



**Marine Corps League  
Tar Heel Detachment # 733  
SEPTEMBER 2021**

**SCUTTLEBUTT**



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# Marine Corps League Commandant

Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, Auxiliary and Associate Members:

Our September 1, 2021, regular meeting was productive and forward looking as we move into the fall activities of the Tar Heel Detachment.

Jr. Vice Earl Linthicum completed the final gun show of the year, generating significant revenue from the Henry 3030 rifle raffle. Many thanks to Earl, Juan Muñoz, Bob Federico, Gunny Lewis, Toby Roberts, and others for helping make the raffle a big success. Tickets are still available to sell chances to win the rifle, so contact Earl for tickets. The drawing will be held November 10 at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

September 11, 2021, marked the 20-year anniversary of the 9/11 World Trade Center terrorist attacks. Our own Al Pasquale conducted the memorial ceremony at the State Capitol and did a superb job bringing the disastrous event to our conscience and honoring the lives lost that day. Thank you, Al, for this event and for planning and carrying out the Beirut memorial ceremony to be held on October 23 at the State Capitol.

We have a fundraiser planned for October 16 at O'Charley's so that we can continue to fund our projects and meet our goals. Tickets are \$10 for a nice breakfast and a chance to get to know your fellow Marines and families.

As we collectively plan for this year's Toys for Tots effort, contact me if you are willing to coordinate the placement of boxes and act as liaison between our Detachment, the RDU Detachment, and the Reserve Center as we all work toward helping less fortunate children to have a truly Merry Christmas.

Semper Fidelis,

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**Next Meeting Wed Oct. 6, 7:00pm  
VFW Cary NC**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 16: O'Charleys breakfast fundraiser Cary NC
- October 23: Beirut Remembrance – State Capital
- November 6: Veterans Day Parade and Lunch
- November 10: Marine Corps Birthday Ball – VFW Cary NC



# Marine Corps League

Sr. Vice Commandant



Show up at the capitol on Saturday, October 23 at 9:00 am to help set up for the memorial service for our marines killed by the Muslims in Beirut. Service begins at 10:00.

Our chaplain, Al Pasquale, did an outstanding job organizing this year's 20th anniversary honoring those we lost on 9/11. Thanks, Al.

The two marines guarding the barracks in Beirut had no ammo when a truck with 2 tons of explosives ran right at them and the building. A single, "Ma Deuce" and 6 Jersey barriers could have stopped the truck, but the politicians were calling the shots. Email me if you want to see a list of the atrocities committed by the Muslims over the years.

Most Americans do not realize the first USMC infantry battalion that landed in Vietnam had no ammo. We sure need combat vets to be the majority in congress!

Our USMC Birthday Ball is scheduled for November 10 at VFW Post 7383, thanks to VFW post commander, USMC Gunnery Sgt. Jeff Sherman (Ret.). We have always been welcome there since 733 was started there over 30 years ago.

We need to know if you and your guests plan to attend by October 20. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please mail your checks to Gene Taxis, paymaster, 404 South Harrison Avenue, Cary, NC 7511-3218. Email me at: [usmctoby1@hotmail.com](mailto:usmctoby1@hotmail.com) your buffet meal choices which are pork, fish or chicken. (Steak prices have gone through the roof.) We have a dj, thanks to Tyrone Ashe. Jim Mitchell's bride can make us eagle globe and anchor chocolate table treats. Young Marines will be aboard to assist the old ones.

s/f !

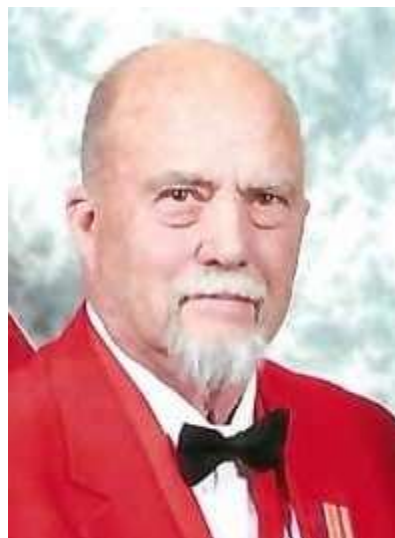
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PS: Anybody volunteer to bake our cake?



