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**TOYS FOR TOTS**



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Members Sick or In Distress:

- (Charter Member) Dick Maxey died Sunday morning 12-7-08
- Chaplain Will Wheeler and family in car accident at home recuperating
- Commandant Joe Goodrow's daughter and son-in-law need prayers of support
- (Newly applied Auxiliary Member) Teresa Rhodes' mom has cancer
- Kevin Hughes and girlfriend April Cates recuperating from motorcycle accident

Please remember them and their families.

(Please inform Newsletter editor of others in distress.)



Last Month !

Promote  
Donations  
to

Toys For Tots

Help children  
in need  
have a Merry  
Christmas !

## Detachment News

### Birthdays:

• Jorge Armhold	December 22
• Johnny Vaughn	December 26

### Members Renewal Due Dates:

- Will Wheeler

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## Air, Land, NC Detachment Life Membership Plan

Our Detachment has decided to help members get Life Membership by accepting partial payments to be saved and applied to their Life Membership at end of year.

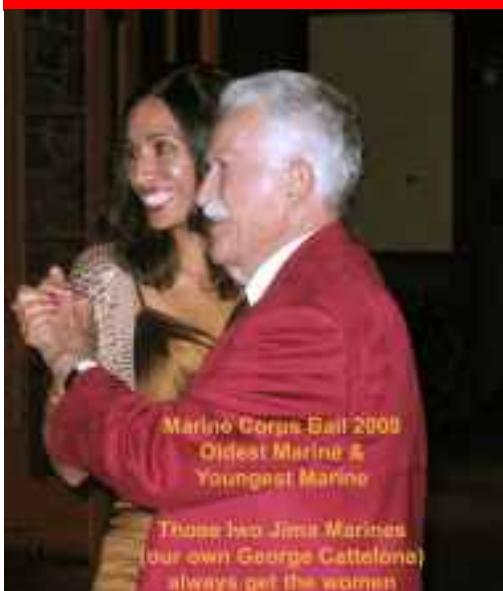
Full payment needs to be complete by the end of the year.

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## November Detachment Minutes

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on our website:

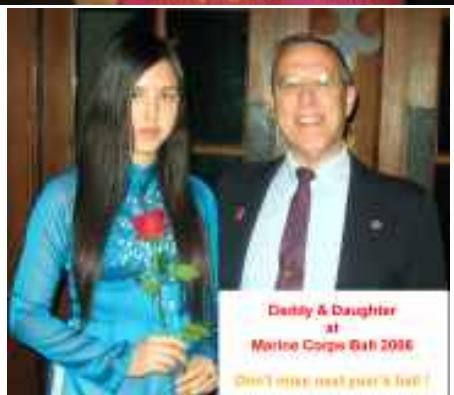
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Frank Kildea  
and wife,  
Ginger,

enjoying the  
Marine Corps Ball  
2008.

Don't miss  
next year's Ball !



Frank Kildea (on right)  
at the Marine Corps Ball 2008 gives  
Air, Land, NC Detachment member  
George Cattelona, an Iwo Jima Marine,  
a display Frank built  
with Flag (flown over the Pentagon  
obtained by Jerry Dangler) and an  
"Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue"  
plaque from our Detachment.  
Dey Air Freight donated shipping.



## Welcome recent Detachment members



Joe Bagley



Keith Tepera



Nick Zanon



Jorge Armhold



Detachment Member

Kevin Rumsey  
receives award for  
2007 Toys For Tots  
and DoNC certificate for  
Eagle Scouts Program

