, earned his Eagle Scout rating in 2008, and has come back to T366 to be an adult leader. The Tar Heel Detachment also gave each of them a Good Turn Coin in honor of Frank Mansfield.

The Tar Heel Detachment #733 was invited to the Boy Scout of America Occaneechee Council Recognition Banquet for those scouts who attained the Eagle Scout ranking in 2017. It was held on January 27, 2018 in Raleigh at the McCimmon Center for Extension and Continuing Education at NC State. Attending from the Detachment was Commandant James Cox, Jr Past Commandant John Dilday, Marine Bryan Daniels, Marine and Eagle Scout Coordinator, David Gardener. Marine Jack Martin from Shawn Knisley Detachment in Fayetteville joined us for the Banquet.



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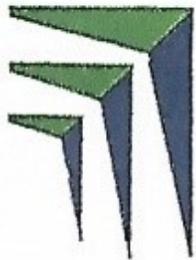
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Jr. Vice Commandant's Comments Randal Rempfer

Greetings my fellow Marines,

First, I want to thank everyone for their efforts in transitioning through the changes that were thrown our way this past year. Your ability to “Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome” was on display and as always, we pushed through with the perseverance and dedication in true Marine fashion.

Now that we are getting a better grip on our annual renewal process, this year’s deadline will be a much more clear process and should be an easier process to complete. Look for reminders to begin in the June Meeting and continue through August. Remember, all annual memberships expire August 31st.

Second, I want to thank you for your support and cooperation as we worked through this past year’s renewal process and the lag time with National. There were some hiccups with renewing, but it was in the delay with the mail in process and National getting through their mountain of paperwork.

Now, enough with last year. Thank you for your confidence in me as your Jr. Vice Commandant and I appreciate your nomination for another term in this office. I will do all that is in my power to maintain the integrity and responsibilities that come with this title with honor.

My final comment comes in a more personal form. Many of you know that I am pursuing my Bachelor’s degree and am balancing a very busy schedule. I have ramped up my class schedule to a full-time semester and will be earning that degree by the end of the summer. Thus, freeing some much needed time for both of my families (personal and Corps).

I am very excited to be able to have more time to work on building our detachment and our League for future Marines to enjoy alongside those of us who know the value of, “Marines helping Marines”.

Until our next meeting, “Semper Fidelis” and let’s all work on bring one fellow Marine to our next meeting.

... You will find us always on the job, the United States Marines...

Semper Fi,

Randal E. Rempfer

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE – TARHEEL DETACHMENT #733

February 7, 2018

1. Opening ceremony - 1900
2. Visitors
 1. George Matt Stokes, Master Chief, USN Ret
 2. Jeff Jones, DONC Commandant
 3. Rick Thomason – DONC Sr. Vice Commandant
3. Roll Call of Officers – Jr. Vice Commandant

James Cox – Commandant; Bruce Goeden – Sr. Vice Commandant; Randall Rempfer -Jr. Vice Commandant (EXCUSED); James White – Judge Advocate ; John Dilday – Jr. Past Commandant; Adjutant – Doug Smith; Paymaster – Bill Cargill; Sgt. At Arms – Earl Linthicum; Eagle Scout Coordinator – David Gardener; CCYM – Doug Smith; Chaplain – Jason Hall
4. Do we have any applications for membership? George Stokes, Approved
5. Our minutes of previous meeting January 10, 2017 were published in the Scuttlebutt. Do we have any corrections? Then could I have a motion to approve the minutes. 1st - Earl Linthicum, 2nd Motion – Bryan Daniels Any discussion – hearing none. Approved
6. Correspondence

All correspondence from Dept. of NC has been forwarded to all members via e-mail or the Scuttlebutt.
7. Reports
 - a. PAYMASTER:

Balance check book is \$9,021.58, CD balance is N/A Total \$9,982.18

Can I have a motion to approve the paymaster's report subject to audit.