# Marine Corps League

Jr. Vice Commandant



Marines,

Fall is quickly approaching and all the events we celebrate in this season are anticipated with excitement. We have had a good summer of relaxation and vacation time , it's now time to plan our fall and winter schedules. I hope that we can get to have our Marine Corps Ball this year with the threat of Covid 19 looming over our heads.

Speaking of Covid 19, I hope everyone is maintaining their distances, getting their vaccines and wearing their masks to prevent the spread of this disease and also to keep from being infected. We need to recognize the importance of prevention and taking care of ourselves and loved ones.

The rifle raffle has been doing well this year and hope it will continue. Please remember our thirteen fallen soldiers and the sacrifice that they gave for us and our freedom.

Hope to see you at our meetings the first Wednesday of the month at the VFW, 522 Reedy Creek Rd., Cary, NC!!

Your Jr. Vice Earl Linthicum

**SAME TEAM**



**NEW MISSION**





# Marine Corps League

Chaplain



Attention on Deck.....

The official war on Terror has ended, after 20 years with 13 more casualties 11 marines, one FMF Corpsman and one Soldier KILLED by a suicide bomber.

On 11 Sept 2021, at the Capital in Raleigh, we remembered their sacrifices, 20 years when **some gave some and some gave ALL.**

Our warriors are not "Officially" in harms way at this writing, but as previously noted by some, our CORPS has become the "911" force of the WORLD.

The next memorial service will take place at the Capital on Saturday 23 Oct 2021. This memorial is to remember the Marines of BLT 1/8 that we lost on Sunday 23 October 1983, when a suicide bomber driving a truck carrying 2000 lbs. of explosives crashed into their barracks as they slept, killing 218 with many others we wounded.

**Let us never forget the devastating price that they paid for the quest of peace !!!**

Respectfully Submitted  
AL Pasquale  
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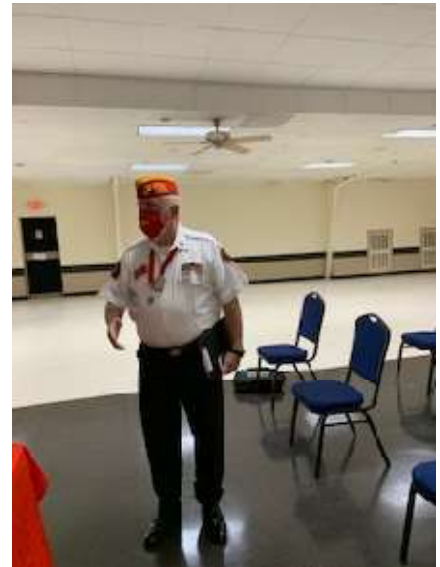


White Pines United Methodist  
Cary, North Carolina





# Marine Corps League September Meeting



At the September meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Juanita Garcia of the Navy Marine Corps Reserve Center awarded certificates of appreciation to William Cargill and John Saitta for their tireless efforts helping with Toys for Tots 2020



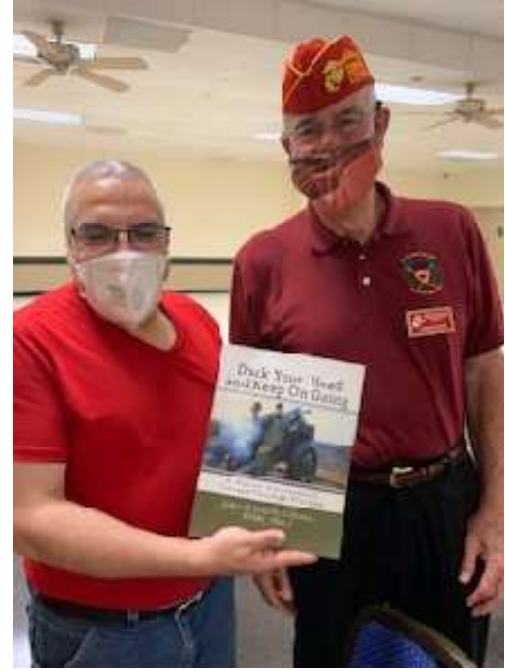
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# Marine Corps League 9-11 Memorial







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# Adjutant Corner

*“League Members out and about”*



Earl Linthicum led the efforts along with Juan Munoz, Jim Lewis, and Robert Federico to spend two days at the Raleigh Fairground gun show selling raffle tickets. To date the raffle fundraiser has raised \$5,065.00.