## New Officers Elected to be Installed at December Meeting



Mark Byrd  
Commandant



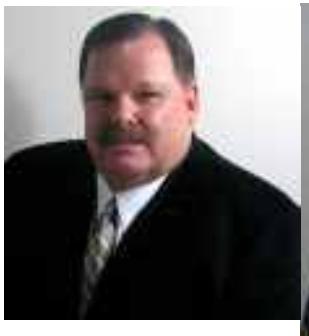
Frank Kildea  
Senior Vice Commandant



Ed Whalen  
Junior Vice Commandant



Ray O'Neill  
Judge Advocate



Fred Leenerts  
Adjutant



Dave Hochstrasser  
PayMaster



Kevin Flaherty  
Sergeant-At-Arms



Kevin Rumsey  
Appointed Chaplain

# Lt. Col. Dick Maxey

**MCL Detachment  
Air, Land, NC**

**Charter Member**

**First Historian  
2006-2008**

**MCL Life Member**



Cpl in Korean War with  
Delta Company 2/1  
Medical removal due to  
frost-bitten feet

Gunny Sgt in Vietnam  
Commissioned 1st Lt.  
Delta 1/1 Danang & AnHoa  
Purple Heart 1st Tour  
Purple Heart 2nd Tour

Served on Okinawa  
then  
Marine Corps Reserves

The last time I saw Dick, he insisted on having his picture taken with the flag and his dog, Wizard.



**DOB: June 30, 1930**

**Retired as Lt. Col.**

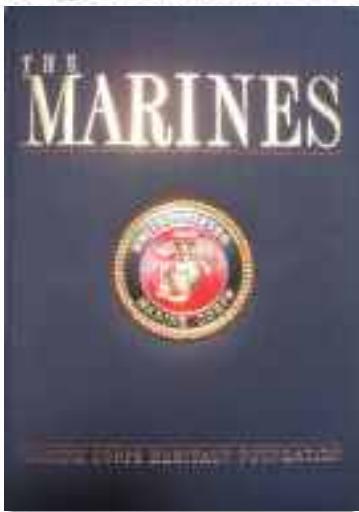
**Honorable Discharge**

**Died: December 7, 2008**

**Semper Fidelis**



## History of Interest to Marines month of December



Any Detachment member with any involvement in any of the following, please contact Newsletter editor.

1933	December 7	Navy Department creates Fleet Marine Force.
1937	December 7	Marine Capt Evans Carlson goes to Yenan to observe Communist Chinese armies in action.
1941	December 7	Marines try to fight back when Japanese attack U.S. Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor. Marines at Tientsin and Peking are forced to surrender.
1942	December 9	Maj Gen Alexander Vandegrift turns over command of Guadalcanal to Army.
1992	December 9	Marines land in Somalia to rescue foreigners.
1941	December 10	Japanese defeat American garrison on Guam.
1989	December 20	Marines are part of force that tries to capture Panama's dictator, Manuel Antonio Noriega.
1941	December 23	Japanese overwhelm garrison on Wake Island.
1943	December 26	1st Marine Division lands on Cape Gloucester, New Britain (Pacific island territory of New Guinea).
1941	December 28	Most of 4th Marines move from Bataan to Corregidor Island in Manila Bay. Fortress island falls May 6, 1942.



### December 26, 1943

Marines hit three feet of rough water as they leave their LST to take the beach at Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

The First Marine Division commanded by Major General William H. Rupertus (veteran of Haiti, China and Guadalcanal) landed at Cape Gloucester after a brief naval bombardment and aerial smoke screen, landing at Yellow Beach 1 & 2 and Green Beach. The Marines faced swampy terrain and thick jungle.

Two new weapons were introduced during the battle: the M1 Grand rifle and M4A1 Sherman tank. Also, L-4 and L-5 Liaison planes for spotting, supply drops and message relay.



A copy (.pdf) of this 42 page document has been emailed to all Detachment members with email addresses.



Detachment members are encouraged to consider how the MCL can develop and implement action to carry out the USMC Vision & Strategy 2025

## **Section II - Strategy: Chapter 5 Force Implications for 2025**

“...the Marine Corps must continuously innovate.