1st James White , 2nd Bruce Goeden Any discussion. Approval by Aye (one tap)
 - b. Do we have any report of sickness or distress: Coble Staley – continues to recover from knee replacement surgery.
 - c. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 1. Sr. Vice Commandant –Bruce Goeden – Attended Veterans Council meeting and the Detachment is now current with dues. Discussed platoon/squad assignments. Upcoming Golden Corral Fundraiser in Garner on April 14 from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. \$10 per ticket.
 2. Jr. Vice Commandant – Randal Rempfer – No report
 3. Judge Advocate-- James White – No report
 4. Jr. Past Commandant – John Dilday – Sun, March 11 – Detachment Officer Installation at Devil's Ridge Golf Club starting at 1600. Uniform is Red Blazer with black trousers. Cost is \$24 per person.
 5. Public Relations – James Lewis – NO REPORT
 6. Sgt. At Arms – Earl Linthicum – Flower fund proceeds \$50.00, 50/50 proceeds were \$36.00 to detachment and \$36.00 to winner for a total of \$86.00.
 7. Historian - NO REPORT
 8. Eagle Scouts – David Gardener – 2 Court of Honors last month. February Court of Honors listed under announcements at the end of meeting minutes.
 9. Capital City Young Marines – Doug Smith – Jonathan Rodriguez update: continued health improvement, started attending school for first time since accident over Memorial Day weekend. Continued neurological appointments and tests, but overall improvement is encouraging. Current Recruit class of 25 youth. February is last month Doug Smith will be Unit Commander. Tyrone Ashe taking over duties. Change of Command Ceremony will be Mon, March 5 at 6:30 pm.
 10. VA Update and Activities - Douggy Johnson encouraged members to contact him with any questions: 919.212.8387. douggy.johnsonii@wakegov.com
 11. Report Pistol Shoot Activity – Feb 21, 6:00 pm orientation (\$15), 7: 00 pm shoot (\$10). Do not have to have a gun to shoot. Check announcements for details.
10. Unfinished Business - None
11. New Business

James Cox nominated for Commandant.; Bruce Goeden nominated for Sr. Vice Commandant.; Randall Rempfer nominated for Jr. Vice Commandant.; James White nominated for Judge Advocate. Since only one person was nominated for each Officer's position, Detachment Adjutant, Doug Smith cast one unanimous vote for all candidates.
12. Good of the League
 1. Department Quarterly meeting to be held on April 21st in Greenville, NC. Details have been mailed out.
13. Announcements

Young Marines meet each Monday beginning 1830 at Cary Church of Christ located at 6640 Tryon Road, Cary, NC.
Detachment Pistol Shoot February 21st at 1900 Wake County Indoor Firing Range.
The Wake County Veterans Association meets the last Wednesday of each month at 1800 – February 28th
Next Monthly Meeting for Detachment will be Wednesday, March 7th at 1800 w/social hour followed by business meeting at 1900.
Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Feb 25th at 1330 at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church located at 3008 Old Raleigh Rd. Cary.
Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Feb 25th at 1330 at First United Methodist Church located at 117 S. Academy St, Cary.
Eagle Scout Court of Honor on March 3rd at 1400 at Jaycee Park Boy Scout Hut located at 451 NC Hwy 55, Apex.
Eagle Scout Court of Honor on March 4th at 1400 at White Plains United Methodist Church located at 315 SE Maynard St, Cary.
14. Happy to announce that we had no Marine Kia's in the month of January, 2018.
15. Closing Ceremony - 1945

Respectfully Submitted, Doug Smith, Adjutant

Semper Fi 'Til the Day I Die



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THANK-YOU VETERANS

FEBRUARY 2018

Birthdays Italic

MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3					1	2 <i>Dan Nicholas</i>	2 <i>John Booth</i>
4	5	6	7 Det Mtg	8 <i>Bryan Daniels</i>	9	10	4	5	6 <i>Tyrone Ashe</i>	7 Det Mtg	8	10	11 <i>Bob Federico</i>
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 <i>Randal Rempfer</i>	17	12 <i>Sandy Mazzu</i>	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
18 <i>James Cox</i>	19 President's Day	20	21 Pistol Shoot	22	23	24	19	20	21	22 Pistol Shoot	23	24	25
25 <i>Harry Chaffin Wilbert Spence</i>	26	27	28				26	27	28	29 <i>Matt Herman</i>	30 <i>Paul Seiler</i>	31	