## Of Note for the Good of the League

*John Booth proposed a motion for the good of the League; it was recommended that all members of the league and guests wear a mask and practice social distancing while in doors during monthly meetings and be vaccinated (health permitting). Some discussion ensued, and by voice vote the motion was approved.*



## September Historical Events



January 2002 saw the installation ceremony of Less R Cox with the North Carolina Commandant Percy Sudsbury installing and handing the gavel to Marine Cox. Major Eugene Summers, USMC, presented the NCO sword to past Commandant Jim Haslam at the meeting of Capital City Young Marines. The sword was in recognition of his work with the Young Marine program and as its first commanding officer.

Lt. General Chesty Puller, the burley, square jawed Marine, was honored in a stirring poem where he said that rifles always led the way in Marine engagements. He further noted that fighter planes, battleships, mortars, and cannons were simply aids to Marines with rifles. Do you agree? Good night Chesty wherever you are!

- On September 27, 1944, US Marines secured and raised the American flag over the island of Peleliu. Despite Marines securing the island, pockets of Japanese soldiers held out and continued to fight against American forces until April of 1947, nearly two years after the war ended.
- On September 30, 1945, U.S. Marines under the command of Major General Keller E. Rockey began landing in Northern China to assist the Chinese government accept the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriate Japanese soldiers and civilians.
- Landing at Inchon, Korea in September 1950, Marines proved that the doctrine of amphibious assault was still viable and necessary. After the recapture of Seoul, the Marines advanced to the Chosin Reservoir only to see the Chinese Communists enter the war. After years of offensives, counter-offensives, seemingly endless trench warfare, and occupation duty, the last Marine ground troops were withdrawn in March 1955. More than 25,000 Marines were killed or wounded during the Korean War.
- Marines went ashore in September 1994 in Haiti as part of the U.S. force participating in the restoration of democracy in that country. During this same period Marines were actively engaged in providing assistance to the Nation's counter-drug effort, assisting in battling wildfires in the western United States, and aiding in flood and hurricane relief operations.
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**1. Opening Ceremony:** At 1900 hours, Colors Posted and Allegiance to flag was recited.

A. Meeting was conducted at the VFW Post 7383, 522 Reedy Creek Rd. Cary, NC. 27516 by Commandant Russ Oliver.

B. **Welcome to all:** Total **Present 17** in attendance, including 3 **guests**. (No zoom meeting).

C. **Meeting status:** There was a quorum present.

**2. Recognition of All Guests:**

A. William Brown DVC DoNC.

B. SGT Maj Paul Berry USMC (Ret). (11 deployments)

C. 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Juanita Garcia -USMC – Naval Reserve center (Brought certificates for Toys 4 Tots for John Saitta and Bill Cargill)

**3. Roll Call of Officers:**

PRESENT: Russ Oliver, Commandant; Earl Linthicum, Jr. Vice Commandant; Gene Taxis, Adjutant/ Paymaster; Al Pasquale, Chaplain; Pamela Thomas, President Tar Heel # 733 Woman's Auxiliary; James Lewis, Sgt at Arms.

EXCUSED: Toby Roberts, Sr Vice Commandant; Tyrone Ashe, Judge Advocate; David Gardener, Eagle Scout Coordinator; Sean Van Pallandt, Historian; James Mitchell, Web Site & Zoom coordinator

**4. Any Applications for Membership or Transfer:** John Dilday requested transfer to Sanford Detachment.

**5. Our Minutes of the Previous Meeting on Aug 4, 2021:** Were published in the Scuttlebutt and emailed to everyone. No corrections, Motion to Accept -by Al Pasquale and 2nd by: Earl Linthicum, No Discussion –Voice Vote – Approved.

**6. Correspondence:** All correspondence from Dept. of NC has been forwarded to all members via E-mail and the Scuttlebutt.

**7. Paymaster Report:** For the month of August 2021. See members only section.

**8. Chaplain:** Do we have any reports of sickness, distress or death:

A. Richard Patrick and wife Cam remain positive taking one day at a time as reported by Russ Oliver (Keep them in your prayers).

B. Pray for all members of our Detachment who are up in age.

C. Sean Van Pallandt our historian had an epilepsy attack recently and hopefully will have his drivers license returned November 1<sup>st</sup>. Pray for his recovery and the return of driving privileges.