### **a. Operating Force Structure**

The operational effectiveness of the Corps is founded upon the MAGTF (Marine Air Ground Task Force) construct—not the separate MAGTF elements. The operational and tactical synergy of the MAGTF is what makes it a flexible, effective and feared force.... Improving this synergy requires concrete steps that cut across the MAGTF; namely, developing capabilities to better operate in complex terrain, in a decentralized manner and in the information environment.

First, the MAGTF’s effectiveness in complex terrain ...requires enhanced small unit training and situational awareness and the reduction of gaps in ground tactical mobility and assault support. ... (the) means to deliver personnel and logistics...with precision. The application of unmanned systems...integrated Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) across the MAGTF.

Second, the MAGTF’s ability to operate in a decentralized manner... through improved training and assignment policies for our junior leaders. ... our doctrine, organization, training and manpower models and assignment policies must identify ways of realizing this goal. Key to this is the alignment of progressive pre-deployment training cycles for all MAGTF elements as early as possible in the training phase in order to build cohesive teams.”

“Third, ...develop the necessary capability and capacity to effectively operate in the information environment. This is a critical war-fighting requirement that must be integrated across the MAGTF.... We must train and educate Marines at all levels on the challenges and opportunities presented by the Information Age so that it becomes inherent in everything we do. ... every Marine must also understand how their actions contribute to our information activities.

## **1. Command Element (CE)**

...expeditionary headquarters...range in size from a MEU (Marine Expeditionary Unit), to a MEB (Marine Expeditionary Brigade) or even a MEF (Marine Expeditionary Force) sized command element. ...The CEs (Command Elements)...will...be properly equipped with modern and secure Command and Control (C2), intelligence, communications and networking systems.

The intelligence systems...must give Marines the ability to understand the specific environment, detect and find the threat and provide useful and timely intelligence to planning and decision-making at all levels. ...Equally important will be further investment in areas such as language proficiency and cultural intelligence units.

The Marine Corps will integrate C2 and ISR capabilities down to the squad level. ...we will aggressively pursue integrated micro-technologies, such as a secure communications personal data apparatus that communicated via the spoken word, data and imagery without adding to an already heavy combat load.

Most importantly, the entire MAGTF’s communications infrastructure must be resilient and protected from cyber attacks.

## **2. Ground Combat Element (GCE)**

We...will focus on our small unit leaders...to credibly perform as “strategic” non-commissioned officers (NCOs). ...We must tailor our training to develop cohesive units, critical reasoning and ethical decision-making....

...Schemes of maneuver in future operations will often necessitate coordinated, precise fires from ground, air and naval surface fire support platforms...24 hours a day, 7 days a week under all weather conditions....”



“We must develop complementary non-lethal systems...used to control crowds or secure critical facilities....and minimizing collateral damage....

### **3. Aviation Combat Element (ACE)**

...Marine aviation will continue to provide six functions to the MAGTF—assault support, anti-air warfare, offensive air support, electronic warfare, control of aircraft and missiles and aerial reconnaissance.

...Short Take Off and Vertical Landing (STOVL) aircraft capabilities bring revolutionary enhancements to the battlefield. ...our STOVL assets will improve the agility and utility of the ACE and its contribution to the joint fight.

We will pursue developments with Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UASs) to widen the force-multiplying capabilities that these enhanced, multi-spectral systems bring to the fight.

...In the future, the ACE will be secure, network-enabled and digitally interoperable to ensure it is responsive , persistent, lethal and adaptive.

### **4. Logistics Combat Element (LCE)**

The emerging security environment generates hard requirements for lighter and leaner forces, capable of being effectively sustained over a greater distance. The LCE will...increase its ability to operate in urban areas....unmanned cargo delivery systems shall be pursued to meet this end.

...It is critical that equipment be designed based on how it will be maintained and sustained. ...lighter, easier to maintain and consume less power....able to sense and transmit pertinent systems information....