D. Toby had his big toe amputated – pray for quick and total recovery.

E. Tyrone Ashe had a hip replacement. Enduring lots of pain. Pray for quick and total recovery.

F. Pam Thomas continues to improve and is getting around with the aid of crutches– pray for a quick heal



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### 9. 15 KIA's or missing Marines, Corpsman, or Navy Chaplains to report.

11 Marines, 1 soldier, and 1 Navy Corps man were killed during a suicide bombing during the Afghanistan evacuation. Al Pasquale performed the lighting of candles, read the names, while Jim Lewis assisted with the ringing of the bell.

### 10. Standing Committee Reports:

**A. Sr. Vice Commandant** – Toby Roberts: absent – Jim Lewis briefed the Detachment on the Marine Corps Birthday ball. Due to COVID 19 D Variant a cutoff date of 20 October has been set to decide “go or No go” to a full-blown ball. If a NO GO to the ball, there will be a birthday celebration at the VFW with the cutting of the cake and reading of birthday messages.

**B. Jr. Vice Commandant** – Earl Linthicum briefed membership that to date over \$5000.00 has been collected for rifle raffle. There is one more gun shows scheduled Sept 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> (C&E) at the State Fairgrounds. The 2<sup>nd</sup> breakfast at Charley's is scheduled for Saturday 16 October 8:30 – 10:00. Price of ticket is 10.00. See Earl Linthicum or buy one at the door. By buying a ticket early it assists with determining participation / head count.

**C. Judge Advocate** Tyrone Ashe – Absent - undergoing Hip Surgery.

**D. Public Relations** – Gene Taxis – Membership dues are due 31 August 2021. Make \$30.00 check out to MCL Tar Heel Det 733. and mail to Gene Taxis (adjutant). 404 S Harrison Ave. Cary, NC. 27511. Any questions call Gene - cell 919 448-6596. (\$5.00 State, \$20.00 National, & \$5.00 Detachment). New members \$35.00

**E. Web Site** – Jim Mitchell: The Detachment Web site will now be managed and updated by Toby Roberts. Send all updates to Toby or the Adjutant.

**F. Jeremy Tank** – Marine 4 Life rep has transferred to the RDU Detachment; therefore, we need a replacement ASAP. Bill Brown offered it is a challenging opportunity. Getting help is available from the National & local representees. The focus is on transiting Marines & spouses back to civilian life and helping them to understand available benefits. Finally, and most important to be a POC in our area of opportunity. We need to recruit the younger demographics (Afghan Vets and young professionals).

**G. Sgt. At Arms** – Jim Lewis -No Report

**H. Historian** – Sean Van Pallandt- absent however will send his report for insertion in the scuttlebutt.

**I. The Young Marines:** Unit Commander Brian Alston – Absent no report

**J. Eagle Scout Coordinator:** Dave Gardener: Absent – Next COH scheduled for 12 Sept White Plains United Methodist Church.

**K. Chaplain:** Al Pasquale briefed the detachment on the upcoming event 9/11 - a multi service commemoration, EMS, Fire, police. veterans and all services. Muster at 09:00 am- location State Capital Bldg. Permits have been obtained

He also briefed the coordination of the Beirut bombing which happened 23 October 1983 at 0622 am. is ongoing. He passed around a photo of the memorial established in Philadelphia and dedicated in 1985. For the ceremony, he requested we muster at 0900 at the State Capital Bld. Sat 09:00 23 October 2021. He is presently coordinating for a Color guard. Gunny Sherman offered his assistance.

**L. Va. update:** Earl Linthicum briefed the VA hospital has grown with the construction of a new wing.



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M. The detachment needs a Toys 4 Tots representative due to the loss of Navy Master Chief Matt Stokes. There is a list and turnover book available for anyone interested.

### **11. Unfinished Business (From last meeting)**

A. Russ is looking to rejuvenate the business sponsorship program and to coordinate it with the rifle raffle initiative. Russ has booked several sponsorships by selling 10 raffle tickets each, for the \$100.00 sponsor donation. With two more in the bag this week, we have twelve (12) business sponsors, mostly renewals.