## IT'S A MARINE THING !

The feeling you have when you become a Marine, lasts a lifetime. Whether you serve 3 years, or 30, your experiences will never be forgotten. You will never work as closely, or depend on others more, than you did in the Corps.

### Message from Commandant

Dear Members:

This has been an amazing year in the Air, Land, NC Detachment. We have had some outstanding efforts in fundraising this year which have helped increase our bank account so that we can increase our work for fellow Marines in need.

I want to personally thank Frank Kildea on his hard work making contacts and getting donations from various businesses and finding opportunities for our Detachment to get the Detachment out in the public's eye and raise even more money. I want to thank everyone who helped make this year a great success and who helped me with leading this fine group.

This has also been a year of great sadness with the passing of three members: Virgil Tracey, James Satterwhite and most recently, Dick Maxey. These losses have had a great affect on everyone within the Detachment. All were charter members. Maxey was an integral part of the formation of the Detachment as well as the organizer of the Wake Forest Veteran's Group: which is made up of the League, American Legion and the

VFW. Since its founding we have done several joint operations and fundraising events that have been extremely successful for all concerned.

This Tuesday we will have the installation of the new officers with Mark Byrd as Commandant. I hope you all give him the support he will need to make next year an even better success than this past year.

As I have said in the past, this is your Detachment and its success depends on your participation and cooperation. So please get involved and let's continue to grow in members, treasure and friendships.

Semper Fi, *Joe Goodrow*  
Commandant



**Virgil Tracey, James Satterwhite, Dick Maxey**

**Semper Fidelis, Marines**

### Life Membership

For those members that pay their membership on an annual basis, maybe you should think about Life Membership.

For the Life Membership option, you pay one time and are a member for life. Life membership fees are based on age and are as follows:

The following fees are applicable until Dec. 31, 2008  
Age up to 35 = \$400      Age 36 to 50 = \$350  
Age 51 to 60 = \$250      Age 61 and up = \$125

Beginning Jan. 1, 2009 the following fees apply:

Age up to 35 = \$500	Age 36 to 50 = \$400
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Chaplain's Corner:

## **The Final Inspection**

(as passed on from George Cattelona)

The Marine stood and faced God, which must always come to pass.

He hoped his shoes were shining, just as brightly as his brass.

“Step forward, now, you Marine! How shall I deal with you?

Have you always turned the other cheek? To my Church have you been true?”

The Marine squared his shoulders and said, “No, Lord, I guess I ain’t.

Because those of us who carry guns can’t always be a saint.

I’ve had to work most Sundays and at times my talk was tough.

And sometimes I’ve been violent because my world is awfully rough.

But I never took a penny that wasn’t mine to keep.

But I worked a lot of overtime when the bills just got too steep,

And I never passed a cry for help, though at times I shook with fear

And sometimes, God forgive me, I wept unmanly tears.

I know I don’t deserve a place among the people here.

They never wanted me around except to calm their fears.

If you’ve a place for me here, Lord, it needn’t be so grand.

I never expected or had so much, but if you don’t, I’ll understand.“

There was a silence all around the throne where the saints had often trod

As the Marine waited quietly for the judgment of his God.

“Step forward now, you Marine, you’ve borne your burdens well;

Walk peacefully on Heaven’s streets you’ve done your time in Hell.”

(Author Unknown – like so many Marines)

**Semper Fidelis: Virgil Tracey, James Satterwhite, Dick Maxey**



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**Judge Advocate**

**Jr. Past Commandant**  
DoNC North District Vice Cmdt

**Adjutant**

**Paymaster**

**Sgt. At Arms**

**Chaplain**

### Regular Detachment Meetings:

All regular meetings take place on the Second Tuesday of each month at 1900 hours (1800 hours for Social/ Dinner) at the Wake Forest American Legion, 225 East Holding Avenue in Wake Forest, NC 27587.

If you wish to dine before the meeting,  
please RSVP Ray Gerald (SVC)  
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