B. Toby Roberts requested that the young Marine, Jude Smith, now an active-duty Marine, stationed at 8<sup>th</sup> & I; has recently been selected to the prestigious traveling Silent Drill Team. Toby recommends we honor him with a certificate and feature him in the MCL Semper Fi Magazine. Members agreed and the Commandant directed that we follow up on this initiative; possibly combine it with our Memorial Day ceremony article and pictures.

C. Reminder that the Detachment needs to send Memorial Day photos and article to the Semper Fi Magazine. - Up-date, article has been written, Photos available. Jim Lewis has the lead.

D. Last meeting Commandant Russ Oliver briefed the planned Fall picnic may be in jeopardy due to COVID 19 Delta variant resurgence.

E. The Veterans council announced the Capital Area Veterans Standdown is scheduled for Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30-13:00. Location S Wilmington st. VA Center, 1420 S Wilmington St Raleigh NC. All Vets are welcome. Food and drinks will be provided.

### **12. New Business:**

A. Bill Brown pushed the Dept. membership meeting in Fayetteville, weekend of 11&12 September 2021 and said there would be conflicts with Detachment involvement across the board, however, members should participate where they can. He mentioned there will be an event of hot dogs and hamburgers here at the VFW Saturday afternoon the 11<sup>th</sup>.

B. Bill Brown also reminded the adjutant the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly detachment report is due before the 31<sup>st</sup> in-order for him to brief the MED membership meeting in Fayetteville NC. It includes service hours worked, volunteer hours, and membership status.

### **13. Good of the League:**

A. John Booth proposed a motion for the good of the league; It was recommended that all members of the league and guests wear a mask, be vaccinated (Health permitting), and practice social distancing while in doors during the monthly meetings. Some discussion ensued, and by voice vote the motion was approved. This then prompted further discussion detailing the need to conduct ZOOM meetings for all those not able to attend. Tabled for additional details.

B. 1<sup>st</sup> SGT Garcia briefed the detachment on this years Toys 4 Tots program and gave a HUGE THANK YOU for last year 's success. SSGT Huston will be the Reserve POC and will begin the program October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends 17 December (Last day). Last Year, Marines gave out over 75K toys to hard hit Johnston and Wake counties. Hardest age group to get toys for is 10-14 years. National sponsors this year Bath & Body Works, Olies, and 5 & Below. - Need a volunteer to be the Detachment representative.

C. Presentation of Humana Veterans Benefits - Gladys Honoret, has been rescheduled for a later date





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## 14. Announcements:

Dates to put on your calendar:

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Friday evening Devil Dog Pack Growl Fayetteville.

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Dept. membership meeting in Fayetteville (Details to follow)

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 9/11 terrorist attack 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary memorial event at the State Capitol handled by our Chaplain Al Pasquale.

September Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Capital Area Veterans Standdown. S. Wilmington St Raleigh NC

October 6<sup>th</sup> next league meeting

October (TBD) Adopt a hwy. clean up 9:00. Meet at Dunkin donuts at Kildaire and Ten -Ten Rd.

October 16<sup>th</sup> O'Charley's Breakfast fund raiser #2

October 23 - Beirut Remembrance.

October (TBD) Fall picnic possibly at VFW Reedy Creek.

November 6, Veterans Day Parade

November 10 - The Birthday Ball 17:30 social VFW Post 7383 Reedy Creek Cary

November 11 - Veterans Day.

December - Christmas Party (date to be announced). Al will play Santa Claus.

February 2022 - Detachment #733 will host Devil Dog membership meeting here at the VFW.

## 15. Closing Ceremony! 20:30.



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## SEPTEMBER 2021

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
30	31	1 <b>TOBY ROBERTS</b>	2	3	4 <b>JIM MITCHELL</b>	5 <b>THOMAS FINNERTY</b>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <b>EARL LINTHICUM</b>	21 <b>J BROOKS HARRIS</b>	22	23	24 <b>ANTHONY D'ANGELO</b>	25	26
27	28	29	30 <b>JIM WHITE</b>	1	2	3

## OCTOBER 2021

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6 <b>DAVID GARDNER</b>	7 TARHEEL #733 MEETING VFW	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 <b>RACHEL BUSKER</b>	17 <b>JIM LEWIS</b>
18	19	20	21	22 <b>GENE TAXIS</b>	23	24 <b>JOHN DILDAY</b>
25 <b>CESAR SERRANO</b>	26	27	28	29	30	31